

The Climate and Equitable Jobs Act

Public Act 102-0662



Illinois
Clean Jobs
Coalition

THE FUTURE ENERGY JOBS ACT- 2016

25% Renewable Energy by 2025

- New financial incentives for solar and wind
- Community Solar
- Solar for All

Energy Efficiency

- Lower electric bills, save \$, create JOBS!

Workforce Development



2018

60+ Community Dialogues



AND LOBBIED



AND NEGOTIATED

Clean Energy Jobs Act

IL Clean Jobs Coalition (US!)

Climate Union Jobs Act

Climate Jobs IL (Labor Coalition)

Path to 100

Path to 100 Coalition (parts of the Solar Industry)

Consumers and Climate First Act

Governor Pritzker

Downstate Clean Energy Affordability Act

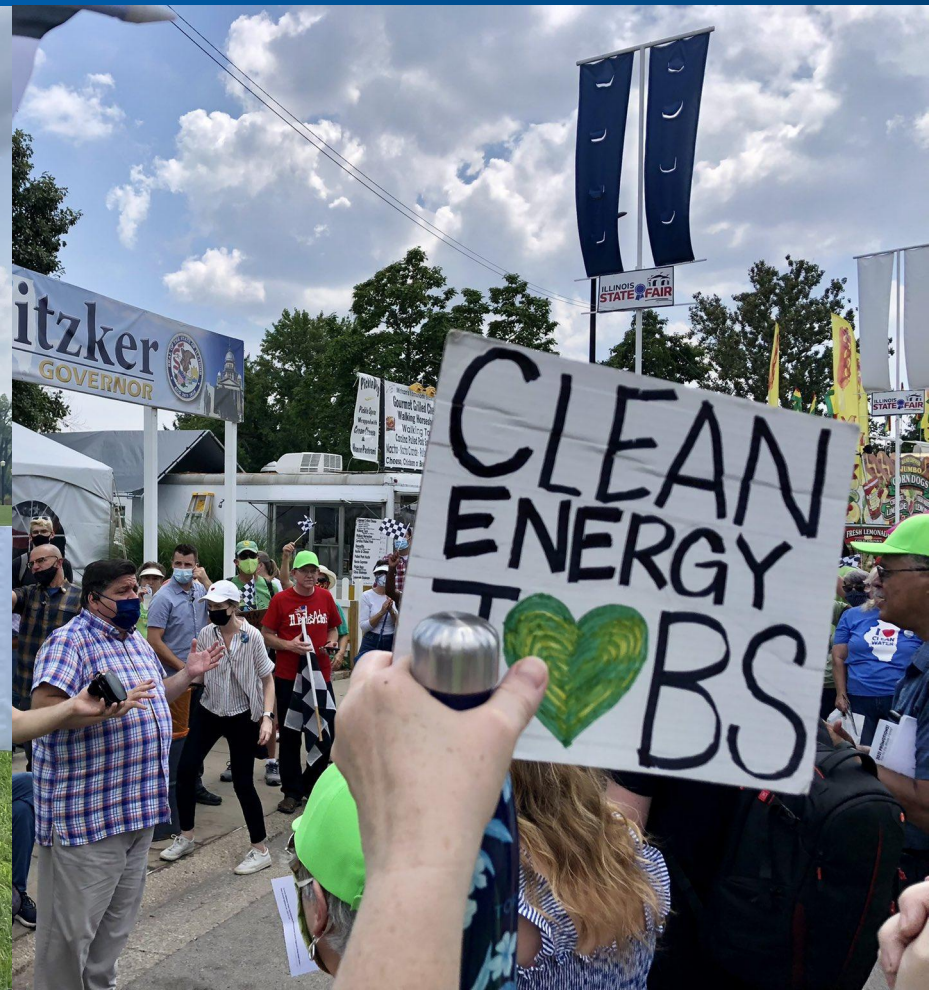
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No Climate, No Equity, No Deal



THE CLIMATE AND EQUITABLE JOBS ACT

BY THE NUMBERS

\$82M/YR

Investment in workforce
development and contractor
equity programs

\$41M/YR

Investment per year in
former fossil fuel
communities and workers

\$380M/YR

Investment in new
renewable energy

100%

Carbon-free power sector by
2045, with interim steps

50%

Renewable energy
by 2040

1,000,000

Electric vehicles in Illinois by
2030

EQUITY AT THE CENTER

40%

**Of the benefits and investments in solar power,
electric vehicles, and the grid must go to equity
investment eligible communities and persons**

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BLACK VOICES

Illinois' Energy Bill a Power Surge for Equity Efforts

Amanda Vinicky | September 25, 2021, 5:30 pm



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Pulitzer Prize-winning, nonpartisan report on the biggest crisis facing our planet.

Clean Energy

Illinois Now Boasts the ‘Most Equitable’ Climate Law in America. So What Will That Mean?

Beside targets for clean energy, it promises equitable job creation and help for communities hit hardest by fossil-fuel pollution. ☐

By Brett Chase, Dan Gearino
September 17, 2021



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Illinois Set to be First Midwest State to Require 100 Percent Carbon-Free Energy by 2045

**Most Comprehensive Clean Energy Legislation in State's History,
includes Equitable Statewide Jobs and Economic Investment Plan**

September 13, 2021

SPRINGFIELD, IL -- Illinois' General Assembly moved a comprehensive energy bill to Gov.

Illinois House passes clean energy bill with some big solar wins

The bill includes an immediate re-start of solar incentives through the Adjustable Block Program, potentially protecting thousands of solar jobs across the state.

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As Illinois phases out fossil fuels, law offers support to transition workers

The “just transition” components in the state’s massive new energy law are scaled down from the original proposal, but advocates are still lauding the provisions as promising parts of a historic law.

by Kari Lydersen
September 22, 2021



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THE CLIMATE AND EQUITABLE JOBS ACT!



Jobs & Economic Justice



Inclusive Financing



Renewable Energy



Energy Efficiency



Carbon-Free Power



Utility Accountability, Grid
Planning, and Low-income Relief



Just Transition for Fossil Fuel
Communities



Electric Transportation

1) JOBS AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE



JOBS AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

EQUITY ELIGIBLE COMMUNITIES

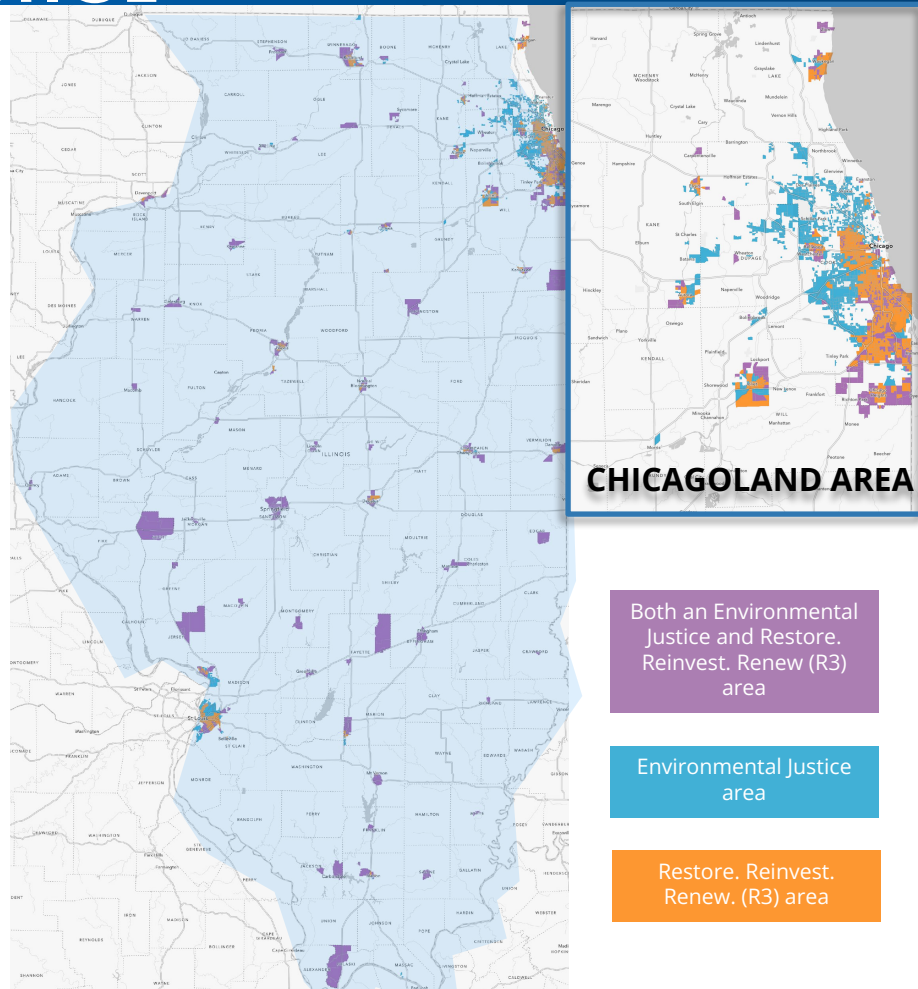
The Climate and Equitable Jobs Act supports “Equity Eligible” Persons and Communities residents of **Environmental Justice** or **R3 areas**.

Environmental Justice Communities

Communities that have a higher risk of exposure to pollution based on environmental and socioeconomic factors.

Restore. Reinvest. Renew. (R3) Areas

Communities that have been harmed by violence, excessive incarceration, and economic disinvestment, as originally defined under Illinois’ cannabis law.

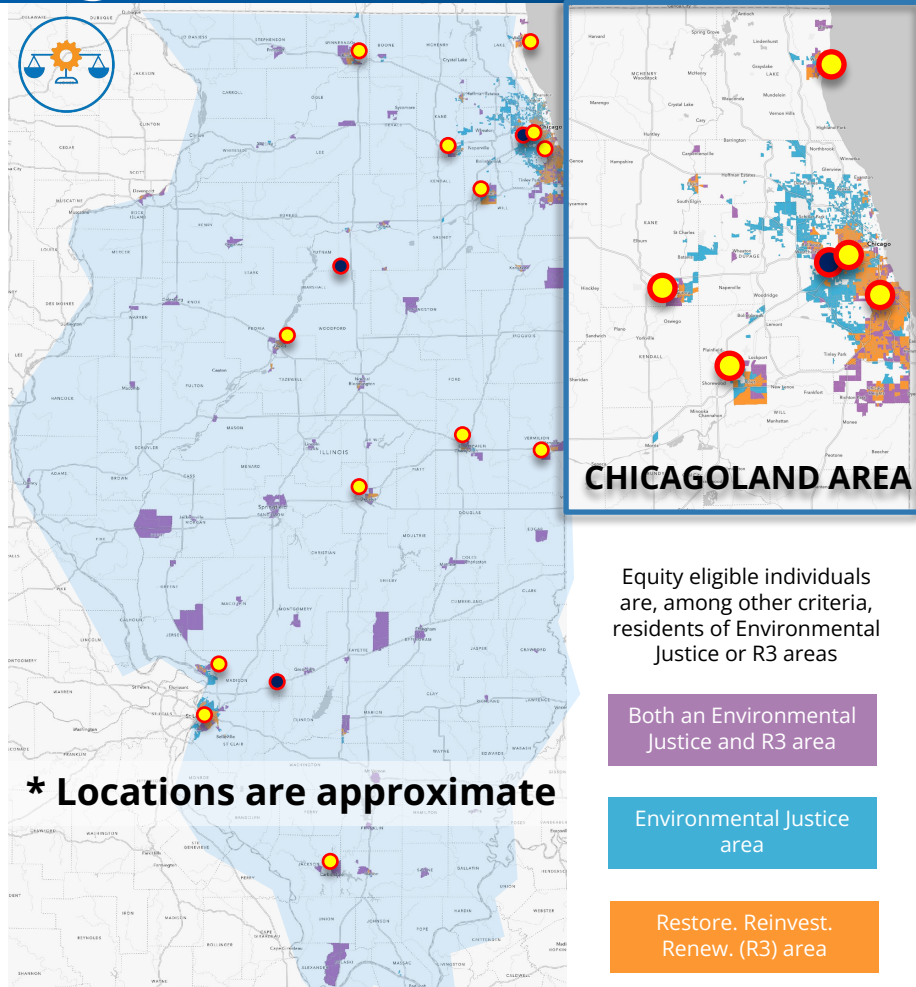


JOBS AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS

- Thirteen New **Clean Jobs Workforce Hubs** (run by community orgs)
- **Illinois Climate Works Preapprenticeship Program** (run by unions)
- **Returning Residents Clean Jobs Training Program** (training program within prisons)

CEJA also provides support to get the word out about our programs and break down barriers to participation.



CHICAGOLAND AREA

Equity eligible individuals are, among other criteria, residents of Environmental Justice or R3 areas

Both an Environmental Justice and R3 area

Environmental Justice area

Restore. Reinvest. Renew. (R3) area

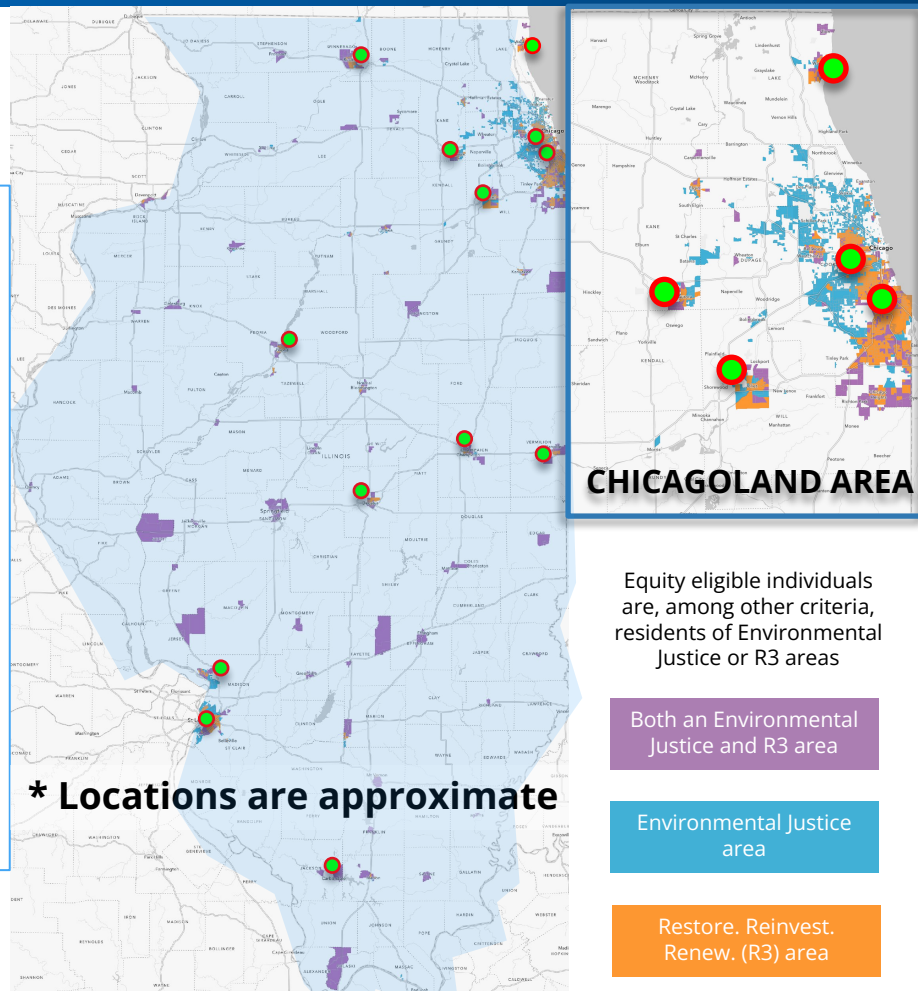
JOBS AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

CLEAN ENERGY BUSINESSES

Contractor Incubator Program
(For new businesses)

Contractor Accelerator Program
(For existing businesses)

Prevailing Wage Support (Help these small businesses pay competitive wages)



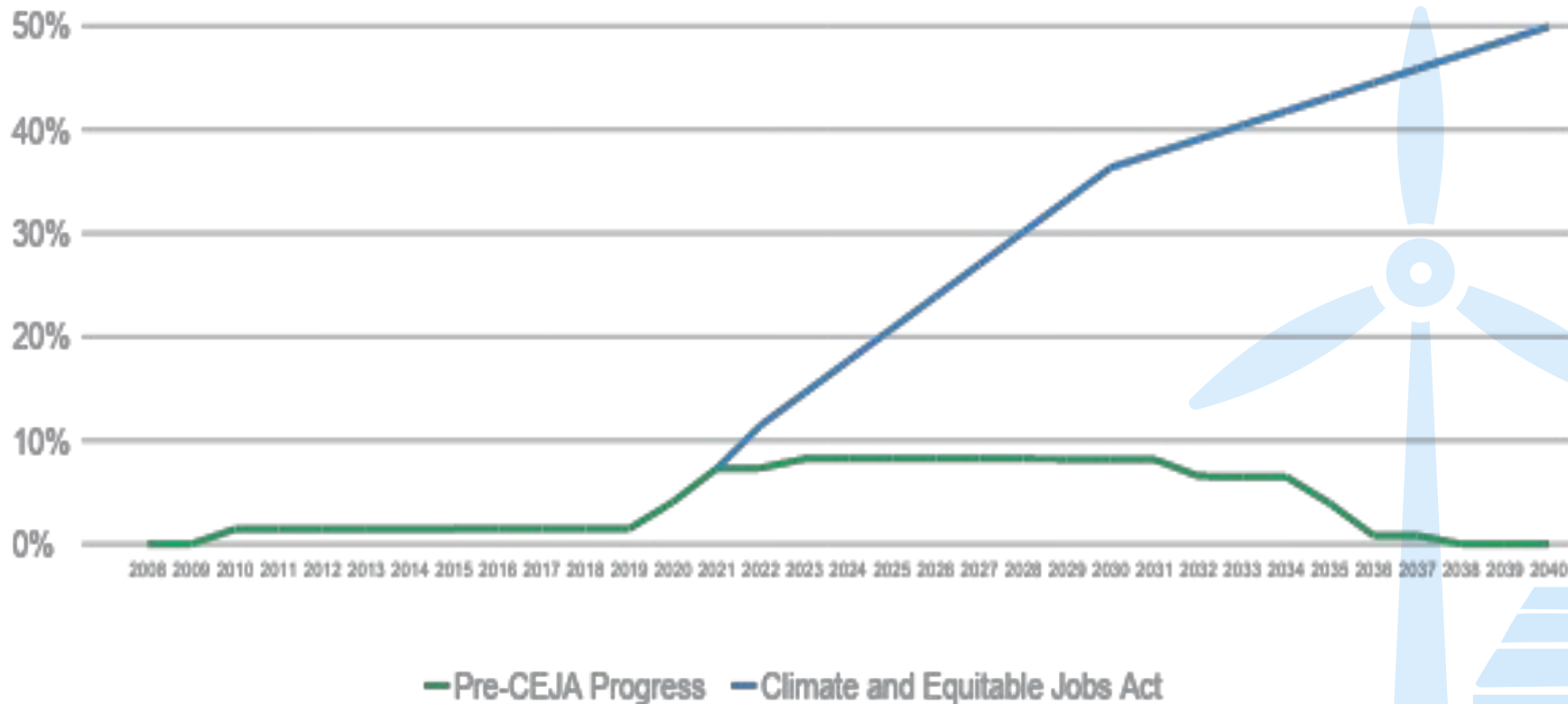
2) RENEWABLE ENERGY



RENEWABLE ENERGY



Increases Renewable Energy to **50%** of electricity in Illinois by 2040.



RENEWABLE ENERGY



CEJA CREATES NEW SOLAR PROGRAMS

Solar on Public Schools

Solar projects located at public schools, with a priority for under-resourced to support building decarbonization.

Equity Eligible Contractor Solar

Any type of solar projects led by equity eligible contractors

Community Driven Community Solar

Community Solar projects that have substantial community involvement, benefits, and ownership.

And expands already popular programs, like rooftop and community solar.

3) CARBON-FREE POWER

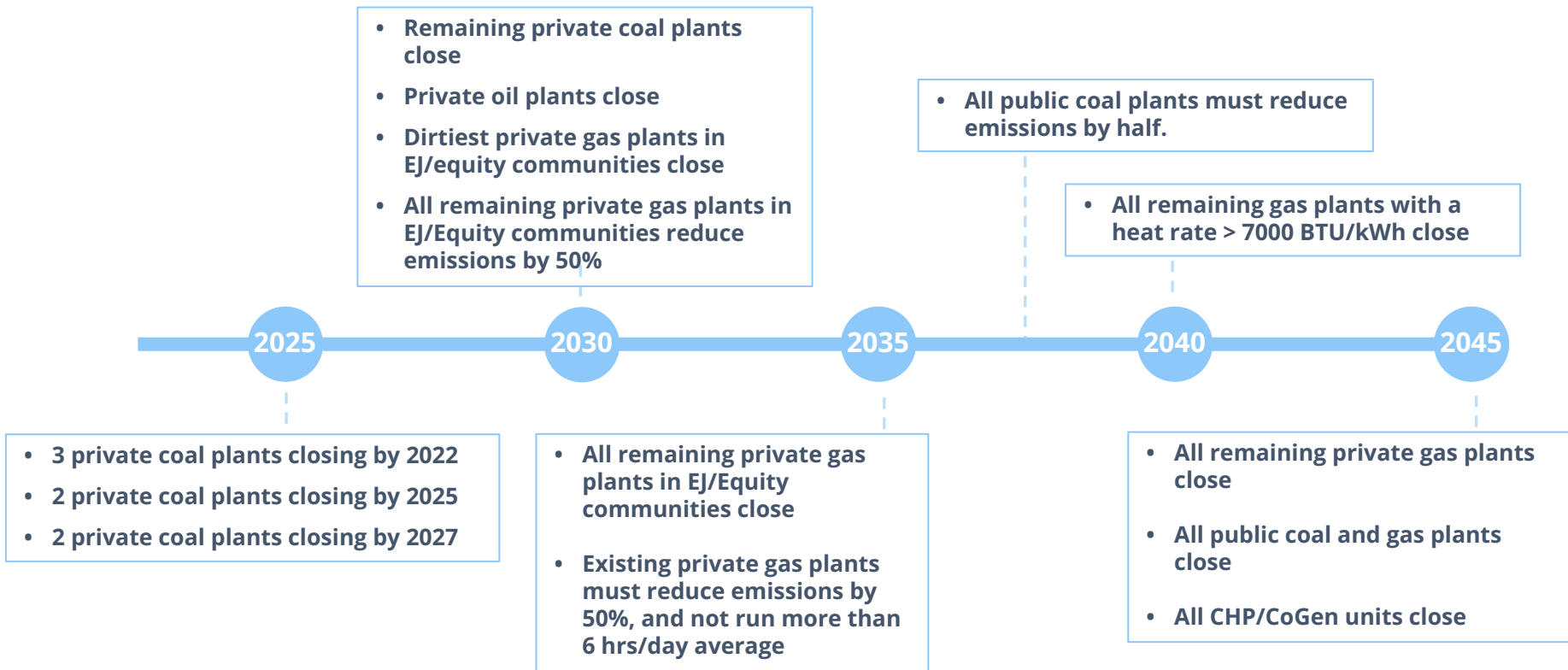




CARBON FREE POWER



Sets a hard timeline to close polluting plants, prioritizing equity communities



4) JUST TRANSITION FOR FOSSIL FUEL COMMUNITIES



JUST TRANSITION



Supports former fossil fuel communities and workers



**Energy Transition
Community Grants,
available to
communities with
closed or closing power
plants or coal mines.**



**Establishes an Energy
Transition Workforce
Commission to study and
report on workforce,
community, revenue,
environmental, and
economic impacts of plant
and mine closures on their
communities.**



**Creates a Displaced
Energy Worker
Dependent Transition
Scholarship Program**

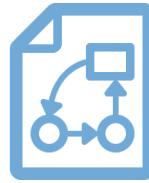
JUST TRANSITION



Displaced Energy Workers Bill of Rights



Advance notice of power plant
or mine closure



Notifying workers of programs
available to assist them



Employment assistance



Career Services



Financial Planning Services

5) INCLUSIVE FINANCING



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Creates new banking options for clean energy businesses and projects

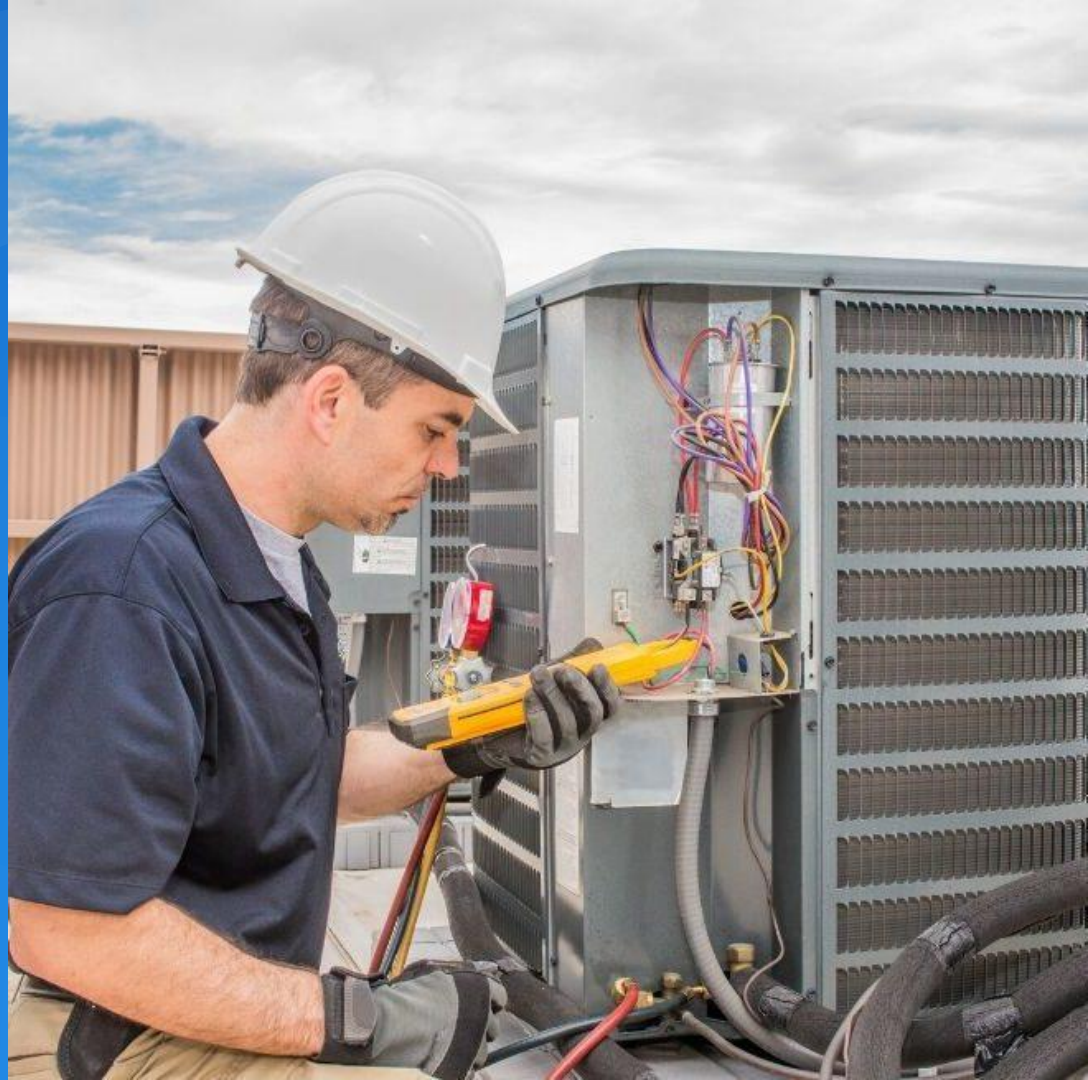
State-Run Programs:

- **Jobs and Environmental Justice Grant Program**
 - Run by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
 - Provides grants (up to \$1 million) to equity eligible contractors
 - Provides grants for community groups to develop community solar
- **Illinois Finance Authority Climate Bank**
 - Run by Illinois Finance Authority
 - Loans and funding for larger clean energy + climate resilience infrastructure projects

Non-Profit Program:

- **Clean Energy Jobs and Justice Fund**
 - Non-profit “green bank”
 - Focused on equitable lending and business development
 - Will likely provide loans and grants
 - Receives \$1 million/year in public funding to raise private capital
 - May offer financial products or opportunities to customers

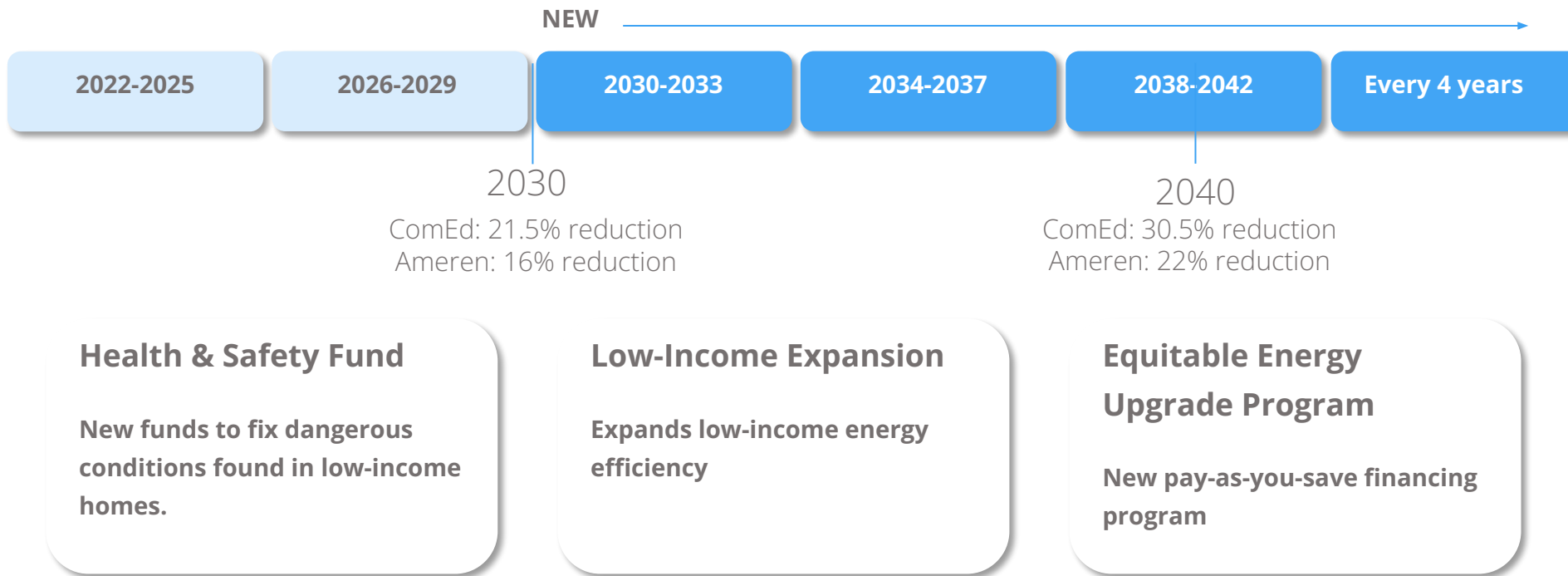
6) ENERGY EFFICIENCY



ENERGY EFFICIENCY



Expands Energy Efficiency



7) UTILITY ACCOUNTABILITY, GRID PLANNING, RATES





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UTILITY ACCOUNTABILITY



New ethics requirements and oversight for all utilities

New ethics oversight from the Illinois Commerce Commission

- New Ethics and Accountability Division
- New Public Utility Ethics and Compliance Monitor at ICC
- Publish annual ethics audit of all actions taken
- Monitoring, auditing, and subpoena power
- + more

New requirements on all public utilities (electric and gas utilities)

- Create Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer
- New code of ethical conduct for utilities personnel, lobbyists, and vendors
- Requires documentation of anything of value provided or discussed with public officials
- Fines and penalties if non-compliant
- + more

SUPPORTING LOW INCOME RATE PAYERS



Support for low-income ratepayers



Prohibits late-payment fees for low-income customers



Prohibits deposit requirements for low-income customers



Prohibits credit card fees for all customers



Requires ICC to study establishing a low-income discount rate



New reporting requirements on disconnections and credit and collections practices

8) ELECTRIC TRANSPORTATION



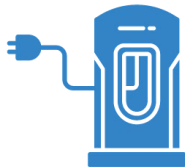
ELECTRIC VEHICLES



Gets 1 million electric vehicles on the road by 2030



Authorizes the state to create a **\$4,000/vehicle** rebate for purchasing an electric vehicle.



Provides a rebate to cover up to **80% of the cost** of installing charging stations, and even more in equity investment eligible communities.



Requires utilities to file Beneficial Electrification plans to support electrification and manage grid impacts of charging.

**EV @
IEPA**

Creates an EV Coordinator at IEPA to oversee EV investments and to plan and oversee EV rebates and charging station rebates.



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