

# Clean Energy Investments Are Revitalizing Georgia Communities, Trump Is Promising to Crush Them

*Donald Trump is threatening Georgia energy jobs and production, Vice President Harris will continue to grow them.*

Clean energy industries are booming and powering Georgia's economic growth, while Donald Trump and his Big Oil allies still trying to pull the plug. Since the passage of the clean energy plan, Georgia has [benefited](#) from new clean energy projects that have invested \$23.9 billion and announced 32,191 jobs across the state, with many more to come. Not only are these companies creating new good-paying and unionized jobs, but some have invested in workforce training and skills development programs – building Georgia's workforce for the future. Georgia is the [top state](#) for total new clean energy jobs since the passage of the clean energy plan, even compared to much larger states. These jobs build on Georgia's established leadership on clean energy; the state is home to [113,980 clean energy jobs](#), according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

## **Most Energy Jobs in Georgia are in Clean Energy**

- [51%](#) of Georgia's energy jobs are in clean energy

## **Georgians Want Clean Energy**

- 68% of Georgia voters [say](#) that **clean energy jobs are important to the state of Georgia.**
- Nearly 6-in-10 Georgia voters [believe](#) that **increasing clean energy in the state will have a positive impact on energy prices.**
- **VP Harris [leads](#) Trump by +24 percentage points** in battleground states of GA and NC on the issue of **expanding clean energy** (Harris 53% v Trump 29%) and **climate change** (Harris 52% v Trump 28%).

While Donald Trump has made false claims about Vice President Harris threatening energy jobs and production, there is no dispute that Trump is waging a war against clean energy nationwide as part of the "[deal](#)" he proposed to the oil executives funding his campaign. In addition to promising to repeal the clean energy investments in the Inflation Reduction Act, which he consistently derides as a "scam," he speaks obsessively about destroying the wind, solar, and electric vehicle industries, which would decimate domestic supply chains and raise costs for American families. While Trump poses an immediate threat to Georgia's energy jobs and production, Vice President Harris and President Biden are growing the clean energy economy.

Here are 10 clean energy projects in Georgia that are supported by the Biden-Harris administration – and that are threatened by Donald Trump, JD Vance and their radical anti-clean energy agenda.

## Ten Clean Energy Projects That Are Revitalizing Georgia Communities

### 1. Qcells Is Creating Solar Manufacturing Jobs In Northwest Georgia

Qcells has made several investments in northwest Georgia to boost U.S. solar manufacturing, after the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act that the company [said](#) was “crucial” to its decision to [expand](#) manufacturing in the U.S.

Qcells’ economic impact in the state is projected to be huge. The company is creating [3,800 direct jobs](#) across Bartow and Whitfield counties while supporting nearly [6,800 jobs](#) in surrounding communities. The two factories are projected to [create over \\$2 billion](#) in total sales/output in Bartow and Whitfield Counties annually, driving massive new economic growth in northwestern Georgia.

Qcells is actively working to attract and train a local workforce, partnering with [Georgia Quick Start](#) to provide customized job training programs and follow-up training sessions [emphasizing worker safety](#). The company [plans](#) to offer job training and apprenticeship programs for local residents who face barriers to employment. Qcells is also [attracting workers](#) from the region’s once-thriving carpeting industry while offering opportunities for growth.

### 2. Blue Bird Expansions Driving Job Growth In West Georgia

In May 2023, Blue Bird Corporation [announced](#) the grand opening of its electric vehicle (EV) Build-up Center at its Fort Valley, Georgia, manufacturing facility. The new facility allows Blue Bird to [expand](#) its electric school bus production capacity from 4 to 20 vehicles per day. Blue Bird credited the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for its decision to expand EV school bus manufacturing.

Blue Bird has continued to expand, [thanks to the Biden-Harris clean energy plan](#). In July 2024, Blue Bird was [selected](#) to receive an \$80 million federal grant from the Department of Energy to convert a prior manufacturing site for diesel-powered motorhomes to an EV school bus manufacturing facility. Blue Bird indicated that the converted facility would create [400 new, good-paying jobs](#) that would be represented by the United Steelworkers union. A worker at the facility said the DOE’s grant [increased job security](#) at the plant. Blue Bird is also [committed](#) to creating training partnerships with local high schools and providing childcare support to working parents as part of the grant program’s

Community Benefits Agreement. Blue Bird isn't the only EV manufacturer expanding in West Georgia.

### 3. Building the Advanced Battery Domestic Supply Chain In Georgia

Hyundai Motors and LG Energy Solutions (LGES) are constructing a [\\$7.6 billion “metaplant” in Ellabell](#), outside of Savannah. The facility is split between a Hyundai vehicle assembly plant and a joint venture battery manufacturing plant funded by Hyundai and LGES. Hyundai broke ground in October 2022 and construction on the massive site is underway with more than 2,000 construction workers on site. In April 2024, Syensqo [broke ground](#) on a battery-grade polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) manufacturing facility near Augusta. PVDF is a critical battery component that helps EVs go further. The plant was partially [supported](#) by a \$178.2 million Bipartisan Infrastructure Law-funded Department of Energy grant to support the U.S. battery supply chain. Syensqo [created](#) 100 highly skilled jobs and supported 500 local construction jobs. Syensqo also announced it would [invest](#) \$1 million to support workforce development and training programs for local economically disadvantaged, underrepresented, and rural communities. As part of that investment, Syensqo will [make](#) contributions to local higher education institutions, including Augusta Technical College.

### 4. Clean School Buses For Georgia Schoolchildren

25 Georgia school districts [received](#) 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 [received](#) over \$87 million in funding through the first Clean School Bus Program Grants Competition.

### 5. Cost-Cutting Home Energy Rebates For Georgia Residents

Georgia has [received](#) over \$218 million for consumer home energy rebate programs, which will [help](#) low-income households in Atlanta save an average of 41% on home energy bills.

### 6. Investments In Healthier Communities In Atlanta And Decatur

The clean energy plan is helping Georgia communities reduce air pollution and create healthier communities. Georgia [received](#) \$3 million, and the Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Alpharetta Metro Area each [received](#) an additional \$1 million from the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program. Six projects in Atlanta, Decatur, and cities across southern Georgia [received](#) \$27.28 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.

## 7. Community-Owned Resilience Hub In Atlanta

Groundswell, a community power nonprofit, [unveiled one of Georgia's first community-owned resilience hubs](#) at Community Church in West Atlanta. This hub, powered by solar energy and battery storage, can provide up to three days of backup power for critical services during power outages and severe weather. The project was completed in partnership with several organizations, including Stryten Energy, InterUrban Solar, and the City of Atlanta's Office of Sustainability and Resilience. The hub's financing leveraged federal tax credits from the Inflation Reduction Act, ensuring the church's debt-free ownership. This initiative aims to enhance local resilience and reduce energy burdens in the community.

## 8. Energy Savings For Rural Georgia Homeowners

Through grants and funding made possible by the Biden-Harris clean energy, homes in [rural Georgia are getting the upgrades they desperately need](#). Through the SOUL program, in part funded by the USDA and EPA, Groundswell offers residents in rural Georgia low cost loans to access energy efficiency upgrades and home repairs. For once resident, these upgrades significantly improved her mental health and safety. Programs like these are designed to reduce energy burden on low-income and disadvantage communities, delivering on the Biden-Harris Administrations promises.

## 9. \$900M Electric Vehicle Manufacturing Plant In Bryan County

Bryan County, Georgia [will receive hundreds of millions in investment for a new Hyundai EV power electric systems plant](#) thanks to tax credit incentives made possible by the Biden-Harris clean energy plan. This facility will build on over 30 EV projects coming to Georgia, and expand the growing economic hub of jobs in the area.

## 10. Kia Brings Manufacturing Jobs And Innovation To West Point

In July 2023, Kia [announced](#) a \$200 million investment in its West Point manufacturing facility, which will create 200 jobs. The facility includes the Kia Georgia Training Center, which [includes](#) robotics, welding, and electronics labs, classrooms, and equipment for training on state-of-the-art programmable logic controllers. Thanks to incentives from the Biden-Harris clean energy plan, this facility will be the [home of manufacturing for](#)

[Kia's](#) all-electric 2025 EV9 three-row SUV, the first electric vehicle assembled in the state of Georgia.