

# FACT SHEET

## Clean Water, Clean Air & Green Jobs Bond Act of 2009

**A CALL TO ACTION:** New York State and New Yorkers need a bold new initiative to accelerate the pace of the State's critical environmental protection programs, invest in good green jobs that moves New York toward energy security; and makes New York State the leader in the Green Economy.

**LAST BOND ACT:** The most recent Clean Water / Clean Air Bond Act, approved by voters in 1996, (\$1.75 Billion – Inflation adjusted, that's equal to \$2.85 Billion in 2008 dollars) helped change the NY State conservation landscape for the better. But we have exhausted that source of funding and now must recommit to our healthy environmental future and transform our economic base with a visionary 2009 Green Economy: Investment, Innovation and Protection Act that will leverage \$5 Billion for clean water, green infrastructure; energy efficiency and development; urban health and pollution prevention; public transit and energy security investment.

**USE OF BOND PROCEEDS:** Voter-approved bond proceeds would be utilized for state environmental projects that make long-term improvements to the our environmental infrastructure and natural resources, energy efficiency, transit, building weatherization, public health protection and economic development, above and beyond those paid for by the Environmental Protection Fund, Systems Benefit Charges, Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative proceeds or other sources of state/federal funding. The funds will be used to build upon the Federal stimulus actions to further New York's economic recovery.

### Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Bond Act of 2009:

Ensure adequately funded comprehensive environmental protection, stewardship and preservation efforts in New York State and improve the health of our communities, residents and natural assets, expand energy efficiency and create new jobs in the green sector through the approval of a \$5 billion investment measure by the general electorate in New York State in 2009. The bond proceeds will be divided as follows:

✓ Clean Water through Watershed Protection	\$1 Billion
✓ Clean Water Infrastructure	\$1 Billion
✓ Green Jobs through Energy Efficiency	\$1 Billion
✓ Clean Air and Green Transit	\$1 Billion
✓ Urban Health and Community Restoration	\$1 Billion

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPACT:** General Fund relief; Local property tax stabilization; Public health benefits (disease prevention); Ecological stewardship; Reduction of municipal debt load; Leveraging greater Federal support of our State needs for sewer infrastructure upgrades; New Jobs and new sustainable technologies; Reducing Carbon Emissions and expanding the scope of impact of federal stimulus package.

**BOND ACT COALITION:** A coalition of supporters has been assembled in anticipation of the introduction of legislation *authorizing the creation of a state debt in relation to creating the Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Bond Act of 2009 and providing for the submission to the people of a proposition or question therefore to be voted upon at the general election in November 2009*”.

Environmental – Labor - Public Health - Religious Organizations - Transit / Transportation - Economic Development - Agriculture / Working Farmers - Business Community

**DATE OF PUBLIC VOTE:** Tuesday, November 3, 2009

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