



# The Clean Water, Clean Air & Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act

**April 2024**



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# A Historic \$4.2 Billion

Specifically, the Environmental Bond Act authorizes

- **\$1.5 billion** for climate change mitigation;
- **\$1.1 billion** for restoration and flood risk reduction\*;
- **\$650 million** for water quality improvement and resilient infrastructure\*;
- **\$650 million** for open space land conservation and recreation; and
- **\*\$300 million** for other projects not specifically allocated in the Act.

**What is the Bond Act?**



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# Bond Act Priorities

**Mitigating and Adapting  
to Climate Change**



**Protecting  
Natural Resources**



**Advancing  
Environmental Justice**



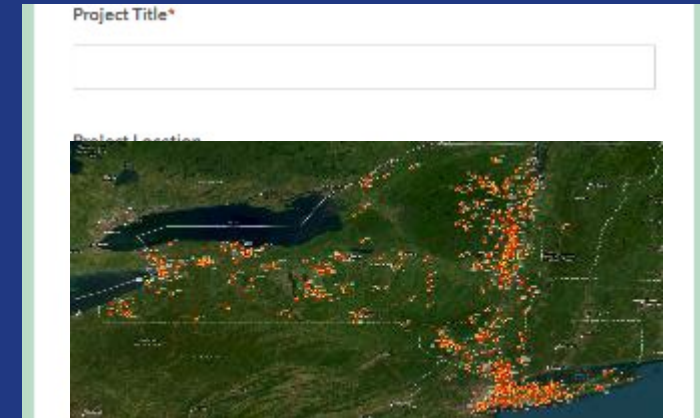
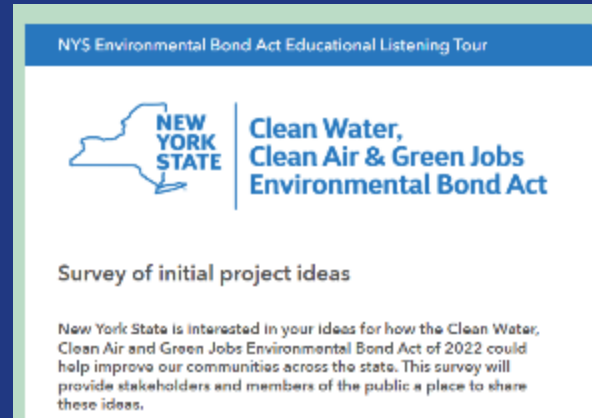
**Creating Jobs**



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# Project Ideas Web-Based Survey

- Online Survey Tool



## Project Ideas Survey

### Optional survey questions, for example:

- Project name
- Project lead
- Project intent
- Feedback about accessing state funding
- Results posted at [environmentalbondact.ny.gov](https://environmentalbondact.ny.gov)

# Funding Announced



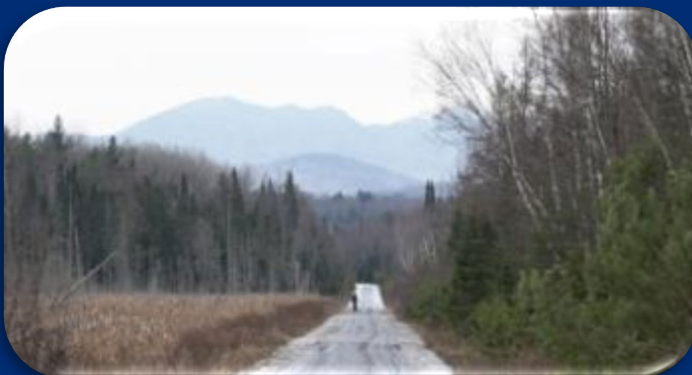
## \$200 million for Clean Water Infrastructure

\$200 million in funding from the Bond Act was combined with \$225 million for a total of \$425 million in other infrastructure funding.



## \$68.1 million for Sojourner Truth State Park

Funds will support the renovation of the former industrial 500-acre Sojourner Truth State Park site to provide access to hiking/biking trails, new swimming facilities, community event space, restored historic structures, kayak and fishing access, and installations to interpret the area's Indigenous Lenape heritage, industrial history, geology, and natural environment.



## \$13.1 million for the Adirondack Rail Trail

Funds will support the ongoing construction of the 34-mile multi-use recreation trail and the restoration of the Saranac Lake Depot.

# Funding Available



## **\$100 million in first round of funding slated for Zero-Emission School Buses**

NYSERDA is accepting applications



## **\$100 million Clean Green Schools Initiative**

NYSERDA is accepting applications



## **\$60 million Green Resiliency Grants**

EFC will begin accepting applications shortly



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# Comments Received for Eligibility Guidelines



Projects to Expand the Existing Tree Canopy and Bolster Community Health



Climate Smart Communities Grant Program Projects



Grants for Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program and Agricultural Environmental Management



Water Quality Improvement Project Program Grants for Municipal Stormwater Projects



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# Eligibility Guidelines For Grant Programs out for Comment

## Public Comment Deadline Tomorrow April 26, 2024

Repair and Improvements of Flood Control Projects

Reduce Flood Risk through Removal or Repair of State-owned Dams

Grants for:

- Removal or Repair of Municipal Dams;
- Enhancing Aquatic Connectivity through Dam Removal and Culvert Replacement; and
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat Acquisition, Restoration and Enhancement Projects



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- Inter-agency workgroup implementing delivery of funds
- Release of eligibility guidelines for public comment
- Bond Act entities launch grant opportunities

## Next Steps: Implement and Update

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