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Clean Water & Healthy Watersheds

Save the Sound is dedicated to protecting Long Island Sound, the waters flowing to it, and the lands that surround it.

Secure state **environmental funding** at levels appropriate to the challenges at hand:

- \$600 million for the Clean Water Infrastructure Act.
- 500 million for the **Environmental Protection Fund**.
- Sufficient investment in staffing for NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Department of Health, and Environmental Facilities Corporation.
- Ocontinued implementation of the \$4.2 billion **Environmental Bond Act**.

Allow the DEC's **expanded protections for New York's freshwater wetlands** to take effect without weakening provisions.

Protect open space and water quality by opposing the weakening of **state parkland alienation laws**.

Protect disappearing populations of horseshoe crabs by banning harvesting for commercial and biomedical purposes, protections already in place in Connecticut.



Climate & Resiliency

Save the Sound supports bold action to reduce fossil fuel emissions and increase community resiliency.

Support NY Renews' **Fund Climate Campaign** and a strong **Cap & Invest Program** that protects environmentally overburdened communities and funds progress toward the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

Pass the **NY Home Energy Affordable Transition Act (NY HEAT)** to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy costs for low- to moderate-income residents.

Establish an Office of Resiliency to coordinate statewide climate adaptation efforts through the **Climate Resilient New York Act**.

Empower water authorities to regulate stormwater through the Rain Ready New York Act.



Toxins & Contaminants

Save the Sound is committed to stemming the barrage of contaminants that threaten the health of New York's waterways and New Yorkers themselves. Reduce plastic packaging waste through the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, which makes producers pay for the disposal of waste, and the Better Bottle Bill.

Eliminate the use of toxic forever chemicals through the PFAS in Consumer and Household Products Act, the Beauty Justice Act, and the PFAS in Menstrual Products Act.

Reduce excessive use of road salt, which leach heavy metals and toxins into drinking water.

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