

Gov. Evers: Hosts final badger bounceback live session on climate change and our environment

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers will this week host the final virtual Badger Bounceback Live Session to discuss his 2021-23 budget proposal. As highlighted in a [video message](#) from the governor, the listening session will cover topics such as investing in stewardship and making public lands more accessible, addressing water issues, combatting climate change and the climate crisis, and protecting our state's natural resources.

The Badger Bounceback Live Session on Climate Change and Our Environment will occur on Weds., April 21, 2021, at 6 p.m., Wisconsinites are invited to register to attend [here](#). The live session will also be live streamed and available to watch any time on the governor's YouTube channel [here](#).

"We have a responsibility to our kids and to future generations to deliver on our promise to leave them with a better world than the one we inherited," said Gov. Evers. "That's why our Badger Bounceback agenda makes critical investments and builds upon the work of our Task Force on Climate Change, because our state's ability to not only bounce back but propel forward depends on our ability to build a more sustainable future for our state and for our economy."

The governor's Badger Bounceback budget proposal ensures families, communities, and the state can bounce back and better by:

- Investing more than \$30 million in programs that help build resilient roads and infrastructure, restore wetlands to prevent catastrophic flooding, support farmers when their crops are damaged, as well as an innovative first-of-its-kind program to help Wisconsinites purchase flood insurance;

- Advancing a suite of administrative rules for the first time in nearly a decade to address water contaminants like PFAS and nitrates;
- Providing roughly \$25 million for monitoring, testing, and remediation of PFAS contamination in our water and establishing and enforcing PFAS environmental standards;
- Reauthorizing the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program for another decade at \$70 million annually;
- Continuing our commitment to make Wisconsin 100 percent carbon-free by 2050 by working with the Public Service Commission and utilities to improve the state's energy production;
- Helping Wisconsinites make their homes, schools, and businesses more energy efficient with an additional \$100 million generated for the Focus on Energy program;
- Expanding electric vehicle charging infrastructure; and
- Creating and funding new grant programs to support farmer-led innovation to address local water issues, prevent water contamination, and transition to more sustainable farming practices.

More information on our investments to tackle climate change and invest in a more sustainable future is available [here](#).