



Virginia General Assembly Conservation 2011
scorecard

Virginia League of Conservation Voters

Would you be surprised to learn that ninety-one percent of Virginians across the state say the environment is important to them? According to the latest survey designed by Dr. Quentin Kidd of Christopher Newport University, nearly three-fifths say environmental protections are generally good for the economy. I certainly hope our elected officials receive copies of this report because it may convince them that voters do not demonize environmental protections like some special interest groups would have them believe. While de-funding government receives a lot of media attention now, our Virginia citizens consistently say that they would be willing to pay more for environmentally sound practices and products. More than three-fifths say they would pay higher fees to clean-up the Chesapeake Bay!

So why does this disconnect exist between the values of citizens and the voting records of some elected officials? Some of the tone-deafness can be attributed to partisan gerrymandering. When the majority party can draw lines to protect incumbents rather than to reflect the interests of a community, competitive districts become an endangered species. Candidates are often not

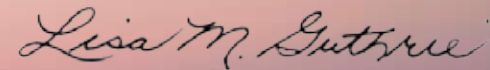
challenged and seldom have to address substantive policy issues. Fewer and fewer voters are engaged in the electoral process and don't turn out to vote. And the cycle perpetuates itself.

This is an election year for all 140 House and Senate legislative seats in Virginia. At the time of publication, we do not know if the Virginia line-drawing will be approved, but we do know that our challenge will be to educate, advocate, and mobilize on behalf of conservation. Most Virginians do not swing to extremes. They may not be wrapped in the flag picketing the capitol building on clean water and land conservation but they know they have much to protect in our beautiful Commonwealth and they feel the weight of previous generations who laid the cornerstone on preservation.

We want our legislators to learn about what matters in Virginia and to make those concerns their priorities. We grow impatient when our environment becomes a partisan political football with which points are attempted for national notoriety.

You don't score points with voters for dropping the ball on their quality of life! I urge you to take some time to review the voting records of your representatives. As in other years, many bills were killed in subcommittee or failed to receive a recorded full committee vote but VALCV staff has carefully selected votes from what was available. Any vote that appears in our Scorecard grid was a bill that we lobbied and on which we communicated our position.

We hope that you will value our Scorecard as an essential accountability tool. On behalf of the VALCV Board of Directors, Advisory Council, and staff, I thank you for joining us in our efforts to lobby and "keep score" as we elevate conservation as a top priority in Virginia.



Lisa M. Guthrie

Executive Director

Virginia League of Conservation Voters

Dear Virginia Conservation Voter

our purpose

The Virginia League of Conservation Voters (VALCV) is the non-partisan political action voice of Virginia's conservation community. VALCV takes its franchise from the local, regional and state conservation groups that define our 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.

The 2011 General Assembly session showed that our legislative priorities extend beyond the typical environmental areas of concern like air and water quality. Legislation targeting energy efficiency

and renewable energy as well as sweeping transportation reform came before lawmakers for their consideration this session. The issue of redistricting was also an extremely important component to this legislative session. Together, this legislation has a sweeping impact on the quality of life all Virginians are able to enjoy.

We believe that environmentally concerned citizens represent a huge potential force in electoral politics. In fact, many candidates across Virginia have begun addressing the concerns of conservation voters like never before. Too often, however, candidates for elected office are not asked by the public or the media to articulate their positions on conservation issues. We must continue to show that conservation concerns such as sprawl, the quality of our drinking water, the disposal of our waste, and the sanctity of our remaining open spaces are increasingly important issues to voters.

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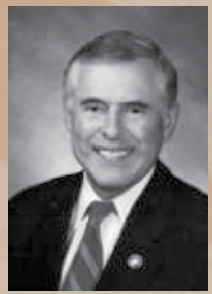
We Virginians cherish our heritage. We also love our land. We all want clean air, clean water, protection of our farmland and forests, and preservation of our historical landmarks. Too often, however, our government has allowed our history to be paved over, our air and waters to become polluted, and 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.

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Our Legislative Heroes show special dedication to conservation priorities. Nine Senators and 25 Delegates voted the right way every time on the bills VALCV selected for the 2011 Scorecard. These legislators deserve a special show of support for their hard work, integrity, and dedication to environmental concerns—especially when that is the toughest vote.



Senator John S. Edwards



Senator Janet D. Howell



Senator Mamie E. Locke



Senator L. Louise Lucas



Senator David W. Marsden



Senator A. Donald McEachin



Senator John C. Miller



Senator Yvonne B. Miller



Senator Richard L. Saslaw

Legislative heroes



Del. Robin A. Abbott



Del. Kenneth C. Alexander



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Del. Robert H. Brink



Del. David L. Bulova



Del. Betsy B. Carr



Del. Adam P. Ebbin



Del. David L. Englin



Del. Eileen Filler-Corn



Del. Charniele L. Herring



Del. Patrick A. Hope



Del. Mark L. Keam



Del. Kaye Kory



Del. Jennifer L. McClellan



Del. Delores L. McQuinn



Del. Paula J. Miller



Del. Joseph D. Morrissey



Del. Kenneth R. Plum



Del. James M. Scott



Del. Mark D. Sickles



Del. Scott A. Surovell



Del. Luke E. Torian



Del. David J. Toscano



Del. Jeion A. Ward



Del. Onzlee Ware



Del. Vivian E. Watts

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 twelfth year, the Conservation Scorecard has become the authoritative source on Virginia's environmental politics.

As a legislative watchdog, VALCV tracks 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 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 session? The 2011 session has passed and the 2012 session

will be gearing up, with many more conservation bills for your legislators to consider. Use the legislative district maps and directory listed later in the Scorecard to identify and contact your delegate and senator. If you can't tell where your district is, you can use the "Who's My Legislator" utility on the General Assembly's website (<http://legis.state.va.us>).

Special appreciation is certainly due for our Legislative Heroes—Senators and Delegates who had 100% conservation voting records. This year, 25 Delegates and nine Senators are on the list. Legislators in the Top Quartile list and those who patroned good conservation bills deserve recognition and thanks as well. (See these charts on pages 5 and 13).

Our legislators will be much more likely to respond favorably to future requests if you take a moment now to let them know you value their past efforts, especially on tough issues. And it's even more important that you let your legislators know you read the Conservation Scorecard and care about their performance on conservation issues. Write an email, make a phone call, or send a letter letting them know that you saw their score and you want them to improve it! These legislators need to know that you are watching their actions,

Legislative Heroes 100% Voting Record for 2011

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>District</u>
Edwards	D	21
Howell	D	32
Locke	D	2
Lucas	D	18
Marsden	D	37
McEachin	D	9
Miller, J.	D	1
Miller, Y.B.	D	5
Saslaw	D	35
<u>House</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>District</u>
Abbott	D	93
Alexander	D	89
Brink	D	48
Bulova	D	37
Carr	D	69
Ebbin	D	49
Englin	D	45
Filler-Corn	D	41
Herring	D	46
Hope	D	47
Keam	D	35
Kory	D	38
McClellan	D	71
McQuinn	D	70
Miller, P.	D	87
Morrissey	D	74
Plum	D	36
Scott, J.	D	53
Suckles	D	43
Surovell	D	44
Torian	D	52
Toscano	D	57
Ward	D	92
Ware, O.	D	11
Watts	D	39

Know the score

you know their votes, and that they should join us in caring about environmental issues. You may even find that by providing additional information on these issues, you could make a crucial difference in their votes next time!

2011 Bottom Quartile

Scored 25% or Below

We are happy to report that no legislators scored below 25% on the 2011 Scorecard!

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



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vote does not illustrate a clear distinction between those who support the conservation position and those who do not, often that vote is not included as a Scorecard vote. This is a natural limitation of a Scorecard that is particularly visible in years when there are few significant conservation initiatives.

2011 Top Quartile

Score of 75% to 99%

Senate	Party	District	Score
Barker	D	39	86%
Colgan	D	29	86%
Deeds	D	25	88%
Herring	D	33	89%
Houck	D	17	86%
Marsh	D	16	88%
Northam	D	6	91%
Petersen	D	34	90%
Puller	D	36	89%
Reynolds	D	20	82%
Ticer	D	30	82%
Whipple	D	31	91%
House	Party	District	Score
BaCote	D	95	88%
Barlow	D	64	82%
Howell, A.T.	D	90	89%
James	D	80	83%
Lewis	D	100	83%
Morgan	R	98	75%
Pollard	D	99	92%
Rust	R	86	82%
Shuler	D	12	91%
Spruill	D	77	91%
Tyler	D	75	89%

This year's Scorecard, in addition to providing scores for 2011 and 2010, also includes a "lifetime" cumulative score for each legislator. For this cumulative, we have calculated the actual number of "right" votes cast by legislators since VALCV began the Scorecard in 2000. Cumulative scores are found by dividing the number of "right" votes by the total number of possible votes that legislator has been able to cast during his or her legislative career. This careful process allows the Conservation Scorecard to give a clear picture of a legislator's long-term performance.

Remember that we must not permanently chastise legislators for their poor performance—we believe in "conservation salvation." Every legislator has room for improvement and we should be supportive, encouraging them each session. And we must also not take legislators' good performance for granted—they still need to hear our message from conservation-minded constituents.

Average Annual Scores

Year	House	Senate
2000	51%	47%
2001	54%	57%
2002	59%	45%
2003	55%	30%
2004	47%	59%
2005	40%	42%
2006	56%	54%
2007	73%	55%
2008	73%	68%
2009	49%	49%
2010	54%	58%
2011	61%	74%

After the scheduled 46 days plus one day of overtime, the 2011 Virginia General Assembly adjourned on the evening of Sunday, February 27th. Not surprisingly, the delay can be attributed to the lack of agreement between the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates' proposed changes to the \$32 billion state budget. The contentious points were funding for education, retirement, health care, public safety, and of course, transportation.

The Virginia League of Conservation Voters (VALCV) is proud to continue to chair the Legislative Committee for the Virginia Conservation Network. Along with our conservation allies, VALCV tracked approximately 300 bills throughout the session. Then VALCV staff actively lobbied every day at the State Capitol. While 47 days may seem like a short period of time, it is amazing how many things can happen in just one of those days. Please read on to learn more about our 2011 Virginia General Assembly journey as the political voice of Virginia's environmental community.

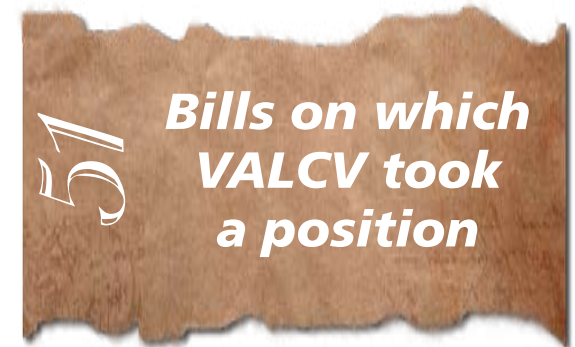
energy

The 2011 session saw the largest number of energy related proposals ever introduced and they

covered a wide spectrum ranging from green and renewable energy to bills forbidding the enforcement of air pollution emissions and declaring coalbed methane gas a renewable energy. While the conservation community managed to defeat the most outrageous of these proposals, we must sadly report that many green energy and green jobs measures did not even receive a hearing in committee.

The General Assembly's lack of enthusiasm and support for clean energy measures was disappointing; passage would have put Virginia on a more competitive footing with other states. These proposals included: Agricultural Net Metering (House Bill 1685/Toscano) which would have allowed farmers to expand their small-scale renewable energy generation, Integrated Resource Plans (Senate Bill 794/McEachin) designed to require utilities to include environmental and human health impacts when calculating the cost of their energy production; the Green Public Buildings Act (House Bills 1817/Hope; 2262/Morgan; and Senate Bill 832/Petersen) which would have required executive branch agencies and institutions renovating older buildings or constructing new ones to meet green standards

that would reduce energy costs; and inclining block rates (Senate Bill 907/McEachin) that encouraged energy savings by customers. We will continue to educate legislators and utility companies and promote the advancement of important energy efficient and renewable measures to save consumers money and create new job opportunities.



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We were not without successes in our fight for measures that move the cause of clean energy and green jobs forward. We are happy to report that the following measures will become law in the Commonwealth: House Bill 1686 (Toscano) directs the State Corporation Commission to authorize at least four small-scale solar energy distributed generation demonstration sites in the Commonwealth. This will allow Virginia to

Session highlights

begin to position itself in the renewable energy market; House Bill 1983 (Kilgore) raises the cap for residential electric generation, allowing Virginians to meet their individual energy needs on their own site; House Bill 2191 (Ebbin) and Senate Bill 975 (Whipple) create the Solar Resource Development Fund which will provide loans for projects that involve the acquisition, installation, or operation of solar devices at a residence, structure occupied by a nonprofit organization, or commercial establishment; and House Bill 2389 (Pollard) will allow the Virginia Resources Authority the ability to finance municipal renewable energy projects. For example, this financing will allow a school to install solar panels to reduce their energy consumption; thereby lowering utility costs incurred by the school and will create jobs in local community.

Additionally, we were successful in defeating a number of energy related bills that sought to move us backwards in our progress. These bills included: House Bill 1397 (Bob Marshall) which would have exempted all residential buildings in Virginia from being subject to any federal energy efficiency standards which may be adopted in the future and would have prohibited any state agency from assisting any federal agency in the implementation of legislation related to our impact on our climate.

funding

The state's economic outlook, while still austere, was improved from last year. The overall budget

compromise provided an additional \$1 million for Civil War Battlefield preservation; \$1 million in funding for Soil and Water Conservation Districts; restored \$1.2 million for state parks funding; and restored \$0.7 million in Purchase of Development Rights (PDRs) funding for farmland preservation.

There were numerous attempts to slash environmental funding, including seven proposals to raid the Water Quality Improvement Fund. Other harmful proposals included House Bill 2404 (Rust) and Senate Bill 1394 (McWaters), both of which called for removing \$150 million from the General Fund annually and permanently dedicating it to transportation. While \$150 million might only purchase one highway interchange, it would have been a tremendous blow to many programs in the General Fund. We are proud of the conservation community's success in defeating these proposals and in our overall funding accomplishments during the 2011 session.

water & air quality

Legislation limiting the discharge of phosphorus into the bay and its waters was clearly one of our biggest water quality successes this year. Senate Bill 1055 (Stuart) and House Bills 1831 (Ed Scott) and 2463 (Lee Ware) will ban phosphorus in lawn fertilizers marketed for existing lawns, which do not need phosphorus to promote new root growth. This was a true bipartisan effort that we hope will serve as a model for future progress.



Pole Perchers by Brian Lockwood of Poquoson. Courtesy of Scenic Virginia.

Several bills sought to lessen or in some cases void the Commonwealth's role in protecting our natural resources. We are happy to report that many were defeated, including: House Bill 1624 (Knight) which would have removed the State Water Control Board's long-standing authority to enter into consent decrees with violators of Virginia's water protection laws and vest it solely with the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality; House Bill 2570 (Morefield) proposed to bar Virginia from complying with the Clean Air Act by declaring any and all federal laws regarding carbon dioxide to be "void and of no force within the boundaries of the Commonwealth"; and Senate Bill 885 (Blevins) and House Bill 1623 (Knight) would have weakened the state's oversight role and delegated a great deal of authority to the federal government in permitting impact to Virginia's wetlands.

Equally disappointing was the legislature's unwillingness to address the management needs of the

menhaden fishery (House Bill 2280/Cosgrove and Senate Bill 765/Northam). Due to the General Assembly's unwillingness to relinquish oversight of the menhaden fishery, it remains the only fishery not managed by the experts at the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC).

The House and Senate returned to Richmond in early April to handle amendments and vetoes the Governor proposed to successful legislation and to convene a special redistricting session. One of our successes during the regular session was the passage of Senate Bill 1119 (McEachin) and House Bill 1738 (Bulova) allowing the Department of Environmental Quality to impose and increase certain penalties for violators. While both these measures passed the House and the Senate, Governor McDonnell vetoed the measures citing "overly burdensome regulations." The General Assembly was unable to override the Governor's veto.

transportation & land use

The final compromise of the two omnibus transportation bills (House Bill 2527/Speaker Howell and Senate Bill 1446/Wampler) passed during the final hours of the General Assembly. Thanks to your letters and emails, the final versions of these measures protected the Water Quality Improvement Fund, eliminated interest-free loans from the Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (VTIB), ensured that the project loan payments can no longer be waived or reduced and required

development of scoring criteria for each project to be funded by the VTIB. Our recommendations were prudent and fiscally responsible and we are pleased that the House and Senate conferees incorporated the majority of our proposed amendments in these significant measures.

Other land-use successes included: passage of House Bill 1820 (Lee Ware) that greatly improves Virginia's land preservation tax credit program by providing the Tax Department with more authority to deal with appraisals prior to tax credits being issued and to reissue credits recaptured as a result of an audit; Senate Bill 1105 (Hanger) and House Bill 1725 (Knight) created the Virginia



Richmond's James River View by Adam N. Goldsmith of Richmond.
Courtesy of Scenic Virginia

Farmland Preservation Fund, to consist of funds as may be appropriated by the General Assembly and any other moneys that may be made available from other public or private sources. The funds will be used solely for the purposes of preserving farmland in the Commonwealth and will be administered by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. VALCV was also successful in the defeat of House Joint Resolution 619 (Rust) that would have opened up the possibility of placing tolls on Interstate 81 negatively impacting local agricultural and tourism industries and the rural nature of the Shenandoah Valley.

citizen involvement

This year's Conservation Lobby Day was a huge success with over 250 members from a wide variety of conservation organizations statewide converging on the Capitol in January. Participants included members of our Legislative Contact Team (LCT) Program which pairs volunteers throughout the state with their neighbors, trains them on current issues and assists in facilitating meetings with their Senators and Delegates.

We were also excited to have VALCV Board members travel to Richmond during the session this year to personally lobby their representatives and other key decision-makers. While phone calls, personal letters and emails are effective lobbying tools, face-to-face meetings with your Delegate and Senator are still the most important action you can take to help us advance important issues

during the General Assembly. We are very grateful to our Board, LCTs and other citizens from around the Commonwealth for making time to meet with their elected representatives to put a personal, local face on conservation issues.

There were also many new faces lobbying at the Capitol this year, including a significant contingent from the Tea Party movement. Tea Party leaders were particularly active testifying before committees and held a mid-session rally on the Capitol grounds. They expended a great deal of energy supporting three bills, which VALCV opposed and defeated: House Bill 1721 (Bob Marshall) and House Bill 1864 (Cole), both of which sought to repeal Virginia's Urban Development Areas law which requires fast growing localities to plan to direct growth; and House Bill 1438 (Cole) which would have prohibited any regulation of a product produced in Virginia—thus avoiding any health or safety requirements on everything produced in Virginia from toys to food to coal.

During each session new groups arrive and others depart. We will continue to monitor the Tea Party's lobbying and election activities, and as with all groups attempt to identify common ground issue by issue.

redistricting & beyond

The redrawing of Virginia's 140 House and Senate districts played a major role in many decisions facing the 2011 legislature during its regular session

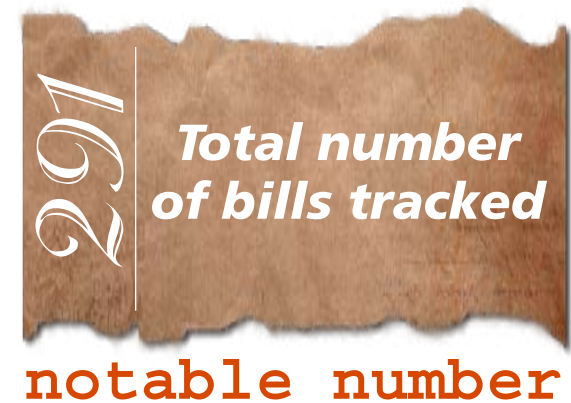


Front Royal in the Spring by Richard A Koth of Linden. Courtesy of Scenic Virginia

and was the main topic of multiple Special Session days throughout the spring. VALCV continues its active participation in the Virginia Redistricting Coalition, urging the General Assembly and Governor to draw bipartisan lines without giving priority to incumbent protection.

The Coalition was successful this year in getting the Governor to create Virginia's first-ever Independent Bipartisan Advisory Commission on Redistricting. Our hope is that in the future this Commission will be made permanent and given a more defined decision-making role in the line-drawing process. Additionally, our Coalition sponsored a Legislative Redistricting Competition among Virginia's Colleges and Universities. Through this innovative contest on campuses around the Commonwealth, repeated media coverage and special events thousands more Virginians now understand that redistricting should not serve as an insurance policy for incumbents and that fairly drawn lines produce more competitive elections with 51% higher voter participation.

As our 2011 Scorecard goes to press, the General Assembly and Governor are waiting for final approval on the districts as submitted to the Department of Justice, as per the Voting Rights Act. All are hoping to have the entire process concluded in time for an August 23rd primary. The redistricting plan could also be the subject of various court challenges by both the Republican and Democratic parties. "If we go through redistricting without some sort of litigation," Christopher Newport University professor Dr. Quentin Kidd has said, "I will eat my shoes."



Regardless of which district lines are used, we head into this important 2011 election season determined and excited to work with candidates and campaigns across the state to educate them on critical environmental issues like maintaining Virginia's ban on uranium mining and protecting our ever shrinking rural landscape. We appreciate your continued support and welcome your active participation as we continue to create a conservation majority in the Virginia General Assembly.

X HB 1397: Residential energy efficiency standards.

Patron: Robert G. Marshall

Removes regulations that are good for Virginia consumers who should have a right to know the energy efficiency of a home they are about to purchase as it relates to heating and cooling costs. The Supreme Court ruled in Massachusetts v. U.S. EPA (2007) that the Environmental Protection Agency was responsible for regulating greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act. If Virginia fails to comply with EPA programs, permitting authority can be placed under the control of the federal government. The bill passed the House, but was left in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor. (House: 68-Y, 30-N)

X HB 1438: Goods produced or manufactured within State; not subject to federal law, federal regulation, etc.

Patron: Mark L. Cole

Virginia lacks basic laws to protect consumers and citizens if the federal laws and regulations were to go away as called for by this bill. These include consumer product safety, worker safety and laws that set standards for our air and water quality. HB 1438 is in violation of the federal Commerce Clause and, therefore, unconstitutional. Virginia goods are included within interstate commerce because similar non-Virginia manufactured goods sold in Virginia fall within the bounds of interstate commerce. The Virginia goods compete with and may displace these other goods and affect interstate commerce. Water and air pollution from

manufacturing does not respect state boundaries. In our efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay and our water and air, federal law establishes a level playing field for all manufacturers. The bill passed the house, but was left in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor. (House: 65-Y, 33-N, 1-A)

X HB 1623: Wetlands permitting.

Patron: Barry D. Knight

Would weaken the state’s oversight role and delegate a great deal of authority to the federal government. There is a time limit in state law for the issuance of a permit; the state must act on a complete permit application within 120 days or the permit is automatically issued. The Corps of Engineers has no such deadline and can take as long as they wish before making a permit decision. HB 1623 proposes dramatic changes to Virginia’s non-tidal wetlands law based upon the interests of a single municipality. The Department of Environmental Quality testified that the current program is operating at peak efficiency and has not received any concerns about the program

in 2.5 years. 85 percent of all current projects are handled by a “one-stop shop” general permitting approach. The bill was reported from the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources with substitute (14-Y 7-N- the “no” vote was to defeat the bill. The bill was ultimately killed in the House Transportation Committee)

X HB 1624: Department of Environmental Quality; Powers of Executive Director.

Patron: Barry D. Knight

Eliminates the required public up-or-down vote on enforcement proceedings. HB 1624 would allow these important decisions to be made behind closed doors, within the halls of the DEQ bureaucracy. This bill would severely limit public participation in environmental decision-making by moving more authority to the DEQ Director. Presently, citizens, affected municipalities, and the regulated industries come before the State Water Control Board members, speak at an open public hearing, and watch the Board members cast their up or down votes on the issue, constituting an essential part of participatory democracy. HB 1624 sought a radical departure from our long established system of open government. The bill passed the House, but was “passed by indefinitely” or killed in the Senate Committee on Agriculture. (House: 58-Y, 40-N; Senate: 10-Y, 5-N – the “yes” vote was to defeat the bill)

✓ HB 1686: Distributed solar generation.

Patron: David J. Toscano

Requires the State Corporation Commission to authorize at least four small-scale solar energy distributed generation demonstration sites. Small



Scorecard vote key

✓ = VALCV supported bill ✗ = VALCV opposed bill
SB = Senate Bill HB = House Bill
HR = House Resolution

solar demonstration programs will provide the Commonwealth with a better understanding of market factors that may impede or drive the solar energy industry in Virginia, and provide information regarding the impact of solar energy installations on the grid, as well as overall consumer interest and support. By assessing the risks and benefits of solar innovation through small-scale demonstration projects, the Commonwealth will be better positioned to understand the real viability of future solar-related projects. The bill passed the House and the Senate unanimously. (*House: 99-Y, 0-N; Senate: 39-Y, 0-N*)

X HB 1721: Urban development areas.
Patron: Robert G. Marshall

Eliminates the requirement that fast-growing localities plan for Urban Development Areas (UDAs) to focus growth in more compact, traditional communities. It is more costly to taxpayers and more damaging to farmland and the environment to provide infrastructure for scattered development than for more compact and traditional neighborhoods. The General Assembly recognized these impacts and in 2007 established a requirement that local governments in fast growing localities plan for UDAs to focus growth in more compact, traditional communities. UDAs do not change the zoning of any parcel or extinguish the property rights of any landowner. The bill passed the House, but it was killed in the Senate Committee for Local Government. (*House: 61-Y, 38-N; Senate: 8-Y, 7-N – the Senate “yes” vote was to defeat the bill*)

✓ HB 1725: Office of Farmland Preservation; Virginia Farmland Preservation Fund created.

Patron: Barry D. Knight

Ensures that money allocated by the General Assembly for the State Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program will stay in the PDR program

without having to be reallocated each fiscal year. HB 1725 is needed to ensure that money stays where the General Assembly places it. The bill will also increase the efficiency of the program since it took seven months for the program to retrieve its funding to distribute for fiscal year 2011. The bill passed the House and Senate unanimously. (*House: 97-Y, 0-N; Senate: 40-Y, 0-N*)

✓ HB 1738: Reporting of water withdrawals; State Water Control Board to impose a civil penalty.

Patron: David L. Bulova

Would have authorized the State Water Control Board to impose a civil penalty, not to exceed \$1,000, upon any person who fails to register and report water withdrawals of more than one million gallons in any single month. Currently, reporting is handled on a voluntary basis. While House Bill 1738 passed both the House and the Senate, Governor McDonnell vetoed the measure stating that he would direct agencies to “increase the level of voluntary reporting” from commercial and agricultural water users. The House was unable to override the Governor’s veto. (*58-Y 42-N, 67 affirmative votes required to override*)

✓ HB 1820: Land preservation tax credits.
Patron: R. Lee Ware, Jr.

Gives the Tax Department the option to require a second appraisal for tax credit applications of \$2.5 million or more. The second appraisal is an independent appraisal, performed by a private appraiser. If the second appraisal indicates the fair market value that is substantially different than the appraisal submitted by the taxpayer, a formula determines the amount of tax credits issued. Presently, if tax credits are disallowed by the Tax Department as a result of the audit, those credits go unused. The bill allows credits previously issued but subsequently disallowed to be reissued

in a subsequent calendar year. The bill passed the House and Senate unanimously. (*House: 99-Y, 0-N; Senate: 40-Y, 0-N*)

X HB 1830: Agriculture; resource management plans (RMP).

Patron: Edward T. Scott

Determines the lifespan of the RMP and the verification methodology in the regulatory process. Virginia has committed to developing regulatory requirements for agriculture by 2017 if milestone nutrient and sediment goals established in Virginia’s Watershed Implementation Plan are not met. HB 1830 would grant immunity from regulations that may be enacted pursuant to failure to meet targets and shield participants from Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requirements. HB 1830 does not ensure that the RMP program will facilitate actual reductions in nutrients and sediment from the agricultural sector, as proposed in local and Chesapeake Bay watershed implementation plans. The bill passed the House and the Senate. (*House: 99-Y, 0-N; Senate: 38- Y, 1-N*)

✓ HB 1830: Sunset clause amendment.
Amendment offered by Senator Dave Marsden

This amendment would have added a sunset clause to the proposed RMP legislation. The Watershed Implementation Plan sets the target loads for agriculture sector nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment. If goals are not met by 2017, the regulations will be revisited and voluntary programs may have to become mandatory if no progress is made in reducing nutrient and sediment levels. As written, anyone with an established RMP will be exempt from any of these future regulations. The sunset clause in this amendment would have removed this exemption if regulations from the Watershed Implementation Plan were re-visited, thus preventing immunity from regulations that may be enacted pursuant to failure to meet reduc-

tion targets. This amendment was offered in the Senate Committee for Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources. (2-Y, 13-N – the ‘yes’ vote was to amend the bill)

X HR 72: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.
Patron: James W. Morefield

This House-only resolution encourages Federal legislation that would exempt Virginia from Clean Air Act enforcement. If Virginia fails to comply with EPA programs, our permitting authority can be taken away and placed under the control of the federal government. These types of resolutions seek to gut the Clean Air Act, a law with a proven 40-year history of cost-effectively cutting dangerous pollution, protecting human health, and spurring innovation. The Clean Air Act has successfully phased lead out of gasoline, improved air quality across the country, and greatly reduced acid rain, and protects the public from dozens of additional dangerous pollutants. The bill passed the House. (House: 64-Y, 33-N)

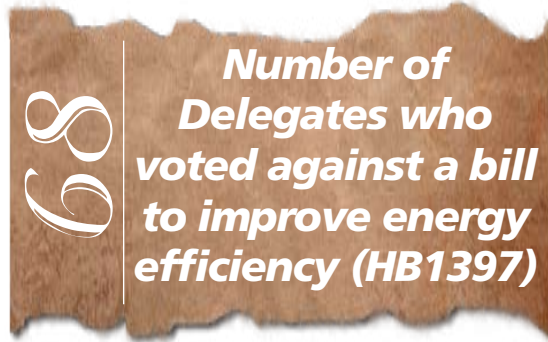
✓ SB 814: Offshore energy resources.
Patron: A. Donald McEachin

Strengthens existing law by prohibiting any exploration or drilling activities that would harm the Chesapeake Bay, its fish, wildlife, and resources. SB 814 will protect the Chesapeake Bay from the threat of offshore oil spills by extending the existing drilling buffer from 50 miles to 75 miles. The bill will promote offshore wind by supporting federal efforts to assess and issue permits for commercial-scale offshore wind projects. The bill was “passed by indefinitely” or killed in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor. (10-Y, 3-N, 1-A – the “yes” vote was to defeat the bill)

✓ SB 832: Green Public Buildings Act.
Patron: J. Chapman Petersen

Requires executive branch agencies and institutions entering the design phase for construction

of a new building greater than 5,000 gross square feet in size, or renovating such a building where the cost of renovation exceeds 50 percent of the value of the building, to meet standards at least as stringent as the LEED or Green Globes standards. Exemptions from the requirement may be granted by the Director of the Department of General Services upon a finding of special circumstances that make construction or renovation to the standards impracticable. SB 832 would reduce energy costs, help preserve the environment, and make workers and students more productive. The bill passed the Senate, but was left in the House Committee on General Laws. (Senate: 34-Y, 6-N)



notable number

X SB 885: Wetlands permitting.
Patron: Harry B. Blevins

Would weaken the state’s oversight role and delegate a great deal of authority to the federal government. There is a time limit in state law for the issuance of a permit; the state must act on a complete permit application within 120 days or the permit is automatically issued. The Corps of Engineers has no such deadline and can take as long as they wish before making a permit decision. SB 885 proposes dramatic changes to Virginia’s non-tidal wetlands law based upon the interests of a single municipality. The Department of

Environmental Quality testified that the current program is operating at peak efficiency and has not received any concerns about the program in 2.5 years. 85 percent of all current projects are handled by a “one-stop shop” general permitting approach. The bill was defeated in the Senate Committee for Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources. (7-Y, 7-N – the “no” vote was to defeat the bill)

✓ SB 1055: Fertilizer and deicing agents; regulation of application; report.

Patron: Richard H. Stuart

Provides a common sense, business-friendly approach to the challenge of limiting the discharge of phosphorus into the bay and its waters by banning phosphorus in lawn fertilizers marketed for existing lawns, which do not need phosphorus to promote new root growth. Senate Bill 1055 would restrict the sale of lawn fertilizers that contain phosphorus for lawn maintenance. Most established lawns do not require phosphorus. The proposal also provides exemptions for organic soil amendments and fertilizer application to trees, gardens, flowerbeds, and for new growth. The Homebuilders Association of Virginia also supported SB 1055. The bill passed the Senate and the House. (Senate: 39-Y, 1-N; House: 95-Y, 0-N)

✓ SB 1119: Permit compliance. DEQ increases penalty.

Patron: A. Donald McEachin

One of our successes during the regular session was the passage of Senate Bill 1119, allowing the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to increase civil penalties for second and third offenses. Senate Bill 1119 passed both the House and the Senate, however, Governor McDonnell vetoed the measure citing “overly burdensome regulations.” The Senate was unable to override the Governor’s veto. (22-Y 18-N, 27 affirmative votes were required to override)

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 2011 bill patrons.

Note that only one Patron “extra” credit is allocated per legislator. Some legislators patroned multiple conservation bills.

bills supported by VALCV

Legislator	Bill	Subject
Citizen Involvement		
Delegate LeMunyon	HB 1566	House and Senate voting records
Delegate Keam	HB 1566	House and Senate voting records
Energy		
Delegate Toscano	HB 1685	Agricultural net energy metering
Delegate Toscano	HB 1686	Distributed solar generation
Delegate Hope	HB 1817	Green Public Buildings Act
Delegate Kilgore	HB 1983	Net energy metering
Delegate Ebbin	HB 2191	Voluntary Solar Resource Development Fund
Delegate Morgan	HB 2262	Green Public Buildings Act
Delegate Pollard	HB 2389	Renewable energy projects
Senator McEachin	SB 794	Electric utilities; integrated resource plan
Senator McEachin	SB 814	Offshore energy resources
Senator Petersen	SB 832	Green Public Buildings Act
Senator McEachin	SB 907	Electric utilities; inclining block rate schedules
Senator Whipple	SB 975	Voluntary Solar Resource Development Fund
Senator McEachin	SB 1119	Permit compliance; DEQ penalties
Land Conservation		
Delegate Knight	HB 1725	Virginia Farmland Preservation Fund
Delegate Ware, R.L.	HB 1820	Land preservation tax credits
Senator Whipple	SB 974	Income tax; agricultural best management practices
Senator Hanger	SB 1105	Virginia Farmland Preservation Fund
Water		
Delegate Purkey	HB 1656	Menhaden fishery
Delegate Bulova	HB1738	Reporting of water withdrawals
Delegate Cosgrove	HB 2280	Menhaden fishery
Delegate Ware, R.L.	HB 2463	Fertilizer and deicing agents
Senator Northam	SB 765	Menhaden fishery
Senator Stuart	SB 1055	Fertilizer and deicing agents

bills opposed by VALCV

The legislators listed below sponsored bills opposed by the conservation community. This has not been reflected in their overall Scorecard score. VALCV communicated with every legislator regarding our position prior to the bill's consideration.

Legislator	Bill	Subject
Energy		
Delegate Marshall, R.G.	HB 1397	Residential energy efficiency standards
Delegate Marshall, R.G.	HB 1398	Air pollution emissions
Delegate Cole	HB 1438	Goods produced or manufactured within the state not subject to federal law or regulation
Delegate Poindexter	HB 2123	Coal surface mining operations; pollutant discharge elimination permits
Delegate Morefield	HB 2237	Renewable energy portfolio standard program; coalbed methane gas
Delegate Morefield	HB 2470	Prohibits restrictions on carbon dioxide emissions
Delegate Morefield	HR 72	Greenhouse gas emissions
Senator Wampler	SB 1111	Virginia Coal Employment and Production Incentive tax credit
Senator Puckett	SB 1392	Renewable energy portfolio standard program; coalbed methane gas
Land Conservation		
Delegate Knight	HB 1624	Department of Environmental Quality, powers of Executive Director
Land Use and Transportation		
Delegate Cosgrove	HB 1582	Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank
Delegate Marshall, R.G.	HB 1721	Urban development areas
Delegate Cole	HB 1864	Urban development areas
Delegate Cosgrove	HB 2503	Transportation Regulatory Review Commission
Delegate Rust	HJ 619	Tolling of highways
Senator Stuart	SB 869	Urban development areas
Senator Obenshain	SB 1206	Traffic impact analysis
Senator McWaters	SB 1394	State sales & use tax revenue, portion for transportation projects
Senator Puckett	SB 1462	VDOT review and revise regulations to transportation planning
Water		
Delegate Knight	HB 1623	Wetlands permitting
Delegate Scott	HB 1830	Agriculture resource management plans
Delegate Morefield	HB 2519	Water protection permits
Senator Blevins	SB 885	Impacts to wetlands
Senator Obenshain	SB 1277	Onsite treatment works, Department of Health oversight
Senator McWaters	SB 1283	Year-end surplus of general fund balance

VALCV would like to extend special thanks to **Senator Patricia Ticer, Senator Mary Margaret Whipple** and **Delegate Albert Pollard**, all of whom announced their retirement at the end of the 2011 General Assembly Session. Combined, these individuals have 37 years of service in the Virginia legislature. Senators Ticer and Whipple have each served in the Virginia Senate 14 years and Delegate Pollard has spent nine years serving in the Virginia House of Delegates. All three representatives have shown a clear dedication to protecting Virginia's natural resources and promoting rural preservation throughout their years of service. These representatives have boasted extremely high environmental scores throughout their service to the legislature; Delegate Pollard has a remarkable cumulative score of 97% while Senators Ticer and Whipple each have outstanding scores of 86% and 84% respectively. During their service, all of these legislators have received multiple 100% Scores.

Since the adjournment of the 2011 Winter Session, we have also learned of the retirements of **Delegate Watkins Abbitt, Delegate Clay Athey, Delegate Harvey Morgan** and **Delegate Jim Shuler**. Delegate Abbitt was first elected to the House of Delegates in 1986 and has been an outspoken advocate for preserving Virginia's wildlife and recreational areas throughout his long public service. Delegate Athey has served in the House of Delegates for ten years and we are grateful for his service as Chairman of the Joint Study Committee on Development and Land Use Tools. Delegate Morgan has served in the House for 31 years, making him the second longest serving member. As Chairman of the House

Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources his willingness to assume the leadership role in important issues will be sorely missed. Delegate Morgan was also a champion in the fight to oppose the electricity re-regulation bill in 2007. Delegate Shuler has served in the House of Delegates for 17 years and as a senior member of the House Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources has been a trusted ally on such issues as land conservation. All four gentlemen have been advocates for various conservation issues in the spotlight and behind the scenes.

We wish all our friends of conservation much success in their future endeavors.

special thanks

There are moments during the hectic pace of every General Assembly Session when a Delegate or Senator lends a helping hand to the cause of conservation.

These actions, sometimes simple and at other times requiring a great deal of political courage, are not reflected in our scorecard grid of up or down legislative votes. So, here is a heartfelt thank you to a few of those individuals:

Senator Charles J. Colgan *Senator R. Edward Houck*

Senator L. Louise Lucas *Senator Dave Marsden*

Senator Richard Saslaw *Speaker William J. Howell*

Delegate Watkins Abbitt *Delegate S. Chris Jones*

Delegate Riley Ingram *Delegate Steve Landes*

Delegate Tom Rust *Delegate Scott Surovell*

Departing legislative leaders

The 10 committees highlighted are especially important to conservation because so many bills affecting natural resources and growth are referred to them.

House Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Member	Party	District	Score
Bell, Richard P.	R	20	36%
Bulova	D	37	100%
Cox, J.A.	R	55	33%
Edmunds	R	60	40%
Englin	D	45	100%
James	D	80	83%
Knight	R	81	46%
Lewis	D	100	83%
Marshall, D.W.	R	14	33%
Morgan (Chair)	R	98	75%
Orrock	R	54	42%
Plum	D	36	100%
Pogge	R	96	33%
Poindexter	R	9	33%
Scott, E.T.	R	30	42%
Sherwood	R	29	33%
Shuler	D	12	91%
Sickles	D	43	100%
Torian	D	52	100%
Ware, R.L.	R	65	46%
Wilt	R	26	33%
Wright	R	61	36%
Committee Average			60%

House Appropriations

Member	Party	District	Score
Abbitt	I	59	50%
BaCote	D	95	88%
Brink	D	48	100%
Cox, M.K.	R	66	36%
Dance	D	63	73%
Howell, A.T.	D	90	89%
Ingram	R	62	36%
Joannou	D	79	55%
Jones	R	76	40%
Landes	R	25	36%
Lingamfelter	R	31	36%
Massie	R	72	45%
May	R	33	45%
Morgan	R	98	75%
O'Bannon	R	73	45%
Phillips	D	2	50%
Poindexter	R	9	33%
Putney (Chair)	I	19	40%
Scott, J.M.	D	53	100%
Sherwood	R	29	33%
Tata	R	85	45%
Ware, O.	D	11	100%
Committee Average			57%

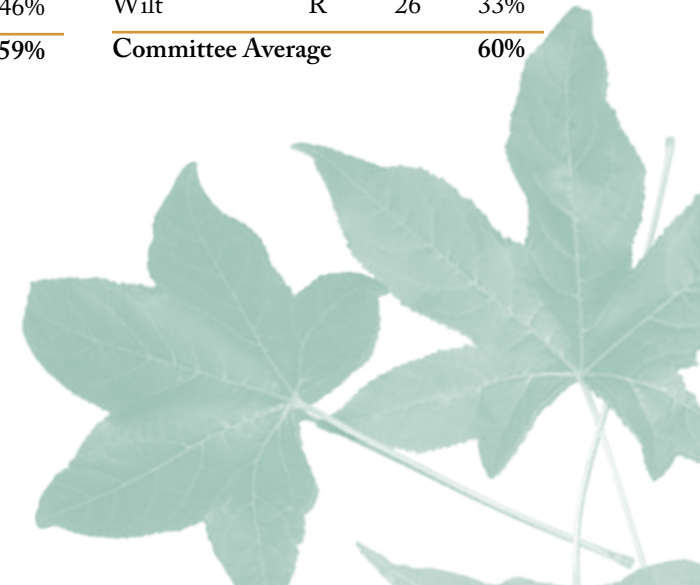
House Commerce and Labor

Member	Party	District	Score
Alexander	D	89	100%
Byron	R	22	36%
Cline	R	24	36%
Cosgrove	R	78	50%
Hugo	R	40	45%
Janis	R	56	36%
Joannou	D	79	55%
Johnson	D	4	36%
Kilgore (Chair)	R	1	42%
Lewis	D	100	83%
Loupassi	R	68	45%
Marshall, D.W.	R	14	33%
McClellan	D	71	100%
McQuinn	D	70	100%
Merricks	R	16	36%
Miller, J.H.	R	50	36%
Morgan	R	98	75%
Purkey	R	82	42%
Rust	R	86	82%
Tyler	D	75	89%
Ward	D	92	100%
Ware, R.L.	R	65	46%
Committee Average			59%

House Counties, Cities and Towns

Member	Party	District	Score
Crockett-Stark	R	6	45%
Edmunds	R	60	40%
Howell, A.T.	D	90	89%
Iaquinto	R	84	45%
Ingram (Chair)	R	62	36%
Knight	R	81	46%
Kory	D	38	100%
LeMunyon	R	67	50%
Marshall, D.W.	R	14	33%
Marshall, R.G.	R	13	45%
McQuinn	D	70	100%
Merricks	R	16	36%
Morefield	R	3	36%
Oder	R	94	36%
Pollard	D	99	92%
Poindexter	R	9	33%
Spruill	D	77	91%
Stolle	R	83	36%
Surovell	D	44	100%
Torian	D	52	100%
Ware, O.	D	11	100%
Wilt	R	26	33%
Committee Average			60%

Committee snapshots



House Transportation

Member	Party	District	Score
BaCote	D	95	88%
Brink	D	48	100%
Carr	D	69	100%
Carrico	R	5	36%
Cleaveland	R	17	33%
Comstock	R	34	36%
Cosgrove	R	78	36%
Cox, J.A.	R	55	33%
Ebbin	D	49	100%
Filler-Corn	D	41	100%
Garrett	R	23	45%
Habeeb	R	8	36%
Hugo	R	40	45%
May (Chair)	R	33	45%
McQuinn	D	70	100%
Oder	R	94	36%
Rust	R	86	82%
Scott, E.T.	R	30	42%
Tata	R	85	45%
Toscano	D	57	100%
Villanueva	R	21	45%
Ward	D	92	100%
Committee Average			63%

Senate Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

Member	Party	District	Score
Blevins	R	14	50%
Hanger	R	24	50%
Marsden	D	37	100%
McDougle	R	4	50%
McEachin	D	9	100%
Northam	D	6	91%
Obenshain	R	26	36%
Petersen	D	34	90%
Puckett	D	38	73%
Reynolds	D	20	82%
Ruff	R	15	45%
Stuart	R	28	64%
Ticer (Chair)	D	30	82%
Watkins	R	10	46%
Whipple	D	31	91%
Committee Average			70%

Senate Commerce and Labor

Member	Party	District	Score
Colgan	D	29	86%
Deeds	D	25	88%
Edwards	D	21	100%
Herring	D	33	89%
McEachin	D	9	100%
Miller, Y.B.	D	5	100%
Newman	R	23	50%
Norment	R	3	63%
Puckett	D	38	73%
Puller	D	36	89%
Saslaw (Chair)	D	35	100%
Stosch	R	12	63%
Wagner	R	7	63%
Wampler	R	40	63%
Watkins	R	10	46%
Committee Average			78%

Senate Finance

Member	Party	District	Score
Colgan (Chair)	D	29	86%
Hanger	R	24	50%
Houck	D	17	86%
Howell	D	32	100%
Lucas	D	18	100%
Marsh	D	16	88%
Miller, Y.B.	D	5	100%
Norment	R	3	63%
Quayle	R	13	63%
Reynolds	D	20	82%
Saslaw	D	35	100%
Stosch	R	12	63%
Wampler	R	40	63%
Watkins	R	10	46%
Whipple	D	31	91%
Committee Average			79%

Senate Local Government

Member	Party	District	Score
Hanger	R	24	50%
Herring	D	33	89%
Locke	D	2	100%
Lucas (Chair)	D	18	100%
Marsden	D	37	100%
Marsh	D	16	88%
Martin	R	11	38%
Obenshain	R	26	36%
Puller	D	36	89%
Quayle	R	13	63%
Reynolds	D	20	82%
Ruff	R	15	45%
Smith	R	22	38%
Stanley	R	19	38%
Ticer	D	30	82%
Committee Average			69%

Senate Transportation

Member	Party	District	Score
Blevins	R	14	50%
Deeds	D	25	88%
Houck	D	17	86%
Marsden	D	37	100%
Marsh	D	16	88%
McDougle	R	4	50%
McWaters	R	8	57%
Miller, J.C.	D	1	100%
Miller, Y.B. (Chair)	D	5	100%
Newman	R	23	50%
Puckett	D	38	73%
Smith	R	22	38%
Ticer	D	30	82%
Wagner	R	7	63%
Watkins	R	10	46%
Committee Average			71%



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Senator	District	Party	2011 Score	2010 Score	Cumulative Score Since 2000	HB 1397 Residential Energy Efficiency standards	HB 1438 Goods produced or manufactures within State not subject to federal law.	HB 1624 Department of Environmental Quality; powers of Executive Director	HB 1686 Distributed solar generation demonstration programs; SCC to approve.	HB 1721 Urban Development Areas	HB 1725 Office of Farmland Preservation; Virginia Farmland Preservation Fund created.	HB 1820 Land preservation tax credit; limits maximum amount that any taxpayer may receive	HB 1830 Resource management plans; effect of implementation, exclusions. Committee amendment	HB 1830 Resource management plans; effect of implementation, exclusions. Gov. amendments 1,2,3	SB 814 Offshore energy resources; State to support oil and natural gas exploration etc, exception.	SB 832 Green Public Buildings Act; definitions, building standards	SB 885 Wetlands; requirement of individual or general Virginia Water Protection Permit (Committee vote)	SB 1055 Fertilizer and dicing agents; regulation of application; report. House Amendments.	SB 1119 Department of Environmental Quality; permit compliance; civil penalty procedures	Patron Credit
Barker	39	D	86%	75%	82%				✓		✓	✓		✗		✓		✓	✓	
Blevins	14	R	50%	43%	32%			✗	✓		✓	✓	✗	✗		✓	✗	✓	✗	
Colgan	29	D	86%	33%	53%				✓		✓	✓		✗	AB	✓		✓	✓	
Deeds	25	D	88%	82%	85%				✓		✓	✓		✓	✗	✓		✓	✓	
Edwards	21	D	100%	80%	81%	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Hanger	24	R	50%	30%	36%			✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗		✓	✗	✓	✗	✓
Herring	33	D	89%	75%	84%				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✗	✓		✓	✓	
Houck	17	D	86%	56%	80%				✓		✓	✓		✗		✓		✓	✓	
Howell	32	D	100%	70%	82%				✓		✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	
Locke	2	D	100%	89%	85%				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	
Lucas	18	D	100%	80%	69%				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	
Marsden	37	D	100%	56%	79%			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Marsh	16	D	88%	70%	68%				✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		✓		✓	✓	
Martin	11	R	38%	38%	28%				✓	✗	✓	✓		✗		✗	✗	✗	✗	
McDougle	4	R	50%	38%	41%			✓	✓		✓	✓	✗	✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	
McEachin	9	D	100%	100%	85%	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McWaters	8	R	57%	38%	47%				✓		✓	✓		✗		✗		✓	✗	
Miller, J	1	D	100%	56%	74%				✓		✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	
Miller, YB	5	D	100%	64%	70%				✓		✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	

Senate scorecard

✓ = Right ✗ = Wrong NV = Not Voting AB = Abstained NA = Changed Vote

2011 senate of virginia

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Abbitt	59	I	50%	57%	51%	X	X		✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X		NV
Abbott	93	D	100%	86%	94%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Albo	42	R	45%	43%	40%	X	X		X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X		✓
Alexander	89	D	100%	83%	79%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		NA	✓
Anderson	51	R	36%	38%	37%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X		✓
Armstrong	10	D	64%	29%	63%	X	✓		✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X		✓
Athey	18	R	33%	83%	69%	X	X		X	✓	X	NV	X	✓	NV	X		✓
BaCote	95	D	88%	75%	65%	✓	NA		✓	✓	NA	✓	X	✓	✓	NA		✓
Barlow	64	D	82%	57%	61%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X		✓
Bell, R	58	R	36%	33%	41%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X		✓
Bell, D	20	R	33%	29%	32%	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X		✓
Brink	48	D	100%	100%	87%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Bulova	37	D	100%	100%	92%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓ ✓
Byron	22	R	36%	29%	36%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X		✓
Carr	69	D	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Carrico	5	R	36%	25%	30%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X		✓
Cleaveland	17	R	33%	29%	31%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X		NV	NV
Cline	24	R	36%	29%	36%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X		✓
Cole	88	R	33%	29%	51%	X	X		NV	✓	X	NV	X	✓	X	X		✓
Comstock	34	R	36%	50%	41%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X		✓

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✓ = Right X = Wrong NV = Not Voting AB = Abstained NA = Changed Vote

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Cosgrove	78	R	50%	30%	44%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓
Cox, J	55	R	33%	29%	40%	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	
Cox, K	66	R	36%	38%	35%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	
Crockett-Stark	6	R	45%	29%	42%	X	X		✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	
Dance	63	D	73%	86%	73%	✓	✓		X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	
Ebbin	49	D	100%	100%	97%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Edmunds	60	R	40%	57%	47%	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	NA	X	NV	
Englin	45	D	100%	100%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Filler-Corn	41	D	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Garrett	23	R	45%	29%	39%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	
Gilbert	15	R	36%	22%	35%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	
Greason	32	R	45%	43%	44%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	
Habeeb	8	R	36%	N/A	36%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	
Herring	46	D	100%	100%	94%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Hope	47	D	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Howell, A	90	D	89%	86%	65%	X	AB		NA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Howell, W	28	R	36%	29%	43%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	
Hugo	40	R	45%	29%	48%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	
Iaquinto	84	R	45%	33%	44%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	
Ingram	62	R	36%	29%	39%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	
James	80	D	83%	57%	74%	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	
Janis	56	R	36%	33%	35%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	
Joannou	79	D	55%	29%	45%	X	X		X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	
Johnson	4	D	36%	29%	43%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	
Jones, SC	76	R	40%	25%	39%	X	X		X	✓	NA	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	

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Keam	35	D	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kilgore	1	R	42%	29%	34%	✗	✗		✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
Knight	81	R	46%	29%	34%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
Kory	38	D	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Landes	25	R	36%	29%	46%	✗	✗		✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	
LeMunyon	67	R	50%	57%	53%	✗	✗		✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
Lewis	100	D	83%	71%	84%	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Lingamfelter	31	R	36%	43%	54%	✗	✗		✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	
Loupassi	68	R	45%	29%	38%	✗	✗		✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	
Marshall, D	14	R	33%	29%	32%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	
Marshall, R	13	R	45%	29%	63%	✗	✗		✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	
Massie	72	R	45%	29%	35%	✗	✗		✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	
May	33	R	45%	57%	52%	✗	✗		✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	
McClellan	71	D	100%	86%	96%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
McQuinn	70	D	100%	100%	84%	NA	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Merricks	16	R	36%	29%	34%	✗	✗		✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	
Miller, J	50	R	36%	17%	35%	✗	✗		✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	
Miller, P	87	D	100%	57%	70%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Morefield	3	R	36%	29%	33%	✗	✗		✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	
Morgan	98	R	75%	57%	58%	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓
Morrissey	74	D	100%	86%	92%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Nutter	7	R	36%	43%	51%	✗	✗		✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	
O'Bannon	73	R	45%	29%	43%	✗	✗		✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	
Oder	94	R	36%	29%	39%	✗	✗		✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	
Orrock	54	R	42%	29%	42%	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	

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Peace	97	R	45%	33%	50%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	
Phillips	2	D	50%	29%	47%	X	✓		X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	NV	
Plum	36	D	100%	100%	92%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Pogge	96	R	33%	29%	31%	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	
Poindexter	9	R	33%	29%	31%	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	
Pollard	99	D	92%	100%	96%	✓	X		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Purkey	82	R	42%	29%	39%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓
Putney	19	I	40%	43%	37%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	NV	X	✓	
Robinson	27	R	36%	N/A	36%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	
Rust	86	R	82%	71%	60%	X	✓		✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Scott, E	30	R	42%	50%	43%	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	
Scott, J	53	D	100%	88%	88%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sherwood	29	R	33%	29%	35%	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	
Shuler	12	D	91%	100%	79%	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	
Sickles	43	D	100%	100%	94%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Spruill	77	D	91%	57%	63%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	
Stolle	83	R	36%	29%	33%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	
Surovell	44	D	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tata	85	R	45%	57%	47%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	
Torian	52	D	100%	100%	100%	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Toscano	57	D	100%	100%	96%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tyler	75	D	89%	86%	74%	✓	AB		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	NA	✓	
Villanueva	21	R	45%	29%	39%	X	X		X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	
Ward	92	D	100%	88%	76%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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Ware, L	65	R	46%	38%	47%	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓
Ware, O	11	D	100%	29%	64%	NA	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Watts	39	D	100%	86%	81%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Wilt	26	R	33%	N/A	33%	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	
Wright	61	R	36%	43%	40%	X	X	X	X	✓	NA	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	
Average					61%													

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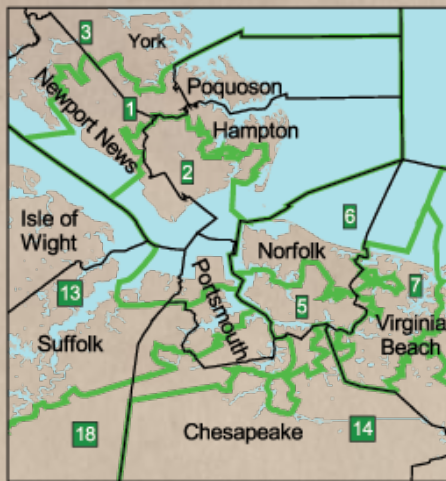
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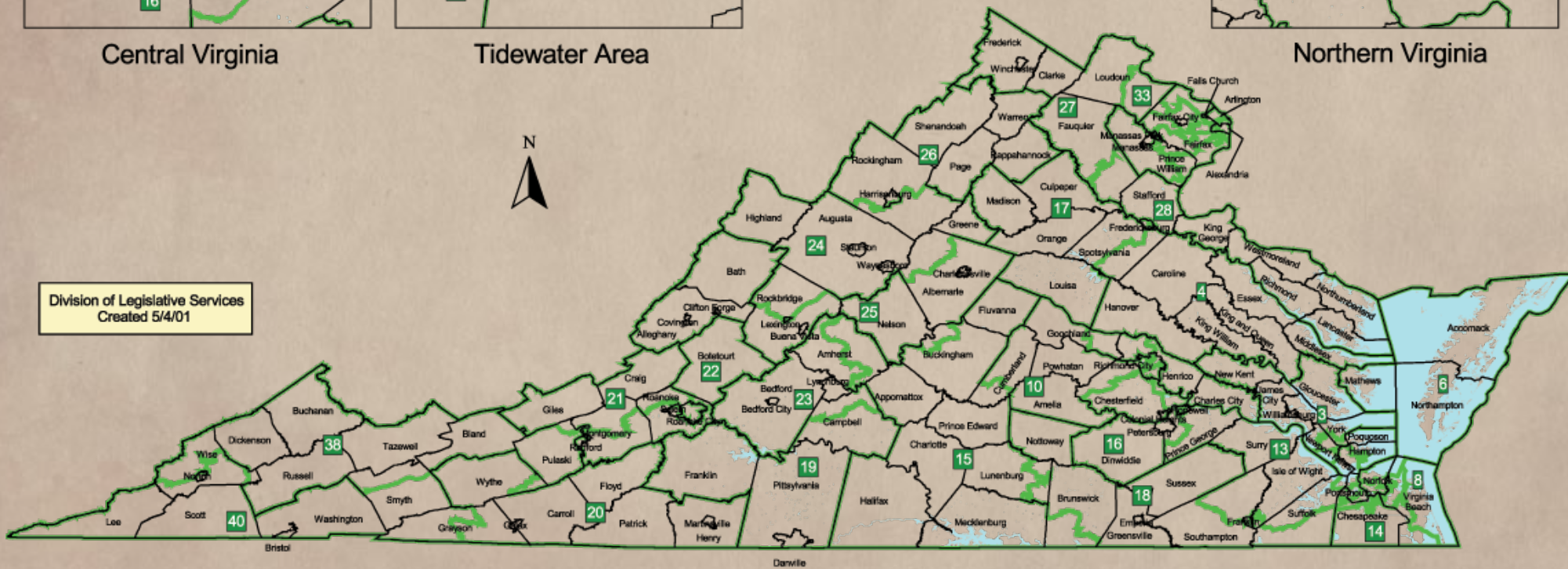
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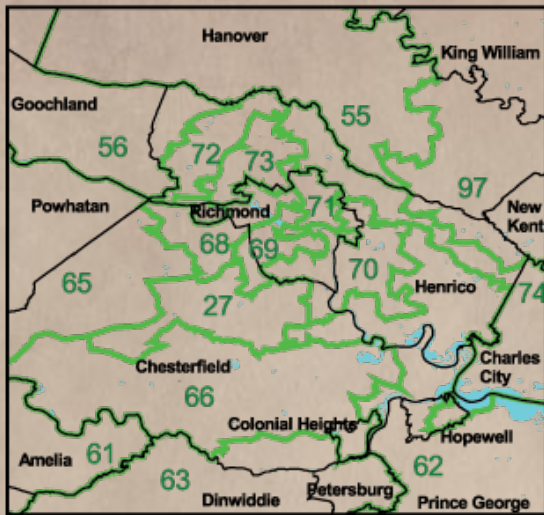
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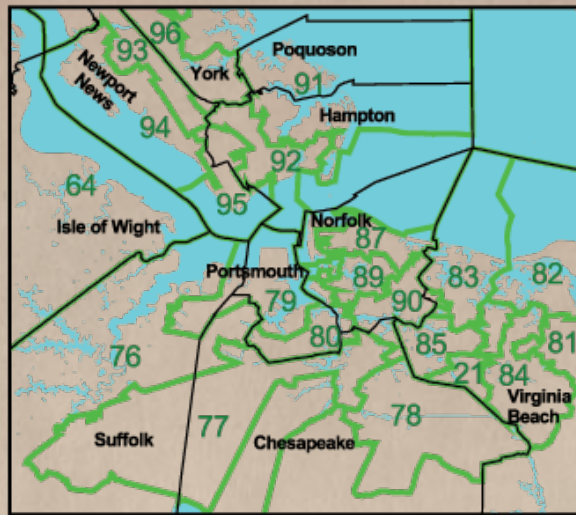
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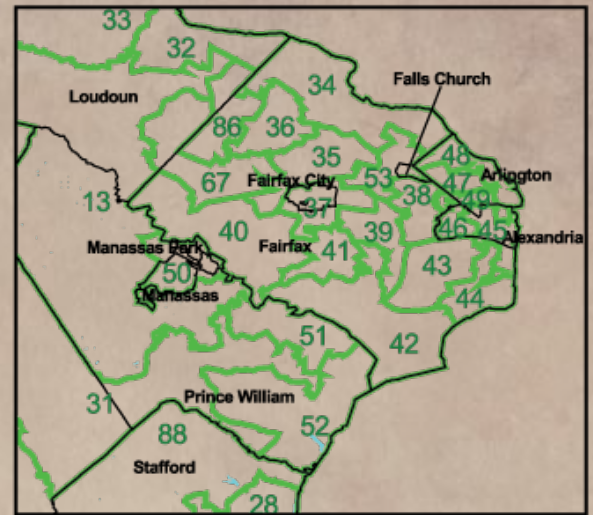
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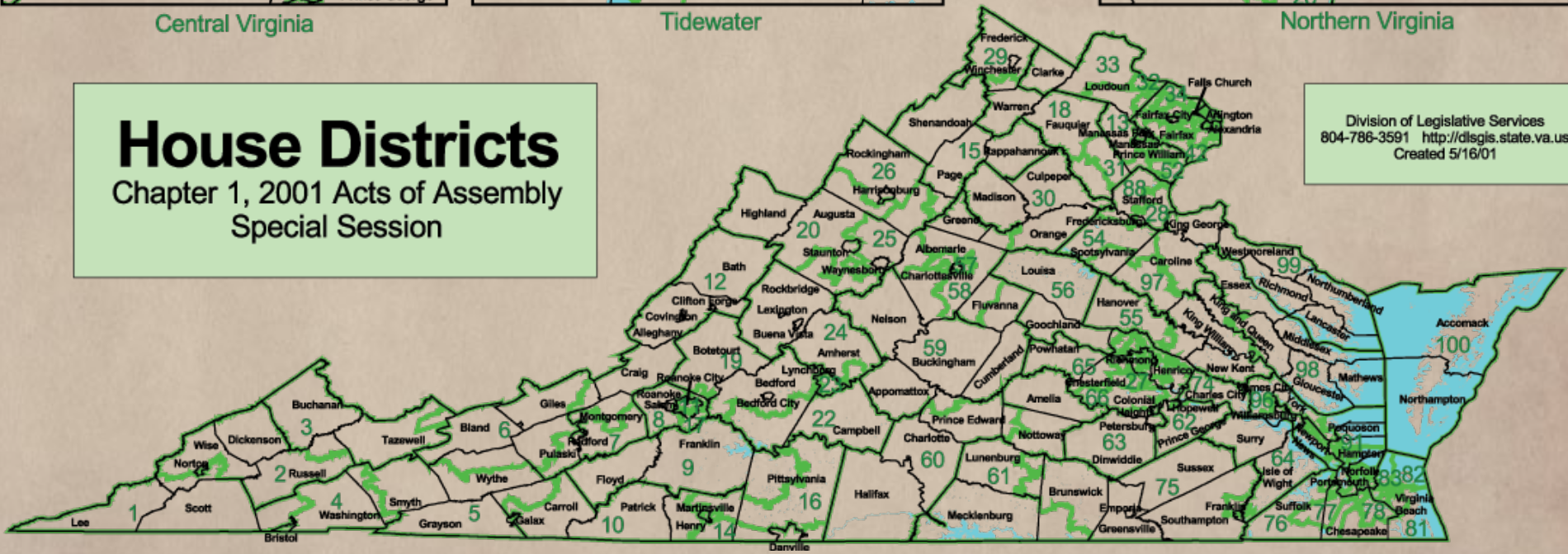


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Political and legislative advocacy is a year-round effort. Whether meeting with legislators in Richmond or phoning voters before Election Day, VALCV members are essential to our efforts to make Virginia a better place in which to live.

The goals of the Legislative Contact Teams (LCT) and Conservation eAction Virginia (CAV) Networks are to:

- identify and motivate conservation-minded Virginians
- educate these activists on the issues
- help these activists influence public policy by establishing 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

Virginia Conservation Network (VCN) and the Virginia League of Conservation Voters-Education Fund (VALCV-EF) started the Legislative Contact Teams (LCTs) program in the fall of 2002 with the goal of training volunteers to be

conservation contacts in their home legislative districts. The current goal for the LCT program is to identify three to four activists in each Senate and House district to act as members on their local LCT for that legislator.

To date, this VCN and VALCV-EF joint effort has brought in over 286 members, covering 37 Senate districts and 81 House districts. These participants speak to their legislators directly about a range of conservation priorities. 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! Visit www.valcv.org for more information.

conservation e-action virginia (CAV)

The Conservation e-Action Virginia system helps the conservation community stay up to date with

actions taken by our elected officials that impact conservation in Virginia. We can send a strong message to elected officials, governmental decision makers, and industry leadership by sending e-mails, making phone calls, and writing letters to the editor of our local newspaper—all of which is made simple with CAV.

Please sign up for the CAV e-mail alert system. Using only about 10 e-mail 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, energy and others. Joining the CAV network is simple. Just visit our home page at www.valcv.org.

VALCV online

Keep an eye on www.valcv.org to stay abreast of our many 2011 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 General Assembly session, the VALCV website will also provide links to General Assembly Updates and our Online Conservation Bill Chart. Check back often for updates on legislation and for more about how you can help make a difference.

A cycle of accountability

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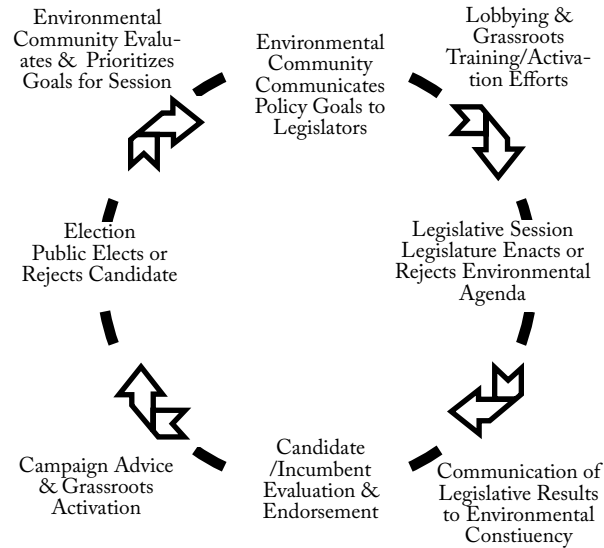
VALCV is constantly updating the ways in which we can interact with conservationists online. The better our community shares and spreads information online, the more we can encourage action to protect our air, land and water. Join the conversation about conservation and help change Virginia's political landscape:

-  Facebook: Like VALCV at www.facebook.com/VirginiaLCV
-  Twitter: Send us a tweet at www.twitter.com/VirginiaLCV
-  ArticleXI.com: The conservation community's blog references Article XI of the Virginia Constitution which established responsibility to protect our land, air and water as one of the founding principles of the Commonwealth.

59
Number of tracked bills left or died in committee

notable number

know the cycle—VALCV's year round process



the endorsement process

2011 marks an especially important year for elections in Virginia. Redistricting has been a pivotal issue throughout the session and once the lines are finalized, elections are going to become especially important. Every seat is up for election this fall, and the new lines could potentially have a substantial effect on how Virginia's political landscape looks going into the 2012 legislative session. Primary elections have been delayed to take place on August 23, 2011. VALCV will examine the new districts carefully to determine competitive races.

The Conservation Scorecard is used as a factor in candidate endorsements, alongside 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, fundraising and grassroots organizing strategies they need to win. We work to educate voters, then help get out the vote on Election Day. For more information on our political endorsement process, go to ConservationMajorityVA.org.

applaud the work of our local partners

One of VALCV's priorities is to work with local groups to form Political Action Committees, 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 tough legislation at the General Assembly.

...here's what to do about it

1. Hold your legislators accountable.

Use the rosters on pages 19 and 25 and e-mail, call, or write your legislators. If they voted against conservation concerns, express your disappointment. If they voted to protect Virginia's environment, thank them and show your support.

2. Share the 2011 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 support conservation. You can contact VALCV for additional copies, or view the scorecard online at www.valcv.org.

3 **Number of Delegates whose scores improved from 2010 to 2011**

notable number

3. Support our work.



VALCV is the political voice of Virginia's conservation community. Help us build our strength in numbers and in dollars. Did this scorecard make you feel like you can make a more informed decision in upcoming elections? If so, we invite you to support what we do. Donations can be made by check or credit card, online, by phone, or by mail. See the envelope insert or visit www.valcv.org for more information.

4. Stay Informed.

Sign up online for your local Legislative Contact Team (LCT) and join our Conservation e-Action Virginia (CAV) e-mail alert system. See www.valcv.org for more details. Also, join the conversation about conservation at ArticleXI.com, www.Facebook.com/VirginiaLCV and www.twitter.com/VirginiaLCV.

5. Vote for pro-Conservation Candidates.

Candidates who earn the VALCV endorsement are those who have demonstrated their commitment to conservation in Virginia. Visit the website www.ConservationMajorityVA.org. In addition to our involvement in state races, we assist local groups with electing pro-conservation candidates to their local Boards of Supervisors, City Councils, and other elected positions. When voting, please consider a candidate's conservation record and help us get pro-conservation candidates elected.

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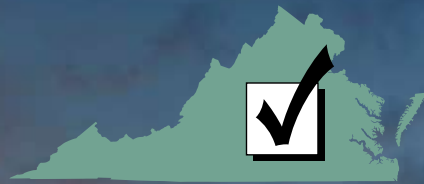
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