

Clean Wisconsin: Statement on Governor Evers' budget address

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Today Governor Evers gave the 2019-2021 State Budget Address highlighting some of his main priorities over the next two years. See the Budget in Brief [here](#).

Amber Meyer Smith, Clean Wisconsin's Vice President of Government Relations, made the following statement:

"In January Governor Evers announced 2019 as the Year of Clean Drinking Water. I am glad to see his budget amplify this commitment. The significant investments in Governor Evers' budget only help Wisconsinites gain access to the clean, safe drinking water they deserve. The Governor is helping protect both rural and urban sources of contaminated drinking water with a \$70 million proposal to address water quality. This additional funding will help control polluted runoff, replace lead pipes, and restore science to natural resources decision-making.

"I am also encouraged to see the Governor set a goal of 100 percent carbon-free electricity in Wisconsin by 2050, and make meaningful investments in clean energy. The carbon-free goal together with a new Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy will be key to transitioning Wisconsin to a clean energy economy. Additional efforts like electric vehicle charging infrastructure will help reduce emissions from the transportation sector and reduce our need for harmful fossil fuels.

"Clean Wisconsin looks forward to working with elected officials and the Joint Finance Committee throughout the budget process to continue prioritizing clean water, air and energy."