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Environment & Water Projects in New York's Twentieth District

The Benefits of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act

Executive Summary

The Investing in America agenda is making historic investments in our environmental and water infrastructure.

As of April 2024, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) have provided at least **\$26.2 million** in funding for environmental and water projects that will benefit the residents of **New York's Twentieth District**. The list below identifies funding for projects in cities and counties that are part of **New York's Twentieth District**:

Background

The BIL was enacted in 2021. Over the next decade, the law will invest over \$1.2 trillion in improving the reliability, resilience, and efficiency of America's infrastructure.¹ The law is already making a tangible difference for millions of Americans by improving the nation's roads, bridges, transit systems, airports, waterways, and environmental infrastructure. It also provides historic federal investments in United States' clean water, passenger rail, and electrical transmission infrastructure, as well as expanding public transit and access to affordable, high-speed internet, and more. As of September 2024, more than 60,000 projects have been announced or awarded funding.²

The BIL also contains new funding for other environmental programs. It provides \$13.2 billion for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), which can be used on projects that lower transportation-related air pollution and reduce traffic congestion, and \$6.4 billion for a new Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), which local governments can use to lower

¹ Treasury Department, Infrastructure Investment in the United States (November 15, 2023) (<https://home.treasury.gov/news/featured-stories/infrastructure-investment-in-the-united-states>).

² The White House, *BUILD.GOV* (September 2024). <https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/>.

transportation-related carbon emissions.³ To date, **New York** will receive **\$610.9 million** in CMAQ and **\$151.6 million** in CRP funds under the infrastructure law.⁴

The IRA was enacted in 2022 and is providing unprecedented federal resources to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the effects of climate change.⁵ In addition to creating an array of new incentives for clean energy investment, the IRA also appropriated tens of billions to support a range of environmental initiatives. These programs are helping improve the climate resiliency of the nation’s infrastructure and ecosystems, the development of new clean energy technologies, and addressing environmental and economic inequities in historically disadvantaged communities.⁶

Local Projects

As of April 2024, the BIL and IRA have provided **\$26.2 million** in funding for clean water and environmental projects in the larger metropolitan areas connected to the cities and counties in **New York’s Twentieth District**. This funding will benefit district residents and has been distributed as follows:

Additional Funding

The projects described in this report demonstrate BIL and IRA’s impact on the district. However, many of the grant and incentive programs funded by the BIL and the IRA are in the process of awarding new grants and being put into action. For example, the IRA created new incentives for clean energy investment such as “elective pay,” which allows tax-exempt institutions to install American clean energy at a fraction of the retail cost.⁷ It also includes billions of dollars to support environmental initiatives through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program.⁸ As more funding is awarded, district residents will receive

³ Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Fact Sheets: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program* (February 8, 2022). <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/cmaq.cfm>. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Fact Sheets: 5-year Carbon Reduction Program by State* (April 21, 2022). (https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/crp_5year_funding_by_state.cfm).

⁴ Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, *Notice 4510.870: FY 2023 Federal-Aid Highway Program Apportionments Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (October 3, 2022) https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legisregs/directives/notices/n4510870/n4510870_t1.cfm; Federal Highway Administration, *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding* (February 14, 2023). <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/funding.cfm>

⁵ The White House, *Inflation Reduction Act Guidebook: Clean Energy* (September 21, 2023) (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/cleanenergy/inflation-reduction-act-guidebook/>).

⁶ Department of Agriculture, *Inflation Reduction Act* (<https://www.usda.gov/ira>); Environmental Protection Agency, *Inflation Reduction Act Overview* (January 2023) (https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-12/12_09_2022_OAR_IRA_Overview_vPublic.pdf); Department of Energy, *Inflation Reduction Act Loan Programs Office* (September 22, 2023) (<https://www.energy.gov/lpo/inflation-reduction-act-2022>); The White House, *Justice40: A Whole-of-Government Initiative* (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/environmentaljustice/justice40/>).

⁷ The White House, *What is Direct Pay (Elective Pay)?* (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/cleanenergy/directpay/>).

⁸ Environmental Protection Agency, *About the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund* (April 22, 2024) (<https://www.epa.gov/greenhouse-gas-reduction-fund/about-greenhouse-gas-reduction-fund>); Environmental Protection Agency, *Climate Pollution Reduction Grants* (June 12, 2024) (<https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/climate-pollution-reduction-grants>).

additional benefits under these laws. In total, \$454 billion has been announced under the BIL as of May 2024.⁹

Conclusion

The BIL and IRA are strengthening and rebuilding America's water infrastructure, investing in environmental projects, and bolstering climate resiliency in every zip code across the country. The BIL made the single largest investment in our nation's water in U.S. history with more than \$50 billion in funding, and the IRA provides billions of additional funding for drought mitigation, environmental projects, and other water programs.¹⁰ From the water we drink every day to essential stormwater infrastructure, the Investing in America agenda is working to ensure every American feels the impact of the progress made in the 117th Congress.

This report was last updated on September 25, 2024¹¹

⁹ The White House, *FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Kicks Off Infrastructure Week by Highlighting Historic Results Spurred by President Biden's Investing in America Agenda* (May 24, 2024).

(<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/05/13/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-kicks-off-infrastructure-week-by-highlighting-historic-results-spurred-by-president-bidens-investing-in-america-agenda/>).

¹⁰ The law makes the single largest investment in our nation's water in U.S. history. With more than \$50 billion in funding, EPA is working with states, Tribes, and localities to strengthen and rebuild America's water infrastructure. United States Environmental Protection Agency, *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (June 22, 2023) (<https://www.epa.gov/infrastructure>).

¹¹ Regional Leadership Council, *"Methodology For Regional Leadership Council Briefings"* (August, 2024).

(<https://rlc.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/regionalleadershipcouncil.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/RLC%20Methodology%20-%20UPDATED%20August%202024.pdf>).