

Dear Mayor Hamilton and the City of Bloomington,

Climate Change is a crisis. Human civilization is facing an existential threat. Any excuse for inaction passed long ago. The City of Bloomington has offered encouraging words, but has failed to demonstrate a commitment to the radical climate action that is necessary in light of this emergency. The 2020 City Budget was Business-as-Usual. But these times are dangerously unusual. Our house is on fire.

And so, Mayor Hamilton & the Bloomington City Council:

Declare a Climate Emergency!

Climate Change is an emergency.

Call it that.

Act like it.

**ON BEHALF OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF BLOOMINGTON AND THE WORLD,
WE DEMAND THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON:**

Commit to Reduce citywide greenhouse gas emissions to Net Zero by 2040.

- With a commitment to a 50% reduction by 2027.
- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change says the entire national economy needs to make a 50% reduction by 2030 and reach NetZero by 2050. In order to be a leader, Bloomington needs to be far ahead of the curve to help compensate for the rest of Indiana.

Develop a Concrete Plan to get citywide emissions to Net Zero by 2040.

- Pass an appropriation ordinance to finance, create, develop and execute a plan.
- The plan must address the role of Bloomington within the wider climate crisis, particularly in preparing local hospitality for climate refugees.
- Create a Director-Level Office of Sustainability and Climate Action for the city.
- Explicitly address and prioritize climate change in every city decision, including transportation, zoning, density, development, etc.

Get the City of Bloomington to 60% Tree Coverage.

- Trees are a practical and inspiring tool of mitigation. We are currently at 38%.
- Half of these new trees should be Food-Bearing and from climate-anticipatory zones.

Expand funding for sustainable housing, transit and the local food economy.

- The working class are the ones who will be most affected by the catastrophe of climate change.
- Create a free and expanded public transit system, funded by taxes and fees that disincentivize high-carbon private transport. Create pedestrian friendly hubs throughout the city to ensure walkability for all residents.
- Increase Institutional and financial investments in sustainable housing.
- Increase Institutional and financial investments in the local food economy.

There is much to be done and much we can do.

WE DEMAND CLIMATE JUSTICE FOR EVERYONE!

