

Global Timeline

Pre-1954:

- Rochdale Co-op founded in England (1880's ?)
- 1800's European migration to the US and Madison, introducing cooperative model
- World population reaches three billion humans
- Bible
- Forced integration of public schools
- Civilizations created: resources unsustainably moved from one area to another
- Dust Bowl
- Agriculture and domestication of plants and animals
- Industrial Revolution
- World War II (**)
- Suburban sprawl
- Automobile
- World's dependency on petroleum
- Constitution of the United States of America
- Near-destruction of North and South America's mostly sustainable indigenous peoples (*)
- Hydrogen bomb (**)
- Cold War (*****)
- Korean War
- FHA loan programs limited to new construction
- Aldo Leopold
- Atoms For Peace
- Beatniks
- Rock and Roll (*)
- Plastics
- Highways begin to girdle the globe
- Post-war fuel consumption: agricultural change to more petroleum use
- Dalai Lama in exile from Tibet
- Synthetic inputs became standard on agricultural soil

1955:

- Science Fiction
- Baby Boomer generation (*)
- Marshall McCullan
- Nuclear Age (*)
- Military-Industrial Complex
- Sputnik
- Sexual Revolution: sex, drugs and rock and roll
- Kennedy assassination (****)
- President Johnson's war on poverty

- Cuban Missile Crisis
- Continued world population growth
- 1968 Democratic Convention
- Civil Rights (*)
- First Earth Day (****)
- LSD and the Summer of Love
- Beatles (*)
- Space program (*)
- 1969 Moon landing (****)
- Vietnam War (*****)
- Watts Riots
- Living Planet: first view of the planet from space (*)
- Black American right to vote (*)
- Environmental Movement and Laws (Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts) (****)
- Energy Crisis of 1973, move to fuel-efficiency standards (*****)
- Urban renewal
- Martin Luther King assassinated (***)
- Famine in Africa (**)
- Kissinger bombs Cambodia
- Nixon/Breschnev (**)
- Production of carbon dioxide grows
- Rhodale Press

1975

- Fall of Saigon
- Indochinese and Hmong refugees in the US (**)
- Planned Obsolescence

1976

- Clean Art Act (**)
- Urban Sprawl (****)
- Grain Embargo
- Lead removed from gas (*)
- Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* (**)
- Nuclear Arms Race (*)
- Three Mile Island (*)
- Energy Crisis (*)
- Endangered Species Act
- NEPA
- RCRA
- National Recycling Coalition
- \$1.00 gas
- Synfuels Initiative

- Carter Admin pushes \$20 billion Solar Development Bank
- White Flight/ Inner City Decline
- U.S. loses manufacturing to Japan

1980

- Blower Doors & Global Warming
- James Watts (Sec of Interior)
- Reagan & Congress cut environmental funding
- Decline of manufacturing and family supporting jobs
- Reagan removes solar panels from White House roof
- Worldwide consensus develops on ozone depletion
- Reagan dismantles Social Justice & environmental policies (**)
- Quality boom in U.S.
- Exxon Valdez oil spill begins
- Bhopal/Grassy Narrows/3 mile island (*)
- Ascendancy of Republican conservative power base (***)
- Private Property focus at the expense of public lands
- Iran-Contra (*)
- National debt in billions becomes acceptable
- 1985 Farm bill addresses conservation & environmental programs for the 1st time

1990

- Widespread realization of the species extinction problem
- Massive U.S. economic boom; techno boom, then bust
- Growing income disparity
- Lower wages stagnate while housing costs rise exponentially

1991

- Brundtland Commission definition of “sustainability” (*)
- Oxymoron of “sustainable development”
- Canada starts environmental & economics roundtables
- Appreciative inquiry & other life-generative whole system processes
- Globalization
- “Compassionate Conservatism”
- Clinton’s endangered species bill
- SUVs proliferate (****)
- LEED benchmark for green buildings (*)
- Kyoto – global warming (***)
- Gore writes Earth Odyssey
- Increasing awareness of water as a global resource issue and the possibility of “water wars”

2000

- George W. Bush “steals election” (*****)
- Highways & Prisons are the largest budget items
- Oil from Exxon Valdez still 1 ft below surface of shore
- Rise of religious fundamentalism (Island and US) (*)

- National security/terrorism/immigration
- 9/11 (**)
- China's surge in energy use (*)
- Iraq War (*)
- Some environmentalists promote nuclear power
- Ice sheets break off in north Canada
- Normal trade relations for Vietnam/Laos
- Seattle Protests
- Hurricane Katrina
- Frightening denial of environmental concerns by Bush admin (*)
- Increases in post-9/11 "security" measures and invasions of privacy

Now

- Moving attention to Iran
- Over 6.3 billion humans (*)
- WI Bans same-sex marriage & Civil Unions
- "An Inconvenient Truth" (**)
- Economic disparity (****)
- US loss of respect in the world (*****)
- Africa AIDS/wars (***)
- Resource depletion (****)
- Global warming awareness (A lot of talk – not much action) (*****)
- Accelerating loss of species and deforestation
- Most polls show "environment" not a major concern/priority
- Cult of celebrity

Madison Timeline:

Pre-1954:

- Ho Chunk live lightly in the Four Lakes area
- White settlers arrive, fill in swamps
- Planners designate Eastside as industrial/worker housing
- Home of N. American Limnology (**)
- Sewage problem in Madison lakes (poor water quality) (*)
- 1930's – 1940's Aldo Leopold's Land Ethic; UW Arboretum established
- Aldo Leopold and Curtis Prairie (**)
- F.L. Wright designs Unitarian Meeting House, Jacobs House and Pew House
- John Muir at the UW,
- Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association model for private initiative planning
- Madison exceptionalism: special and deserves special treatment

- 1899-1919 Pioneer sewage systems; clean lakes
- 1909 – John Noland, Harvard landscape architect identifies Wisconsin state parks
- Nolen Plan (1910) Model City: importance on visionary planning (e.g. Arboretum, Capital Heights) --- one of the first cities to do comprehensive plan(*)
- 1930s – Depression
- 1930s – DNR Park and Restoration plan

1955-1975

- Madison Coal Plants get “new” boilers
- 1957 – Madison named best city in Life Magazine
- 1964-65 - \$50 million outdoor recreation plan, director of resource and inventories – Phil Lewis – Harvard landscape architect
- environmental corridor design
- trail system
- Lussier Family Heritage Center
- 1960s – Capitol Community Citizen (1st modern environmental org.)
- 1966 – Marquette Neighborhood Association formed (first modern association)
- late 60s early 70s – Madison becomes first city to recycle newspapers
- 1971 Central Park conceived
- Mifflin St. co-op
- Milfoil Invasion causes problems in lakes (*)
- The “bush” is “improved” by tearing it down
- Diversion of Madison’s sewage effluent out of Madison’s lakes (*0
- Whole Earth Co-op (*)
- Common Market Co-op
- UW building boom
- Sterling Hall bombing (**)
- The war at home
- Vietnam War – Protests, outrage at waste of human and natural resources (***)
- 1972 – DMI formed (origins of CBD revival) ICC
- 1973 – Willy St. Co-op (*)
- 1973 – Dane County Farmer’s Market (***)
- WSA Pharmacy (now Community Pharmacy)
- Growth starts west of Gammon Road
- Point pollution starting to be big problem
- De-industrialization: Gisholt/Oscar Meyer
- Ice Storm (*)
- Drought
- Malls
- 1976 – election of Jimmy Carter
- community gardens
- beltline completed
- farmland preservation plans (*)
- Ice storm paralyzed city (*)
- 1st Madison Energy Conservation Committee
- Center for Community Technology

- Initial bike path investments (*)

1980-1990

- Town of Dunn develops land preservation plan
- Common Market food co-op closes
- Decline in farm economy (*)
- Madison Area Quality Improvement Network (MAQIN)
- Mollenhoff's book on Madison (*)
- PSCW adopted energy efficiency as planning resource (*)
- Neighborhood recycling
- 88 drought
- suburban sprawl (continues on through present) (*)
- property values drastically increase / inflate
- CSA Movement
- '89 – Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission established
- Village Co-housing
- Hospitals merge

1991

- National town meeting on sustainability
- Green building trends / organizations
- President's Council on Sustainable Development
- Well Board
- Design Dan Plan for Dane County
- WI Environmental Initiative
- Establishment of formal energy conservation plans for UW
- MG&E Wind Power Launched
- Lake Mendota Priority Watershed Study
- Whole Earth Coop closes
- Money Magazine names Madison 'Best Place to Live in America'
- 1995 – Downtown Madison Inc. hosts future search ?? conference on downtown issues
- Downtown building boom begins with Monona Terrace
- Legislature killed energy eff. planning resource

1995-1999

- WI Climate Protection Act
- WI Sustainability Conference
- NWEI Courses offered
- Madison Community Gardens Coalition Saves Troy Garden
- Wisconsin joins the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign (**)
- Madison CSA Coalition started fuel scale recycling Dane 2020 (*)
- 1996 – 1,000 Friends founded (*)
- More focus on regional transit
- 1999 MEA created
- Large scale downtown condos

- 1999 WEI starts green built home program
- Edgewood College Environmental Studies Program
- DNR begins a cabinet agency
- WI loses public intervenor (“?”)
- Friends of Lake Wingra
- Good bus system

2000

- Madison population surpasses 200,000 (*)
- Dane County population surpasses 400,000 (*)
- Development jumps to E/W Beltline (***)
- Sustain Dane (**)
- Traffic congestion becomes the norm
- Yahara River Restoration
- Statewide “Smart Growth” Law enacted
- Many immigrant Madisonians arrive from Mexico and SE Asia
- Highway 12 to Baraboo constructed
- Beach closings
- 2001 Focus on Energy (**)

2003

- Dane County RPC abolished
- Mayor Dave elected (**)
- More economic sustainability issues (energy, transportation, water)
- Overature opens
- Folks get sick in Lakes Wingra and Mendota
- FU5 “Green Congregation” (*)
- Watershed groups – Starkweather, Token, Wingra, Pheasant Branch, etc.
- Citizens Energy Co-op founded

2005

- Minority population increases
- Mayor Dave signs US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement
- Population of outer Dane County surpasses City of Madison
- City of Madison adopts Natural Step (*****)
- WI Sustainability Fair Earth Charter
- City rain garden program
- 80% of African American children live in poverty here
- Madison’s first LEED certified building
- Monona Terraces goes “green” (*)
- Dane County “Buy Local” initiative starts (*)
- 1st Madison raingarden street
- Edgewood College joins “Green Tier”
- Travel Green WI project

2006 – 2007

- DNR state plan to identify state economical regions and specific sites that should be protected
 - Allied Dr. planning process
 - WIS Council of Churches statement on stewardship and our creation
 - Mifflin Co-op closes
 - Poverty rate over 10%
 - Colaborative Council optimize economy without destroying the quality of life
 - Climate change goals for Dane County
 - Spencer Black introduces Cali-sytle cap + trade legislation for WI
 - Racial segregation
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Personal Timeline

Pre-1954

- Born 1948, 1951, 1953
- Adlai Stevenson, my father
- Small town Wisconsin – Post-war conservation ethic
- Playing in fields in Moorhead (?)
- Loved pets
- Raised in a very old, friendly community (*)
- Bar Mitzvah
- Learned to swim
- Puberty
- Had a pet mallard
- Born 1962
- Born in a car 1963, still impatient
- Fishing w/grandpa for bluegills on Mendota
- Life on a lake
- Spent time in country cottage by lakes

1965-1975

- Camping/fishing
- Kennedy assassinations (**)
- Vietnam (*)
- Drugs
- Rode bike behind chemical spray to eradicate mosquitos
- Crestwood Neighborhood
- The Bronx and Jersey
- Adolescence
- Born 1968
- Father killed in nuclear accident
- 67 – moved to paradise – Naples, FL

- star trek
- anti-war protest (****)
- walk in woods, camping, outdoor appreciation, roots (*)
- move to Utah
- fell in love with mountains, desert
- start draft lottery
- experience prejudice
- farm upbringing
- Bought a new VW bug for \$1780.00
- MLK (*)
- Protested Vietnam war (***)
- Ecological training
- Discovered birding
- Growing up in CA, by beach, outdoors
- Kennedy assassination – cried in hallways
- Anti-pollution protests
- Failed army physical
- Louisa May Alcott books
- Bought 1st cross country skis
- Camp counselor in northern Ontario
- Married
- Inner city Chicago – exposure to racial and class diversity
- Walked on frozen lakes
- 1968 began to understand racism w/assassination of MLK
- loved family fruit groves in south Florida
- whole Earth catalogue
- Mother Earth News
- 1970 1st Earth Day (***)
- energy crisis (****)
- Soldier's Grove flooding/solar village
- 1974 1st wilderness experience
- low-income life
- living and working in apple orchard while going to school
- Grandma started recycling tin cans
- Moved to Midwest
- Social conscious
- 1st winter burning wood
- moved into current home
- charismatic HS chemistry teacher/earth science/music (**)
- planted first trees
- 8th grade science teacher provides love of all science

1975-1980

- decided where to live
- marriage
- employment

- 1st house
- graduated high school
- lived in Tepee
- became vegetarian
- first enviro job after school
- worked on Aldo Leopold property
- Middlebury College - discovered Vermont Countryside
- Grad-school – poetry
- Teacher for Amish and Mennonite Community
- Taught land use
- Recognizing my Native American heritage
- “Living on the Earth” summer eco-day camp collective
- anti-capitalism bicentennial in DC
- 1977 lived one year in French Guyana, Hmong village revitalizing agriculture
- community involvement in land use
- ran community recycling program
- helped write state recycling legislation
- became a parent (*)
- growing up exploring forests, rivers, oceans, mountains (*)
- developed love for natural world
- lived in logging town, wanted to find ways for enviro, economy, and people to thrive
- traveling in Europe
- lived off the grid
- started camping in college
- U of Michigan biological station
- Lost grandparents
- College – St. Paul
- Sun Day celebration
- Prarie restoration (*)
- Lived in different cities – Portland, Seattle
- Bought house
- 1st compost pile
- recycling efforts
- children born
- starting to see effects of sprawl and development on important childhood places
- travel
- finding right career paths
- Decide Utah is not where it’s at
- Missionary
- Miserable in Wrightstown
- Traveled outside U.S.
- Grandfather died in reeducation camp
- Installed 1st solar system on home
- Children born
- Masters attained in urban planning

1980-1990

- Son born
- Daughter born (**)
- 1st trip outside the U.S. (to Mexico)
- Discovered landscape architecture (art & science)
- Started present job
- Came out to parents
- Moved to Marquette, MI
- Take part in Anti-nuclear demonstrations
- Learning what it takes (eg & energy) to run a university physical plant
- Built my own home
- “Beyond war”
- 1st job post UW: Great Lakes & friends (lasting connections)
- Write about quality improvement
- Quality boom
- Moved & started family
- Fell in love with soils
- Introduced to farming, love for nature
- Immigrated to US
- Working in Indonesia
- Quaker education
- W.V. living and working for USDA Appalachian Front Research Station
- Can't eat mushrooms in Europe (Tchernobyc Cloud)
- Canoeing, hiking, wilderness w/family
- Changed from being represented by Bob Kostenandor to Scott Klug
- Moved to Chicago
- EPA, worked for tribes dealing with solid/hazardous waste
- UW Madison Depts of Geography/URPL – sustainable communities
- Nuclear Freeze campaign
- Lived in coop housing
- Moved to Madison
- Went to university of NN(?) Pan Asian America
- Lived in the desert
- Graduate school
- Trip to Nicaragua during Contra War
- Worked for DATCP on pesticide contamination
- Adopted 1st child
- Graduated USSB
- Horticulture work in Boston
- Community environment & urban agriculture work in Philadelphia & Baltimore
- Had 1st child – new focus (*)
- Lived in Rocky Mountains, CO

1990-2000

- Married, moved from CA to Boston to WI “The Midwest!”

- Wilderness Hiking
- Investor in energy efficiency/ renewables business
- Visited Arcata, CA wastewater treatment wetland & wildlife sanctuary on former dump -> sparked interest in sustainable design.
- Went to law school -> culture shock
- Got married
- Adopted 2nd child
- Son born (*)
- Grad school at UWM and the Nelson Institute
- Arrived in Madison; started career
- Working with endangered species movement
- Cancer
- Graduated from law school (legal aid, social engineering)
- Working with ecologists
- Moved to Boulder
- Sierra born
- Graduated from college
- Tjorborn Lahti to Madison – talk on eco-municipalities (*)
- Cofounded Pan Asian Women’s “OV”(?) organization
- Children born (*)
- Worked on local government & business ax (?), political persuasions toward effective programs & solutions, good for environment & bottom line & community
- Bought home on Lake Monona
-