

Many local citizens concerned about climate disruption and the acidification of the oceans from CO₂ in our air and water want to use the Earth Day Events to educate about the 350ppm of CO₂ goal that is needed to stave off irreversible climate change. We want to spark people to voice their concerns about the burning of fossil fuels on May 8th, the day before Mothers Day.

More than 30 mothers have signed this statement and invite you to join them at the

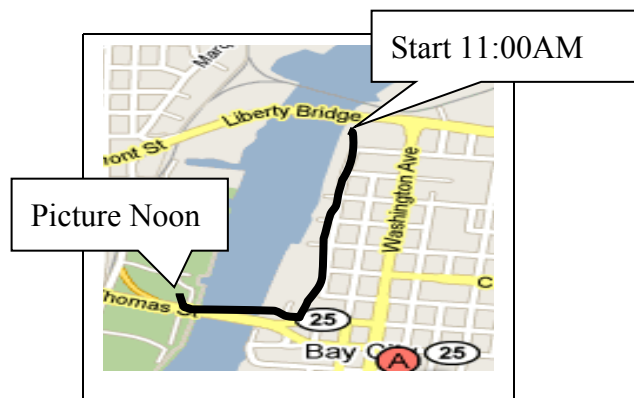
Mothers and Others Walk for Clean Energy

11:00AM Saturday May 15, 2010 Starting in Liberty Park in Bay City, MI

Every week television brings us images of glaciers melting, devastating floods in some areas and creeping drought in others. Month after month scientists present more and more evidence that climate disruption is accelerated by human activity. The major cause of this disruption of climate patterns is the elevated level of CO₂ in our air (which comes from burning fossil fuels). Our atmosphere has risen **from a ten thousand year average of 275ppm of CO₂ to about 390ppm in the last 200 years** and the emerging scientific consensus is that **the existing biosphere can only be sustained near or below 350ppm**. However, our government seems unable to do anything about our energy use except continue to support the burning of coal for electricity and the burning of oil for transportation. There is much talk about renewable sources of energy, but if the Federal Budget (or the number of pro coal and pro oil lobbyists) is closely examined it is clear that the fossil fuel burning status quo will continue to get even greater subsidies and to control most of the tax dollars that are spent for energy and energy research. **This will not change until citizens demand it.**

As mothers we are concerned for our children's futures. The failure of our government to have a rational energy policy based on science requires us to tell our governmental leaders to **"Stop the Burning of Fossil Fuels"** as forcefully as we can. Federal policy must commit to reducing CO₂ to 350 parts per million. To that end we are holding our Mothers and Others Walk for Clean Energy on May 8, 2010, the day before Mothers Day. Please join us by helping to sponsor TV and Newspaper Ads that describe a rational energy policy and **by walking with us on May 15, 2010** in Bay City, MI.

The walk is from Liberty Park (North of the Boathouse Condos) along Water Street to Veterans Bridge, over the bridge to the North side of the bridge to the big yellow 350 sign where a new 350 Picture will be taken at Noon.



Please copy this paper and use it to help your friends get to the start of the Walk. (More information at www.lonetreecouncil.com) Plan to bring your family and friends to the Mothers and Others Walk for Clean Energy.