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**NEW YORKERS FOR CLEAN WATER AND JOBS COALITION APPLAUDS THE
AUTHORIZATION OF THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, AND GREEN JOBS BOND ACT
AND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDING IN THE STATE BUDGET**

Albany, NY – The New Yorkers for Clean Water and Jobs coalition released the following statement in response to the final New York State 2023 budget agreement.

“We thank Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, and members of the State Senate and Assembly for including the \$4.2 billion Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Bond Act in the final state budget agreement.

Once passed by New York voters on this November’s ballot, the Bond Act will enable historic investments in New York’s environment while creating good, local jobs. Bond Act programs will protect clean air and water, reduce flooding, prevent pollution, modernize infrastructure, build parks, advance environmental justice, and support nearly 100,000 jobs. This is a much-needed commitment to our state’s environmental sustainability, public health and safety, and economic vitality for generations to come.

In addition to the Bond Act, we applaud the budget’s inclusion of historic funding of \$400 million for the Environmental Protection Fund.”

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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, please visit: cleanwaterandjobs.org. Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).