

Wisconsin Green Party

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History: Founded as the Wisconsin Greens in 1988 to provide coordination of efforts and a statewide voice for local green activist groups. One goal was to work toward a Green political alternative in Wisconsin. In 1996, the Wisconsin Green Party was established when we gained ballot status for the first time. In 2000, the Nader-La Duke Presidential campaign received over 93,000 votes in Wisconsin. The party continued to grow in the 2002 elections when we ran Jim Young for Governor, Paul Aschenbrenner for State Treasurer who received close to 115,00 votes, and a number of local and regional candidates.

Membership: Over 600.

Geographic area of work: Local, regional, statewide, national, *y todo el mundo*.

Working links: Individual and local group affiliations throughout the state. The Wisconsin Green Party is a member of the Green Party of the United States (formed in 2001).

Purpose: The Green Party has four pillars to serve as its foundation: Social Justice, Ecological Wisdom, Nonviolence, and Grassroots Democracy. Our political philosophy is rooted in the awareness that all life is interconnected. Greens believe that we must develop new relationships amongst ourselves as human beings and also with the rest of nature - - relationships based on respect and harmony rather than domination. The Wisconsin Green Party seeks to provoke positive change in our society through electoral and grassroots efforts revolving around our four pillars.

Projects: Specifically, the Greens continue to work toward a more just and peaceful society through coalition efforts and political campaigns that address: Treaty Rights, Groundwater Protection, Economic Sustainability, Educational Opportunities, Social Equality, Democratic Reform, and Alternatives to War. Our more general agenda includes recruiting candidates to run in partisan and nonpartisan elections throughout the state.

Congressional Districts: Statewide Districts 1-8. (Update 2/06)