

# On November 8<sup>th</sup>, Don't Forget to Flip your Ballot and Vote On Prop 1:



## New York's 2022 Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Bond Act

On November 8, 2022, New York voters will have the historic opportunity to vote on Prop 1: the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act. If approved by voters, the Bond Act will allocate \$4.2 billion to environmental projects that protect clean drinking water, upgrade water infrastructure, preserve open space and family farms, fight climate change, and keep communities safe from extreme weather. *Plus, the Bond Act will provide crucial support for New York's economy by supporting over 100,000 jobs.*

### Protecting Drinking Water and Upgrading Infrastructure

Aging and failing sewage and septic systems are a significant threat to New York's rivers, lakes, beaches, bays, harbors and estuaries. The state's abundant rivers and lakes supply drinking water to millions of New York residents every day. Harmful algal blooms are affecting water bodies across the state, toxic blue green algae are a worsening annual occurrence in the Finger Lakes, and Red and Brown Tides threaten Long Island's beaches, bays, and fisheries. *The Bond Act will invest at least \$650 million* to protect clean drinking water by replacing lead pipes, expanding sewers, updating drinking water treatment plants, and preventing pollution and runoff.



### Protecting Communities from Flooding and Extreme Weather

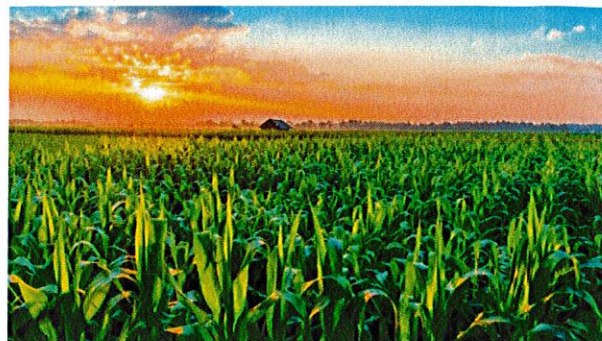
*\$1.1 billion of Bond Act funding* will be invested in restoration and flood risk management. This funding will strengthen coastal infrastructure and protect communities and ecosystems from extreme flood and storm events. Flooding has had devastating impacts on the Great Lakes, and NYC and Long Island regions as well as residents, businesses and municipalities who face the burden of recovering from damages. Long Island has been greatly impacted by hurricanes, tropical storms and other severe weather events. Fortifying New York's natural and manufactured resiliency systems is essential to protecting communities across our state.





### Conserving Open Space and Family Farms

Conserving open spaces benefits wildlife habitats, food production, and outdoor recreation, while reducing polluted runoff and preserving New York's natural scenery. *At least \$650 million of Bond Act funding* will be invested in conserving open space, preserving farmland, and improving fish hatcheries. There are still approximately 30,000 acres of open space on Long Island that could be preserved through Bond Act funding and countless family farms in the Southern Tier and Central and Western New York that this funding would keep in business and help maintain food production.



### Fighting Climate Change

Climate change is a growing threat to New York communities and the impacts are costly to residents, businesses, and municipalities. As effects of climate change continue to grow, so must New York's investments in mitigation efforts. *A \$1.5 billion investment from the Bond Act* will fund projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, expand clean energy infrastructure, and increase energy efficiency. These investments will build on New York's commitment to combating climate change while protecting vulnerable communities, increasing energy reliability, and improving public health.



This is an important moment in New York's environmental history. The \$4.2 billion Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Bond Act will allow our state—from the Great Lakes to Central New York to Long Island—to undertake urgently needed environmental improvement projects that are vital to New York's future. It has been 26 years since the last Environmental Bond Act was adopted—*this year's Bond Act will provide necessary and overdue investments to solve pressing public health and environmental problems.*

**Flip your ballot over on November 8<sup>th</sup>  
and vote on Prop 1 - New York's \$4.2 billion Clean  
Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Bond Act!**

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