



U.S. Water Policy Priorities

Strengthening Leadership in Clean Water Access: A Call to Action for the Trump Administration

The President of the United States has a unique opportunity to drive bold initiatives that ensure access to clean, safe water for the protection of public health and to spur a thriving economy. All communities and businesses depend on clean water. Waterkeeper Alliance calls on the Trump administration to reverse course from the harmful direction they are taking the country in and instead invest in America's future and a stronger economy by strengthening clean water protections, preventing our communities from being further harmed by pollution, responding to increasingly frequent extreme weather, safeguarding public health, and securing economic prosperity.

Waterkeeper Alliance and its global movement of more than 300 Waterkeeper groups around the world remain steadfast in their commitment to fighting for clean, accessible water, grounded in sound science and the belief that clean water is a fundamental right for all people. In the United States, the Waterkeeper Alliance represents the interests of more than 150 U.S. Waterkeeper groups and their more than one million members and supporters who protect the right to clean water.

Protect Water Quality

Ensuring the removal of PFAS and other toxic chemicals from waterways will protect public health by securing safe drinking water for all and reducing healthcare costs associated with waterborne contaminants.

Strengthen Infrastructure

Improving America's water infrastructure creates well-paying, cross-sector jobs, stimulates local economies, protects public health and water quality, and enhances resilience to severe weather and climate impacts, ensuring that communities and businesses are prepared to minimize losses and maximize recovery.

Combat Plastic Pollution

Addressing the reliance on plastic is vital for protecting our waterways and ecosystems. Plastics, particularly single-use plastics, pose severe environmental and climate-related risks.

Mismanagement of plastic waste can harm outdoor recreation and fishing and lead to lost tourism revenue. By reducing plastic waste and promoting reuse, we can safeguard human health and protect the economic viability of tourism, fishing, and other sectors.

Address Water Scarcity

Ensuring access to clean water requires promoting efficient water usage and conservation practices in both agricultural and urban sectors, as well as investment in innovative solutions that promote economic growth and protect clean water, such as wastewater recycling, stormwater capture, and groundwater remediation. By investing in sustainable water management, we can prevent costly

shortages and secure water resources essential for survival, the economy, and stability.

Support Independent Farmers

Redirecting federal resources to support independent, regenerative farming practices can improve water quality while reducing harmful agricultural emissions and impacts on public health. Supporting these farmers fosters a resilient agricultural sector that contributes to local economies, mitigates environmental harm, and provides healthier food options for communities.

Modernize Regulations for Industrialized Animal Agriculture

Updating and enforcing water pollution control standards for industrialized livestock production is essential for safeguarding public health and preserving natural resources. Strengthening these regulations can prevent costly clean-ups and ensure clean, safe water for communities and businesses.

Invest in Safe, Clean Energy

Water and energy policy are inextricably linked. The water sector is one of the nation's largest users of electricity, while energy production is a major contributor to water pollution. Clean, renewable energy solutions will help protect access to clean water and promote economic growth by encouraging private sector innovation and job creation. Clean energy will also help promote improved land stewardship and conservation.

Conserve Wetlands

Wetlands and ephemeral streams play a crucial role in flood control, contaminant filtration, and ecosystem support. They also provide important outdoor recreational opportunities and wildlife habitat. Despite their significance, more than 50 percent of wetlands in the United States have disappeared.