



# 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.
- [Leveraged \\$290 million](#) to expand the MI Clean Water Plan to rebuild water infrastructure and help ensure safer, cleaner, more affordable drinking water.
- [Secured](#) a budget with millions to replace lead service lines and invest in critical local water infrastructure projects.
- 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.
- [Proposed](#) a budget helping families pay their water bills, strengthening the energy grid, and investing \$80 million to help local communities protect clean drinking water, replace lead service lines, and upgrade water infrastructure.

### 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

- [Appointed](#) as next Chair of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers.
- 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.
- [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.

### 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](#).
- [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.
- Made Michigan the [No. 1 state](#) in landing clean energy projects from the Inflation Reduction Act, leveraging \$26 billion and supporting over 21,000 jobs
- [Brought home](#) \$367 million in federal funding to lower energy costs, help homeowners with clean energy home improvements.
- [Launched](#) the MI Healthy Climate Corps, a new workforce program focused on advancing and reaching MI Healthy Climate Plan goals.
- [Won \\$159 million](#) in federal funding to lower the cost of community and rooftop solar for thousands of low-income households.



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- [Launched](#) new office to help Michigan workers take advantage of high-tech, high-paying jobs in automotive and clean energy sectors.
- [Reopened Palisades](#), protecting 600 union jobs and clean power for 800,000 homes.
- [Won federal](#) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants to lower costs, create jobs, protect clean air and water, and achieve climate goals.

### Expanding Access to Outdoor Recreation

- Invested over \$590 million in Michigan parks through [Building Michigan Together Plan](#), [budgets](#), DNR programs.
- Invested over \$100 million in parks and public lands through DNR programming.
- 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.
- [Joined](#) the America the Beautiful Freshwater Challenge to conserve and restore rivers, lakes, streams, and wetlands.
- [Proposed a budget](#) investing \$46 million to improve and maintain Michigan's state parks.