



# Top 10 Investments for Ohio’s air, land, water, and soil resources in Ohio’s Biennial Budget Bill

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Public water systems oversight is up for grabs in the Budget Bill.

## 1. KEEP OUR AIR & DRINKING WATER CLEAN & SAFE

**SUPPORT** the full Waste Disposal Fee Increase on Mixed Solid Waste and Construction and Demolition debris as proposed in the Governor’s Executive Budget.

**SENATE BUDGET PROPOSAL:** Approves full MSW fee, as proposed. Rejects CDD fee increase.

## 2. CONSERVE SOIL & WATER RESOURCES

**SUPPORT** the full Waste Disposal Fee Increase on Mixed Solid Waste and Construction and Demolition debris as proposed in the Governor’s Executive Budget.

**SENATE BUDGET PROPOSAL:** Rejects CDD fee increase, but funds ODNR Soil & Water Conservation with liquor profits.



Some streams in Ohio actually run orange due to acid drainage from abandoned mine lands.

## 3. KEEP WATCH ON COAL MINING

**SUPPORT** the Coal Extraction Fee proposed in the Governor’s Budget and approved by Ohio House.

**SENATE BUDGET PROPOSAL:** Rejects fee proposal.

## 4. PROTECT NATURE & PROMOTE ONE-TANK

“STAY-CATIONS” SO MORE OHIOANS CAN ENJOY THE GREAT OUTDOORS RIGHT HERE IN OHIO

**SUPPORT** Ohio’s Scenic Rivers, State Parks, State Nature Preserves, State Forests, State Wildlife Areas, and State Historic Sites and associated funding, as proposed in the Governor’s Executive Budget and approved by Ohio House.

**SENATE BUDGET PROPOSAL:** Defunds ODNR Scenic Rivers.



For many citizens, the bus is their only transportation option. By 2025, one in every five Americans will be over age 65—and wanting more transit.

## 5. HELP OHIOANS GET TO WORK

**SUPPORT** Public Transportation subsidy, as proposed in the Governor’s Executive Budget and approved by House.

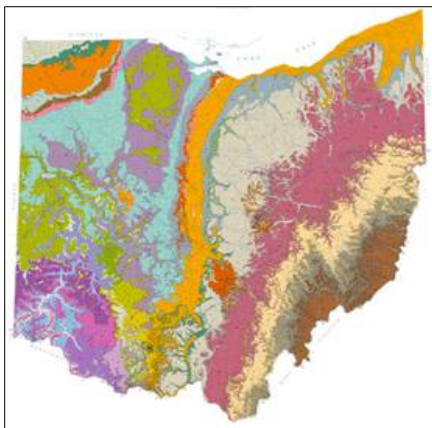
**SENATE BUDGET PROPOSAL:** Accepts Executive proposal.



Rail + Ohio = a win-win for business, travelers, and the environment. Lawmakers can help spur more rail development by supporting the Ohio Rail Development Commission.



Funding E-Check through a fee on tire sales would free up \$29.2 M for the Biennium.



Ohio can pioneer carbon capture and storage or it can try to play catch up. The time is ripe to invest in the Ohio Geological Survey.

## 6. HELP OHIO SHIPPERS MOVE FREIGHT USING LESS ENERGY

**SUPPORT** rail infrastructure improvements through the Ohio Rail Development Commission, as proposed in the Governor's Executive Budget and approved by Ohio House.  
SENATE BUDGET PROPOSAL: Accepts Executive proposal.

## 7. SHIFT THE COST OF E-CHECK FROM GENERAL TAXPAYERS TO OHIO MOTORISTS.

**SUPPORT** the Tire Fee as proposed in the Governor's Executive Budget.

SENATE BUDGET PROPOSAL: Rejects tire fee; keeps GRF.

## 8. KEEP OUR FOOD SAFE AND LIVESTOCK FACILITIES INSPECTED.

**SUPPORT** ODA's Food Safety program funding and fees and animal feeding facility licensing and inspection, as proposed in the Governor's Budget and OK'd by the House.

SENATE BUDGET PROPOSAL: Rejects proposed fees on food processing and meat and poultry facilities.

## 9. HELP ASSURE TIMELY REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT APPEALS.

**SUPPORT** the Environmental Review Appeals Commission's budget, as approved by the Ohio House.

SENATE BUDGET PROPOSAL: Keeps House funding level, but rejects House requirement to add two staff attorneys.

## 10. INVEST IN OHIO'S ENERGY FUTURE AND WISE USE OF UNDERGROUND RESOURCES.

**SUPPORT** the Ohio Geological Survey, as proposed in the Governor's Executive Budget and approved by the House.

SENATE BUDGET PROPOSAL: Accepts Executive Budget.

### NEW ISSUES FROM SENATE PROPOSAL:

- Creates State Clean Diesel Funding Task Force.
- Allows cities to help finance energy savings devices.
- Sets up project to convert 10% of state fleet to propane.
- Weakens CD debris and "pulverized debris" laws.
- Defines coal bed methane as renewable energy.
- Rejects strengthened Asbestos Hazard Abatement laws.
- Repeals School Health and Safety Network law.
- Over-empowers Residential Construction Advisory Committee with effective power of consent.