

# The Clean Energy Plan Benefits Georgia

Funding from President Biden's clean energy plan is helping Georgia minimize the impacts of climate change and prepare for a clean energy future. As of September 2024, Georgia has <u>received</u> over \$11.5 billion in funding from the clean energy plan – that's money going to communities all across the state to promote climate resiliency, reduce pollution, and advance climate-smart agriculture.

#### **CLEAN ENERGY INVESTMENTS:**

• The clean energy plan is projected to bring over \$180 million of new investment in clean energy generation and storage to Georgia by 2030. New clean energy projects since the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act have already spurred \$23.91 billion in investment and helped create 32,191 new clean energy jobs in the Peach State.

### **ENERGY EFFICIENCY:**

- Georgia has <u>received</u> over \$218 million for consumer home energy rebate programs, which will <u>help</u> low-income households in Atlanta save an average of 41% on home energy bills.
- Thanks to tax credits that encourage investment in solar and wind, energy costs are projected to drop by 22% and 34%, respectively, over the next 30 years in Georgia.

## **CLEANER AIR:**

- Georgia <u>received</u> \$3 million, and the Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Alpharett Metro Area each <u>received</u> an additional \$1 million from the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program.
- Four projects across Atlanta, Augusta, and Chatham <u>received</u> over \$53 million from the DOT's Low-and No-Emission Vehicle Program.
- 25 Georgia school districts <u>received</u> over \$48 million from the EPA's Clean School Bus Rebate Program to purchase low- and zero-emission school buses. In addition, seven Georgia school districts <u>received</u> over \$87 million in funding through the first Clean School Bus Program Grants Competition.

#### **ELECTRIC VEHICLES:**

 As part of the DOT's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program, Georgia will <u>receive</u> \$134.9 million over five years to deploy EV charging infrastructure.

#### SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE:

 13 projects across the cities of August, Decatur, Atlanta, Fairburn, LaFayette, Dublin and Thomasville and Athens-Clarke, Gwinnett, and Baldwin counties received over \$129 million from the DOT's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program.

## **RESILIENCY, CONSERVATION, AND EQUITY:**

- Five projects in Atlanta, Decatur, and cities across southern Georgia <u>received</u> over \$17 million from the USDA's Urban and Community Forestry Program to combat climate change, expand access to green spaces, and create healthier communities.
- The EPA's Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving (EJCPS) Program selected the Glynn Environmental Coalition in Brunswick to receive \$500,000 to identify the air pollutants in the city, collect samples for air toxics and sulfur compounds, and use sample results to advocate for further investigations or other permit or policy changes.
- The EPA's Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) program selected Savannah to receive funding for the 100% Savannah: Energy Efficiency and Workforce Training Program project.
- The EPA <u>selected</u> the Westside Lead and Peach Orchard Road PCE Groundwater Plume superfund sites to receive more than \$15 million in cleanup funding.

#### **CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE:**

- The USDA's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) <u>awarded</u> over \$3 million to four Georgia farmers, ranchers, and businesses across the state, including in Pulaski and Brooks counties, to invest in renewable energy.
- Three projects across the state were <u>selected</u> to receive funding from the USDA's Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access Program to support BIPOC and small farmers.