



Governor Whitmer is committed to defending our Great Lakes, mitigating the impacts of climate change on our communities, and creating tens of thousands of good-paying jobs in industries of the future. She understands the health of our economy is inextricably linked to the health of our people and our planet. Since taking office, she has invested more resources into water infrastructure than the previous 5 years combined. These investments support good-paying jobs and ensure every parent can give their kid a glass of drinking water and know it's safe. She launched the MI Healthy Climate Plan to move all sectors of our economy to carbon neutral by 2050 and ensure communities impacted by climate change will benefit from our energy transition. The Governor has made critical investments in our parks, trails, and public lands to create jobs, boost surrounding economies, and ensure that all families can enjoy "Pure Michigan."

"In Michigan, our waters literally define us. We are surrounded by the extraordinary Great Lakes, which are home to 21% of the world's fresh surface water, support millions of jobs, and provide drinking water and recreation opportunities to tens of millions of families. I will always protect our waters—source to tap—for generations to come."

- Governor Gretchen Whitmer

Protecting our drinking water

- Enforced the strongest [Lead and Copper Rule](#) for drinking water in the country.
- Established [health-based standards for PFAS](#) in our drinking water supplies.
- Signed an executive directive to [improve Michigan's drinking water protections](#).
- Partnered with Attorney General Nessel to [hold polluters accountable](#) for contamination.
- Limited the purchasing of products containing [PFAS from state procurement](#).
- Created the [Office of the Clean Water Public Advocate and the Office of the Environmental Justice Public Advocate](#) to elevate citizen concerns and investigate complaints.

Investing billions in water infrastructure

- Launched the [MI Clean Water Plan](#), a plan to provide clean, affordable water to Michiganders through direct investments into communities.
- Invested over \$2 billion to upgrade drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater facilities across the state, supporting 30,000 jobs.
- Signed the [Building Michigan Together Plan](#) that invested nearly \$2 billion, supporting 27,000 jobs to remove lead service lines, reduce toxic contaminants like PFAS, rebuild wastewater and sewer infrastructure, protect groundwater resources, provide clean water for schools and childcare centers, prevent highway flooding, and so much more.
- Signed a [FY 2023 budget](#) investing millions to conduct health-based testing for drinking water in private wells, help communities leverage state dollars to improve local water infrastructure, and bolster oversight and enforcement of drinking water supplies.
- Signed a [package of bills](#) to help communities more easily access funding for water infrastructure projects and increase flexibility for project eligibility.
- Launched the [Michigan Infrastructure Office](#) to coordinate resources from the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act with a focus on replacing [lead service lines](#), and deploying [electric vehicle chargers](#).

Working toward justice for Flint

- Worked with Attorney General Nessel to achieve the [largest settlement](#) in Michigan history for Flint's children and families, totaling over \$600 million.

Ensuring access to drinking water through COVID-19

- Launched the [Water Utility Assistance Program](#), the largest investment in water assistance in Michigan history to help families keep their water on.
- Signed [executive orders](#) and the [Water Shut Off Protection Act](#) to ensure thousands of families in Michigan had access to clean water during COVID-19.

Defending the Great Lakes and our waters

- Took action to [revoke and terminate the easement](#) that allowed Enbridge Energy to run its dual oil pipelines through the Straits of Mackinac while securing the state's energy needs.
- [Deployed funds](#) to keep dangerous, invasive carp out of the Great Lakes.
- Made the [historic state investments](#) to protect the Great Lakes from agricultural pollution and increase local conservation practices.
- Secured more than [\\$10 million](#) to protect ground water.

Putting Michigan on a path to a cleaner economy

- Launched the [MI Healthy Climate Plan](#), which aims to make Michigan 100% carbon neutral by 2050 with interim 2030 goals to generate 60% of Michigan's electricity from reliable, renewable energy sources, build an expansive charging network to support 2 million electric vehicles on the road, protect 30% of our land and water, and more.
- Joined the U.S. Climate Alliance and committed Michigan to the [Paris Climate Accords](#).
- Deployed solar panels on state-owned properties and committed to powering state government with [100% renewable energy by 2025](#).
- Signed bipartisan [budgets](#) investing [millions](#) in climate resilient infrastructure and clean energy upgrades for state facilities, families, and small businesses.
- Invested [millions](#) in Michigan's Green Bank, Michigan Saves, to help families and small businesses finance clean energy, efficiency, and lead abatement programs.
- Invested more than [\\$45 million](#) to build up Michigan's electric vehicle charging infrastructure network.
- Invested \$17 million to transition [buses and heavy-duty vehicles to clean fuels](#) and electrification.
- Called on Michigan utilities and Michigan Public Service Commission to invest in [reliability and boost payments](#) to families facing power outages.

Investing in Pure Michigan

- Invested over \$100 million in parks and public lands through the Natural Resources Trust Fund, Recreation Passport Grant Fund, and Land Water Conservation Fund.
- Signed the [Building Michigan Together Plan](#) to invest \$450 million in state and community parks, trails, and recreation facilities. This investment also included funding for the development of a state park in Flint and greenways in Detroit and Grand Rapids.
- Created the [Office of Outdoor Recreation Industry](#) to work with industry partners to grow Michigan's outdoor industry and expand outdoor recreation opportunities for families.