



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

PROTECTING OUR LAND, AIR, AND WATER



Governor Whitmer understands the health of our economy is inextricably linked to the health of our people and our planet. She will work with anyone to protect clean air and water and face climate change head-on while creating good-paying jobs for Michiganders.

Protecting our drinking water

- Established [health-based standards for PFAS](#) and the strongest [Lead and Copper Rule](#) for drinking water in the country.
- Signed [bipartisan legislation](#) to screen all students for lead poisoning and [ensure](#) children in schools and childcare centers have access to clean drinking water.
- Signed an executive directive to [improve Michigan's drinking water protections](#).

Investing billions in water infrastructure

- Launched the [MI Clean Water Plan](#), a [comprehensive water infrastructure funding program](#), and invested over \$4.6 billion, supporting nearly 60,000 jobs to remove lead service lines, reduce toxic contaminants like PFAS, and protect our water resources.
- Took action to [replace all lead water service lines](#) in the City of Benton Harbor in under 18 months at no cost to residents.
- Signed a [package of bills](#) to help communities access funding for water infrastructure.
- Signed the [Water Shut-Off Protection Act](#) and [secured](#) \$95 million to protect families from water shutoffs and [support](#) local water affordability program.

Building a pathway for environmental justice

- Worked with Attorney General Nessel to achieve the [largest settlement](#) in Michigan history for Flint, totaling over \$600 million.
- Created the [Office of the Environmental Justice Public Advocate](#) and created an [environmental justice screening tool](#).
- [Invested over \\$50 million](#) to support organizations doing environmental justice work and [remediate sites](#) in historically disadvantaged communities.

Defending the Great Lakes and our waters

- [Signed landmark agreement](#) with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Illinois to construct the Brandon Road Interbasin Project, protecting the Great Lakes from invasive species. [Secured historic federal commitment to fund the Project](#).
- Took action to [revoke and terminate the easement](#) that allowed Enbridge Energy to run its dual oil pipelines through the Straits of Mackinac.
- Made [investments](#) to protect the Great Lakes from pollution, [revitalize wetlands](#), [protect groundwater](#), [remove dams](#), and more.

Putting Michigan on a path to a cleaner economy

- Launched the [MI Healthy Climate Plan](#), to lower costs, create jobs, and make Michigan 100% carbon neutral by 2050.
- [Signed](#) a package of bills making Michigan a national leader in clean energy with the adoption of a 100% clean energy standard and more.
- Led by example by deploying clean energy at state facilities and powering state government with [100% renewable energy](#).
- [Reopened Palisades](#), protecting 600 union jobs and clean power for 800,000 homes.
- [Won federal](#) funding to provide communities that host clean energy projects with resources to invest in their infrastructure, enhance public services, and more.
- [Signed bipartisan budgets](#) investing [millions](#) in climate-resilient infrastructure, electric school buses, renewable energy for low-income families, and more.
- Signed [legislation](#) to help Michigan communities foster clean energy, lower costs.
- [Launched](#) new office to help Michigan workers take advantage of high-tech, high-paying jobs in automotive and clean energy sectors.

Expanding Access to Outdoor Recreation

- Invested over \$590 million in Michigan parks through [Building Michigan Together Plan](#), [budgets](#), DNR programs.
- Created the [Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry](#) to grow Michigan's outdoor industry.
- [Established](#) Nature Awaits to give every 4th grader a free field trip to a state park or recreation area so that every kid can experience Pure Michigan.