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Williamstown to Hold March To End Fossil Fuels on September 20 at 5PM

**Local Partners Will Rally at First Congregational Church and March
to Field Park to Urge Dramatic Action on Climate Change**

On Wednesday, September 20, a coalition of local faith, environmental, and community groups will host a **March To End Fossil Fuels** in Williamstown. Participants will gather in front of First Congregational Church at 906 Main Street to rally and hear brief remarks before marching to Field Park for a standout. Everyone who is concerned about the accelerating climate crisis and continued burning and expansion of fossil fuels is encouraged to attend. Signs are welcome.

Local sponsors include First Congregational Church Williamstown, St John's Church, Hoosic River Watershed Association, Williamstown COOL (CO2 Lowering) Committee, Greylock Together, Williamstown Rural Lands, Bee Friendly Williamstown, and Williams College- Center for Learning in Action, Chaplains Office, Zilkha Center, and Center for Environmental Studies.

The event is being held in solidarity with the National March To End Fossil Fuels, taking place in New York City on September 17 in advance of the September 20 United Nations Climate Ambition Summit. Thousands are expected to take to the street at that time to demand President Biden take bold action to stop climate change. The marchers demands include:

1. STOP FEDERAL APPROVALS for new fossil fuel projects and REPEAL permits for climate bombs like the willow project and the mountain valley pipeline.
2. PHASE OUT FOSSIL FUEL DRILLING on our public lands and waters.
3. DECLARE A CLIMATE EMERGENCY To halt fossil fuel exports and investments abroad, and turbo-charge the build-out of more just, resilient distributed energy (like rooftop and community solar).
4. PROVIDE A JUST TRANSITION to a renewable energy future that generates millions of jobs while supporting workers' and community rights, job security, and employment equity.

Following this march, on Thursday, Sept. 21, First Congregational Church Williamstown is hosting the livestream of [Climate Forward](#) in community hall from 9am-5pm. All are welcome.