

# ANJEC CONGRESS 2021

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# Who We Are and What We Do



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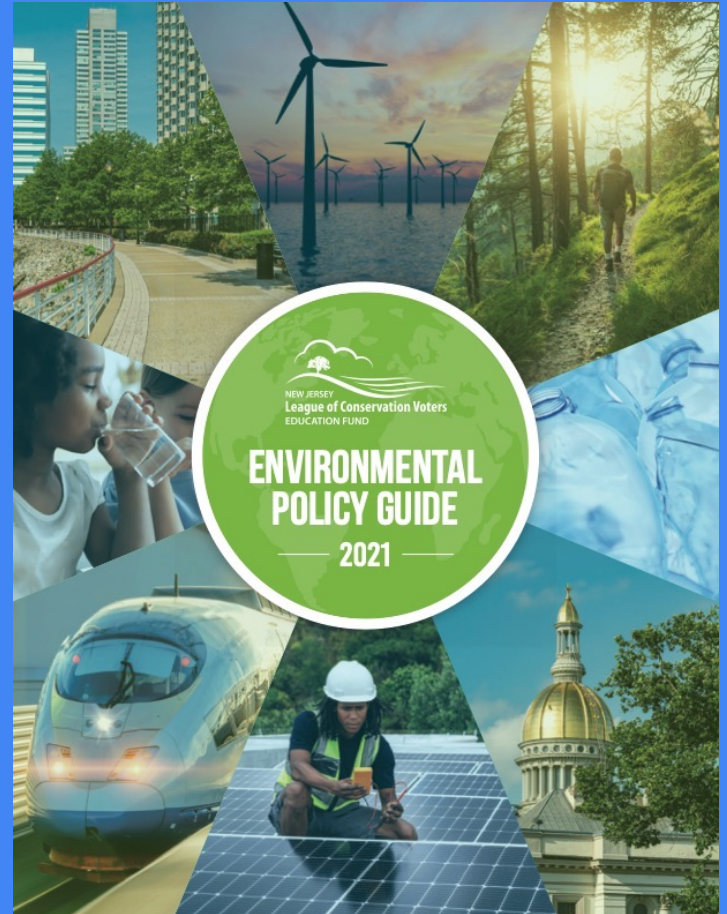
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## **Advanced Clean Truck (ACT) Rule**

- Electrifying NJ’s medium/heavy-duty fleets
- The ACT rule must be approved no later than November 24<sup>th</sup> for the New Jersey Register to be published on December 20<sup>th</sup> for a calendar year 2021 adoption and then trigger the ACT rule taking effect in Model Year 2025.

# Green in 21

Environmental Policy Guide  
Environmental Agenda '22



# What it Looks Like

This incredible educational document is centered on four themes; 8 sections; 77 white papers; 142 pages; and 371-recommendations.

## GREEN IN '21

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### ACHIEVE 100% CLEAN ENERGY

- Create the pathway to our 100% Clean Energy Future
  - Develop a Clean Energy Standard that requires 100 percent clean electricity by 2035
  - Transition fossil fuel peaker power plants, often located in environmental justice communities, to clean renewables and battery storage
  - Initiate a gas planning proceeding to comprehensively evaluate the current and future fossil fuels needs of the state and empower New Jersey BPU to balance reliability, affordability, equity, and lowest possible emission energy products
  - Stop diversions of Clean Energy Fund
- Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
  - Align state greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal with federal target of 50-52 percent reduction from 2005 levels in 2030
  - By 2030, new residential and commercial buildings should be 100 percent electric and 80 percent of existing housing stock that serves low-income households and 50 percent of all residential buildings should achieve high levels of energy efficiency
  - Incentivize the sale and installation of energy efficient and zero emission equipment, when replaced at the end of useful life in residential and commercial buildings
- Create jobs by establishing a Civilian Climate Corps and updating Career Technical Education standards to include climate change, green economy and energy



### CLEAN WATER FOR ALL

- Update the Water Supply Master Plan to include long-range planning and climate change impacts
- Regulate emerging contaminants in our drinking water beyond the single-chemical approach and adopt new Lead and Copper Rule
- Invest in water infrastructure and utilities to eliminate combined sewer overflows and lead service lines and create community-based jobs
- Plan on a watershed scale, to recognize that land use impacts water quality and integrate water quality standards and existing water impairments into the land use permitting process, especially for vulnerable waterbodies like the Delaware River and Barnegat Bay
- Support the implementation of stormwater utilities at the local level



### PROTECT OUR NATURAL LANDS AND PARKS

- Increase funding for preservation, stewardship and protection of natural lands and parks, including addressing critical backlog of capital park improvements, the development of new and maintenance of existing trails, and protection of critical habitat
- Ensure everyone in urban areas lives within a 10-minute walk to a park and prioritize establishing additional, and protect existing, state parks in these areas

# THANK YOU

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# Thank YOU! Any Questions?

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