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## **This Earth Day, We Come Together** *Collaborative Initiatives in the Racine Community Seek Green Jobs and a Healthy Environment*

RACINE, WI – Today, Representative Greta Neubauer (D-Racine) released the following statement regarding Earth Day in Racine:

“Forty-eight years ago, US Senator Gaylord Nelson, a proud Wisconsinite, founded Earth Day to promote the conservation of our natural resources. He envisioned tens of thousands of people working together to bring about policy change to protect our environment.

“Before running for office, I worked as an organizer in the climate and environmental movement, working with people across the U.S. to build resilient, just, and sustainable communities. As the state representative for the 66<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, I am excited to see members of the Racine community collaborating toward that same goal, and building on Senator Nelson’s vision.

“On Tuesday, Racine began an ambitious plan to implement the Paris Climate Accord. Mayor Cory Mason and the Racine City Council adopted this resolution recognizing that local government must lead in the transition to clean, renewable energy sources, and that this transition will support our local economy by bringing good jobs to our community.

“Our students are leading in this movement, too. For the last few months, I have been collaborating with students at UW-Parkside to develop a greenhouse gas mitigation plan for the state of Wisconsin. From agriculture to transportation, these students are looking for local solutions to global challenges. On May 1, 2018, UW Parkside is holding a Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Plan Town Hall Meeting, opening the project to input from the greater Racine community. I am excited to take their plan and translate it into policy to propose at the state level.

“When we invest together in energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, Racine will attract new jobs and development opportunities, as well as fighting climate change. This Earth Day, I invite you to join me in celebrating the spirit of Earth Day throughout the coming weeks and months. By collaborating on local initiatives, we can create a better, brighter, and more resilient Racine, together.”

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