



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.
- Took executive action 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 over 70,000 lead water pipes](#), including all lead water service lines in the City of Flint and the City of Benton Harbor.
- 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.
- Led on environmental justice by creating the [Office of the Environmental Justice Public Advocate](#), launching an [environmental justice screening tool](#), and [investing over \\$50 million](#) to support projects 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 and [groundwater from pollution](#).

Putting Michigan on a path to a cleaner economy

- Launched the [MI Healthy Climate Plan](#), a roadmap to make Michigan carbon neutral by 2050.
- Made Michigan a national leader in clean energy with the adoption of a 100% clean energy standard, policies to accelerate clean energy development, [and more](#).
- [Signed executive directive](#) to explore clean energy resources like geologic hydrogen.
- Led by example by deploying clean energy at state facilities and powering state government with [100% renewable energy](#).
- [Reopened the Palisades Nuclear Plant](#) and supported small modular reactors on the site, protecting 900 union jobs and clean power for 1.4 million households.
- Invested hundreds of [millions](#) in climate-resilient infrastructure, energy efficiency upgrades, clean manufacturing projects, energy deployment in communities, [and more](#).
- Secured [over \\$200 million](#) to help school districts buy nearly hundreds of new, clean buses.
- Made Michigan a leader in the clean energy industry, [ranking 6th nationally for clean energy jobs](#) and [No. 1 state for energy sector job growth](#).
- [Made Michigan a national leader](#) with the [most comprehensive labor standards for clean energy projects in the country](#) and establishing an office to help workers with industry shifts.

Expanding Access to Outdoor Recreation

- Invested nearly \$600 million in Michigan parks and recreation areas through the [Building Michigan Together Plan](#) and [budgets](#).
- Announced plans to create a [new state park in the City of Flint](#), making this Michigan's 104th state park.
- [Invested](#) \$55 million in the Grand River Greenway and \$60 million in the Joe Louis Greenway to expand recreation opportunities in greater Grand Rapids and Detroit.
- 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.