



WEST VIRGINIA RIVERS

Build Back Better includes \$3.5 Trillion investments in programs that benefit WV.

Clean Energy Performance Program will provide West Virginians with good jobs, lower electricity costs and better health.

- Researchers estimate \$11-18 billion of that investment would flow into West Virginia over the next 10 years. Helping us transition to clean energy, providing new tax revenue for local economic development that bolsters our schools and local services, and provides good jobs.
- In a recent study by [RMI](#), the Appalachian region will benefit the most with renewable energy development, with projected economic benefits of \$65 billion.
- Analysis performed by the [Center for Energy & Sustainable Development at WVU](#) shows achieving a faster clean-energy transition in our state would cut power costs \$855 million by 2040. Without this program, West Virginians will be stuck with the bill for unprofitable coal plants as they close, keeping our energy costs unnecessarily high.
- A study from the Harvard School of Public Health recently found reaching 80% clean electricity by 2030 would save nearly 150 lives every year in WV from reductions in toxic air pollution.

Civilian Conservation Corps will provide job training for West Virginia's youth and help restore public lands.

- Nationwide, public lands have amassed \$20 billion in deferred maintenance. There are [1.1 million acres](#) of federal land in WV in need of investment.
- Revitalizing and updating the 1930s-era Civilian Conservation Corps will develop a modern-day employment creation, job training and conservation program.
- According to Reimagine Appalachia's job study, \$760 million of investments into CCC would create almost 12,000 jobs in WV.

Oil and Gas Reforms will provide jobs, clean up our abandoned well problem and create a fairer price for oil and gas leases on public lands.

- According to IOGCC, there are over 4,500 [documented orphaned wells](#) in WV, 60 of which are on federal lands. There are also an estimated 9,000 [undocumented orphaned wells](#) in WV. Others have come-up with [much higher](#) numbers for "abandoned" wells – 410,000 in WV. Plugging all of WV's "abandoned" wells [could create](#) 2,450+ jobs.
- Royalty rates haven't changed since 1920, and the minimum bid and rental rates have stayed flat since the mid-1980s, while drilling activity has more than doubled since 1985. As a result, taxpayers are not receiving fair market value for the commercial development of publicly owned oil and gas resources.

This money is an investment in the future of our state, Senator Manchin can't afford to pass up this amazing opportunity to build a better West Virginia.

Conserving and Restoring West Virginia's Exceptional Rivers and Streams