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## **STATEMENT ON STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS FROM NEW YORKERS FOR CLEAN WATER AND JOBS**

**Jessica Ottney Mahar, The Nature Conservancy's New York policy and strategy director** said, "As a member of New Yorkers for Clean Water and Jobs – a broad coalition of more than 100 organizations working in support of the environmental Bond Act – we applaud Governor Kathy Hochul for her proposal to increase the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Bond Act to a total of \$4 billion in her State of the State Address today. This measure, which should appear on the 2022 general election ballot across New York State, is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reduce harmful carbon pollution and protect communities from flooding and deadly heatwaves. The Bond Act will help us create a safer future by protecting clean drinking water, modernizing critical infrastructure, conserving family farms, and restoring wildlife habitats while providing access to nature for more people. It will also support more than 65,000 good jobs and allow New York to leverage federal, local, and private funding to improve quality of life for people across the state. We look forward to working with the Governor and State Legislature to help ensure voters have the chance to realize this historic opportunity in November."

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### **About New Yorkers for Clean Water & Jobs**

New Yorkers for Clean Water & Jobs is a broad coalition formed to demonstrate the vast support for New York environmental funding and programs that protect clean water and air, create jobs, and address the climate crisis. For more information on the website, please visit: [www.cleanwaterandjobs.org](http://www.cleanwaterandjobs.org). Follow us on social media: [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).