Virginia General Assembly Conservation Scorecard





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Our Purpose

The Virginia League of Conservation Voters (VALCV) is the non-partisan political action arm of Virginia's conservation community. VALCV takes its franchise from the local, regional and state conservation groups that define the issues and priorities. Because most of these groups have a 501(c)(3) non-profit status, and therefore cannot engage in electoral politics, we undertake that effort on their behalf.

VALCV's mission is to preserve and enhance the quality of life for all Virginians by making conservation a top priority with Virginia's elected officials, political candidates and voters.

Virginia voters polled in 2001 and 2003 were more concerned about clean water and clean air than traffic congestion and the economy. Eighty-seven percent of Virginians think conservation issues are important factors when deciding how to vote. Eighty-five to 90% of Virginians want to preserve Virginia's rural character by investing in agriculture, forestry and natural resource based industries to conserve working farms, forests and open space.

We believe that environmentally concerned citizens represent a huge potential force in electoral politics. Candidates for elected office often are not asked by the public or the media to articulate their positions on conservation issues. Yet conservation concerns such as sprawl, the quality of our drinking water, the disposal of our waste, and the sanctity of our remaining open spaces continue to be important issues to voters.

A Proud Tradition Worth Preserving

We Virginians cherish our heritage. We also love our land. We all want clean air, clean water, protection of our farmland and forests, and preservation of our historical landmarks.

Too often, however, our government has allowed our history to be paved over, our air and waters to become polluted, and our productive land to be wasted by poorly planned development.

Virginia deserves elected officials who are responsive to the people and the needs of the environment.

We must urge our elected officials to accept the challenge to protect Virginia's natural resources, our abundant wildlife, and our irreplaceable historic sites. Virginians care about the integrity of the Commonwealth that is left to our children; our elected officials should, too.

"By picking up this Scorecard, you've taken an important step toward protecting Virginia's environment."



Only Delegate Albert Pollard, Jr. has received the 100% Legislative Hero award for five consecutive years.



Know The Score

By picking up this Scorecard, you've taken an important step toward protecting Virginia's environment. Knowing how your legislators vote on key bills is a key step toward holding them accountable and making conservation a top priority in Virginia government. Our annual Conservation Scorecard records the most important conservation votes of each legislative year and is distributed to VALCV members, Virginia environmental organizations, elected officials at every level, and the news media. Now in its fifth year, the Conservation Scorecard has become the authoritative source on Virginia's environmental politics.

As a legislative watchdog, VALCV tracks the voting records on key environmental, growth and funding proposals in the General Assembly. During each session we work hard to make sure legislators hear loud and clear from the conservation voters in their districts. Then at session's end we publish this Virginia Conservation Scorecard to help voters distinguish between the rhetoric and the reality of a lawmaker's record.

It's Not Too Late To Say Thanks! (... Or No Thanks!)

How did your legislators do this past session? The 2004 session has passed and the 2005 session will be gearing up, with many more conservation bills for your legislators to consider. Use the legislative maps and directory listed in the back of the Scorecard to contact the delegate and senator for your district. Special appreciation certainly is due for our "Legislative Heroes." This year eight Delegates and five Senators made it on the list. Legislators in the Top Quartile list

| Average Annual Scores | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|--------|--|
| | House | Senate | |
| 2000 | 51% | 47% | |
| 2001 | 54% | 57% | |
| 2002 | 59% | 45% | |
| 2003 | 55% | 30% | |
| 2004 | 47% | 59% | |

Legislator "Heroes" 100% Voting Record for 2004

| House | Party | District |
|----------------------|------------|-----------|
| Baskerville | (D) | 71 |
| Lewis Moran | (D) (D) | 100 46 |
| Petersen | (D) | 37 |
| Pollard Scott, J. | (D) (D) | 99 53 |
| Shannon | (D) | 35 |
| Sickles | (D) | 43 |
| Senate | Party | District |
| Deeds | (D) | 25 |
| Houck | (D) | 17 |
| Howell | (D) | 32 |
| Ticer | (D) | 30 |
| Whipple | (D) | 31 |

Legislator "Zeroes" 0% Voting Record for 2004

| House | Party | District |
|---------|-------|----------|
| Black | (R) | 32 |
| Byron | (R) | 22 |
| Drake | (R) | 87 |
| Dudley | (R) | 9 |
| Joannou | (D) | 79 |
| Kilgore | (R) | 1 |
| Marrs | (R) | 68 |
| Putney | (I) | 19 |
| Rapp | (R) | 96 |
| Suit | (R) | 81 |

and those who patroned conservation bills deserve recognition and thanks as well. (See charts on pages 3 and 11.)

Our legislators will be much more likely to respond favorably to future requests if we take a moment now to let them know we value their past efforts especially on tough issues.

If your legislators appeared in the Bottom Quartile list, they especially need to hear from you! (See chart on page 3.) These legislators need to know we are watching their actions, that we deeply care about conservation issues, and that they should too. You may even find that by providing additional information on environmental issues, you could make a crucial difference in their votes next time!



How the Scorecard Votes Were Chosen

VALCV is an advocate for a wide spectrum of conservation initiatives while opposing ill-conceived legislation that takes Virginia's environmental protections backward. We create this annual Conservation Scorecard to illustrate the performance of our elected officials during the legislative session on bills that have an impact on conservation issues. Experts from Virginia's conservation organizations make recommendations to VALCV on which votes should be included. If a vote does not illustrate a clear distinction between those who support the conservation position and those who do not, often that vote is discarded as a Scorecard vote. This is a natural limitation of a Scorecard that is particularly visible in a year

| | Top Qu f 75% o | uartile or Higher | |
|--|--|---|---|
| House | Party | District | Score |
| Alexander Almand Athey Baskerville Bland Brink Ebbin Eisenberg Fralin Hall Hull Keister Lewis Marshall, R. Moran Petersen Plum Pollard Scott, J. Shannon Shuler Sickles Spruill Van Landingham | (D) | 89 44 18 71 63 48 49 47 17 69 38 6 100 13 46 37 36 99 53 35 12 43 77 45 | 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 75 7 |
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when there are so few significant conservation initiatives.

This year's Scorecard, in addition to providing scores for 2004 and 2003, also includes a cumulative average score for each legislator. For this cumulative, we have calculated the actual number of "right" votes by the legislator since VALCV began the Scorecard in 2000. The number of right votes is then divided by the total number of votes possible for that legislator. This careful process allows the Conservation Scorecard to give a clear picture of a legislator's long-term performance.

2004 Bottom Quartile Score of 25% or Lower

| House | Party | District | Score |
|--------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Armstrong | (D) | 11 | 25 |
| Bell | (R) | 58 | 25 |
| Black | (R) | 32 | 0 |
| Byron | (R) | 22 | 0 |
| Carrico | (R) | 5 | 25 |
| Cline | (R) | 24 | 25 |
| Cosgrove | (R) | 78 | 25 |
| Drake | (R) | 87 | 0 |
| Dudley | (R) | 9 | 0 |
| Griffith | (R) | 8 | 25 |
| Hamilton | (R) | 93 | 20 |
| Hargrove | (R) | 55 | 25 |
| Hogan | (R) | 60 | 25 |
| Hugo | (R) | 40 | 25 |
| Janis | (R) | 56 | 25 |
| Joannou | (D) | 79 | 0 |
| Johnson | (D) | 4 | 25 |
| Jones, S.C. | (R) | 76 | 20 |
| Kilgore | (R) | 1 | 0 |
| Marrs | (R) | 68 | 0 |
| Marshall, D. | (R) | 14 | 25 |
| McDonnell | (R) | 84 | 25 |
| Nixon | (R) | 27 | 25 |
| Nutter | (R) | 7 | 25 |
| Oder | (R) | 94 | 25 |
| Orrock | (R) | 54 | 25 |
| Parrish | (R) | 50 | 25 |
| Purkey | (R) | 82 | 25 |
| Putney | (I) | 19 | 0 |
| Rapp | (R) | 96 | 0 |
| Reese | (R) | 67 | 25 |
| Reid | (R) | 72 | 17 |
| Rust | (R) | 86 | 25 |
| Saxman | (R) | 20 | 25 |
| Stump | (D) | 3 | 20 |
| Suit | (R) | 81 | 0 |
| Wardrup | (R) | 83 | 20 |
| Weatherholz | (R) | 26 | 25 |
| Senate | Party | District | Score |
| Cuccinelli | v | 37 | 11 |
| Martin | (R) (R) | 37 11 | 11 17 |
| | | 23 | 17 |
| Newman | (R) | | |
| O'Brien | (R) | 39 | 14 |
| Williams | (R) | 1 | 20 |

2004 Scorecard Highlights

The Biennial Budget – What's In It for Natural Resources?

Environmentalists have known for years that Virginia is not investing enough into Natural Resources. Our waters, our air, and our lands have long suffered from neglect. Even in the boom years of the 1990's, little attention was paid to the rising costs of cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay or the purchase of open space. Meanwhile, funding was on the upswing for highways to prepare the way for more sprawling growth into Virginia's heartland. Our elected officials are finally getting the message that we cannot afford to wait to protect and preserve our Virginia.



Notable Number 26

Twenty-six Delegates had a better score in 2004 than in the previous year.

A 2002 study by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission placed Virginia last in the nation in spending for parks and protecting natural resources. General fund spending has declined for the Natural Resources Secretariat by 52 percent since 2000. Two recent state reports suggest that Virginia may be moving backward.

One revealed that now half the waterways monitored by the state Department of Environmental Quality are impaired. The other is the annual report on toxins release that shows an 18 percent increase in toxins released into



Thirty million dollars are included in the biennial budget for the Water Quality Improvement Fund to be divided equally between point and non-point source solutions.

waterways. Worst of all, Virginia refuses to provide funds for adequate monitoring to determine the extent of the pollution; the monitoring budget only stretches to cover one-fourth of the state's waterways. This is certainly not the way to care for an industry that generates almost 19 billion dollars for Virginia's economy.

In the summer of 2003, Governor Warner established a Natural Resources Commission to review the most pressing funding needs. In December, Governor Warner released his budget for the 2004-06 biennium. He included language that addressed funding for land conservation and water quality. Senator Creigh Deeds (SB 569) and Delegate Harvey Morgan (HB 693) each introduced legislation on behalf of the Governor that established the Virginia Natural and Historic Resources Fund from a \$10 document recording fee that was expected to generate \$30 million. This fund would divide the proceeds between the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation and the Water Quality Improvement Fund. The bills encountered problems when it became clear that a hole would be created in the general fund if the recording fee shifted to dedicated funds for Natural Resources.

Senator John Chichester picked up elements of the Natural and Historic Resources Fund in his budget bill but shifted funding from a dedicated recordation fee to an increase in sales tax. The House budget included no such language but did allow for the Water Quality Improvement Fund to continue to receive ten percent of any budget surplus each year. If the state experiences a budget deficit, the fund would receive no money. The standoff between the Senate and the House budgets sharpened.

Finally, on May 7, after 115 days of deliberation, the General Assembly agreed upon a \$59 billion budget. The Governor had 30 days to amend the budget and then the entire General Assembly reconvened on June 16 to consider proposed changes by **Governor Warner**. The new two-year budget will take effect July 1, 2004 with the new tax increases going into effect on September 1.

The budget, which is bolstered by \$1.4 billion in new tax increases, focused primarily on education, health, and state government. It included no new funds for transportation. While budget negotiators cited the recent increase in gasoline prices as a reason not to levy an additional gas tax, it is important to remember that the sales tax rejection in 2002 amounted to a vote of "no confidence" in local and state land use and transportation planning. The budget did provide some much-needed increases in Natural Resources funding. Of the \$35 million in new funds for the two years, \$30 million will go to the Water Quality Improvement Fund. The new money will be divided between point sources of pollution (DEQ) and nonpoint sources (DCR). An additional \$2.5 million has been allocated each year for land conservation funding through the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation. There is language in the budget that establishes six new criteria for awarding land conservation grants through VLCF. One reviews a locality's master plan as a Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area. Another criterion is a land parcel's protection of local drinking water supplies.

As a result of the passage of **Delegate Joe May's (HB 549)** bill to establish a \$1 deed recordation fee to go toward the operations of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, an additional \$800,000 each year was included in the Natural Resources budget. After sailing through the House of Delegates, HB 549 began to run into difficulty with the tax reform measures before the Senate Finance committee. **Senator Russ Potts** helped to shepherd it through the committee with very little resistance. Because most easements held by VOF are donated by landowners rather than purchased outright, Virginia citizens gain significant returns on their investment in this agency.

All of this new funding is definitely a step forward for conservation protection in Virginia. Kudos to the Senate budget conferees and especially **Sen. John Chichester** for insisting that the Natural Resources funding remain in the

final budget.

(Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Dept.) will no longer be an independent state agency. It was folded into the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). The conservation community raised concerns during the session about how the budget should not be used as a tool to set policy. **Secretary of Natural Resources Tayloe Murphy** opposed the CBLAD merger into DCR and indicated that he would continue to communicate with the governor about possible amendments to remove this line item. The other disappointment is that the \$2 million for a private conference center in Occoneechee State Park in Mecklenburg County remains in the budget. We asked conferees to consider shifting that funding to the state park Hurricane Isabel cleanup which would have benefited all parks in Virginia.

The bad news in the budget is twofold. CBLAD

Overall, we should be pleased with the outcome of the budget in this contentious and exhaustive session. While it is not nearly enough for all of the environmental needs

Notable Number \$5 million Five million dollars are included in the 2004-06 budget for land conservation in the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation.



Thanks to all of our activists who have cared enough to communicate these needs to legislators. Together we are conveying the message that we must invest NOW to protect our natural resources.

Water Resources and the King William Reservoir

Three reservoir bills were included earlier this year on the list of "Bad and Ugly" legislation. All of them were designed to undermine the authority of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission which voted last spring to deny the permit for construction of the King William reservoir. The VMRC opposed the reservoir because the City of Newport News wanted to build the intake in prime spawning grounds for shad.

After 16 years of effort and 20 million dollars, Newport News is still seeking to build an intake pipeline that would pull water from the Mattaponi River into a 12.2 billion gallon reservoir in King William County. Exhaustive analysis and sound science found that the King William Reservoir would irreparably harm Virginia's natural resources. Construction of the project was determined not to be in the public interest.

In an effort to circumvent the VMRC's authority and proceed with the reservoir construction, **Senator Marty Williams (SB 109)** tried to characterize his bill as a way to "streamline" the permitting process but, in effect, would have stripped permitting authority from the VMRC. **Senator Wagner's SB 420** and **Delegate Oder's HB 797** were even worse. They directed VMRC to convey certain easements necessary for the reservoir project to move forward. **Delegate Harvey Morgan** said, "These bills are an attack upon existing processes that rely on sound science in decision-making about how best to use our water resources. They would set a precedent that would put all of Virginia's rivers at risk."

Fortunately, none of these bills passed. An agreement was struck, however, that gives Newport News another chance to obtain a permit from VMRC. Newport News agreed to drop its lawsuit seeking a quasi-judicial hearing before the commission once VMRC agreed to oversee a second hearing on the permit by August 15. There will likely be new appointees to the VMRC by then and the outcome could be

different this time. It is reasonable to expect that Newport News will be back next session to continue their pursuit if the outcome of the second hearing is not favorable.



Giving Localities Tools to Create Better Communities

If current trends continue, Virginia will develop more land in the next 40 years than it has in the past 400. This trend is increasing the financial burden on citizens, especially in fast-growing communities. It is far more costly to provide infrastructure for spread-out development than for more compact and traditional towns and cities. Meanwhile, as costs increase to create new infrastructure (such as water, sewer, schools, and roads), cities are neglected or abandoned as population and jobs shift from already developed areas. Communities need a toolbox that includes many options to assist in managing the location and rate of growth locally. One such tool is enabling legislation that would allow localities to adopt, if they choose, an Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO).

An APFO allows localities to address the timing of development by creating a rational financial plan and program to provide services such as schools, sewer, and water. Rather than excusing localities from their obligation to provide infrastructure, the APFO allows localities to base the approval of a subdivision or site plan on the availability of adequate public facilities. Quite a few bills were introduced in the 2004 session that would have given local governments the authority to adopt adequate public facilities or impact fees.



Senator Fred Quayle introduced SB 393, an APF bill tied to adequacy of school funding. The bill was heard in the Senate Local Government committee and is included in the Scorecard. While the bill was a long way from passage, the illustrated vote showed that more senators supported this bill than APF legislation in years past. The coalition of supporting organizations was broader as well. Delegate **Bob Marshall** was back armed with numerous growth management bills. Five of them were designed to give impact fee authority to state agencies since the General Assembly is resistant to transferring authority to localities. Although the bills were originally referred to a variety of committees as an attempt to broaden the debate on APFO, most were referred back to the House Counties, Cities, and Towns committee and subsequently killed. Other legislators who bravely introduced growth management legislation are Delegate Mark Sickles, Delegate Joe May, and **Delegate Mark Cole.**

The other bill related to local decision-making is **SB 58** introduced by **Senator Stephen Martin.** This bill allows repairs to nonconforming billboard signs up to 50% of the current replacement costs thereby diminishing local control of nonconforming signage. Previously, signs falling into this level of disrepair might have had to be removed. Virginia Beach raised valid concerns about how this would limit their local ordinances, but the heavily-lobbied bill passed without much objection from other local governments.

Notable Number 4 Four senators on the Local Government Committee supported the school Adequate Public Facilities bill – Senators Mims, Quayle (chief patron), Ticer, and Whipple.



Transportation – Is Virginia Stuck in Reverse Gear?

Senator Steve Newman introduced legislation this year **(SB 670)** that required VDOT to proceed with the construction of the Rt. 29 bypass around Charlottesville. Even though VDOT has determined that the Rt. 29 corridor through Charlottesville will continue to have a failing level of service even after the proposed bypass was constructed, the Lynchburg area legislators joined forces to promote it.

Southside legislators have long believed that their area was denied economic development opportunities when Interstate 64 was located to the north. Their goal was then to upgrade U.S. Rt. 29 to connect Northern Virginia with Greensboro, NC. Bypasses were built around other population centers but by the time a bypass was seriously proposed for Charlottesville, the growth in the area made a bypass obsolete because it could not avoid traffic bottlenecks. For these reasons, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) removed the bypass from its Six Year Construction Plan.

Senator Newman, in cooperation with **Delegate Danny Marshall**, attached substitute language to the bill that is a modest improvement from the original language. Instead of *mandating* construction of the bypass, the bill now states that if Rt. 29 is not constructed because of opposition from the local MPO, and the Federal Highway Administration requires the Commonwealth to reimburse the federal government for federal funds expended in connection with that project, an amount equal to the amount of the federal reimbursement will be deducted by the CTB from funds allocated to the Culpeper Highway Construction District and an amount equal to the total of all state funds (already) expended on the project will be deducted from the same highway construction district.

This new language nonetheless sets a bad precedent for all Virginia communities which often spend some amount of money on studies and preliminary engineering to determine whether a certain transportation project is cost-effective. The Governor amended the bill but the amendment was defeated in the legislative veto session on April 21. The Governor later signed the bill into law.

Not all of the transportation debate focused on roads. **Senator John Edwards** again introduced his **Rail Authority legislation–SB 413**. This bill was a re-enactment of HB 1276 from the 2003 session. SJ 354 (2003) required a study of the proposed rail authority. The results of that study were used in the preparation of SB 413.

The Virginia Rail Transportation Authority, like the Virginia Port Authority, would provide a public-private financing mechanism for long-term investment in



Virginia's Railway Infrastructure. The Rail Authority was modeled, in large part, after the Port Authority so that rail service can assist in improving our transportation system statewide and give a boost to Virginia's economy.

The Rail Authority would have applicability throughout Virginia and would be beneficial for having rail transit as a part of the solution to the problem of moving people and goods in a multi-modal approach. Areas where it might have applicability include the I-81 corridor and Tidewater's US 460 corridor. A recent report showed how improving the rail infrastructure along the I-81 corridor would provide relief for dangerous highway traffic by encouraging the diversion of trucks to trains. The congestion on I-81 is largely due to the increase of long-haul "through" traffic that neither originates nor terminates in Virginia.

Notable Number 5 The five VALCV top-targeted candidates in the fall campaigns all earned 100% voting records – Senator Houck and Delegates Lewis, Petersen, Shannon, and Sickles.



This bill passed the Senate without objection. Despite a deluge of phone calls, emails, and letters to members of the House Appropriations committee members and numerous prominent speakers on behalf of the bill, it failed to get out of committee in the waning days of the session. Despite a rousing speech of support from **Delegate Preston Bryant**, an unanticipated majority of objectors emerged. At the end of the session, everything began to take on the flavor of tax increase and entered into budgetary horse-trading. It was unfortunate that SB 413 fell victim to it.

2004 Scorecard Vote Key

VOTE KEY LEGEND = VALCV supported bill X = VALCV opposed bill



Patron: Delegate Joe May

Imposes a \$1 fee on every deed admitted to record as of July 1, 2004. The revenue collected will go to the operations of Virginia Outdoors Foundation. *Despite some confusion between this bill and the one proposed by Gov. Warner for natural resources funding, this bill attracted bipartisan support in both chambers.*The bill passed in the House (80-Y, 19-N) and in the Senate (32-Y, 8-N). (Note: Delegate Ryan McDougle strongly supported this bill but could not be present for the floor vote due to a death in the family.)

SB 58 Nonconforming Billboards Patron: Senator Steve Newman

Allows repairs to nonconforming billboard signs up to 50% of the current replacement costs thereby diminishing local control of nonconforming signage. The current requires many old signs to be removed where this new law will permit them to be repaired and remain. The Scorecard vote selected for the Senate was the vote on the conference committee's report to accept the House amendments which were more restrictive for local governments. A "right" vote was to oppose the Conference Committee's recommendations. The report was accepted on a 22-Y to 17-N vote. The House voted to adopt the report on a 87-Y "wrong" to 11-N "right" vote.

Notable Number 19 Nineteen legislators were chief patrons of conservation-friendly legislation. All received "extra credit" in their Scorecard calculations.

SB 109 Submerged Land Permit Exemption Patron: Senator Marty Williams

Exempts a water supply project such as the King William Reservoir that has received a Virginia Water Protection Permit from the State Water Control Board from having to receive a separate permit from Virginia Marine Resources Commission for use of state-owned bottomland. The issuance of the permit by the State Water Control Board would constitute the final state action on the project thereby expediting permitting for large-scale projects such as reservoirs and power plants.

SB 109 was one of several introduced by Senator Williams on behalf of the City of Newport News. It was defeated in the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources on a 6-Y to 9-N vote.

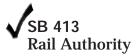


Provides that the planning commission shall make a school facility capacity study during the period projected by the comprehensive plan. Such localities may include in their ordinances provisions that no application for approval of the preliminary plat for a new residential subdivision, or for approval of a site plan or plan of development for any other new development incorporating more than five residential units, will be accepted unless it is accompanied by certification issued by the planning commission after consultation with the school board, that proposed subdivisions or other development is consistent with the adopted educational facilities plan for the locality, and will not cause the level of service for the schools available in the locality to serve the new development to decline below the standards. This APF bill enjoyed widespread support from many local governments, the Virginia Farm Bureau, the Virginia Education Association, and the conservation community. Several Senators moved to support this bill this year because of their deep concerns for school funding in their communities. The Scorecard illustrates the "right" votes of four legislators who voted to support this legislation before the vote to carry the bill over took place. This vote of 4-Y to 11-N was taken in the Senate Local Government Committee meeting on Feb. 3 but is not recorded on the legislative website.

XSB 420 Virginia Marine Resources Commission Property Conveyance

Patron: Senator Frank Wagner

Authorizes the Virginia Marine Resources Commission to convey a permanent easement of approximately 0.9 acres in the Mattaponi River, in King William County, to the City of Newport News for the purpose of constructing a raw water intake structure to provide water supply for the Newport News reservoir project. In another effort to circumvent the authority of the VMRC, this bill was first referred to the Senate Courts of Justice Committee where it passed and was sent to the Senate floor. There, Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Charles Hawkins, moved to re-refer the bill to back to his committee where it would be more appropriately reviewed. The Scorecard vote is that of the Senate floor vote to rerefer on a 20-Y to 17-N and one abstention vote. The bill was "left" in that committee and died on a 13-Y to 0-N vote.



Patron: Senator John Edwards

Authorizes the Virginia Rail Transportation Authority, like the Virginia Port Authority, that would provide a financing mechanism for long-term investment in Virginia's railway infrastructure. The strongest support for this legislation comes from individuals and localities affected by the proposal to widen I-81 who have an interest in diverting freight to rail thus reducing truck traffic. *Despite broadbased bipartisan support with 13 Senate co-patrons and 11 House co-patrons and no organized opposition, the bill became entangled in budget negotiations in the waning days of the session. It was ultimately sent to the House Appropriations committee where it was killed on a 14-Y ("wrong") to 11-N ("right") vote.*

Notable Number 39

Thirty-nine legislators (27 Delegates and 12 Senators) scored a 75% or higher in the 2004 Scorecard.

SB 569 Virginia Natural and Historic Resources Fund

Patron: Senator Creigh Deeds

Creates the Virginia Natural and Historic Resources Fund with a \$10 document recording fee that is dedicated to water quality (WQIF) and land conservation (VLCF). This bill was submitted on behalf of the Governor who included this language in his proposed budget. A companion bill, HB 693 (Del. Morgan), was submitted on the House side but fell victim to the partisan budget debate. Because the House vote was not a clear indicator of support for natural resources funding, it is not included in the Scorecard. HB 693 was ultimately "left" in the Appropriations committee thereby killing it. The Senate bill, SB 569, vote shown in the Scorecard is the Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources committee vote of 14-Y and 1-N. It was sent to Senate Finance where it too was "left." There was a component of SB 569 in the Senate budget.

SB 614 Occoneechee State Park

Patron: Senator Frank Ruff

Authorizes the Department of Conservation and Recreation to amend the lease with the Secretary of the Army to allow

private interests to build a conference facility in Occoneechee State Park in Mecklenburg County. This bill was promoted in the name of economic development in Southside Virginia even though it sets a dangerous precedent for the



future of all of our state parks. It was supported primarily by rural legislators and Governor Warner and passed the Senate on a 26-Y to 13-N vote. The House vote became a rollercoaster ride when the bill was first defeated on the floor 47-Y to 49-N only to be reconsidered the next day and ultimately passing 57-Y to 42-N, 1-Abstention.

XSB 670 U.S. Route 29 Bypass around Charlottesville

Patron: Senator Steve Newman

Provides that, if the construction of a U.S. Route 29 bypass around Charlottesville is not constructed because of opposition from the local metropolitan planning organization (MPO), and the Federal Highway Administration requires the Commonwealth to reimburse the federal government for federal funds expended in connection with that project, an amount equal to the amount of the required reimbursement will be deducted by the Commonwealth Transportation Board from primary system highway construction funds allocated or allocable to the Culpeper Highway Construction District and an amount equal to the total of all state funds expended on the project will be deducted by the Commonwealth Transportation Board from state primary system highway construction funds allocated or allocable to the same highway construction district. While the final language of this bill sets a bad precedent for new road considerations, this language is far preferable to the original

language of the bill which mandated the actual construction of the Rt. 29 bypass over the MPO's objections. The bill was heavily lobbied by the entire Lynchburg legislative delegation and ultimately passed the House on a 52-Y to 46-N vote after having been defeated the previous day. The Senate voted to concur with the House amendments on a 23-Y to 16-N vote which is included in the Scorecard tabulation. The Governor amended the bill but his amendments were rejected in the veto session on April 21. The Governor later signed the bill into law.

The Importance of Bill Patrons

The Virginia League of Conservation Voters wishes to acknowledge the efforts of those legislators who took the initiative to promote conservation legislation by sponsoring a bill.

These patrons will receive an additional "plus" vote in a separate column on the Scorecard. See the chart below for our 2004 bill patrons.

Bill Patron Credits

Natural Resources Funding:

Sen. Deeds — SB 569; Va. Natural and Historic Resources Fund

Sen. Hanger — SB 527; Land and Water Conservation Trust Fund

Del. Cox — HB 301; DGIF licenses and fees

Del. Dillard — HB 1024; VMRC saltwater licenses and permits

Del. Morgan — HB 693; Va. Natural and Historic Resources Fund

Adequate Public Facilities and Impact Fees:

Sen. Quayle — SB 393; APF for schools

Del. R. Marshall — HB 729; APF requirements permitted in subdivision ordinances; HB 748; Residential impact fees

Del. Sickles — HB 893; APF requirements permitted in subdivision ordinances

Air Quality:

Sen. Whipple — SB 454; Ozone nonattainment fees Del. Reid — HB 1472; Multi-pollutant "Clean Smokestacks"

Land Use & Transportation:

Del. May — HB 549; Deed recordation fee for Va. Outdoors Foundation

Sen. Houck — SB 353; Transportation element required in Comp plans

Sen. Edwards — SB 413; Rail Authority

Del. Pollard — HB 335; Zoning per water availability

Del. Lewis — HB 174; Recordation tax for PDR programs

Sen. Ticer — SJ 75; Study of incentives for preserving forestry

Del. Dillard — HB 1020; Damages for encroachment in timber cutting

Water Policy, Waste, and Permitting:

Del. Bryant — HB 1177; Stormwater Management program reorganization

Del. R. Marshall — HB 728; Nonhazardous waste barging

Del. Dillard — HB 1462; Solid waste fees

Del. Louderback — HJ 247; State Waste Empowerment and Enforcement Provision Act of 2003; urging Congress to enact

Del. Cole — HB 100; Suspension of water and sewage connections in drought

Committee Snapshots

The eight committees highlighted are especially important to conservation because so many bills affecting natural resources and growth are referred to them.

| Senate Local Government Committee | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Member | Party | District | Score |
| Cuccinelli | (R) | 37 | 11 |
| Hanger | (R) | 24 | 60 |
| Lucas | (D) | 18 | 86 |
| Marsh | (D) | 16 | 71 |
| Martin | (R) | 11 | 17 |
| Mims | (R) | 33 | 67 |
| Newman | (R) | 23 | 14 |
| Puckett | (D) | 38 | 56 |
| Puller | (D) | 36 | 86 |
| Quayle (Chair) | (R) | 13 | 63 |
| Reynolds | (D) | 20 | 78 |
| Ruff | (R) | 15 | 38 |
| Ticer | (D) | 30 | 100 |
| Watkins | (R) | 10 | 50 |

House Agriculture, Chesapeake & Natural Resources Committee

(D)

31

100

Whipple

| Member | Party | District | Score |
|--------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Amundson | (D) | 44 | 75 |
| Byron | (R) | 22 | 0 |
| Cline | (R) | 24 | 25 |
| Cox (Chair) | (R) | 66 | 50 |
| Eisenberg | (D) | 47 | 75 |
| Hogan | (R) | 60 | 25 |
| Louderback | (R) | 15 | 60 |
| Miles | (D) | 74 | 60 |
| Orrock | (R) | 54 | 25 |
| Plum | (D) | 36 | 75 |
| Saxman | (R) | 20 | 25 |
| Scott, E. | (R) | 30 | 50 |
| Shannon | (D) | 35 | 100 |
| Sherwood | (R) | 29 | 60 |
| Shuler | (D) | 12 | 75 |
| Stump | (D) | 3 | 20 |
| Suit | (R) | 81 | 0 |
| Van Yahres | (D) | 57 | 75 |
| Ware, R. L. | (R) | 65 | 50 |
| Weatherholtz | (R) | 26 | 25 |
| Wright | (R) | 61 | 50 |

Senate Agriculture, Conservation & Natural Resources Committee

| Member | Party | District | Score |
|-----------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Blevins | (R) | 14 | 38 |
| Bolling | (R) | 4 | 50 |
| Chichester | (R) | 28 | 63 |
| Cuccinelli | (R) | 37 | 11 |
| Deeds | (D) | 25 | 100 |
| Hanger | (R) | 24 | 60 |
| Hawkins (Chair) | (R) | 19 | 75 |
| Locke | (D) | 2 | 75 |
| Obenshain | (R) | 26 | 44 |
| Puckett | (D) | 38 | 56 |
| Reynolds | (D) | 20 | 78 |
| Ruff | (R) | 15 | 38 |
| Ticer | (D) | 30 | 100 |
| Watkins | (R) | 10 | 50 |
| Whipple | (D) | 31 | 100 |

Senate Finance Committee

| Member | Party | District | Score |
|--------------------|--------------|----------|------------|
| Chichester (Chair) | (R) | 28 | 63 |
| Colgan | (D) | 29 | 40 |
| Hanger | (R) | 24 | 60 |
| Hawkins | (R) | 19 | <i>7</i> 5 |
| Houck | (D) | 17 | 100 |
| Howell | (D) | 32 | 100 |
| Lambert | (D) | 9 | 67 |
| Norment | (R) | 3 | 50 |
| Potts | (R) | 27 | 50 |
| Quayle | (R) | 13 | 63 |
| Saslaw | (D) | 35 | 67 |
| Stolle | (R) | 8 | 50 |
| Stosch | (R) | 12 | 50 |
| Wampler | (R) | 40 | 50 |
| Watkins | (R) | 10 | 50 |



House Counties, Cities & Towns Committee

| Member | Party | District | Score |
|----------------|-------|----------|------------|
| Amundson | (D) | 44 | 75 |
| Armstrong | (D) | 11 | 25 |
| Bryant | (R) | 23 | 50 |
| Cline | (R) | 24 | 25 |
| Dudley | (R) | 9 | 0 |
| Hall | (D) | 69 | 75 |
| Hull | (D) | 38 | 75 |
| Hurt | (R) | 16 | 50 |
| Ingram (Chair) | (R) | 62 | 50 |
| Jones, D. | (D) | 70 | 50 |
| Marrs | (R) | 68 | 0 |
| Marshall, D. | (R) | 14 | 25 |
| Marshall, R. | (R) | 13 | 80 |
| McQuigg | (R) | 51 | 50 |
| Oder | (R) | 94 | 25 |
| Orrock | (R) | 54 | 25 |
| Reese | (R) | 67 | 25 |
| Spruill | (D) | 77 | 80 |
| Stump | (D) | 3 | 20 |
| Suit | (R) | 81 | 0 |
| Ware, O. | (D) | 11 | <i>7</i> 5 |

House Transportation Committee

| ember | Party | District | Score |
|---------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Cote | (D) | 95 | 50 |
| ck | (R) | 32 | 0 |
| nd | (D) | 63 | 75 |
| rico | (R) | 5 | 25 |
| grove | (R) | 78 | 25 |
| oin | (D) | 49 | 75 |
| lin | (R) | 17 | 75 |
| ar | (R) | 91 | 50 |
| go | (R) | 40 | 25 |
| es, D. | (D) | 70 | 50 |
| y | (R) | 33 | 50 |
| Dougle | (R) | 97 | 33 |
| ran | (D) | 46 | 100 |
| er | (R) | 94 | 25 |
| lard | (D) | 99 | 100 |
| st | (R) | 86 | 25 |
| man | (R) | 20 | 25 |
| tt, E. | (R) | 30 | 50 |
| mp | (D) | 3 | 20 |
| rd | (D) | 92 | 50 |
| rdrup (Chair) | (R) | 83 | 20 |
| lch | (R) | 21 | 50 |
| * ' | (R) | | |

House Appropriations Committee

| Member | Party | District | Score | |
|------------------|-------|----------|-------|--|
| Abbitt | (I) | 59 | 40 | |
| Bryant | (R) | 23 | 50 | |
| Callahan (Chair) | (R) | 34 | 40 | |
| Councill | (D) | 75 | 60 | |
| Cox | (R) | 66 | 50 | |
| Dillard | (R) | 41 | 67 | |
| Dudley | (R) | 9 | 0 | |
| Hamilton | (R) | 93 | 20 | |
| Ingram | (R) | 62 | 50 | |
| Joannou | (D) | 79 | 0 | |
| Jones, S.C. | (R) | 76 | 20 | |
| Landes | (R) | 25 | 60 | |
| May | (R) | 33 | 50 | |
| Miles | (D) | 74 | 60 | |
| Morgan | (R) | 98 | 50 | |
| Phillips | (D) | 2 | 40 | |
| Putney | (I) | 19 | 0 | |
| Reid | (R) | 72 | 17 | |
| Scott, J. | (D) | 53 | 100 | |
| Sherwood | (R) | 29 | 60 | |
| Spruill | (D) | 77 | 80 | |
| Stump | (D) | 3 | 20 | |
| Tata | (R) | 85 | 40 | |
| Van Landingham | (D) | 45 | 80 | |
| Wardrup | (R) | 83 | 20 | |

Senate Transportation Committee

| Member | Party | District | Score |
|------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| Bell | (R) | 22 | 60 |
| Blevins | (R) | 14 | 38 |
| Deeds | (D) | 25 | 100 |
| Devolites | (R) | 34 | 50 |
| Houck | (D) | 17 | 100 |
| Marsh | (D) | 16 | 71 |
| Miller, Y. B. | (D) | 5 | 83 |
| Mims | (R) | 33 | 67 |
| Newman | (R) | 23 | 14 |
| O'Brien | (R) | 39 | 17 |
| Puckett | (D) | 38 | 56 |
| Rerras | (R) | 6 | 33 |
| Wagner | (R) | 7 | 33 |
| Watkins | (R) | 10 | 50 |
| Williams (Chair) | (R) | 1 | 20 |

(Underlined scores indicated votes cast as a Delegate.)

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|-----------|----------------|------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | | 5B ⁵⁸ | 5B109 | چو ³⁹³ | 5B413 | 5B420 | 5B569 | 5B61A | 5B610 | HB549 | Bill | U2004 2 | 0032 | Cum. Since |
| Dist. | Senator | | | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | | <u> </u> | | | | \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ | 00 | 1000 | 10000 Jago |
| 22 | Bell (R) | × | | | ✓ | NV | | 1 | × | ✓ | | 60* | NA | 60 |
| 14 | Blevins (R) | × | × | | V | × | √ | × | × | M | | 38 | 0 | 22 |
| 4 | Bolling (R) | × | Ø | | ď | √ | ✓ | × | × | × | | 50 | 20 | 58 |
| 28 | Chichester (R) | × | V | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | × | × | ✓ | | 63 | 0 | 52 |
| 29 | Colgan (D) | × | | | N/ | × | | × | NV | ď | | 40* | 25 | 33 |
| 37 | Cuccinelli (R) | × | × | × | V | × | x | × | × | × | | 11 | 17 | 13 |
| 25 | Deeds (D) | √ | ⋖ | | √ | ⋖ | √ | √ | √ | Ø | ⋖ | 100 | 100 | 87 |
| 34 | Devolites (R) | × | | | V | √ | | × | × | Ŋ | | 50 | <u>40</u> | 37 |
| 21 | Edwards (D) | × | | | ⋖ | ⋖ | | √ | √ | M | ⊻ | 86 | 100 | 79 |
| 24 | Hanger (R) | X | × | × | √ | ✓ | √ | × | V | N. | √ | 60 | 14 | 43 |
| 19 | Hawkins (R) | √ | √ | | V | V | √ | × | × | ď | | 75 | 20 | 42 |
| 17 | Houck (D) | ✓ | | | √ | √ | | M | √ | √ | V | 100 | 25 | 76 |
| 32 | Howell (D) | ⋖ | | | V | √ | | N. | M | Ŋ | | 100 | 75 | 83 |
| 9 | Lambert (D) | × | | | M | × | | √ | M | V | | 67 | 50 | 43 |
| 2 | Locke (D) | √ | × | | V | × | √ | M | V | V | | 75 | NA | 75 |
| 18 | Lucas (D) | ✓ | | × | M | √ | | M | Ø | M | | 86 | 40 | 48 |
| 16 | Marsh (D) | √ | | × | V | V | | × | V | V | | 71 | 40 | 54 |
| 11 | Martin (R) | × | | × | A | NV | | × | × | × | | 17* | 0 | 25 |
| 5 | Miller, Y. (D) | × | | | | N. | | V | V | | | 83 | 50 | 63 |
| 33 | Mims (R) | √ | | √ | √ | × | | NV | × | ⊻ | | 67* | 67 | 62 |
| 23 | Newman (R) | × | | × | V | × | | × | × | × | | 14 | 20 | 31 |
| 3 | Norment (R) | √ | | | M | × | | × | × | ⋖ | | 50 | 25 | 35 |
| 26 | Obenshain (R) | × | × | × | | × | N. | M | × | √ | | 44 | NA | 44 |
| 39 | O'Brien (R) | × | | | A | × | | × | × | × | | 17 | 0 | 24 |
| 27 | Potts (R) | ₹ | | | V | × | | × | × | ₹ | | 50 | 33 | 38 |
| 38 | Puckett (D) | × | ₹ | × | ■ | × | ₹ | × | Ø | ⊻ | | 56 | 43 | 53 |
| 36 | Puller (D) | ⊴ | | × | M | √ | | ₹ | A | M | | 86 | 40 | 64 |
| 13 | Quayle (R) | N. | | √ | ✓ | × | | × | × | ⊻ | ⋖ | 63 | 0 | 32 |
| 6 | Rerras (R) | X | | | √ | × | | × | × | Ŋ | | 33 | 17 | 23 |
| 20 | Reynolds (D) | ₹ | ₹ | × | V | N. | Ø | × | ⊴ | Ą | | 78 | 50 | 68 |
| 15 | Ruff (R) | NV | × | × | V | ⊴ | Ŋ | × | × | × | | 38* | 0 | 15 |
| 35 | Saslaw (D) | ₹. | | | N. | X | | × | ₹ | ₹ | | 67 | 50 | 48 |
| 8 | Stolle (R) | ⊻ | | | Ŋ | × | | × | × | | | 50 | 0 | 22 |
| 12 | Stosch (R) | × | | | N. | ⊻ | | × | × | Ŋ | | 50 | 0 | 38 |
| 30 | Ticer (D) | ⊻ | ₹ | Ŋ | ⊻ | Ø | Ŋ | ⊴ | ₹ | Ŋ | N | 100 | 71 | 87 |
| 7 | Wagner (R) | × | | | M | × | | × | × | ₫ | | 33 | 0 | 23 |
| 40 | Wampler (R) | × | | | N | Ŋ | 87.4 | × | × | Ŋ | | 50 | 0 | 26 |
| 10 | Watkins (R) | × | ⊻ | | N. | ⊴ | Ŋ | × | × | × | | 50 | 0 | 21 |
| 31 | Whipple (D) | ₫ | ⊻ | Ŋ | ⊻ | ⊻ | Ŋ | ⊻ | ⊻ | ⊻ | Ŋ | 100 | 63 | 88 |
| 1 | Williams (R) | | | | ď | АВ | | × | × | × | | 20* | 25 | 22 |

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X = Wrong NV = Not voting AB = Abstained

* = Skewed score (missing votes)

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| Dist. | Delegate | HESAS | 5B ⁵⁸ | 5BA13 | SEG1A | 5B610 | Bill Patrons | 2004 Sco | 2003 5co | Caw Since |
| 59 | Abbitt (I) | √ | × | × | ď | × | | 40 | 60 | 57 |
| 42 | Albo (R) | V | X | | N. | X. | | 50 | 40 | 38 |
| 89 | Alexander (D) | √ | × | | V | √ | | 75 | 80 | 78 |
| 44 | Amundson (D) | √ | × | | ₹ | ✓ | | 75 | 71 | 69 |
| 11 | Armstrong (D) | × | × | | N N | × | | 25 | 40 | 65 |
| 18 | Athey (R) | √ | X | | N. | N. | | 75 | 60 | 67 |
| 95 | BaCote (D) | √ | × | | × | V | | 50 | NA | 50 |
| 64 | Barlow (D) | √ | × | | X | √ | | 50 | 60 | 62 |
| 71 | Baskerville (D) | \checkmark | NV | | ✓ | √ | | 100* | 100 | 77 |
| 58 | Bell (R) | × | X | | X | ✓ | | 25 | 60 | 53 |
| 32 | Black (R) | × | × | | × | × | | 0 | 33 | 39 |
| 63 | Bland (D) | √ | X | | ■ | ■ ✓ | | 75 | 80 | 75 |
| 48 | Brink (D) | V | X | | ✓ | √ | | 75 | 80 | 76 |
| 23 | Bryant (R) | ₹ | X | N. | X | X | √ | 50 | 60 | 58 |
| 22 | Byron (R) | × | × | | × | × | | 0 | 33 | 48 |
| 34 | Callahan (R) | ✓ | X | × | .X | × | | 40 | 80 | 54 |
| 5 | Carrico (R) | √ | × | | X | × | | 25 | 50 | 33 |
| 24 | Cline (R) | ✓ | × | | × | × | | 25 | 43 | 36 |
| 88 | Cole (R) | √ | × | | × | √ | Ø | 60 | 40 | 50 |
| 78 | Cosgrove (R) | ✓ | X | | × | X | | 25 | 40 | 36 |
| 75 | Councill (D) | √ | × | ☑ | × | √ | | 60 | 40 | 46 |
| 66 | Cox (R) | ✓ | X | × | √ | × | V | 50 | 33 | 53 |
| 41 | Dillard (R) | √ | × | ⋖ | V | × | ₹ | 67 | 67 | 63 |
| 87 | Drake (R) | × | × | | × | X | | 0 | 40 | 19 |
| 9 | Dudley (R) | × | × | | × | × | | 0 | 0 | 41 |
| 49 | Ebbin (D) | ✓ | × | | M | ✓ | | 75 | NA | 75 |
| 47 | Eisenberg (D) | ✓ | × | | SES | | | 75 | NA | 75 |
| 17 | Fralin (R) | ✓ | × | | V | V | | 75 | NA | 75 |
| 52 | Frederick (R) | × | × | | M | 2 | | 50 | NA | 50 |
| 91 | Gear (R) | ✓ | × | | × | ✓ | | 50 | 40 | 63 |
| 8 | Griffith (R) | ₹. | × | | × | X | | 25 | 40 | 52 |
| 69 | Hall (D) | √ | × | | ✓ | V | | 75 | 33 | 62 |
| 93 | Hamilton (R) | ✓ | × | × | × | × | | 20 | 60 | 38 |
| 55 | Hargrove (R) | ₹ | × | | × | × | | 25 | 80 | 52 |
| 60 | Hogan (R) | × | M | | × | × | | 25 | 50 | 41 |
| 90 | Howell, A. (D) | ✓ | × | | × | ✓ | | 50 | NA | 50 |
| 28 | Howell, Speaker (R) | ď | | | × | × | | 50 | 60 | 48 |
| 40 | Hugo (R) | V | × | | × | × | | 25 | 50 | 38 |
| 38 | Hull (D) | ď | × | | Ø | M | | 75 | 33 | 50 |
| 16 | Hurt (R) | <u>√</u> | √ | | × | × | | 50 | 40 | 50 |
| 62 | Ingram (R) | <u>√</u> | × | × | AB | √ | | 50* | 33 | 48 |
| 56 | Janis (R) | X | × | | × | ✓ | | 25 | 60 | 53 |
| 79 | Joannou (D) | × | × | × | × | × | | 0 | 40 | 48 |
| 4 | Johnson (D) | × | X | | × | ✓ | | 25 | 60 | 50 |
| 70 | Jones, D. (D) | | × | | × | ď | | 50 | 67 | 59 |
| 76 | Jones, S.C. (R) | ✓ ✓ | × | × | × | × | | 20 | 75 | 48 |
| 6 | Keister (D) | - X | × | | Ŵ | Ø | | 75 | 67 | 57 |
| 1 | Kilgore (R) | × | × | | × | × | | 0 | 50 | 40 |
| 25 | Landes (R) | Ø | × | ✓ | × | Ø | | 60 | 80 | 59 |
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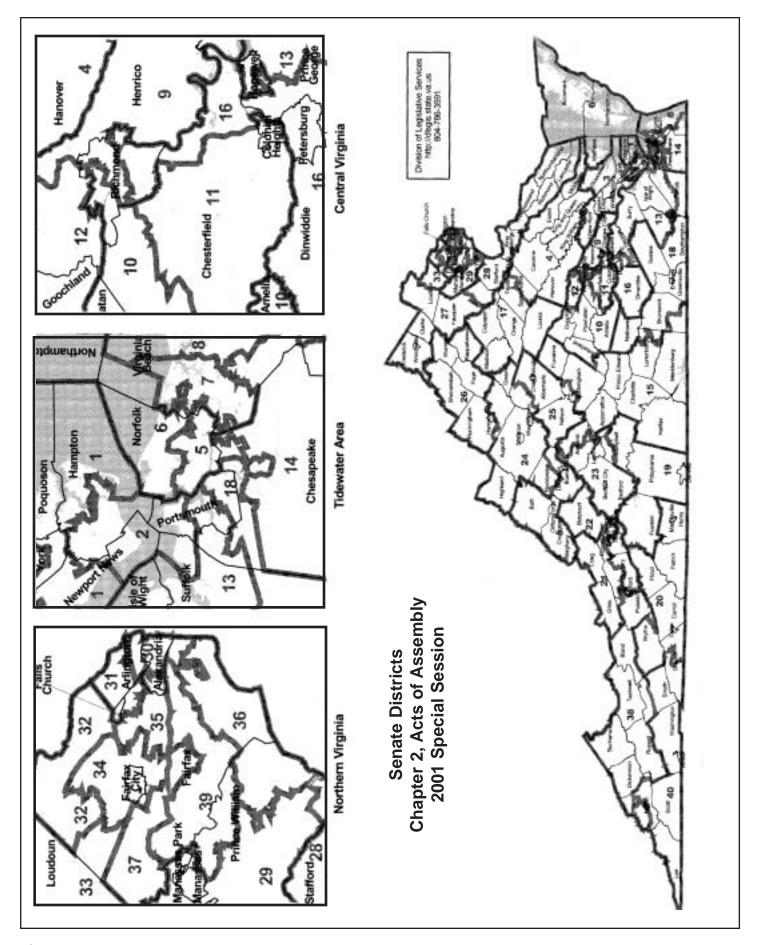
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| 31 | Lingamfelter (R) | √ | × | | × | NV | | 33* | 50 | 64 |
| 15 | Louderback (R) | ✓ | × | | ⋖ | X | ✓ | 60 | 67 | 66 |
| 68 | Marrs (R) | × | × | | X | × | | 0 | 33 | 44 |
| 14 | Marshall, D. (R) | √ V | × | | × | X | | 25 | 20 | 31 |
| 13 | Marshall, R. (R) | ✓ | × | | ✓ | ■ | √ | 80 | 60 | 77 |
| 33 | May (R) | ✓ | × | X | X | N | ✓ | 50 | 67 | 48 |
| 84 | McDonnell (R) | ✓ | × | | × | × | | 25 | 25 | 20 |
| 97 | McDougle (R) | NV | × | | √ | X | | 33* | 80 | 79 |
| 51 | McQuigg (R) | \checkmark | × | | ✓ | × | | 50 | 83 | 65 |
| 80 | Melvin (D) | × | NV | | √ | NV | | 50* | 80 | 61 |
| 74 | Miles (D) | ✓ | | √ | × | ■ | | 60 | 50 | 53 |
| 46 | Moran (D) | ✓ | .x | | ■ M | V | | 100 | 100 | 79 |
| 98 | Morgan (R) | ⋖ | × | × | | × | Ø | 50 | 40 | 61 |
| 27 | Nixon (R) | × | × | | N. | × | - | 25 | 40 | 52 |
| 7 | Nutter (R) | ✓ | × | | × | × | | 25 | 50 | 59 |
| 73 | O'Bannon (R) | ✓ | × | | × | ■ | | 50 | 25 | 50 |
| 94 | Oder (R) | ₹ | × | | × | × | | 25 | 40 | 38 |
| 54 | Orrock (R) | <u>A</u> | × | | × | × | | 25 | 17 | 50 |
| 50 | Parrish (R) | V. | × | | × | × | | 25 | 80 | 41 |
| 37 | Petersen (D) | 1 | √l | | ✓ | ■ | | 100 | 80 | 80 |
| 2 | Phillips (D) | SSSSS | × | √ | × | × | | 40 | 60 | 46 |
| 36 | Plum (D) | V | × | | ⋖ | Z. | | 75 | 86 | 79 |
| 99 | Pollard (D) | - V | Ø | | 3 | Š | Ø | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 82 | Purkey (R) | 1 | × | | × | X | 30 | 25 | 60 | 36 |
| 19 | Putney (I) | × | × | × | × | × | | 0 | 60 | 40 |
| 96 | Rapp (R) | × | × | _ ^ | × | × | | 0 | 40 | 36 |
| 67 | Reese (R) | ⊻ | × | | × | × | | 25 | 33 | 31 |
| 72 | Reid (R) | X. | × | × | × | × | ✓ | 17 | 25 | 41 |
| 86 | Rust (R) | W. | × | ^ | × | × | 3 | 25 | 80 | 47 |
| 20 | Saxman (R) | ₹ | × | | × | × | | 25 | 57 | 50 |
| 30 | Scott, E. (R) | 3 | × | | × | Ø | | 50 | NA | 50 |
| 53 | | A A | ŵ | ■ M | ⋖ | 3 | | 100 | 80 | 73 |
| 35 | Scott, J. (D) Shannon (D) | | | Y. | | 3 | | 100 | | 100 |
| | | Ĭ. | × | M | × | | | | NA 22 | |
| 29 | Sherwood (R) | ■ M | | Y | | Ŋ | | 60 75 | 33 | 41 73 |
| 12 | Shuler (D) | √ | .× | | ₹ | A. | √ | | 67 NA | 1 |
| 43 | Sickles (D) | M | X | - | N. | ₹. | Y | 100 | NA | 100 |
| 77 | Spruill (D) | ₹ | | ⊻ | ⊻ | × | | 80 | 80 | 58 |
| 3 | Stump (D) | | × | × | X | | | 20 | 33 | 36 |
| 81 | Suit (R) | × | × | | × | X | | 0 | 29 | 33 |
| 85 | Tata (R) | ■ N | X | N. | | × | | 40 | 60 | 44 |
| 45 | Van Landingham (D) | √ | × | ≤ | N N | Ŋ | | 80 | 100 | 80 |
| 57 | Van Yahres (D) | ₹. | × | | | Ŋ | | 75 | 86 | 82 |
| 92 | Ward (D) | \(\vec{\pi}\) | × | | × | N. | | 50 | NA | 50 |
| 83 | Wardrup (R) | Ą | × | × | × | × | | 20 | 25 | 27 |
| 11 | Ware, O. (D) | Ŋ | × | | ₹ | M | | 75 | NA | 75 |
| 65 | Ware, R.L. (R) | M | × | | √ | X | | 50 | 25 | 65 |
| 39 | Watts (D) | Ŋ | × | | ⊻ | ⊻ | | 75 | 80 | 70 |
| 26 | Weatherholtz (R) | ₹ V | × | | × | × | | 25 | 14 | 26 |
| 21 | Welch (R) | N. | .x | | V | × | | 50 | 20 | 30 |
| 61 | Wright (R) | M | V | | × | × | | 50 | 33 | 48 |

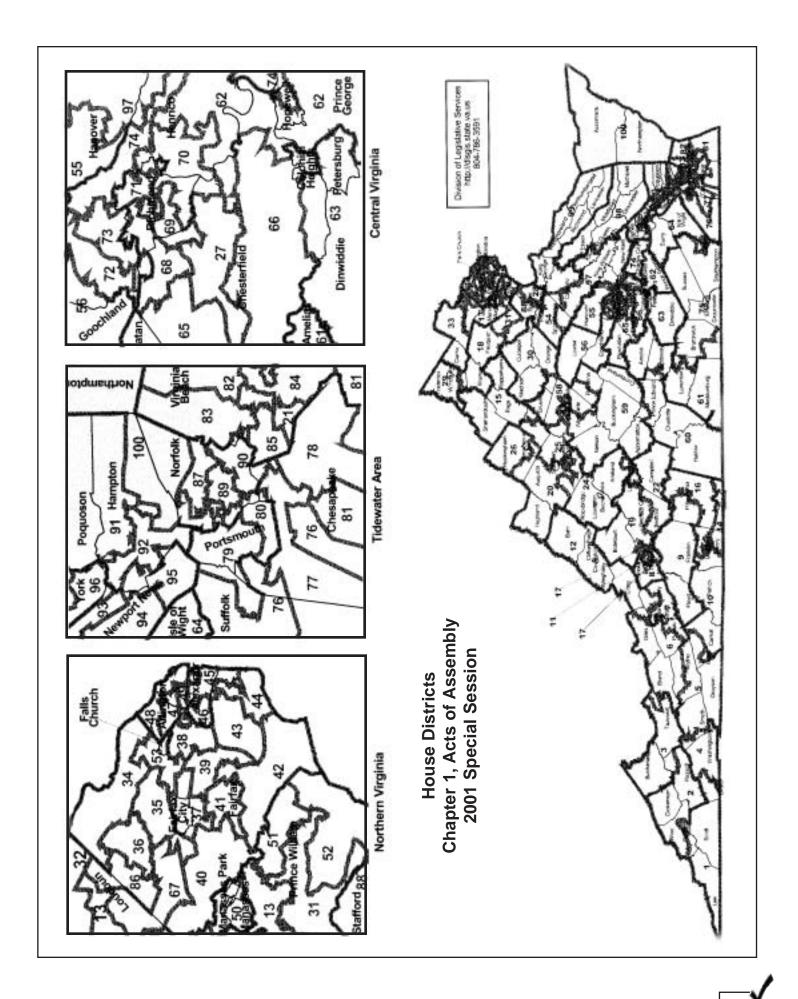
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Political and legislative advocacy is a year-round effort. Whether meeting with legislators in Richmond or phoning voters before Election Day, VALCV members are essential to our efforts to make Virginia a better place in which to live.

The goals of the LCT and CAV! networks are to:

- identify and motivate conservation-minded Virginians
- educate these activists on the issues
- help these activists influence public policy by establishing a dialogue with their elected officials

Our LCT and CAV! efforts result in targeted conservation messages to those in office who most need to hear from their constituents about an upcoming issue or vote.

Legislative Contact Teams (LCTs)

Virginia Conservation Network and the Virginia League of Conservation Voters started the Legislative Contact Teams (LCTs) program in the fall of 2002 with the goal of recruiting activists to volunteer as conservation contacts in their home legislative districts. The current goal for the LCT program is to identify 3 to 4 activists in each Senate and House district to act as members on their local LCT for that legislator.

After just a year, this VCN and VALCV joint effort brought in almost 200 members covering 39 Senate districts and 73 House districts. This program has brought in a record number of participants willing to speak to their legislators directly as a result of the LCT program building efforts. One of the benefits of strengthening personal contact with legislators is that legislators become more knowledgeable and more

responsive to their constituents' issues. There are conservationists in hundreds of organizations throughout the state. The goal of the LCT program is to organize activists in a manner that will help coordinate the conservation message and take advantage of the vast but, until now, loose network of conservation activists. We still need volunteers in certain districts — please join with us and refer a friend!

Conservation e-Action Virginia! (CAV!)

Conservation e-Action Virginia! uses a state-of-the-art email action alert system and a collaborative effort among Virginia conservation organizations to educate and mobilize a wide range of conservation organization members. The CAV! system helps the

conservation
community send a
strong message to
elected officials,
governmental
decision makers and
industry leadership.



Please sign up for our CAV! e-mail alert system. Using only about ten email alerts per year, CAV! will put you in touch with key decision makers on issues like clean air and water, wildlife habitat, sprawl, transportation, growth management, forestry and others. Joining the CAV! network is simple. Just go to the "How You Can Help" section at www.valcv.org or go directly to the CAV! site at http://actionnetwork.org/eaction_Virginia/join.html?source=valcv.

Notable Number 43

Forty-three legislators (38 Delegates and 5 Senators) scored 25% or below in the 2004 Scorecard.



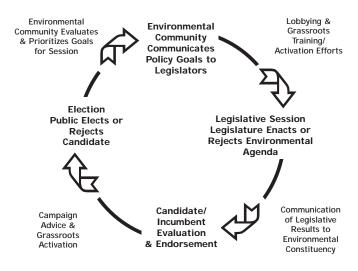
VALCV Online

Keep an eye on "www.valcv.org" to stay abreast of our many 2004 summer and fall events and workshops. Check back often throughout the year for updates on our programs and the progress of Virginia conservation policies. During the 2005 General Assembly session, the VALCV site will also provide links to VCN's General Assembly Updates and to the state's Bill Tracking service online. Check back often for updates on legislation and for more about how you can help make a difference.

Notable Number 81%

Eighty-one percent of Virginia voters state that a candidate's position on growth, land use, and curbing sprawl will be an important consideration in the next local and statewide election. (Mason-Dixon Virginia Voter Poll; January, 2003)

Know the Cycle



Notable Number 32

Thirty-two Senators had a better score in 2004 than in the previous year.

The Endorsement Process

The Conservation Scorecard is also used as a factor in candidate endorsements in addition to VALCV administered candidate questionnaires and personal interviews. We conduct rigorous research on candidates and concentrate on the races where our resources can make a difference. We back our endorsements with expertise — assisting candidates with the media, the fundraising, and the grassroots organizing strategies they need to win. We work to educate voters, then help get out the vote on Election Day.

Applaud the Work of **Our Local Partners**

One of VALCV's priorities is to work with local groups to form Political Action Committees or or PACs so that they are in a position to influence the outcome of local elections. If conservation and growth management are to become key campaign issues throughout our electoral process, we must work together at the local level. Our Local PAC Partners are local PACs that have agreed to work with VALCV in an effort to share resources, expertise, and support to win elections at every level. They are all to be commended for the countless hours of hard work they invest in local campaigns. Their local presence and "pounding on the issues" has enabled VALCV to make considerable progress with the tough legislation at the General Assembly.

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You Know the Score ...

... Here's What To Do About It.

- Hold your legislators accountable. If they voted against conservation concerns, express your disapproval. If they voted to protect Virginia's environment, please thank them.
- 2. Share the 2004 Conservation Scorecard with your friends, neighbors and neighborhood groups. Make sure they know the scores of delegates and senators in their district, and make sure they know what they can do to help support conservation. Contact VALCV for additional copies, or view this scorecard online at: http://www.valcv.org.
- 3. Support our work. VALCV is the political arm of Virginia's conservation community. Help us build our strength in numbers and in dollars especially in this important election year, when we are building our strength fo next year's statewide and House of Delegates elections.
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- **4. Stay Informed.** Sign up online for your local Legislative Contact Team and join our Conservation e-Action Virginia! (CAV!) email alert system. See www.valcv.org for details.
- 5. Vote for pro-Conservation Candidates. Candidates who get the VALCV endorsement are those who have demonstrated their commitment to conservation in Virginia. We will begin the endorsement process early in 2005 for Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General in addition to the House of Delegates races. We will also assist local groups with electing pro-conservation candidates to their local Board of Supervisors and other elected positions. When voting, please consider a candidate's conservation record and help us get pro-conservation candidates elected.

To the end that the people have clean air, pure water, and the use and enjoyment for recreation of adequate public lands, waters and other natural resources, it shall be the policy of the Commonwealth to conserve, develop and utilize its natural resources, its public lands and its historical sites and buildings. Further, it shall be the Commonwealth's policy to protect its atmosphere, lands, and waters from pollution, impairment or destruction for the benefit, enjoyment and general welfare of the people of the Commonwealth.

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