

# NEW YORK'S CLIMATE LEADERSHIP and COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT



New York's landmark new law, the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act), is demonstrating to the nation how to confront the greatest threat facing life as we know it — a rapidly changing climate. Signed by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo in July 2019, this law will empower every New Yorker to fight climate change and provide the opportunity to improve all our daily lives.

**This is our planet. This is our time to fight for it.**

**By 2040: achieve 100% zero-emission electricity | By 2050: reduce emissions at least 85% below 1990 levels**

Achieving the ambitious goals of this law will mean transforming the way we generate and use electricity, the way we heat our homes, and the way we get to school and work. New Yorkers will tackle climate change and create new opportunities for our children and grandchildren. Through thoughtful planning, this effort will breathe life into our economy with well-paying clean energy jobs, new industries and business opportunities, and improved health and quality of life for New York families and communities. New York's course on climate action also means spending less on fossil fuels and keeping our energy dollars in the local economy, and in the pockets of hardworking New Yorkers.

As we experience record temperatures and extreme storms, the Climate Act compels us to take action. New York will undertake a sweeping set of measures to reduce our carbon footprint, make our communities more resilient, and adapt to a changing climate. The State's new climate law sets the stage for this and creates the opportunity for citizens and communities to partner with businesses, schools, and government to create a green economy and build a climate-proof future.

## What the Climate Act means for New York State

**CLEAN ELECTRIC GRID OF TOMORROW** | Solar, wind, and other renewables, combined with energy storage will deliver affordable and reliable electricity over the next decade and beyond

**COMFORTABLE, AFFORDABLE, AND SAFE ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES AND BUSINESSES** | New clean heating and cooling technologies, such as electric heat pumps and smart thermostats, combined with energy efficiency, will save New Yorkers energy and money

**CLEAN, RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION** | Zero emission transportation options for families and neighborhoods will enable New York to trade gridlock and diesel fumes for fresh air and cleaner communities

**A CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY FOR EVERYONE** | Every community, every trade, and every region will have access to clean energy solutions and the economic opportunities that the transition to a just and equitable energy system provides

## Benefits of New York State's climate leadership

**JOBS** | Creating thousands of green jobs in communities across the State — from building trades and technicians to engineers and financiers — making New York a hub of clean energy economic growth

**A HEALTHIER NY** | Reducing greenhouse gases and local pollution to keep our communities healthier, reduce respiratory illnesses and premature deaths, and avoid healthcare costs that limit our progress and success

**AFFORDABLE ENERGY** | Reducing energy consumption and utility bills by increasing access to ever-improving clean, efficient, and reliable energy solutions

**EMPOWERMENT** | Providing a seat at the table for disadvantaged communities, and ensuring good paying job opportunities for all New Yorkers

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