

Leadership Opportunity: Climate Policy Steering Committee for 2024 Legislative Session

The Land Stewardship Project Policy Team is forming a 5–7 person steering committee for the 2024 MN state legislative session that is focused on advancing our vision for people and the land through climate policy. This team will be supported by a group of policy staff and help set our climate policy priorities and work together to determine our strategies and tactics for moving them forward during the legislative session. There is the opportunity for this group to continue advancing LSP's climate work across LSP's policy and programmatic work at the end of the legislative session.

This is roughly a 3-5 hours per month commitment. The committee's first meeting will be in early December, and we will continue meeting monthly till the end of the legislative session, which is set to end in May 2024.

You would be a strong fit for the committee if you are excited to work with other farmers and community members to advance bold climate legislation in MN and you are passionate about building people power and your own leadership skills to drive policy change for a more just and resilient farm and food system.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Regularly attending and actively participating in Steering Committee Meetings, held virtually (approximately one per month).
- Leading the development, strategy, and organizing of our climate policy goals by deeply engaging LSP members and partners.
- Organizing LSP members and your own networks to advance our climate policy goals. (i.e. Holding an in-district meeting with your legislators).
- Serving as a spokesperson for LSP in the media, during events, and in front of decision-making bodies (i.e. Testifying in front of state legislative committees).

We seek individuals with experience, expertise, and/or passion in the following areas:

- Developing resiliency from and mitigating the climate crisis by innovating and promoting resilient, soil-building farming systems and moving our society away from a reliance on fossil fuels.
- Developing and advocating for public policy, including drafting legislation, testifying in a legislative committee, lobbying and holding constituent meetings.
- Building an anti-racist, multi-racial, and decolonized farm and food system.

We recognize that people experience barriers to being able to participate in roles like this. The Committee will have some financial resources available for members to apply for if they face barriers such as travel costs for in-person meetings, lack of internet, childcare, or financial burdens.

If you are interested in joining the Climate Policy Steering Committee, please reach out to policy organizer, Laura Schreiber at lschreiber@landstewardshipproject.org