



2021–2022 POLICY PRIORITIES



Invest in Clean Energy

Decarbonize buildings. Improve energy efficiency and create opportunities for electrification in both new and existing buildings: updating Michigan's building codes, and funding a pre-weatherization program to address health and safety walk away issues.

Make renewables more accessible. Lift the arbitrary cap on distributed generation and create a community solar program.

Electrify our transportation sector. Correct the unfair registration fees for electric vehicles and create incentives to encourage purchase of electric vehicles.

Effective statewide carbon neutrality plan. Ensure the Climate Solutions Council develops an effective plan to decarbonize Michigan and includes diverse representation from environmental and environmental justice groups and communities.

Protect Human Health

Lead testing for all. Create policy mandating universal lead testing for children, along with systems and education to increase lead testing rates in Michigan, and ensure all children are protected from lead.

Healthy housing for homeowners and renters. Ensure lead safe certification for all rental units prior to occupancy along with supporting a loan loss reserve fund to help finance any repairs needed to provide healthy lead safe homes for families.

Farm fresh food for kids. Increase funding for 10 cents a meal program to help make local fresh food choices affordable and available in schools and daycare centers statewide.

Protect Water Sources

Reduce toxins and nutrient pollution in our surface water. This broad goal encompasses doing more to hold farmers accountable for nutrient runoff, creating better management for stormwater and combined sewers, and creating a statewide septic code.

Holistic surface water management. Make changes to state law to better manage water on the watershed scale, instead of county by county. Additionally, create processes and setbacks for addressing lake level fluctuations in Great Lakes and inland lakes.

Address structural issues in groundwater protection. Improve our scientific understanding of groundwater by implementing findings of the Water Use Advisory Council to ensure sustainable groundwater withdrawals.

Ensure Clean Drinking Water

Protect our children from lead in drinking water by implementing a filter first policy in our schools and daycares. Continue to monitor best practices to address contaminants of emerging concern like PFAS.

Ensure transparency and equity in water rates. Create programs to ensure data transparency and accountability in water rates and create affordability programs and more equitable water rates.

Fund our crumbling infrastructure. Work to implement statewide funding to help repair our water infrastructure across the state, watchdog the asset management planning process, and update our state revolving loan fund program.

Transit, Recycling & Public Lands

Ensure mobility for all. Work to create best practices to build mobility-ready communities, where everyone can move around no matter the choice of mode. Additionally, improve transit access by working toward approval of the Regional Transit Authority in 2022.

Revamp recycling. Follow up the momentum from the changes to Part 115 to modernize the bottle bill, as well as build programs for the state to lead by example on using recycled material in our roads and buildings.

Equitable access to public lands. Following the success of Proposal 1, ensure that the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and State Park Endowment Fund grants are distributed throughout the state so that our urban communities have much needed access to world class public lands.

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