

ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDING IS CRITICAL FOR NEW YORK



Environmental funding is critical to the health, safety, and prosperity of all New Yorkers.



JOBS

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\$40 billion to New York's economy each year



HEALTH

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Access to nature is vital in protecting public health



SAFETY

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Ignoring the escalating climate crisis will put millions of New Yorkers at risk

The New Yorkers for Clean Water and Jobs coalition is pleased to see funding for critical environmental programs maintained in Governor Cuomo's 2022 Executive Budget proposal. This funding is essential to protect clean water and create good jobs across the state.

The Executive Budget includes funding for environmental programs that support jobs, conserve natural resources, update New York's water infrastructure, and expand state parks, including:



\$300M for the Environmental Protection Fund, which supports 350,000 jobs across New York in a broad spectrum of industries including construction, agriculture, recreation, tourism, forestry, recycling, and recreational fishing. EPF-supported industries add \$40 billion to the state's economy every year. For every \$1 invested in land and water protection, \$7 in economic benefits is returned to the state*



\$440M for State Parks capital projects over the next four years. Over the last 10 years, New York Parks 2020 has funded \$1 billion in upgrades to New York's world-class state parks system. Every dollar invested in state parks generates \$5 of economic activity. During the pandemic, New Yorkers have flocked to state lands in record numbers for much-needed solace. In addition, \$75M was dedicated to capital projects for the DEC. DEC New York Works Program creates new recreational opportunities and infrastructure on our state lands and local construction jobs in park development, which have been an economic lifeline for many communities.

*<https://www.tpl.org/media-room/study-shows-environmental-protection-fund-builds-new-york%E2%80%99s-economy>



\$500M for water infrastructure upgrades across the state. New York's drinking water and wastewater systems need tens of billions of dollars in upgrades to ensure our communities have safe drinking water and our lakes, rivers, and harbors are not polluted. To date, the State has provided \$3.9 billion for water infrastructure programs, including the Clean Water Infrastructure Act, and Governor Cuomo committed another \$1.5 billion over the next three years as part of the FY19 budget for a total commitment of \$5.4 billion. This funding is critical and must be continued. This program is also a job generator: every \$1 million in state investment results in 17 local jobs.



Due to this economic crisis, the **Environmental Bond Act** was already taken off the table for 2020. That is **\$3 billion** to create jobs, protect clean water, address climate change, and create new parks that will not be available to communities until it is reauthorized. New Yorkers for Clean Water & Jobs was pleased to see continued support for the Environmental Bond Act from the Cuomo administration and looks forward to working with the legislature to make it a priority for 2021.



We're a coalition of more than 176 New York organizations calling on state and federal leaders to support environmental funding that will protect and restore clean water, clean air and other natural resources necessary for the HEALTH, SAFETY and PROSPERITY OF ALL NEW YORKERS.