

# New York State Fracking Ban

- **PROJECT TYPE:**  
Statewide ban on fracking
- **LOCATION:**  
Entire state of New York
- **INVESTMENT COST:**  
\$20 billion
- **ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION DATE:**  
December 2010
- **ORIGINAL OPERATING DATE:**  
Indefinite → 7 years so far

## OVERVIEW

- In December 2010, New York Governor David Paterson issued a temporary statewide ban on fracking, pending reviews by state agencies.
- In response, KIITG activist groups mounted a broad, multi-year campaign to make the ban permanent. The effort was led by New Yorkers Against Fracking, a “coalition that helped unify the national, state and grassroots organizations calling for a statewide ban, ultimately comprising more than 250 organizations.”
- The activists focused their campaign on Governor Andrew Cuomo. “[O]ur signature tactic was ‘bird-dogging,’ the practice of establishing a presence at a political target’s public appearances. The movement bird-dogged Cuomo relentlessly, rallying outside fundraisers, press conferences, state fairs and dozens of other public events...Cuomo realized that everywhere he went, he’d be met by fracktivists.”<sup>1</sup>

*“In New York, we’re very fortunate. We have a governor who’s willing to keep it in the ground very much because of the pressure that a lot of the people in this room put on him...Our governor had the guts to lead and lead the nation and ban fracking.”<sup>2</sup>*  
– Celebrity activist Mark Ruffalo

## LOST OPPORTUNITY ECONOMIC IMPACT



**\$22.3** ↓  
**BILLION**  
in GDP impact\*



**191,841** ↓  
total full-time  
equivalent job  
years\*



**\$4.9** ↓  
**BILLION**  
in lost tax  
revenue\*



Image from [Common Dreams](#)

## STATUS:

In December 2014, Governor Cuomo announced an indefinite statewide ban on fracking.<sup>3</sup>

\* Number refers to total economic impact from construction/operations/upstream, through August 2018

1. [Mark Ruffalo Urges President Obama to Keep Fossil Fuels in the Ground in Gripping New Documentary](#), Alternet blog, 6/16/16  
2. Ibid.  
3. [Citing Health Risks, Cuomo Bans Fracking in New York State](#), New York Times, 12/17/14