



Hillary Clinton: Environmental Champion

The impacts of climate change surround New York. Superstorm Sandy revealed New York City's vulnerability to extreme weather and demonstrated the danger of rapidly rising sea levels. Hoosick Falls draws unfortunate comparisons to the water crisis in Flint, where the damage caused by toxic chemicals will impact the community for generations. Additionally, climate change is increasing the prevalence of insect-borne diseases such as West Nile virus, Lyme disease, and the Zika virus, while also creating more favorable conditions for agricultural pests and weeds.

The good news is that under President Obama's leadership we are making strong progress in combating climate change. Hillary Clinton is the presidential candidate best poised to build on this work—her plan ensures that President Obama's significant progress on climate change and the environment continues to expand. ***With the New York Primary around the corner, it's important to note that on issue after issue, she presents a bold and clear vision to position America as a global leader in renewable energy and environmental protection.***

TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR NEW YORK

During her time as a U.S. Senator from New York, Hillary Clinton constantly fought to protect the environment and advance clean energy efforts, including:

- [Repeatedly voting](#) to extend tax credits for renewable energy.
- [Championing legislation](#) to eliminate tax breaks for oil companies, as well as prioritize investment in cleaner energy.
- Rebuking the Bush administration's [efforts](#) to undermine the Clean Air Act by [voting](#) in favor of strong protections from power plants spewing greenhouse gases.
- [Successfully](#) fighting to [create](#) a national heritage area surrounding Niagara Falls.

BOLD CLIMATE PLAN

Hillary Clinton set [bold national goals](#) to tackle the threat of carbon pollution. Under her plan, America will be on a path to reduce emissions by more than 80 percent by 2050. Specifically, she pledged to:

- Generate enough renewable energy to power every home in America, with half a billion solar panels installed by the end of Hillary's first term.
- Cut energy waste in American homes, schools, hospitals and offices by a third and make American manufacturing the cleanest and most efficient in the world.
- Reduce American oil consumption by a third through cleaner fuels and more efficient cars, boilers, ships and trucks.

OPPOSES OFFSHORE DRILLING

In August 2015, Hillary Clinton stated, "The [Arctic](#) is a unique treasure. Given what we know, it's not worth the risk of drilling." In March 2016, the Obama administration withdrew its "plan to permit oil and gas drilling off the southeast Atlantic coast." In reaction, Sec. Clinton said, "[Relieved](#) Atlantic drilling is now off the table. Time to do the next right thing and protect the Arctic, too."



OPPOSES EXTRACTING FOSSIL FUELS ON PUBLIC LANDS

In February 2016, Hillary Clinton said, “I have said repeatedly that we are going to move from fossil fuels to clean energy. We’re going to have to do it in a quick, but thoughtful way.” She added that a ban on extracting fossil fuels on public lands was a “[done deal](#).”

OPPOSES KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

Hillary Clinton [opposes](#) the Keystone XL pipeline, calling it a “distraction from the important work we have to do to combat climate change, and, unfortunately from my perspective, one that interferes with our ability to move forward and deal with other issues ... Therefore, I oppose it. I oppose it because I don't think it's in the best interest of what we need to do to combat climate change.” PolitiFact [affirmed](#) her consistency on this position. Two months after Hillary declared her opposition, the Obama administration officially [rejected](#) TransCanada’s Keystone XL pipeline proposal.

SUPPORTS PARIS CLIMATE ACCORD

In December 2015, 195 nations gathered in [Paris](#) and committed to “lowering planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions to help stave off the most drastic effects of climate change.” Hillary Clinton [applauded](#) the agreement, calling it a “testament to America’s ability to lead the world in building a clean energy future where no one is left out or left behind.” She added, “We cannot afford to be slowed by the climate skeptics or deterred by the defeatists who doubt America’s ability to meet this challenge. That’s why as President, I will make combating climate change a top priority from day one, and secure America’s future as the clean energy superpower of the 21st century.”

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