

# Delaware's Task Force on CLEAN WATER

Clean water is essential to Delaware's future, economy, environment and health. That's why the state created the Clean Water and Flood Abatement Task Force, which convened leaders in business, agriculture, conservation, academia and government to study our most pressing clean water and flood-related challenges and recommend solutions.

## KEY FINDINGS

1.

More than 90% of Delaware's rivers, streams, bays and ponds are polluted.

2.

There is a \$100 million annual shortfall to address the state's water quality needs.

3.

Small investments from both businesses and residents of around \$40/year would significantly improve our water quality.

## KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

 **SUSTAINABLE FUNDING:** The state should establish a dedicated funding source for clean water initiatives by implementing an annual small fee per household and per business.

 **ANNUAL INVESTMENTS:** Delaware's General Assembly should significantly increase the annual investment in water infrastructure.

 **NATURAL SOLUTIONS & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:** When funding water quality projects, Delaware should prioritize green infrastructure and needs of underserved communities.

For more information on the Task Force and the full report: [bit.ly/DETaskForce](https://bit.ly/DETaskForce)



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