

Small ripples will lead to a tidal wave

Editor:

Thank you for covering the Glens Falls climate march timed to coincide with the Paris climate conference. I loved that Councilman James Clark said at the rally that “it’s a ripple, but if we have a lot of ripples, it will make a tidal wave.” People often feel overwhelmed by the magnitude of climate change. Some choose to ignore it. Others are paralyzed by despair. It seems so big that small, individual efforts can't help. It's important to remember that every little effort makes a difference as we search for effective policies to limit climate change.

Here are several ways an individual can make a big difference with a little effort:

You could call Rep. Elise Stefanik to thank her for signing Rep. Chris Gibson's conservative environmental stewardship resolution and urge her to work with Republican House colleagues on climate legislation. A similar group formed in the Senate, with four experienced Republicans starting an energy and environment group to work on climate legislation. Follow up your phone conversation with a brief letter to Stefanik saying why you care and why you want her to sponsor legislation. Your effort could make a ripple leading to a tidal wave, enabling essential legislation.

Also, investigate Citizens' Climate Lobby. Find out about our carbon pricing proposal considered by many to be the best policy for cutting emissions quickly and at the least cost to businesses, individuals and society as a whole.

Let friends and relatives in other towns and states know what you're doing on climate change, and your ripples will carry to distant communities. It's easy. One day in the not too distant future, your kids or grandkids will ask what you did to slow climate change when you learned about it. It's time to start preparing your list. For if not now, when?

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