

# The JustGreen Partnership

Working for Environmental Health and Justice for New York's People and Communities

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Cancer Resource Center of the Finger Lakes  
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Citizens' Environmental Coalition  
Clean Air Coalition of WNY  
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Clean Production Action  
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Community Action Organization – Center for Environmental Justice  
Community Health & Environment  
Coalition of Long Island  
Earthjustice  
Environmental Justice Action Group of WNY  
Faces of Astarte  
Garrison Institute  
Great Neck Breast Cancer Coalition  
Greenpeace USA – NY Chapter  
Healthy Schools Network  
**Huntington Breast Cancer Action Coalition**  
Institute for Health and the Environment at SUNYA  
Learning Disabilities Association of NYS and local chapters:  
Central New York  
Life & Learning Services of Rochester  
New York City  
Southern Tier  
Western New York  
Wildwood Program (Cap. District)  
Mira's Movement  
Moms Clean Air Force  
Moms for a Non-Toxic New York  
NARAL Pro Choice New York  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
NYC Environmental Justice Alliance  
NY Lawyers for the Public Interest  
NY League of Conservation Voters  
NYPIRG  
NYS Nurses Association  
**NYS Sustainable Business Council**  
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## 2017-18 Budget Priorities

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The JustGreen Partnership, a collaborative of over 50 organizations representing more than a million New Yorkers, supports the following initiatives in the 2017-2018 New York State budget. All of the programs fall within the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), which we urge full funding at \$300 million.

Given the size of the NYS budget, \$300 million is a significant yet modest amount to dedicate to protecting New York's environment. Our budget requests are even more modest, totaling \$14 million. This is 4.6% of the EPF, and .09% of the entire state budget.

1. **Pollution Prevention Institute:** The JustGreen Partnership has been a strong supporter of the P2I since its inception. New York's businesses are taking steps to reduce pollution by addressing underlying sources, which can save companies money, reduce their liability, protect their brand name and lower their regulatory burden. P2I offers assistance to start-up companies to demonstrate the environmental benefits of their innovative ideas, and supports community grants that prevent pollution and promote the innovation of sustainable concepts in localities across the state. By including \$4 million in the 2017-2018 NYS budget, P2I would be able to further expand its reach and impact on communities in NYS.
2. **Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse:** We urge that the P2I funding include \$100,000 in support for the Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2). The IC2 has provided much-needed technical support to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and leverages the knowledge, experience, and data collection of other states, to New York's benefit.
3. **Children's Environmental Health Centers of Excellence:** We support the Centers because of their groundbreaking research that identifies environmental causes of childhood diseases, which has led to better education for families and public policy improvements. The cost of diseases of environmental origin in New York is staggering – Mt. Sinai School of Medicine estimated that even a small cluster of illnesses like asthma, pediatric cancer, and developmental disabilities in New York's children costs the state \$4.35 billion. Just a one percent reduction in these illnesses from a \$2 million dollar investment would save twenty times that amount.
4. **Environmental Justice:** The JustGreen Partnership supports including \$7 million in funding for environmental justice initiatives. Environmental Justice in New York State helps extend green benefits to all communities, especially low-income and communities of color, within the state and promotes further education and research in order to reduce the disproportionate impact of pollution and toxic chemicals in the environment.
5. **Environmental Health:** We support an inclusion of \$1 million into the 2017-18 NYS budget for the funding of initiatives to assess and address environmental health concerns within NYS communities, schools, and environment. Health advisories and education programs for health conditions, such as asthma, have led to an increase in awareness and materials for communities.