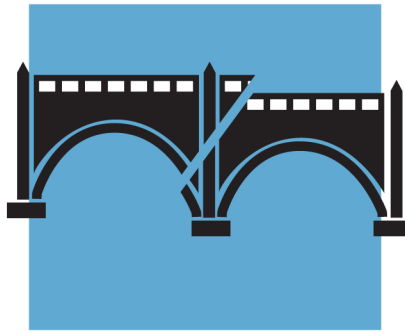


NJ'S KEY ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES



INFRASTRUCTURE

Needed: Invest in transportation projects with the highest merit.

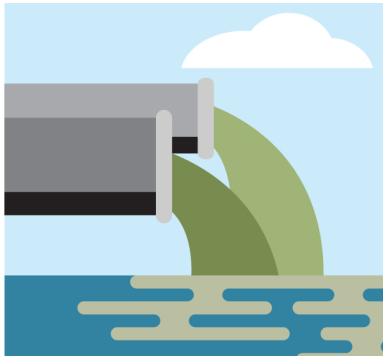
Being done: Governor proposed additional \$248M for NJ Transit, bringing total to \$383M.



SEA LEVEL RISE

Needed: Create a plan for coast on where to harden infrastructure and where to move inland.

Being done: Groups are studying parts of problem. No vision for a comprehensive plan has emerged.



WATER POLLUTION

Needed: Roll back weakening of the state's water-protection rules by Gov. Chris Christie.

Being done: No action taken yet on groundwater standards, Flood Hazard Act and freshwater wetlands rules and more.



AIR POLLUTION

Needed: Address poor air quality. The American Lung Association gave an F to 11 of 21 counties.

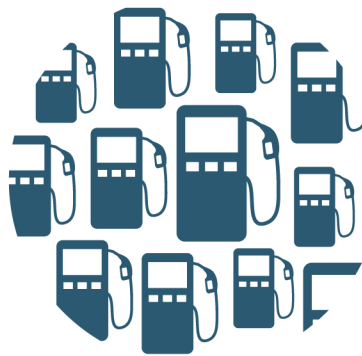
Being done: State developing an energy master plan with a path to 100 percent clean energy by 2050.



CLIMATE CHANGE

Needed: Take climate change into account in all state planning and environmental regulations.

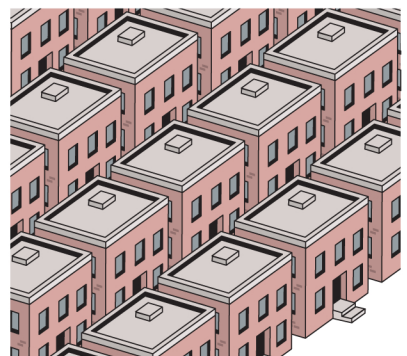
Being done: DEP is starting to update the shore master plan, untouched since 1983. Will include sea level rise and climate change.



FOSSIL FUELS

Needed: Move away from fossil fuel use to cut carbon emissions.

Being done: Law signed for ratepayer support of offshore wind farms, more solar development.



OVERDEVELOPMENT

Needed: Abundance of habitat to help struggling species and keep common species healthy.

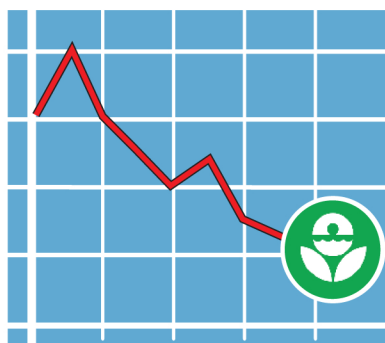
Being done: N.J. has strong open-space, farmland-preservation and land-conservation programs.



MISUSE OF FUNDS

Needed: Stop raiding environmental settlement funds for general spending.

Being done: Voters passed constitutional amendment to do such, but some funds pre-date the vote.



DEP UNDERFUNDING

Needed: Increase budget to hire more staff.

Being done: Budget cut about 14 percent, but staffing has increased.



TOXICS

Needed: Public access to data about chemicals released, as required by federal, state laws.

Being done: Environmental groups have asked the state to make reports available.