

## The Green New Deal + Current Green Policy

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The Green New Deal (GND) can be boiled down into three main points:

1. 100% clean Energy
2. Just transition away from fossil fuels
3. Massive Public sector Investment

### Current GND related Legislative Items

- GND for cities Act (will improve transportation, increase renewables, decrease environmental toxins, increase green space, improve resilience against disasters).
- GND for Public Housing Act (will expand public housing, remove environmental toxins for public housing, decarbonize the public housing sector)
- Civilian Corps for Jobs and Justice Act (creation of civilian climate corps of 1.5 million people paid \$15/hr)
- Environmental Justice for All Act (will investigate effects of chemicals used in cosmetic products, establishes federal energy transition economic development assistance fund)
- GND for public Schools (will upgrade every public school in the country, hire needed staff and educators in high need schools)
- End Polluter Welfare Act (will remove tax loopholes for oil and gas companies)

### What parts of Biden's Infrastructure Deal Address Climate?

- \$150 B for clean energy and climate change protections
- \$60 B investment in "clean energy transmission" – building new transmission lines to "facilitate expansion of renewable energy"
- \$ 7.5 B for EV charging stations
- \$ 17 B in port infrastructure and \$25 B in airport infrastructure to "reduce congestion and emissions"
- \$55 B investment in clean drinking water to replace lines containing lead and PFAS
- \$21 B for environmental remediation to address legacy pollution
- Includes funds for superfund and brownfield sites
- \$47 B to increase community resilience against natural disasters + respond to extreme weather (in the form of increased funding to FEMA, DoA, Army Corps of Engineers)
- \$105 B on public transit infrastructure including passenger and freight rail, electric buses (additional \$5 B for electric school buses)

### What Climate Related Policies are Being Pushed Forward in the Budget Reconciliation Process?

- \$67 Billion to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee environmental justice investments in:
  - Clean water access and affordability, healthy ports, electric school buses, clean energy technology accelerator that will fund low-income solar and other pollution-free technologies
- Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
  - Clean Electricity Payment Program (incentives and penalties for utility companies that fill gaps in tax incentives for renewables)
  - Clean Electricity Tax Incentives (tax credits for new clean energy resources)
    - A large part of the Clean Energy for America Act endorsed by this committee.
    - Full-Value tax credits could allow for achievement of 57-68% clean energy by the end of the tax credit extensions
- Senate Agriculture and other committees-
  - Protecting 30% of land and oceans by 2030 (currently we have 12% of lands and 22% of oceans protected)
- Doubling of conservation programs of the USDA ( to help curb the 600 million metric tons of CO2 equivalents like methane and nitrous oxide released annually)
- Create of the Civilian Climate Corps
- Senate Committee on Banking received instructions for \$332 billion to use for affordable housing, public housing, community land trusts, other revitalization programs, and transit improvements
- The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources receives instructions with funding for consumer rebates to weatherize and electrify homes in disadvantaged communities.
- Creation of union jobs, elements of the PRO act (a more "pro-worker" tax code)