

Alliance @ IBM
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
American Sustainable Business Council
Arbor Hill Environmental Justice Corp.
Association of Comparative and Environmental Toxicology Students
Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester
Cancer Resource Center of the Finger Lakes
Center for Environmental Health
Center for Health, Environment & Justice
Citizens Campaign for the Environment
Citizens' Environmental Coalition
Clean Air Coalition of WNY
Clean and Healthy New York
Clean Production Action
Coalition to End Lead Poisoning
Comm. Workers of America Loc 1701
Community Action Organization – Center for Environmental Justice
Community Health & Environment Coalition of Long Island
Earthjustice
Environmental Justice Action Group of WNY
Faces of Astarte
Garrison Institute
Great Neck Breast Cancer Coalition
Greenpeace USA – NY Chapter
Healthy Schools Network
Huntington Breast Cancer Action Coalition
Institute for Health and the Environment at SUNYA
Learning Disabilities Association of NYS and local chapters:
Central New York
Life & Learning Services of Rochester
New York City
Southern Tier
Western New York
Wildwood Program (Cap. District)
Mira's Movement
Moms Clean Air Force
Moms for a Non-Toxic New York
NARAL Pro Choice New York
Natural Resources Defense Council
NYC Environmental Justice Alliance
NY Lawyers for the Public Interest
NY League of Conservation Voters
NYPIRG
NYS Nurses Association
NYS Sustainable Business Council
NYS United Teachers
Parents Against Lindane
Planned Parenthood of the Southern Finger Lakes
Prevention is the Cure
Sierra Club
United Steelworkers, District 4
WEACT for Environmental Justice
W. Haywood Burns Environmental Education Center

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2017-18 Budget Priorities

The JustGreen Partnership, a collaborative of over 50 organizations representing more than a million New Yorkers, supports the following initiatives in the 2017-2018 New York State budget. All of the programs fall within the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), which we urge full funding at \$300 million.

Given the size of the NYS budget, \$300 million is a significant yet modest amount to dedicate to protecting New York's environment. Our budget requests are even more modest, totaling \$14 million. This is 4.6% of the EPF, and .09% of the entire state budget.

1. **Pollution Prevention Institute:** The JustGreen Partnership has been a strong supporter of the P2I since its inception. New York's businesses are taking steps to reduce pollution by addressing underlying sources, which can save companies money, reduce their liability, protect their brand name and lower their regulatory burden. P2I offers assistance to start-up companies to demonstrate the environmental benefits of their innovative ideas, and supports community grants that prevent pollution and promote the innovation of sustainable concepts in localities across the state. By including \$4 million in the 2017-2018 NYS budget, P2I would be able to further expand its reach and impact on communities in NYS.
2. **Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse:** We urge that the P2I funding include \$100,000 in support for the Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2). The IC2 has provided much-needed technical support to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and leverages the knowledge, experience, and data collection of other states, to New York's benefit.
3. **Children's Environmental Health Centers of Excellence:** We support the Centers because of their groundbreaking research that identifies environmental causes of childhood diseases, which has led to better education for families and public policy improvements. The cost of diseases of environmental origin in New York is staggering – Mt. Sinai School of Medicine estimated that even a small cluster of illnesses like asthma, pediatric cancer, and developmental disabilities in New York's children costs the state \$4.35 billion. Just a one percent reduction in these illnesses from a \$2 million dollar investment would save twenty times that amount.
4. **Environmental Justice:** The JustGreen Partnership supports including \$7 million in funding for environmental justice initiatives. Environmental Justice in New York State helps extend green benefits to all communities, especially low-income and communities of color, within the state and promotes further education and research in order to reduce the disproportionate impact of pollution and toxic chemicals in the environment.
5. **Environmental Health:** We support an inclusion of \$1 million into the 2017-18 NYS budget for the funding of initiatives to assess and address environmental health concerns within NYS communities, schools, and environment. Health advisories and education programs for health conditions, such as asthma, have led to an increase in awareness and materials for communities.