



AMERICAN JOBS PLAN



Build Maryland Back Better

We have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to “**Build Back Better,**” creating a clean energy economy that works for everyone and lifts up frontline and disadvantaged communities. *By investing in clean energy and green infrastructure, we can create millions of good-paying jobs in America's fastest growing industry, the renewable energy industry, while addressing climate change with the American Jobs Plan (AJP).*

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

Maryland suffers from some of the worst public transit in the nation. Marylanders who take public transportation spend an extra 66.3% of their time commuting than those in cars and people of color are 2.7 times more likely to commute via public transportation.



- The AJP will modernize public transit with an \$85 billion national investment.
- Investment in transit produces roughly twice the number of jobs per dollar as the same investment in roads, supporting middle class jobs, many held by women and people of color.

RESILIENT, GREENER INFRASTRUCTURE:

From 2010-20, Maryland has experienced 31 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$10 billion in damages. The AJP is calling for \$50 billion to improve the resiliency of our infrastructure and support communities’ recovery from disasters. Actions include:

- Upgrade and modernize America’s drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater systems with a focus on green infrastructure and using nature and nature based systems.
- Protect and, where necessary, restore nature-based infrastructure – our lands, forests, wetlands, watersheds, and coastal and ocean resources.
- There are over \$1 billion in shovel ready projects in Maryland that could be financed through Clean Water State Revolving Funds if the AJP is enacted.



DRINKING WATER:

Over the next 20 years, Maryland’s drinking water infrastructure will require \$9.3 billion in additional funding. The AJP includes a \$111 billion investment to ensure clean, safe drinking water is a right in all communities.



- Replace 100% of lead pipes and lead-free service lines.
- Invest in rural small water systems and household well and wastewater systems, including drainage fields.
- **PFAS:** President Biden’s plan also provides \$10 billion in funding to monitor and remediate PFAS found in drinking water (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances).

HOME ENERGY:

In Maryland, an average low-income family spends 6-8% of their income on home energy costs (compared to the average Maryland family spending 1.8% of income). The AJP will upgrade low-income homes to make them more energy efficient, saving homeowners money.



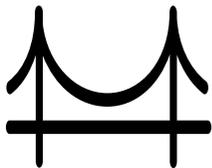


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ROADS AND BRIDGES:



In Maryland there are 273 bridges and more than 2,201 miles of highway in poor condition, according to [American Society of Engineers](#). Since 2011, commute times have increased by 5.1% in Maryland and on average, each driver pays \$637 per year in costs due to driving on roads in need of repair. The American Jobs Plan will devote more than \$600 billion to transform our nations' transportation infrastructure and make it more resilient, including \$115 billion repairing roads and bridges.

ACCELERATE CHESAPEAKE BAY RESTORATION:

A key component of this plan is to protect and, where necessary, restore nature-based infrastructure – our lands, forests, wetlands, watersheds, and coastal and ocean resources. There are over \$1 billion in shovel ready projects in Maryland that could be financed through Clean Water State Revolving Funds with help from the American Jobs Plan.



HOUSING:

In part due to a lack of available and affordable housing, 353,000 renters in Maryland are rent burdened, meaning they spend more than 30% of their income on rent. The President proposes investing over \$200 billion to increase housing supply and address the affordable housing crisis.



CLEAN ENERGY JOBS:

As of 2019, there were 84,549 Marylanders working in the clean energy industry (for comparison, Walmart employed 16,417 Marylanders in 2021*), and the AJP invests in creating more good paying union jobs that are associated with advancing clean energy production.

- **New Civilian Climate Corps:** \$10 billion investment will put a new, diverse generation of Americans to work conserving our public lands and waters, bolstering community resilience, and advancing environmental justice.



All eyes are on Capitol Hill where AJP is moving through the legislative process. **Congress must rise to the occasion, be bold, and pass the AJP because the United States cannot wait** any longer to take serious action to rebuild our economy with millions of good jobs, address climate change with a pathway to clean energy, and address the needs of low-income communities and communities of color that have been hardest hit by pollution.

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