



CLIMATE

Long-term changes in the earth's climate

Climate change is the defining issue of our time. It is transforming our way of life, our food systems, our economy, and our local communities. No challenge is more critical to overcome in our lifetime than the threat that climate change poses to our planet.

BASIC CRITERIA

Yes

- Organizations with climate-related missions that are undeniably and predominantly, tied to the wellbeing of the environment (through programs, communications, impact, etc.).

No

- Organizations with climate-related missions that are not related to the wellbeing of the environment or that make no mention of how their work is related to the wellbeing of our environment.
- Unless otherwise noted (see exceptions in the notable section at the bottom of this document) organizations that have one to two small environmental programs, but whose main focus is related to other topics such as general elementary education, mental health, human services, disaster relief, etc.

1% for the Planet accepts environmentally focused CLIMATE nonprofit organizations in the following categories. At least one "yes" and "no" example is provided for each section.



ACTIVISM

Focusing public attention on what is at stake for the planet in the current economic and political environment

Yes

- [Protect Our Winters](#): Turns their community of athletes, thought pioneers and forward-thinking business leaders **into effective climate advocates to affect systemic political solutions to climate change.**

No

- [Amnesty International](#): Campaigns for a world where human rights are enjoyed by all **by pursuing human rights abuses related to anything from the death penalty to free speech, but with no obvious emphasis on the environment, or how these abuses are related to environmental issues.**

ADULT EDUCATION

Environmental education specifically targeted to an adult audience

Yes

- [Citizens Climate Education](#): **Empowers constituents to educate elected officials about climate change** and pathways to a clean, livable future.

No

- [Wilderness Medicine Society](#): Encourages, fosters, supports and conducts activities to improve the scientific knowledge of the membership and general public in human health activities in a wilderness environment, **but with little-to-no focus on the wellbeing of that environment or connection to environmental issues.**



ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Using any mode of transportation other than driving a car, alone

Yes

- [Better Environmentally Sound Transportation](#): Offers innovative social enterprises, programs and services to **encourage, promote and enable sustainable and active transportation choices.**

No

- [USA Cycling](#): National governing body for the sport of cycling in the U.S. that oversees the disciplines of road, track, mountain bike, cyclocross and BMX **but with little-to-no focus on the wellbeing of that environment, alternative transportation as it relates to environmental issues or planetary wellbeing.**

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Ensuring that all people and groups, regardless of race, gender, income or nation of origin, are entitled to environmental protection

Yes

- [Center for Health, Environment and Justice](#): **Empowers people to build healthy communities and prevents harm to human health caused by exposure to environmental threats.**

No

- [American Civil Liberties Union](#): Works in courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the Constitution's promise of liberty for everyone in our country, **but without emphasis or programmatic focus on environmental issues or planetary wellbeing.**



FOSSIL FUELS AND EFFICIENCY

Reducing dependence on fossil fuels and efficiently managing energy sources

Yes

- [350.org](#): Uses online campaigns, grassroots organizing and mass public actions to **oppose new coal, oil and gas projects, pressure government into limiting emissions and help build a new, more equitable zero-carbon economy.**

No

- [Arcadia Power](#) Provides everyone with a simple, free way to choose renewable energy, **but is a for-profit business entity, not a charitable organization, and is therefore not eligible to join our nonprofit network.**

LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY

Political or legal action used as a tool to address the impacts of climate change

Yes

- [ClientEarth](#): Activist lawyers securing a healthy planet by **using environmental law to protect oceans, forests, other habitats, and people.**

No

- [National Council of Nonprofits](#): Advocates for America's charitable nonprofits by connecting the policy dots across all levels and branches of governments, keeping nonprofits informed and empowered to create a positive public policy environment that best supports nonprofits in advancing their missions, but with **little to no focus on the environment, or connection to environmental issues.**



NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION

Managing natural resources responsibly and using these resources to mitigate climate change

Yes

- **Resource Central:** Puts conservation into action and **conserves natural resources by helping people save water, reduce waste and conserve energy to combat climate change.**

No

- **Maine Preservation:** Promotes and preserves historic places, buildings, downtowns and neighborhoods to strengthen the cultural and economic vitality of Maine, **with little-to-no focus on the environment or connection to environmental issues.**

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Energy generated from sunlight, wind, rain, tides, waves, and geothermal heat

Yes

- **Blue Planet Foundation:** **Creates sustainable clean and renewable energy models in Hawaii to fuel the global transformation from fossil fuels to renewable solutions.**

No

- **Community Renewable Energy:** Helps community groups, nonprofits, governments and mission-driven organizations across the nation find their customized solar power solution, **but is a for-profit business entity, not a charitable organization, and is therefore not eligible to join our nonprofit network.**



YOUTH EDUCATION

Environmental education specifically targeted to a youth audience

Yes

- [Green Up Our Schools](#): **Works to reduce the amount of material sent to landfills** each year through early student engagement.

No

- [Wilderness Adventures](#): Offers programming that taps into the very nature of adventure for students ages 11-20, **but is is a for-profit business entity, not a charitable organization, and is therefore not eligible to join our nonprofit network.**

PLEASE NOTE

In addition to the categories above, we include supplementary, specific issue areas that are eligible for our nonprofit network. More information pertaining to why we chose to include solutions addressed in Project Drawdown and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals can be found in our Guidelines General Overview document.

Since nonprofit organizations working on the below solutions do not have climate change and environmental wellbeing as their main mission or focus, donations and support must go directly to the nonprofit's projects related to the topics below. In addition, the nonprofit executing the work must acknowledge how the supported programs are related to the wellbeing of the environment.

Some nonprofit organizations working on the below topics will become 1% for the Planet nonprofit partners, while others will not. For more information, please see "Earmarked Donations" in our Guidelines General Overview document.



Drawdown

Women and girls

- Educating girls and family planning
- Women smallholders

Materials

- Including: refrigerant management, alternative cement, bioplastic, household recycling, industrial recycling and recycled paper

Buildings and cities

- Including: district heating, insulation, LED lighting (household), heat pumps, LED lighting (commercial), building automation, walkable cities, smart thermostats, landfill methane, bike infrastructure, smart glass, water distribution, green roofs, net-zero buildings, retrofitting and solar water

Transportation

- Including: ships, mass transit, trucks, airplanes, cars, telepresence, high-speed rail, electric bikes, electric vehicles, trains and ridesharing

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

SDG 7: Affordable and clean energy

- Ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services
- Increase improvements in energy efficiency

SDG 12: Responsible consumption and production

- Sustainable tourism

SDG 11: Sustainable cities and communities

- Provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces



SDG 1: No poverty

- Build the resilience of the poor and those in vulnerable situations and reduce their exposure and vulnerability to climate-related extreme events and other economic, social and environmental shocks and disasters

SDG 13: Climate action

- Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries