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The Inflation Reduction Act Means Good Jobs for WV

As this story goes to print, the U.S. House of Representatives is set to vote on a landmark energy, health-care, and tax bill called the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA).

The \$433 billion bill is poised to be the country's biggest clean energy investment in U.S. history, while also delivering healthcare subsidies for millions of Americans and enacting a 15% minimum tax on corporations that make more than \$1 billion in profits. The lion share of the funding in the bill (\$360 billion) is related to clean energy issues.

Included in that funding is: \$8.3 billion in credits and financing to help install emission-reducing technologies; \$5.8 billion for decarbonizing the industrial sector, such as investment in pollution-control technologies; \$25 billion for natural decarbonization solutions, including strengthening carbon management practices for farms; \$1 billion for States to adopt updated building energy codes on a voluntary basis; and the opportunity for consumers

to receive one-time tax credit incentives of up to \$7,500 for the purchase of a new electric vehicle.

However, one of the most significant parts of the legislation is the extension of tax credits for wind and solar and the addition of new technologies to the list including geothermal, nuclear, and hydrogen.

In the past, tax credits for these forms of energy generally lasted for one to three years. However, the tax incentives in this bill will last for 10 years.

Additionally, for the first time ever, Davis Bacon wages, apprenticeship, and U.S. component manufacturing requirements have been included as bonus tax credits.

"The inclusion of tax credits for federal prevailing wage and the use of apprentices on private job sites is a big deal," said Chuck Parker, President of the West Virginia State Building and Construction Trades. "This will ensure good jobs are created as a result of this bill."

Proponents of the bill claim that it

is revenue neutral, paying for itself by implementing a 15% minimum tax on corporations that make more than \$1 billion in profits per year.

"Senator Joe Manchin has found a commonsense path forward for West Virginia that will save the state's economy and create new jobs," said Parker. "The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 is a gigantic win for West Virginia and for people who work for a living." ■

The Inflation Reduction Act Means Good Jobs and Lower Costs for West Virginians



THANK YOU SENATOR MANCHIN!



This ad was placed in newspapers by the WV State Building Trades, thanking Senator Joe Manchin for his support of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

WV Hydrogen Hub Coalition Meets, New Construction Projects Possible by 2029

On July 28, energy industry leaders came together to discuss the next steps for establishing West Virginia as the new home of hydrogen energy production during the WV Hydrogen Hub Coalition Industry Day.

However, according to representatives from the office of Senator Joe

Manchin, construction on any potential hydrogen projects would not start until at least 2029.

The group, made up of researchers, energy administrators, elected officials, labor, and others met to address the numerous challenges that must be met to ensure West Virginia

is chosen as a location for a hydrogen hub.

A hydrogen hub is a regional network consisting of the production, end-use, and connective infrastructure needed to produce, transport, store, and use hydrogen in a functional regional market.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, passed last year, includes \$9.5 billion for hydrogen, including \$8 billion for Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs that will jumpstart the production, transport, and use of clean hydrogen across the U.S. econ-

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\$45.7 million

DOT Releases New Plan to Create Electric Vehicle Charging Network in West Virginia

Earlier this month, the West Virginia Department of Transportation released a plan to construct a network of electric vehicle charging stations across West Virginia.

The plan was developed as a result of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program, created as a part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The NEVI program made \$5 billion available to U.S. states, providing them with funding to create a nationwide, interconnected network of electric vehicle infrastructure.

The West Virginia EV Infrastructure Plan will use \$45.7 million in NEVI funding over five years to create the state's charging network. The charging network will include 912 new public charging ports.

The ports will be placed throughout WV communities for local travel

and also along what are called "Alternative Fuel Corridors" (AFCs) for long distance travel. West Virginia's AFCs include Interstates 64, 68, 70, 77, 79, and 81.

The West Virginia EV Infrastructure Plan will be carried out in two phases.

Phase 1 of the plan will build EV charging stations every 50 miles along the electric AFCs. According to the DOT, phase 1 will take two years to complete.

Phase 2 will be focused on community-based public EV charging. The DOT will take input from community members and stakeholders in different areas across the state to determine the best locations for community charging sites.

According to the WVDOT, phase 1 projects will go out to bid in the winter of 2022/2023, and contracts

will be awarded spring 2023.

Community input and planning for phase 2 will begin in spring of 2023.

For more information on the West Virginia Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan, log on to www.transportation.wv.gov. ■

WV Hydrogen Hub

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omy; \$1 billion for a Clean Hydrogen Electrolysis Program to reduce costs of hydrogen produced from clean electricity; and \$500 million for Clean Hydrogen Manufacturing and Recycling initiatives to support equipment manufacturing and strong domestic supply chains.

The federal legislation also requires one hub be located in Appalachia, as the largest natural gas producing region. However, while the bill provides an opportunity, it is not guaranteed that West Virginia will be selected.

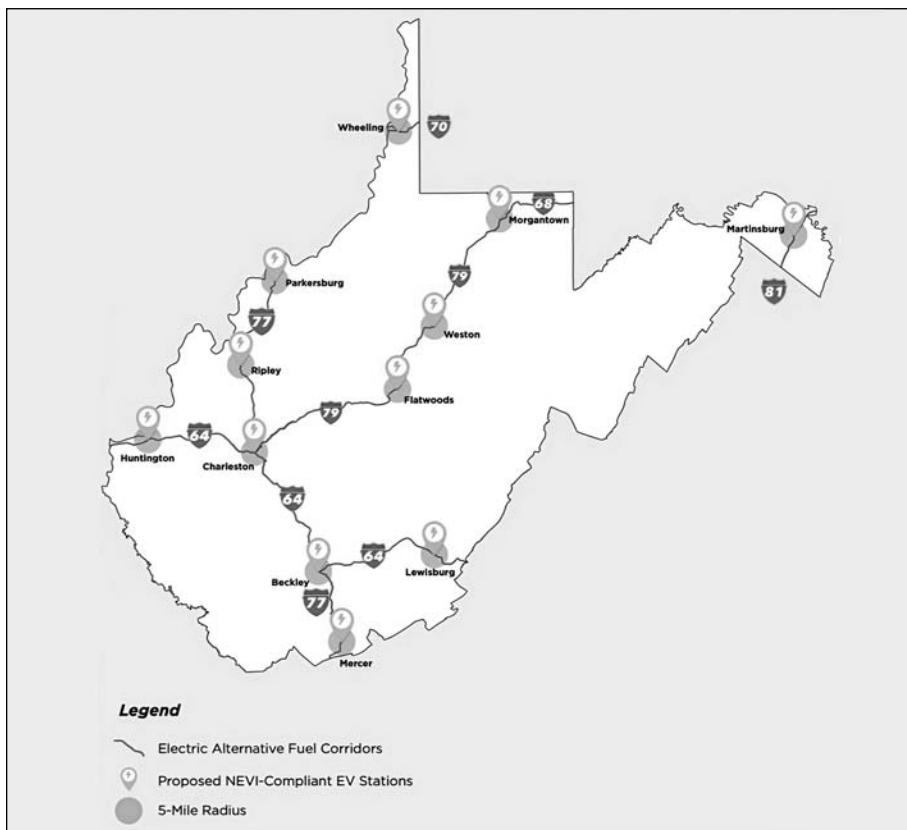
"We're talking about competitive funds here," said Josh Sword, President of the West Virginia AFL-CIO. "There are other groups in Appalachia and across the country who are fighting for these funds. So, we must

do everything we can to work together and showcase our state as the best option for a hydrogen hub."

While a hydrogen hub hasn't been secured for West Virginia, many industry leaders suggest the state as one of the top contenders, considering the abundance of natural gas resources, its history in energy production, and workforce readiness.

"Our unions have the best apprenticeship programs that produce the top workers out in the field. When it comes to any potential construction of hydrogen facilities, we're ready to take on that task."

For more information on the panels and items discussed at the West Virginia Hydrogen Hub Coalition Industry Day, log on to www.wvh2hub.com. ■



The picture above shows the proposed EV charging sites for phase 1, along WV's electric Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs). The National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program requires electric AFCs in each state to have a spacing of 50 miles or fewer between EV charging stations. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, the goal is to provide reliable regional and interstate EV travel across the U.S.



West Virginia AFL-CIO President Josh Sword (second from right) addresses the audience as a part of the 'Pathways for Workforce Development' panel, during the WV Hydrogen Hub Coalition Industry Day on July 28.

Building Trades General Endorsement List

State Senate

- 1 – Randy Swartzmiller (D)
- 5 – Mike Woelfel (D)
- 7 – Ron Stollings (D)
- 8 – Richard Lindsay (D)
- 10 – Stephen Baldwin (D)
- 11 – Bill Hamilton (R)
- 13 – Barbara Fleischauer (D)

House of Delegates

- 1 – Pat McGeehan (R)
- 2 – Ronnie Jones (D)
- 3 – Phil Diserio (D)
- 4 – Erikka Storch (R)

- 5 – Shawn Fluharty (D)
- 6 – Charlie Reynolds (R)
- 7 – Lisa Zukoff (D)
- 13 – Scot Heckert (R)
- 23 – Evan Worrell (R)
- 24 – Ally Layman (D)
- 25 – Sean Hornbuckle (D)
- 26 – Matthew Rohrbach (R)
- 27 – Ric Griffith (D)
- 29 – David Thompson (D)
- 32 – Rodney Miller (D)
- 33 – Jordan Bridges (R)
- 34 – Mark Dean (R)
- 35 – Adam Vance (R)

- 36 – Ed Evans (D)
- 43 – Chris Toney (R)
- 44 – Toney O. Martin (D)
- 45 – Christian Martine (D)
- 50 – Elliott Pritt (D)
- 51 – Gabe Peña (D)
- 52 – Larry Rowe (D)
- 54 – Mike Pushkin (D)
- 56 – Kayla Young (D)
- 57 – Doug Skaff (D)
- 58 – Walt Hall (R)
- 59 – Andy Shamblin (R)
- 60 – Dana Ferrell (R)
- 67 – Cody Thompson (D)

- 69 – Ron Watson (D)
- 70 – Ryan Deems (D)
- 71 – Laura Kimble (R)
- 72 – Derek McIntyre (D)
- 73 – Mike Mannypenny (D)
- 74 – “JohnBoy” Palmer (D)
- 75 – Stephanie Tomana (D)
- 76 – Joey Garcia (D)
- 77 – Bengy Swanson (D)
- 79 – Evan Hansen (D)
- 80 – John Williams (D)
- 81 – Danielle Walker (D)
- 88 – Rick Hillenbrand (R)
- 90 – George Miller (R) ■

PM Trades Raise \$6,000 at DAD's Day Event

Last month, the Parkersburg-Marietta Building and Construction Trades Council held their annual Dollars Against Diabetes Day (DAD's Day) Sporting Clay Shoot on Saturday, July 30.

This year's event raised more than \$6,000 for diabetes research efforts.

The event was held at Hilltop Sports in Whipple, Ohio with over a dozen shooters participating in the competition.

Sponsors for the event included: MOV Insurance; Ohio State Building Trades Council; Stevens Engineering & Constructors; WV AFL-CIO; Tri-

State Building Trades; UA Local 577; UA Local 168; UA Local 86; Workers United Local 863; Bricklayers; Par Mar; Ironworkers Local 787; Boilermakers Local 667; IBEW Local 972; Faulkner, Hoffman & Phillips, LLC; Laborers Local 639; WV State Building Trades; and ACT Ohio.

Across the county, Building Trades Unions have come together around DAD's Day to promote the cause of finding a cure to the disease that affects 1 in 10 Americans.

Since DAD's Day was first initiated in 1987, more than \$57 million has been raised to support research

aiming to put an end to diabetes.

Buddy Malone, Business Manager for the Parkersburg-Marietta Building and Construction Trades Council, explains the importance of this annual event.

“We take pride in the money we

are able to raise for diabetes research every year,” said Malone. “The Sporting Clay Shoot helps to support a great cause and also provides our members with an opportunity to come out and have a good time together.” ■



Members from the Parkersburg-Marietta Building Trades compete in the annual DAD's Day Sporting Clay Shoot at Hilltop Sports in Whipple, Ohio on July 30.

Trades Thank Cabell-Huntington Hospital



This picture was part of an ad, placed by the West Virginia State Building Trades, thanking Cabell-Huntington Hospital for their use of union construction workers and contractors.

This five-story, 75,000 square-foot, \$51 million Cabell-Huntington Hospital Outpatient Center is still under construction by MIRC Construction in Huntington, West Virginia.

“We want to thank Cabell-Huntington Hospital for their commitment to hiring local, union trades to complete this state-of-the-art facility,” said John Holbrook, Business Manager for the Tri-State Building and Construction Trades Council.

Ohio Valley Trades and Labor Assembly Raises +\$3,500 at Dunk Tank for Charity

Last Month, the Ohio Valley Trades and Labor Assembly held their annual Dunk Tank for Charity.

The event was held during Undo's Upper Ohio Valley Italian Heritage Festival in Wheeling, WV on June 29-30.

In addition to the Dunk Tank, a raffle was also held to benefit Upper Ohio Valley charities.

In total, the events raised more

than \$3,500 for local charities by partnering with public officials, clergy, and media personalities who sat in the dunk tank to benefit the local charity of their choice.

Proceeds from the fundraising efforts went to 12 different charities including: Easter Seals, Augusta Levy, North Wheeling Youth Center, Shop with the Sheriff, Undo's Italian Festival Scholarship, Unity Center, Moun-

taineer Food Bank, YMCA, Youth Systems Services, Coats for Kids, the Road Home Animal Project, and the Osiris Shrine Children's Hospital.

"Our annual Dunk Tank is a great way for Labor to give back to the community," said Dave Cantrell, a

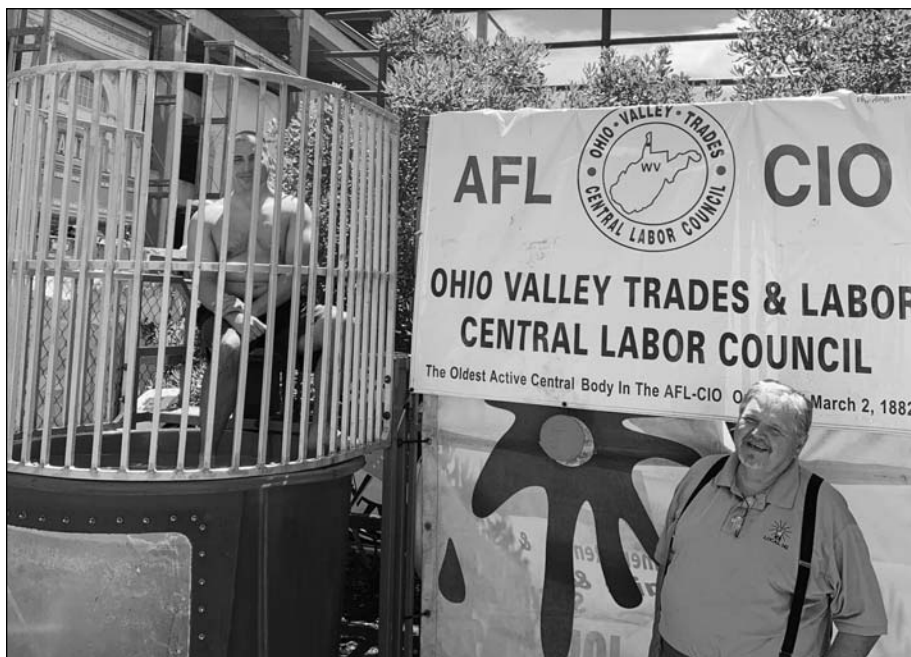
member of IBEW 141 and Treasurer for the Ohio Valley Trades and Labor Assembly. "It also provides an opportunity for us to show people that we care about our home and give them an example of why they should hire local workers." ■



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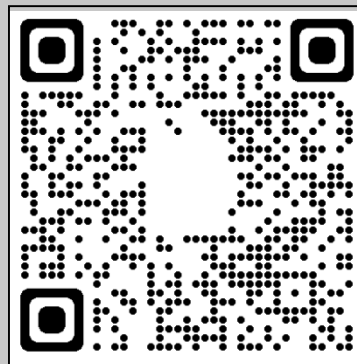


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Art Oakland of IBEW 141 (right) stands next to Marshall County Prosecuting Attorney Joe Canestraro as he sits in the Upper Ohio Valley Building Trades Council's Dunk Tank for Charity on June 30 in Wheeling, WV.

2022 AFL-CIO Member Survey



Scan the QR code above to take the 2022 AFL-CIO Union Member Issue Survey.

Your responses to this survey will help the AFL-CIO identify what matters most to union members so that they can ensure they are communicating with you and focusing on the issues that are most pressing for you and your family.

To take the survey, you can either scan the QR code above or log on to <https://act.aflcio.org/forms/2022-union-member-issue-survey/>.

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2022 Labor Day Weekend Events

WASHINGTON COUNTY LABOR DAY PARADE

Saturday, September 3
10:00am Event start
Marietta, OH

PORTSMOUTH RIVER DAYS PARADE

Saturday, September 3
10:00am Line-up, 11:00am Event start
Spartan Stadium (Portsmouth, OH)

CATLETTSBURG LABOR DAY PARADE

Monday, September 5
9:00am Line-up, 10:00am Event start

PADEN CITY LABOR DAY PARADE

Monday, September 5
12:00pm Line-up (South End of town), 1:00pm Event start
Contact: BB Smith (304) 545-7781 bbsmith667@hotmail.com