Beyond stormwater runoff, direct sources of pollution from agricultural fertilizers, wastewater and industrial operations can impact waterways. All of these pollution sources can contribute to harmful levels of toxins and excess nutrients entering the water.

Pollution can make waterways unsafe for swimming, drinking, or eating the fish from them. To protect our health, our water, our wildlife, and our way of life, we’ve got to make a change. Changes to protect and improve our waters mean funding—and your support—are needed.

90% of Delaware’s waterways are impacted by pollution

$100 MILLION is the annual shortage Delaware faces for clean water funding
Clean Water: Delaware's Clear Choice advocates for solutions

The Clean Water Campaign is a statewide effort to secure funding to safeguard Delaware’s water. Funding will support:

- Improvements to wastewater treatment systems
- Improvements to drinking water systems
- Flood reduction and drainage control projects
- Innovative toxic removal technologies
- Efforts to protect water quality, such as using cover crops or planting trees along waterways to filter pollution or capture excess nutrients

The Clean Water Campaign is spearheaded by a coalition of diverse stakeholder groups (non-profit, academic, businesses, organizations, individual advocates) that are committed to improving and protecting Delaware’s waterways and drinking water sources.

The Clean Water for Delaware Act, which would create a Clean Water Trust fund, will be considered by Delaware’s lawmakers in 2021. We ask the General Assembly to make an initial investment of: $50 MILLION

Funding for clean water could support both large and small projects that could create new jobs. Funding is essential to ensure that we have clean water, for the sake of our public health, for the environment, and Delaware’s economy.

To learn more and to take action, go to cleanwaterdelaware.org.

Your support has never been more important. Contact your local legislator to voice your support for the Clean Water for Delaware Act in 2021.

To find your state lawmaker and their contact information, go to inlandbays.org/clean-water-campaign.