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WiLD Training

Forty-seven Fair Maps team leaders/members from around the state gathered for three days, Feb. 28-Mar.1, in Wausau for the Wisconsin Leadership Development (WiLD) Fair Maps training. The energy and enthusiasm were amazing as teams learned together to enhance their leadership and organizational skills, understand our shared purpose and strategic goals, and create a plan of action for their region of Wisconsin that strengthens and supports the statewide strategy. By Sunday afternoon, we were all exhausted, yet determined to take on this challenge and achieve fair electoral maps created through a transparent process with competitive districts that reflects the statewide electorate and respects communities of interest, i.e. municipalities, school districts, and communities of color.



Regional Organizing Meetings

Grassroots Fair Maps Teams are leading the effort to end partisan gerrymandering in Wisconsin. [Sign up here to get involved](#) or join a team meeting near you:

Tuesday, March 10, Green Lake, 5:00-7:00 PM:
Mid State/6th CD Fair Maps Meeting; Caestecker Library, 518 Hill St.

Wednesday, March 11, Lake Mills, 6:00-7:30 PM:
Jefferson County/5th CD Meeting; L.D. Fargo Public Library, 120 E. Main St.

Thursday, March 19, Green Bay, 6:00-8:00 PM:
8th CD Meeting; Brown County Central Library, 515 Pine St.

Wednesday, April 8, Waterford, 6:00-8:00 PM:
1st CD Meeting, Community United Methodist Church. RSVP to [Carlene Bechen](#).

Wednesday, April 8, Rhinelander (time?):
Rhinelander Referendum Celebration Party; ArtStart, 68 S Stevens St. Contact [Mary Roth Burns](#) for information.

For information about activism in the 2nd and 4th CDs, contact [Carlene Bechen](#).

Speaking Events

Learn more about gerrymandering and what's happening to end it. Attend one of these public information events.

Tues., March 10, Milwaukee: 12:00 PM. Matt Rothschild on "Democracy at Risk in Wisconsin." 1342 N Astor St. Sponsored by the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee.

Wed., March 11, Cudahy: 7:00 PM. Sachin Chheda, Fair Elections Project, presentation on Milwaukee County Referendum. 3500 Library Dr. Sponsored by Grassroots South Shore.

Wed., March 11, Marshfield: 7:00—8:30 PM. Forum on Fair Maps Referendum with Ann Stevning-Roe, Wood County Fair Maps group, Jake Hahn, Wood County Board Supervisor, and Dr. Ed Miller, Prof. Emeritus UW-Stevens Point. Everett Roehl Marshfield Public library, 211 E Second St.

Sun., March 15, Arcadia: 1:30–2:30PM. Matt Rothschild. "Why We Need to Ban Gerrymandering in Wisconsin." Arcadia High School, 756 Raider Drive. Sponsored by the League of Women voters of La Crosse Area and MoCo (Monroe County) Fair Maps.

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Speaking events continued:

- Mon., March 16, Tomah:** 7:00-8:00 PM. Wendy Sue Johnson, JD, Plaintiff, *Gill v Whitford* with Prof. Keith Knutson, Ethics, Culture, and Society at Viterbo University. 1100 Superior Ave. Sponsored by MoCo Fair Maps.
- Tues., March 17, Whitehall:** 5:00–6:00PM. [Jay Heck not confirmed]. Whitehall Public Library, 36351 Main St. Sponsored by Trempealeau County Fair Maps.
- Wed., March 18, Galesville:** 7:00–8:00PM. Matt Rothschild with a local official. Galesville Public Library Community Room, 16787 Main St. Sponsored by Trempealeau County Fair Maps.
- Thurs., March 19: Three events in Oneida and Vilas Counties** on "Why We Need to Ban Gerrymandering." Matt Rothschild will speak in **Rhineland** at 10 AM at the City Hall; **Eagle River** at 2 PM at the Olson Memorial Library; and in **Woodruff** at 6:00PM at the Town Hall. A packed day kicks off the following week activities of yard sign placement, LTEs, door knocking and phoning.
- Thurs., March 19, Wisconsin Rapids:** 6:30—8:00 PM. Forum on Fair Maps Referendum with Ann Stevning-Roe, Wood County Fair Maps group, and Jake Hahn, Wood County Board Supervisor, and Dr. Ed Miller, Prof. Emeritus UW-Stevens Point. McMillan Public Library Fine Arts Center.
- Sat., March 21, Mazomanie:** 9:00AM. Matt Rothschild on "Democracy at Risk." Wisconsin Heights High School, 10173 US Hwy 14. Sponsored by the Wisconsin Grassroots Network.
- Sat., March 21, Oshkosh:** 6:00PM. Matt Rothschild on "What's at Stake for Our Democracy." La Sure Banquet Hall, 3125 S Washburn St. Sponsored by the Winnebago Co. Democrats.
- Mon., March 30, Westfield:** 6:00PM. Jay Heck of Common Cause, Community Conversation on Fair Maps for Wis. Ethel Everhard Public Library, 117 E 3rd St. Sponsored by Fair Maps Mid-State.
- Tue. March 31, Appleton:** 6:00 PM. Bill Whitford will be presenting for the general public in Room 102, Thomas A. Steitz Hall of Science, 421 East College Ave., Lawrence University
- Tues., March 31, Whitefish Bay:** 7:00PM. Matt Rothschild on "Why We Need Nonpartisan Redistricting." United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay, 819 East Silver Spring Drive. Sponsored by the United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay.
- Wed. April 1, Keshena:** 9:00—11:50 AM. Bill Whitford will be presenting to Prof. Paddy Brzezinski Hawpetoss' class on Public Policy in Room 205, College of the Menominee Nation - Green Bay/Oneida Campus. Program will be simultaneously broadcast to a room [?] in the College of the Menominee Nation in Keshena.
- Wed., April 1, Wausau:** 12:00 noon. *April We're Not Fools Day Rally for Fair Maps.* Ann Stevning-Roe, Sachin Chheda and Hans Breitenmoser to speak on a corner of the 400 Block Square. Contact [Ann Stevning-Roe](#) for more information.
- Wed. April 1, Green Bay:** 5:30 PM. The Oneida Nation will host an event to highlight its deep roots in democracy starting with a light supper and tabling by several nonprofits dedicated to engaging voters and census cooperation. At 6:00 PM Justice Peche will MC the program to include a traditional invocation from the Oneida Nation, followed by a presentation by Bill Whitford and an open discussion. Captain Census, *aka* Matt Dannenberg, Census and Voter Registration Director with Wisconsin Voices, will also appear. **This event will be livestreamed** from the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, 2040 Airport Dr.
- Wed. April 1, Stevens Point:** 6:00PM. Sachin Chheda, Fair Elections Project with Supr. Hans Breitenmoser, Lincoln County Board. Portage County Library. Sponsored by League of Women Voters.
- Sat., April 11, Woodruff:** 2:00PM. Matt Rothschild on "Overcoming Money in Politics and Gerrymandering in Wisconsin." 714 Elm Street/Hwy 51. Sponsored by the Vilas Co. Democrats.

Volunteers Needed For April 7TH Exist Surveys

As voters leave the polls on April 7th, we need fair maps volunteers to be there in priority districts to ask them to complete a short 3-question survey regarding gerrymandering.

The plan was piloted at three polling locations in Jefferson County during the Supreme Court primary election in February with very positive results. Voters were friendly and curious and of the 290 who took the survey, 237 (80%) responded that they want an end to partisan gerrymandering and would be willing to call/email their representative and talk to friends and family. Many were also interested in joining the Jefferson County Fair Maps Team.

Contact [Carlene Bechen](#) to volunteer to help on April 7th.

News and Resources

- [Wisconsin Voters Will See 95 Referendum Questions On April 7](#). Here is the full list of referendum questions that Wisconsin voters will see on April 7. Includes the Fair Maps Referenda.
- Center for American Progress series on how gerrymandering impacts state public policy:
 - [How Partisan Gerrymandering Limits Access to Health Care](#) explores the link b/w gerrymandering and state restrictions on Medicaid, focusing on NC, WI, MI, and GA.
 - [How Partisan Gerrymandering Prevents Legislative Action on Gun Violence](#) looks at how gerrymandering prevents states from addressing gun violence.
- [Slay the Dragon](#) (official film trailer) by Magnolia Pictures in theaters on 3/13/20.
- [A Gerrymandering Tale You Haven't Heard](#)," Episode 5 of *Swamp Stories*: Katie Fahey and RepresentUs' Josh Silver talk with Issue One's Weston Wamp about gerrymandering and why politicians picking their voters has become a hot topic not just in the political reform community, but around the country.

County Fair Maps Resolution & Referenda

A Fair Maps Referendum is confirmed for the April 7, 2020 ballot in the following locations unless otherwise noted:

Counties (9):

1. Marquette
2. Milwaukee
3. Monroe
4. Pierce
5. Portage
6. Rock
7. St. Croix
8. Trempealeau
9. Wood

Jefferson County will have one in November.

Municipalities (14):

In Vilas County: Eagle River; Presque Isle, Arbor Vitae, Bolder Junction, Lac du Flambeau, Phelps, Plum Lake
In Oneida County: Hazelhurst, Pine Lake, Woodruff, L. Tomahawk, Rhinelander, Pelican, Crescent

