



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
National Environmental Youth Advisory Council
Charge Topic | 2023 – 2025

BACKGROUND

EPA established the National Environmental Youth Advisory Council (NEYAC) in 2023 to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Administrator on how to increase EPA's efforts to address a range of environmental issues as they relate to youth, with an emphasis on people under the age of 29. Council members will provide a critical perspective on how the impacts of climate change and other environmental harms affect youth.

CHARGE

Innovating solutions through youth engagement to build cleaner, healthier and more equitable communities nationwide.

EPA is working to protect public health and the environment, and the historic appropriations of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act have allowed the agency to support climate resilient communities, address environmental justice concerns, transform infrastructure, and support communities transition to clean energy economies, all while supporting good-paying jobs in communities.

Youth have historically been at the forefront of the environmental and climate movements. EPA recognizes that America's youth is critical to ensuring future generations have access to clean air, safe water, and healthy land.

The NEYAC will provide policy advice, information, and recommendations to the Administrator on a range of environmental issues and policies that are of importance to youth including:

- Climate change
- Clean energy transition
- Zero-emission vehicle adoption and deployment
- Recycling/Plastic Waste Reduction
- Environmental justice
- Food Loss and Waste
- Workforce Development

The NEYAC's recommendations should be rooted in EPA's foundational value of scientific integrity with a commitment to ensuring environmental justice for all communities.