

INFLATION REDUCTION ACT



BUILDING CLIMATE-SAFE COMMUNITIES

One year ago, on Aug. 16, 2022, President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) into law, marking the single largest investment—nearly \$370 billion—in climate action and clean energy in history. We are already seeing the results in **lower costs for working families, more than 170,000 good-paying clean energy jobs, and healthier environments for our children.** The IRA is a turning point in our fight against climate change; it will **cut our nation's carbon pollution by roughly 40% by 2030**, putting us within reach of our climate goals.

For many communities across the country, climate action can't come soon enough. Extreme weather events—heat waves, flooding, drought, more intense wildfires, and stronger hurricanes and storms—are already taking a toll on Americans' health and well-being, local businesses and economies, and the safety of our infrastructure.

That's why the House Natural Resources Committee championed IRA funding to help communities already being hurt by climate change. This historic funding is not only helping communities deal with the impacts they're facing now—it's also helping them build climate resilience for a safer, healthier future.



DEFENDING AMERICA'S COASTAL COMMUNITIES AGAINST STRONGER STORMS

Nearly **40% of Americans** live in coastal communities, where stronger, more intense storms caused by rising ocean temperatures and sea levels are ravaging infrastructure and disrupting local businesses and economies. Healthy coastlines are our best defense against these extreme weather events. The IRA includes **\$2.6 billion to support, rebuild, and restore our coasts**, as well as **\$15.9 million for climate and resilience programs for U.S. Territories.**



SECURING & CONSERVING WATER FOR THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN WEST

Communities in the American West are suffering from decades of extreme drought that is being fueled and exacerbated by climate change. The IRA includes **\$4 billion for projects to improve water supply reliability and climate resilience**, especially in the Colorado River Basin. It also includes **\$550 million for drinking water supply projects for underserved communities** and **\$25 million for canal improvements.**



ADVANCING CLIMATE JUSTICE FOR TRIBES

Indigenous communities in the U.S. have long suffered from underinvestment. Many of these communities are now being hit hardest by climate change as well. The IRA ensures a more equitable climate future by directing funding specifically to tribes and other Indigenous communities, including **\$235 million for tribal climate & resilience programs, \$150 million to provide electricity & clean energy systems to tribal households, \$12.5 million for emergency drought relief for tribes, & \$25 million for Native Hawaiian climate & resilience programs.**



PROTECTING COMMUNITIES FROM CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE

Climate change is creating hotter, drier conditions that make wildfires more intense and difficult to control. Communities near undeveloped wildland and forests are especially at-risk. The IRA includes **\$1.8 billion**—adding to \$5 billion in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law—to **better mitigate and respond to wildfires in our National Forests.**



ACCELERATING THE BUILDOUT OF OUR CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE FOR ALL AMERICANS

Our clean energy future will require the build-out of new infrastructure at an unprecedented pace and scale, but that build-out must not come at the cost of our environment or justice for communities already overburdened by fossil fuel infrastructure and pollution. The IRA includes **more than \$1 billion for permitting agencies to increase their capacity** to conduct environmental reviews. Agency capacity is **consistently cited** as one of the top reasons for energy project delays.



SUPPORTING OUR PUBLIC LANDS & HEALTHY WILDLIFE

America's national parks, public lands, and wildlife are part of our natural and cultural heritage, as well as a driving force behind local tourist and recreation economies. Biodiverse, natural habitats are also critical to our climate resilience. The IRA includes funding to improve public lands and boost conservation efforts, including **\$1.2 billion for climate resiliency, staffing, and overdue maintenance for our National Parks, \$125 million for climate resilience for our National Wildlife Refuges, \$125 million for endangered species recovery, and \$200 million for marine facilities.**