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2006 Virginia General Assembly Conservation Scorecard Virginia League of Conservation Voters



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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.

The 2006 General Assembly session showed that our legislative priorities extended beyond the typical environmental areas of concern such as reducing point-source pollution. A breadth of legislation targeting land use and transportation planning policies came before lawmakers for their consideration this session. This body of legislation has a sweeping impact on the quality of life all Virginians are able to enjoy. Consequently, VALCV saw markedly increased participation by citizen activists and heard from legislators who had previously remained relatively silent on environmental and conservation issues.

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."

Notable Number 4 The number of senators whose conservation scores are below 25% for the 2006 General Assembly session.



# 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 seventh 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 session? The 2006 session has passed and the 2007 session will be gearing up, with many more conservation bills for your legislators to consider. Use the legislative district maps and directory listed at the back of 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

### **Average Annual Scores**

	House	Senate	
2000	51%	47%	
2001	54%	57%	
2002	59%	45%	
2003	55%	30%	
2004	47%	59%	
2005	40%	42%	
2006	56%	54%	
2006	56%	54%	

# Legislator "Heroes" 100% Voting Record for 2006

Senate	Party	District
Howell	(D)	32
Puller	(D)	36
Ticer	(D)	30
House	Party	District
Ebbin	(D)	49
Englin	(D)	45
McClellan	(D)	71
	(D)	36
Plum	(D)	50

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, five delegates and three senators are on the list. Legislators in the Top Quartile list and those who patroned conservation bills deserve recognition and thanks as well. (See these charts on pages 3 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.

If your legislators appeared in the Bottom Quartile, they especially need to hear from you! (See the chart on page 3.) 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, 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!

## 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

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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 when there are so few significant conservation initiatives.

This year's Scorecard, in addition to providing scores for 2006 and 2005, also includes a 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 this message from conservation-minded constituents.



### 2006 Top Quartile Score of 75% or Higher

House	Party	District	Score
Amundson	(D)	44	75
Brink	(D)	48	75
Bulova	(D)	37	88
Caputo	(D)	67	88
Ebbin	(D)	49	100
Eisenberg	(D)	47	89
Englin	(D)	45	100
Hull	(D)	38	86
Jones, D. C.	(D)	70	75
Lewis	(D)	100	78
McClellan	(D)	71	100
Moran	(D)	46	89
Plum	(D)	36	100
Scott, J	(D)	53	100
Shuler	(D)	12	83
Sickles	(D)	43	89
Toscano	(D)	57	88
Valentine	(D)	23	75
Watts	(D)	39	88
Wittman	(R)	99	89
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Senate	Party	District	Score
Deeds	(D)	25	88
Herring	(D)	33	86
Houck	(D)	17	75
Howell	(D)	32	100
Locke	(D)	2	86
Lucas	(D)	18	86
Miller	(D)	5	75
Norment	(R)	3	80
Puller	(D)	36	100
Ticer	(D)	30	100
Whipple	(D)	31	86

# 2006 Bottom Quartile Score of 25% or Lower

Congratulations to the House of Delegates—no members scored below 25% during the 2006 session.

Senate	Party	District	Score
Hanger	(R)	24	25
McDougle	(R)	4	14
Newman	(R)	23	14
Wagner	(R)	7	14

Notable Number 61 The number of pro-conservation bills backed by delegates and senators this year. Each delegate and senator received extra credit for this sponsorship.

# 2006 Scorecard Highlights

### **New and Different**

The 2006 General Assembly session was notable on several counts. We began the session with a new incoming Governor, Timothy Kaine, Lt. Governor, Bill Bolling, and Attorney General, Bob McDonnell along with a number of new delegates. Of the 49 contested races during the regular November elections, 21 involved challenges to Republican delegates and 17 were fights for Democratic seats. After several subsequent special elections, the House of Delegates consisted of 57 Republicans, 40 Democrats and three independents. Growth and transportation issues ranked high on the



voters' priority lists when they chose their representatives. In some cases, they ranked higher than partisan preferences – especially in exurban counties Loudoun, Fairfax, Prince William and the cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach.

The historic capitol building was closed this session for considerable renovations. All Senate and House floor sessions and the Administration's working offices were moved to the Patrick Henry Building which was built in 1939 as one of 34,000 Public Works Administration projects in the nation. The building was originally designed and constructed to house the Virginia State Library and Supreme Court of Virginia. Even the inauguration had to be moved to the colonial capital in Williamsburg – a first since the inauguration of Governor Thomas Jefferson in 1779. While offices will be permanently housed in the Patrick Henry Building, the Richmond capitol is scheduled to reopen for the 2007 General Assembly session. The 2006 session also began a new trend of withholding legislative information from the public. Already on record as refusing to broadcast House floor sessions, the House Republican majority rewrote the rules for considering legislation in the name of efficiency. Under the new rules, chairmen of standing committees can assign bills to subcommittees of as few as five members with a quorum of three. A subcommittee meeting as early as 6 a.m. in a cramped conference room without the benefit of sound amplification equipment can kill a bill with as few as three votes - none of which is recorded. VALCV has from time to time needed to rely upon subcommittee votes for our Scorecard. When that was the case, we could use the recorded actions on the legislative website to verify the outcome. Now we find that we cannot be confident of a bill's outcome even if we are present in the subcommittee room because we cannot see lips or distinguish voices from strategic areas of the room. As a result, VALCV has fewer options for Scorecard vote selections and the public can never be sure what happened when a vote fails to be heard in full committee. VALCV Legislative Hero Ken Plum noted that of the 794 bills that failed in the House this year, only 13 show a recorded vote.

Finally, the 2006 Session and Special Session take the prize for longevity. As of June 20, 2006, it had been 160 days since the session convened in January and the House and Senate budgetary struggles began. Fortunately a government shutdown has now been averted. A compromise budget cleared the way for legislators to craft a two-year, \$74 billion budget before July 1, the start of the new budget cycle. It does not, however, fund the issue that caused the impasse in the first place - transportation. To strike the shaky compromise on the 2006-2008 budget, the Senate and House agreed to delay consideration of transportation financing until later in the summer. Surely long-standing differences will emerge once again. The Senate favors about \$750 million in new taxes, while the House wants to use a sizable portion of the \$1.4 billion surplus and issue more bonds which would be repaid with interest.

Embedded in the lengthy budget negotiations was the heated debate of estate tax repeal and caps on the Virginia Land Preservation Tax Credit program (SB 5019). Under this proposal, the tax credit will be reduced to 40% and no more than \$50 million in tax credits can be registered in 2007. Virginia currently has one of the most successful private voluntary land conservation programs in the nation. According to the Tax Department, landowners registered \$135 million in credits in 2004. For Virginia to balance the budget on the backs of those protecting our Commonwealth's lands, is a sad commentary on our legislators' values. A few legislative leaders stepped forward to defend this critical program and stop this bill on the House floor, but SB 5019 now heads to Governor Kaine for his actions.

VALCV hopes that our elected leaders can focus on some practical transportation solutions outside of simply spending more money via taxes, tolls or debt. There has been inordinate pressure from the status quo segment of the business and development lobby to push for more funding while ignoring the need for reform. Simply spending more for more roads will not get people where they need to go. Voters have repeatedly demonstrated that they "get" the importance linking land use and transportation. It is time for our representatives to give this concept more than lip service - especially given expected increases in energy prices and the demonstrated advantages of community designs that reduce driving and congestion. With greater confidence that state officials have a plan to improve Virginia's planning for the future, Virginia voters would have greater confidence in how their transportation dollars will be spent.

### Air Quality

Power plants are Virginia's largest source of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, mercury and air toxics. These pollutants put the lives and health of millions of Virginians at risk, harm animal and plant life, and diminish Virginia's tourism economy by degrading its vistas. Nitrogen is the pollutant causing the most damage to the Chesapeake Bay. Up to one-third of the nitrogen in the Bay comes from air and almost half of that percentage comes from stationery sources such as power plants. To address these concerns, the "Clean Smokestacks" bill (HB 1055) was re-introduced by Delegate Jack Reid again this year along with Senator Patsy Ticer's SB 242, but with a new twist. The conservation community had to fight off industry attempts to override the regulations on mercury that the State Air Pollution Control Board had sent out for public comment in SB 651 (Senator Phillip Puckett) and HB 1471 (Delegate Chris Saxman). These bills would have required the Air Board to adopt the minimal EPA mercury rule which is being challenged in federal court

by 14 states' attorneys general and several public health and environmental organizations. Mercury is now identified as a toxin that disproportionately affects young children and women of childbearing age.

Although some minor concessions to our concerns were addressed, the bills largely achieved industry's goals – notably allowing interstate trading of mercury credits and prohibiting DEQ from going beyond the minimal federal rules. The language of these two bills was eventually rolled into HB 1055.

Delegate Reid's bill, HB 1055, achieves the following:

- The bills require DEQ to adopt the lax and flawed EPA rule for mercury and to adopt the EPA Clean Air Interstate Rule. This means that the bills do allow interstate trading of mercury and other pollutants – something the conservation community continues to oppose.
- The bills also codify Dominion Virginia Power's and Appalachian Power's (AEP) existing plans for compliance with both of the federal rules. This does give Virginians more certainty in reductions in pollution since these are now matters of state law.
- 3. While Dominion will now reduce its company-wide emissions of mercury by 86% by 2015, all other major emitters of mercury have escaped the requirement that they reduce by the same amount. Equalization will be a major goal to achieve in future legislative sessions.
- 4. Lastly, the bills require DEQ to conduct what could be a valuable, detailed evaluation of mercury deposition in Virginia. This study will be critical for any future efforts to address mercury contamination. We were able to have language inserted into the bill that provides for a preliminary assessment by October 2007 with the final assessment due in October 2008.



VALCV asked Governor Kaine to amend HB 1055 to bring the Alexandria Mirant plant up to the standards of the other power plants. He did amend the bill to require Mirant to limit its mercury trading to within 200 km instead of nationwide and the reenrolled bill passed both chambers unanimously. VALCV and other conservation colleagues will monitor the DEQ assessment carefully and may use it to reopen discussions on further controls on mercury contamination in Virginia.

### Water Quality

#### WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FUNDING

**Senator Fred Quayle** proposed a \$1.00 per day lodging fee on hotel rooms and dedication of certain recordation tax revenues to establish an annual distribution of \$70 million to the Water Quality Improvement Fund. The enactment of SB 626 would have provided a continuous, stable, and reliable source of monies to support pollution



reduction efforts throughout the Commonwealth. The progress of SB 626 was temporarily stalled in the Senate Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources Committee, where a unanimous vote continued the bill over for further consideration in the 2007 legislative session. However, due to the tremendous statewide grassroots support for dedicated water quality funding, both chambers of the Virginia General Assembly approved over \$250 million, the largest one-time infusion of funds from the budget ever appropriated for water quality in the history of the Commonwealth.

#### ADEQUATE OUTFALL AND EROSION CONTROL

Under current law, Virginia's streams are inadequately protected from erosion. HB 684 proposes revisions to Virginia's Erosion & Sediment Control Act and Stormwater Management Act as they apply to development activities. HB 684, patroned by **Delegate Tom Rust**, institutes on-site requirements more stringent than current law and significantly reduces erosive development runoff into receiving streams. Furthermore, this legislation removes barriers to urban revitalization and provides financial incentives for developers to use Low Impact Development techniques. As a result of the outstanding efforts of conservation groups, in a collaborative alliance with the Home Builders Association of Virginia, HB 684 was enacted by the unanimous vote of both houses.

#### AGRICULTURAL WATER WITHDRAWALS

What began as an earnest attempt to alleviate perceived permitting burdens for small agricultural water users, grew into a significant diminution of common law riparian rights. House substitute legislation patroned by Delegate Steve Landes called for a nearly complete exemption from permitting requirements for all agricultural uses of water, both large and small, regardless of their impact upon other riparian landowners and beneficial public uses of water. The amended HB 1185 passed out of the House and the Senate Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources Committee. On the Senate floor, Senator Hanger was able to pass amendments to reinstate protections of instream flows. Governor Kaine amended the bill to restore DEQ's authority to balance instream and off stream beneficial uses before adverse impacts occur. The House failed to adopt the amendment in the reconvened session in a 33-Y to 66-N vote. VALCV was pleased that the Governor vetoed the bill on May 19.

#### USE ATTAINABILITY ANALYSIS AND TMDLS (TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD)

In reaction to recent water quality based limits in the form of TMDLs, the coal industry initiated a bill allowing industry stakeholders to reevaluate the practical ability to achieve the water quality standards underlying the TMDL. Current Virginia law allows any member of the public, including industry stakeholders, to request the Commonwealth to reevaluate such water quality standards through an agency study known as a Use Attainability Analysis (UAA). Under these laws, a UAA is undertaken at the discretion and expense of the Commonwealth. As initially proposed, HB 1457 called for the delay of TMDL implementation while a private party was allowed to conduct its own UAA study.

The conservation community worked hard with industry representatives and the bill patron, **Delegate Lee Ware**,

to craft a bill addressing industry concerns yet providing maximum benefits to water quality. The collaborative language of HB 1457 allows members of the public requesting a UAA to conduct and pay for the UAA itself, thereby alleviating the financial burden of the Commonwealth. However, the private UAA results must then undergo 30 days of public comment and scrutiny. Additionally, during the entire process the state agency maintains its discretion to revisit water quality standards and is not bound to adopt the findings of the private UAA nor delay the implementation of TMDLs. Furthermore, the Commonwealth has the ability to introduce its own evidence as to the attainability of the water quality standard and may refute the evidence contained in the private report. Based on the good faith, collaborative efforts between the coal industry and the conservation community, HB 1457 passed out of both Houses without opposition.

#### NONTIDAL WETLANDS

The conservation community worked diligently this session to oppose **Delegate John Cosgrove's** HB 1496, which called for the elimination of the Commonwealth's independent authority to evaluate development activities impacting Virginia's nontidal waters. The passage of such a bill would jeopardize the ability of the state to achieve its pledge for no net loss of wetland acreage and its commitments to restore wetlands under the Chesapeake Bay 2000 Agreement. The House Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources Committee voted unanimously to carry the bill over to the 2007 legislative session. Thus, the discussion and debate surrounding HB 1496 will continue throughout the year and it is a likely possibility that similar legislation will be reintroduced in the next session.

# Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Funding Studies

The two PDR study resolutions, **Senator Emmett Hanger's** SJ 94 and **Delegate Lynwood Lewis'** HJ 133, were amended, made identical and passed both chambers with near unanimous support. **Del. Lewis'** language prevailed and was actually better, as it repeatedly emphasizes the need for funding to preserve open space and farm land, not just funding for approved agricultural programs. The study committee will consist of three Senate members, appointed by Senate Rules, and six House members, appointed by the Speaker, with the deadline for the study's work scheduled for November 30, 2006.

Votes for the PDR study resolutions were unanimous in all but one curious case. When HJ 133 to the House on March 2, amended from the Senate, Delegates Hargrove, Hogan and Janis voted against it. Five days later, they voted for the identical SJ 94.

### The Virginia Energy Plan

Senator Frank Wagner's SB 262 was intended to be a comprehensive blueprint for Virginia's energy needs for the following ten years. VALCV had concerns that the bill rushed a state energy plan before there was a comprehensive energy policy. Our concerns increased as the bill traveled from one committee to the next - losing most of the components of the bill favoring conservation, efficiency, and renewable energy sources along the way. What remained was a call for Virginia to ask Congress to remove the moratorium on offshore drilling, questionable definitions of low-emission facilities (including nuclear facilities), incentives for fossil fuel production, and removal of local control over the siting of certain new energy facilities.

The bill passed through the Senate with little opposition—the Finance Committee removed some



components which had fiscal impacts but were generally viewed as good policy, namely tax credits on energy efficient appliances, and other conservation components.

SB 262 was met with more opposition on the House side than on the Senate. Fortunately many of the local control concerns were removed in a House substitute version of the bill – thanks largely to public input.

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Amendments were also made to protect minority and low-income communities. These changes, along with prodding from the Governor's office to send the bill along, ensured its passage.

The Governor significantly amended SB 262, fixing many of the problems with the bill. Governor Kaine removed troubling language regarding the siting of nuclear power plants, and made many improvements to the legislation by including tax deductions for energy efficient appliances, and better siting requirements for wind energy facilities. Fortunately Governor Kaine removed much of the offshore drilling language, leaving only the possibility for a federally funded study to look for natural gas 50 miles off the coast. The amendments also included a new provision which would require statewide use of ethanol in gasoline products. This amendment provoked outrage in the petroleum industry and the General Assembly was pressured to remove this language. A substitute bill was introduced, stripping out the ethanol language. This substitute passed the Senate 37-0, and the House 70-20 votes. There was much controversy over the parliamentary procedure used on the Senate floor. Consequently, the House debate centered on the procedural questions and there was talk of a possible constitutional challenge.

### Land Use and Transportation

Following the November, 2005 elections which hinged on community demands for better growth management, the 2006 General Assembly session saw a bipartisan package of bills introduced by the Governor, senators, and delegates that represented the first step toward helping communities wisely plan where and how Virginia's communities will grow. Early in the session, **Speaker of the House William J. Howell** led other House Republicans in unveiling a package of legislative reforms to allow local governments tools to better connect land use and transportation.

In his January 16th address to the General Assembly, **Governor Tim Kaine** announced a legislative package designed to initiate the connection of land use and transportation planning. The package included bills which emerged from the Senate Finance Committee and its 2005 "START" Commission. **Senator Charles Hawkins** and **Senator Edd Houck** were prominent in the "START" effort, speaking eloquently for reform and stating that we cannot simply try to "build our way out of the problem."

The Governor's bills were carried by a bipartisan group of legislators and included:

-Intermodal Coordination – (SB 412-Senator Edd Houck) This bill defines more specific functions and goals for the Intermodal Office in the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. The Intermodal Office is intended to strengthen the coordination between roads, rail, transit, carpooling, and pedestrian-bicycle modes. The office will consist of a director, appointed by the Secretary of Transportation, and such additional transportation professionals as the Secretary of Transportation shall determine. It shall be the duty of the director of the office to advise the Secretary and the Commonwealth Transportation Board on intermodal issues. The Governor amended this bill but his amendments were rejected during the reconvened session.

"We cannot let runaway development clog our roads and ruin our beautiful landscapes." Governor Tim Kaine, Election night

-Transfer of Development Rights – (HB 1542 – Delegate Mark Sickles and SB 373 – Senator John Watkins/ Senator Edd Houck) These TDR bills amended local zoning authority to allow localities to provide for transfer of development rights from one parcel of land to another parcel of land. Del. Sickles' bill was left in committee but the Senate bill passed. It is illustrated in the Scorecard grid. The legislation had the heavy involvement of the development industry which cinched its passage. The bill can allow local communities to plan for protection of farmland and open space and to better direct growth to targeted growth corridors but it has potential limitations.

-Zoning, Traffic Impact Analysis – (HB 1609 – **Delegate Michele McQuigg** and SB 724 – **Senator Fred Quayle**) These bills required localities to prepare and consider traffic impact analysis statements prior to approving rezoning applications. HB 1609 was rolled into HB 1513 (**Delegate Jeff Frederick**) The combined bill requires traffic impact analysis by the Department of Transportation for local comprehensive plan changes, rezonings, site plans and subdivision plats. Like the TDR bill, this bill had the close involvement of the development industry. It does not include provisions for denying a plan or project because of traffic impact. HB 1513 is identical to SB 699 (**Senator Edd Houck**) which also passed with strong support.

-Zoning, Road Capacity - (HB 1610 - Delegate Bob Marshall) This bill clarified and strengthened the power of local governments to say "no" to a rezoning if the local roads are inadequate. This bill most closely reflected the Governor's promise to the voters in the 2005 election to ensure local communities have the power to say "no" to development that would clog their roads. This bill was the most important to VALCV and the one most opposed by the developer lobby. The *Washington Post* reported on the bill the day after it was supposed to be heard in the House Counties, Cities, and Towns subcommittee. "Several of those who attended the hearing said they were frustrated by the decision not to allow them to testify before the vote." One developer drove from Stafford County to testify in favor of the bill. Instead the bill was "laid on the table," a parliamentary move equivalent to killing it.

Virginia's conservation community focused on HB 1610 as our top land use/transportation priority because it would protect a local governments' right to deny a new development based on traffic impacts. We held a rally at the Capitol with 200 citizens who came from across the state to support HB 1610 and the other land use/transportation reforms. Leaders of both parties, including the Governor, spoke in favor of new solutions. The opposition heard us and tightened their grip, killing HB 1610 and successfully lobbying the Governor and a number of Senators against submitting a Senate version. A last ditch effort by Senator Hanger to revive the legislation by amending another House bill failed. If it had passed, HB 1610 would have let localities better plan communities while helping to decrease congestion on our roads.

Land use and transportation planning legislation in the 2006 session ended up being incremental and not commensurate with the proposals for spending as much as \$1 billion more per year on transportation. With time now to further discuss transportation reform, VALCV and our partners in the conservation community hope that together with our elected leaders, we can identify a

new transportation and land use plan. That plan must assume a world of higher gas prices which should result in very different spending priorities than VDOT's proposals in its VTRANS 2025 long range plan. VALCV and its partners will continue to fight for the adoption of better planning and fiscally responsible transportation plans in upcoming General Assembly sessions.

Those wishing to learn more about land use and transportation reform can go to www.ReconnectingVirginia.org



The 2006 session brought to our elected officials a new awareness of the voters' priorities and of the needs in our Commonwealth. We made some significant strides forward in the traffic impact analysis requirement – especially with a pilot project being launched in Loudoun County. We should expect more progress in the 2007 General Assembly. There is much at stake in the upcoming session as every seat in the House and Senate will be up for election in November 2007.

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# **Scorecard Vote Key**

### VOTE KEY LEGEND

= VALCV supported bill

**X** = VALCV opposed bill

#### Senate bills or resolutions



Establishes a statewide standard for vegetation control around billboards. This bill's original intent was to expand VDOT's current program for issuing permits for the cutting of trees to apply even in municipalities. Amendments were subsequently introduced at every Transportation committee meeting that served to strip the VDOT Commissioner's ability to place conditions on the permits. The House floor vote for passage is included in the Scorecard.(51-Y 46-N 2-A)



Restricts tax credits to an aggregate limit of \$600,000 or 50% of the fair market value in tax credit for each parcel donated...*This bill would have curtailed Virginia's current successful land conservation tax credit program by placing restrictions on the allowable easements and capping the mone-tary values of the easements. The Senate floor vote for passage is included in the Scorecard. (23-Y 14-N 2-A)* 



Adds the City of Suffolk to those localities authorized to impose road impact fees. *SB 225 was narrowly reported from the Local Government committee (8-Y 7-N) and went on to passage on the Senate floor. (28-Y 12-N) It then went over to the House Counties, Cities, and Towns committee where it was "passed by indefinitely" or killed without a recorded vote. Apparently the Tidewater Builders' Association was opposed to the legislation.* 



Establishes a state energy policy and directs the Division of Energy of the Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy to prepare a ten-year plan to implement the Commonwealth's energy policy by July 1, 2007. *This bill was revised 9 times this year before the final version that Governor Kaine offered was adopted.* VALCV supported the *Governor's amendment that improved the bill by addressing offshore gas drilling, nuclear and wind facility siting, and energy tax deductions. This final vote during the reconvened session was problematic though because the House debate centered upon whether the Senate floor vote was procedurally correct. Because it appeared that the votes were affected by the constitutionality debate, the votes selected for the Scorecard are the floor votes for passage. A vote to oppose the bill is a correct vote. (Senate: 31-Y 6-N; House 74-Y 21-N)* 

SB 373 Transfer of Development Rights Patron: Senator John Watkins, Senator Edd Houck

Allows localities to provide for the transfer of development rights from a parcel of property located in the locality to another parcel of property located elsewhere in the locality. SB 373 enjoyed support from all quarters – the Governor, homebuilders, local governments, and smart growth advocates. Since it is generally not VALCV's practice to include unanimous votes in the Scorecard, the Senate floor vote for passage was not included. The House vote was included however. (94-Y 3-N)





Establishes a phased schedule for electrical generating units to reduce their emissions of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, and mercury and allows regulated facilities to cap and trade. *SB 651 was a coal industry bill introduced to override the regulations on mercury that the State Air Pollution Control Board had sent out for public comment. While the bill was eventually rolled into HB 1055 with some concessions, the bills largely achieved industry goals to permit interstate mercury trading. Governor Kaine amended the bill to improve it by strengthening trading requirements for the Mirant plant. The Scorecard includes the vote to support the Governor's amendments in the reconvened session. (37-Y 3-NV)* 

# **X**SJ 184

### Construction and Operation of I-95 alternative highway Patron: Senator Frank Wagner

Requests the Secretary of Transportation and the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner to explore the feasibility and desirability of entering into an interstate compact for the construction and operation of a controlled access highway between Dover, Delaware and Charleston, South Carolina. *The Commonwealth can't fund maintenance of our current road infrastructure but the General Assembly wants to consider yet another new interstate highway. The Senate adopted SJ 184 unanimously but the House passed substitute language. The vote in the Scorecard is the post-conference House floor vote. (82-Y 15-N 3-NV)* 

### House of Delegates bills or resolutions



Adds Fauquier, Frederick, and Spotsylvania Counties to those localities authorized to impose impact fees for transportation. This bill was far less controversial than the Suffolk bill. It appeared that the developers, local officials, and smart growth advocates all supported the bill. The Scorecard shows the Senate floor vote for passage. (31-Y 7-N 2-NV)



Removes the \$100,000 annual credit limit that a taxpayer may take for qualified easement donations and requires the filing of a statement that describes how the less-thanfee interest meets the requirements of Internal Revenue Code 170(h). It also allows easements on historic buildings listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register. A fee of 1% of the value of the donated interest, or \$5,000, whichever is less, is imposed on any taxpayer who transfers unused tax credits. It also allows the tax credits to pass at the death of the taxpayer to his estate and allows the estate to transfer unused tax credits. This House bill was the counter to Senate bill 93. The House firmly seeks to protect Virginia's successful land conservation tax credit program. Because the tax credit bills became a negotiating point in the budget process, the bills failed to progress beyond Senate/House conference. Because this issue is one of VALCV's session priorities, the House floor vote was included in the Scorecard despite having no opposing votes. (97-Y 0-N 3-NV)

### HB 665 Billboard Vegetation Control Patron: Delegate Leo Wardrup

Establishes a statewide standard for vegetation control around billboards. This bill is identical to SB 87. *It arose from a situation in Virginia Beach in which a billboard owner applied to VDOT for a permit to cut down crepe myrtles in the median of Virginia Beach Boulevard. The permit was rejected because the roads are city-maintained and not within VDOT's jurisdiction. The vote selected for the Scorecard was the Senate floor vote for passage. (26-Y 12-N 3-AB)* 





Establishes a phased schedule for electrical generating units to reduce their emissions of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, and mercury and allows regulated facilities to cap and trade. This bill started out as a comprehensive, multi-pollutant bill requiring real reductions in sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, and mercury from Virginia power plants. Unfortunately the bill was eventually combined with SB 651 and HB 1471, legislation introduced by the power industry. While the bill does address some of the original intent, it also now requires DEQ to adopt the lax EPA rule for mercury and to adopt the EPA Clean Air Interstate Rule. VALCV asked the Governor to amend the bill to address some of the mercury shortcomings in the bill. We supported his amendment that requires the Mirant Plant to only buy mercury credits across the river in Maryland instead of nationwide. The Scorecard vote is the House floor vote on the Governor's amendment in the reconvened session on April 19. (99-Y 0-N)

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### Water Protection Permits; Regulation of Agricultural Withdrawals Patron: Delegate Steve Landes

Prohibits the requirement of a Virginia Water Protection Permit for any water withdrawal from a privately owned agricultural water facility that is located outside the path of regularly flowing surface waters. Requirements shall only include annual reporting and minimal requirements necessary to maintain in stream flow for the protection of the beneficial uses as stated in the subsection. *House substitute legislation called for a nearly complete exemption from permitting requirements for all agricultural uses of water regardless of their impact upon other riparian landowners and beneficial public uses of water. Senator Hanger was able to get amendments passed on the Senate floor to reinstate protections of instream flows. That Senate floor vote is included in the Scorecard.* (26-Y 14-N) **HB 1185** Governor's Amendment Water Protection Permits: Regulation of Agricultural Withdrawals Patron: Delegate Steve Landes

Governor Kaine amended HB 1185 to restore DEQ's authority to balance instream and offstream beneficial uses before adverse impacts occur, consider all beneficial uses of water, and provide ample protection for all riparian rights. His amendments restored an important balance between conservation and agricultural interests. The amendment vote on the House floor in the reconvened session is included in the Scorecard. The amendment was rejected 33-Y 66-N and but the bill itself was subsequently vetoed by the Governor on May 19.



Governor Timothy Kaine took action requested by the conservation community on 3 bills following the regular General Assembly session.

- Governor Kaine improved HB 1055 and SB 651 by making more power plants in Virginia clean up and curb a dangerous mercury trading program.
- Governor Kaine improved SB 262 by ensuring local government would have more authority in siting decisions and by requiring the federal government be responsible for offshore natural gas exploration. And
- Governor Kaine vetoed HB 1185 regarding agricultural water withdrawals.

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Provides that localities may not require that a special use permit be obtained for the processing of wine by licensed farm wineries. Permits and permit requirements in effect on January 1, 2006 shall remain in place until July 1, 2007 unless the requirements are amended to be less restrictive. The Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry will undertake a study of issues surrounding the farm winery industry with results finalized by the 2007 General Assembly session. The original House version of HB 1435 would have allowed for virtually unlimited commercial events at wineries without local review or approval. The Senate committee's substitute bill eliminates the sweeping language of the original bill that would have usurped local authority. The vote selected for the Scorecard is the House floor vote for passage. (75-Y 25-N)

# 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 2006 bill patrons.



The number of bills killed in the House of Delegates this year without a recorded vote.

# **Bill Patron Credits**

#### Air

- Sen. Deeds: SJ108, Low emission vehicles study Sen. Ticer (SB 242) and Del. Reid (HB 1055) Clean Smokestacks
- Sen. Watkins (SB 88) and Del. R. L. Ware (HB 447), Mercury switches

#### Energy

- Sen. Whipple: SB270 & SB63, Efficient energy tax credit;
- SB551, Fuel efficient vehicles; SJ80, Energy plan study Del. Cosgrove: HB130, Energy efficient appliance tax credit
- Del. Ebbin: HB857, Green buildings act
- Del. Englin: HB390, Tax exemption for Energy Star appliances
- Del. Landes: HJ148, Biodiesel use
- Del. Lanues. 115140, biouresci use
- Del. O'Bannon: HB613, Energy efficient appliance tax credit
- Del. Poisson: HB269, Alternative fuel and hybrid vehicle use
- Del. Wittman: HB680, Biofuels incentive program

#### Land

- Sen. Chichester: (Budget item 359#1s) and Del. Morgan (Budget item 359#4h), Virginia Land Conservation Foundation
- Sen. Ticer (Budget item 98#2s) and Del. Callahan (Budget item 98#4h), Community Forestry
- Del. Rust: HB684, Erosion control
- Del. R. L. Ware: HB 450, Land Preservation Tax Credit

#### Land Use and Growth

- Sen. Hanger: (SJ94) and Del. Lewis (HJ 133), Farmland preservation
- Sen. Quayle: SB225, Impact fees
- Sen. Watkins and Sen. Houck: SB 373, Transfer of Development Rights
- Del. Athey: HB1506, Cash proffers
- Del. Cole: HB141, Impact fees
- Del. Frederick: HB1513, Coordination of planning
- Del. Hamilton: HB1529 & HB1528, Comprehensive plans
- Del. D.C. Jones: HB1225, Smart Growth

Del. R. Marshall: HB1521, Comprehensive plans; HB1195,

- Impact fees; HB1610, Zoning authority
- Del. May: HB820, Impact fees
- Del. McQuigg: HB 1609, Traffic impact analysis
- Del. Sickles: HB 1542, Transfer of development rights Del. Wittman: HB 1422, Cash proffers and purchase of
- development rights

#### Transportation

Sen. Houck: SB699, Transportation planning; SB412, Creation of Intermodal Office, and SB76, PPTA records subject to FOIA

- Sen. Miller (SB663) and Del. D.C. Jones (HB226), Mobility goals for immobile populations
- Sen. Quayle: SB 724, Traffic impact analysis
- Sen. Ticer (SB233) and Del. Moran (HB1211), Pedestrian safety
- Sen. Whipple (SB267), Del. Ebbin (HB1003), and Del. J. Scott (HB1082) Sales tax for Metro
- Del. Byron: HB1306, PPTA records subject to FOIA
- Del. Cline: HB1581, Diverting truck traffic from I-81
- Del. Eisenburg (HB1160) and Del. D.C. Jones (HB219), Tax credit for employers who pay certain commuting or transit expenses

#### Waste

Del. Cline: HB1134; Sewage sludge fee

#### Water

- Sen. Quayle: SB 626, Water Quality Improvement Fund Sen .Watkins (SB84) and Del. Cosgrove (HB749),
- Menhaden harvest limits
- Del. Griffith: HB435, Horseshoe crab restrictions
- Del. Wittman: HB1318, Adequate water resources

## **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	43	
Hanger	(R)	24	25	
Herring	(D)	33	86	
Lucas	(D)	18	86	
Marsh	(D)	16	67	
Martin	(R)	11	29	
Newman	(R)	23	14	
Obenshain	(R)	26	29	
Puckett	(D)	38	29	
Puller	(D)	36	100	
Quayle (Chair)	(R)	13	43	
Reynolds	(D)	20	33	
Ruff	(R)	15	29	
Ticer	(D)	30	100	
Whipple	(D)	31	86	

### House Agriculture, Chesapeake & Natural Resources Committee

Member	Party	District	Score
Bulova	(D)	37	88
Byron	(R)	22	44
Cline	(R)	24	56
Cox (Chair)	(R)	66	38
Eisenberg	(D)	47	89
Hogan	(R)	60	38
Lewis	(D)	100	78
Lohr	(R)	26	50
Marshall, D.	(R)	14	38
McEachin	(D)	74	50
Morgan	(R)	98	44
Orrock	(R)	54	50
Plum	(D)	36	100
Poisson	(D)	32	56
Saxman	(R)	20	38
Scott, E.	(R)	30	38
Shannon	(D)	35	63
Sherwood	(R)	29	38
Shuler	(D)	12	83
Ware, R.Lee	(R)	65	44
Wittman	(R)	99	89
Wright	(R)	61	63

### Senate Agriculture, Conservation & Natural Resources Committee

Member	Party	District	Score
Blevins	(R)	14	43
Chichester	(R)	28	50
Cuccinelli	(R)	37	43
Deeds	(D)	25	88
Hanger	(R)	24	25
Hawkins (Chair)	(R)	19	57
Locke	(D)	2	86
McDougle	(R)	4	14
Obenshain	(R)	26	29
Puckett	(D)	38	29
Reynolds	(D)	20	33
Ruff	(R)	15	29
Ticer	(D)	30	100
Watkins	(R)	10	50
Whipple	(D)	31	86

### **Senate Finance Committee**

Member	Party	District	Score
Chichester (Chaii	c) (R)	28	50
Colgan	(D)	29	57
Hanger	(R)	24	25
Hawkins	(R)	19	57
Houck	(D)	17	75
Howell	(D)	32	100
Lambert	(D)	9	57
Norment	(R)	3	80
Potts	(R)	27	50
Quayle	(R)	13	43
Saslaw	(D)	35	50
Stolle	(R)	8	60
Stosch	(R)	12	33
Wampler	(R)	40	40
Watkins	(R)	10	50



Harry J. Parrish House of Delegates (1982-2006)

On March 28 2006, the House of Delegates and the Commonwealth of Virginia lost a true public servant—one who had served locally and at the state level for more than 50 years. Delegate Parrish served Manassas as a City Council member from 1951-63 and then as Mayor from 1963-81. He then continued his public service in the House of Delegates for 25 years. Unfortunately, Delegate Parrish passed away before the General Assembly reconvened in April. Delegate Parrish wore his green Finance Committee sport jacket proudly and he will be missed by many.

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### House Counties, Cities & Towns Committee

Member	Party	District	Score
Amundson	(D)	44	75
Armstrong	(D)	10	57
Cole	(R)	88	67
Crockett-Stark	(R)	6	38
Dudley	(R)	9	38
Hall	(D)	69	63
Hull	(D)	38	86
Hurt	(R)	16	50
Iaquinto	(R)	84	43
Ingram (Chair)	(R)	62	38
Jones, D. C.	(D)	70	75
Lohr	(R)	26	50
Marshall, D.	(R)	14	38
Marshall, R.	(R)	13	67
McEachin	(D)	74	50
McQuigg	(R)	51	56
Oder	(R)	94	57
Orrock	(R)	54	50
Spruill	(D)	77	50
Suit	(R)	81	38
Waddell	(I)	68	63
Ware, O.	(D)	11	38

### House Transportation Committee

Member	Party	District	Score
BaCote	(D)	95	50
Bowling	(D)	3	38
Carrico	(R)	5	50
Cosgrove	(R)	78	56
Ebbin	(D)	49	100
Fralin	(R)	17	63
Gear	(R)	91	29
Hugo	(R)	40	63
Iaquinto	(R)	84	43
Jones, D.C.	(D)	70	75
Marsden	(D)	41	63
May	(R)	33	63
Moran	(D)	46	89
Oder	(R)	94	57
Rust	(R)	86	56
Saxman	(R)	20	38
Scott, E.	(R)	30	38
Valentine	(D)	23	75
Ward	(D)	92	63
Wardrup (Chair)	(R)	83	43
Welch	(R)	21	50
Wittman	(R)	99	89

### House Appropriations Committee

Member	Party	District	Score
Abbitt	(D)	59	50
BaCote	(D)	95	50
Brink	(D)	48	75
Callahan (Chair)	(R)	34	67
Cox	(R)	66	38
Dance	(D)	63	50
Hamilton	(R)	93	44
Hogan	(R)	60	38
Howell, A.	(D)	90	38
Ingram	(R)	62	38
Joannou	(D)	79	38
Jones, S.C.	(R)	76	38
Landes	(R)	25	44
May	(R)	33	63
Morgan	(R)	98	44
Phillips	(D)	2	38
Putney	(I)	19	38
Reid	(R)	72	44
Scott, J.	(D)	53	100
Sherwood	(R)	29	38
Spruill	(D)	77	50
Tata	(R)	85	50
Wardrup	(R)	83	43
Ware, O.	(D)	11	38

### Senate Transportation Committee

Member	Party	District	Score
Bell	(R)	22	43
Blevins	(R)	14	43
Deeds	(D)	25	88
Devolites Davis	(R)	34	71
Houck	(D)	17	75
Marsh	(D)	16	67
McDougle	(R)	4	14
Miller	(D)	5	75
Newman	(R)	23	14
O'Brien	(R)	39	57
Puckett	(D)	38	29
Rerras	(R)	6	43
Wagner	(R)	7	14
Watkins	(R)	10	50
Williams (Chair)	(R)	1	29

# Senate Scorecard

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22	Bell (R)	×		×	✓	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	×	×		43	0	35
14	Blevins (R)	×		×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×		43	20	25
28	Chichester (R)	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	✓	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	×	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	50	50	51
29	Colgan (D)	×		×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	×			57	40	39
37	Cuccinelli (R)	×		×	✓	✓	×	×		43	0	19
25	Deeds (D)			×			<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>			88	80	86
34	Devolites-Davis (R)	≤	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	×	☑		×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>		71	60	46
21	Edwards (D)			×			×	×		57	80	75
24	Hanger (R)	×	×	×	✓	×	×	×	⊿	25	17	36
19	Hawkins (R)	×		×			<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	×		57	33	44
33	Herring (D)			×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	✓			86	n/a	86
17	Houck (D)	×			<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>		✓	×		75	80	76
32	Howell (D)	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	✓		<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	✓	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		100	80	86
9	Lambert (D)	×		×			×			57	60	49
2	Locke (D)			×	✓	✓	$\checkmark$			86	80	80
18	Lucas (D)	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>					86	50	56
16	Marsh (D)	✓	×	NV	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>		✓	×		67*	80	59
11	Martin (R)	×	×	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>		×	×		29	20	25
4	McDougle (R)	×	×	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×	×		14	n/a	<u>55</u>
5	Miller, Y. (D)	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	✓		×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>		75	60	65
23	Newman (R)	×	×	×	✓	×	×	×		14	0	24
3	Norment (R)	AB		×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	AB	≤		80*	40	43
26	Obenshain (R)	✓	×	×	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	×	×	×		29	20	30
39	O'Brien (R)	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×		57	20	33
27	Potts (R)	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	NV	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×		50*	50	42
38	Puckett (D)	×	×	×			×	×		29	80	52
36	Puller (D)		<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	✓	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		100	67	71
13	Quayle (R)	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	NV	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	×	×	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	43*	33	34
6	Rerras (R)	×	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	×	×		43	20	26
20	Reynolds (D)	×	×	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	NV	✓	×		33*	80	64
15	Ruff (R)	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×	×		29	0	16
35	Saslaw (D)	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	✓	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	NV	×	×		50*	60	50
8	Stolle (R)	AB		×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	AB	×		60*	0	23
12	Stosch (R)	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	NV		×	×		33*	25	35
30	Ticer (D)	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	✓	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	100	80	88
7	Wagner (R)	×	×	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	×	×		14	0	18
40	Wampler (R)	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	NV	NV		×	×		40*	40	30
10	Watkins (R)	×		×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	×	×	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	50	33	28
31	Whipple (D)	NV	⊿	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	_ √	✓		_	86*	83	87
1	Williams (R)	×	×	×		×	×	<b>1</b>		29	20	23

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		<b>HB</b> 45	HBIO	HB	85 HB	<b>58</b> 81	5B262	<b>5B</b> <sup>313</sup>	<b>51</b> 18 <sup>4</sup>	Bill Patr	ons 20065	20053	c
Dist.	Delegate	`	` 	<b>`</b>	<b>`</b>	-		-		<b>X</b> <sup>1</sup>		P	Ľ
59	Abbitt (I)		1	×	×	✓	×	$\checkmark$	×		50	25	5
42	Albo (R)	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	×	×	×	×	$\checkmark$	×		38	38	3
89	Alexander (D)		<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		×		×	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	×		63	43	6
44	Amundson (D)		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	×		75	70	7
10	Armstrong (D)	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	×	×	$\checkmark$	×	$\checkmark$	NV		57*	50	6
18	Athey (R)		<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	NV	NV	×	$\checkmark$	71*	38	6
95	BaCote (D)				×	×	×	$\checkmark$	×		50	50	5
64	Barlow (D)		$\checkmark$	×	×	×	×		×		38	38	5
58	Bell (R)	$\checkmark$	✓	×	×	×	×	$\checkmark$	×		38	25	4
3	Bowling (D)	1	$\checkmark$	×	×	×	×		×		38	n/a	3
48	Brink (D)		✓	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	×	✓	✓	✓	×		75	88	7
37	Bulova (D)		$\checkmark$	$\overline{\checkmark}$	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	1		$\checkmark$		88	n/a	8
22	Byron (R)	1	1	×	×	×	×	✓	×	✓	44	0	3
34	Callahan (R)		1	×	×	✓	$\checkmark$	Ī	×		67	50	5
67	Caputo (D)		✓	✓	✓	$\checkmark$	×	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	✓		88	n/a	8
5	Carrico (R)		<b>√</b>	×	<b>√</b>	×	×	✓	×		50	0	2
24	Cline (R)	<b>1</b>	Ĭ	×	×	✓	×	<b>√</b>	×	✓	56	18	3
88	Cole (R)	<u>√</u>	✓	×	1	<u> </u>	×	✓	×	<u>√</u>	67	50	5
78	Cosgrove (R)	$\checkmark$	<u> </u>	×	×	<b>√</b>	×	<b>√</b>	×	<b>√</b>	56	63	4
66	Cox (R)			×	×	×	×		×		38	27	4
6	Crockett-Stark (R)		Ī	×	×	Ĵ	×	×	×		38	n/a	3
63	Dance (D)	$\overline{\checkmark}$	$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$	x	×		x	Ĩ	×		50	n/a	5
9	Dudley (R)			×	×	×	x		×		38	13	3
49	Ebbin (D)	<b>1</b>	<b>.</b>			Î.	3			1	100	100	9
47	Eisenberg (D)	$\overline{\checkmark}$	$\overline{\checkmark}$	<b>1</b>	1		<b>1</b>	<u> </u>	×	-	89	91	8
45	Englin (D)		-				✓		1	✓	100	n/a	10
17	Fralin (R)	✓	-	×	<b>1</b>	×	<b>√</b>	<b>.</b>	×		63	50	6
52	Frederick (R)	1	1		×		×	<b>.</b>	×	✓	67	67	6
91	Gear (R)	NV		×	×	×	x	$\mathbf{V}$	×		29*	50	5
15	Gilbert (R)		$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$	×	×	x	×	$\checkmark$	-		50	n/a	5
8	Griffith (R)	<b>1</b>	<b>√</b>	x		x	Ĵ	<b>√</b>	×	✓	67	13	4
69	Hall (D)		$\checkmark$		×	Ĩ	×	$\checkmark$	×		63	63	6
93	Hamilton (R)		<b>▼</b>	×	×	×	×		×		44	25	3
55	Hargrove (R)			×	x				x	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	38	25	4
60	Hogan (R)			×	x	×	××	×	×		30 38	23 10	3
28	Howell (R)								×		50	25	4
20 90	Howell, A. (D)			×	×		×		×		38	25 25	3
90 40		<u>s</u>	<b>VV</b>	×	×	×	×		×		- 38 - 63	25 43	4
	Hugo (R)				×	×					63 86*		
38 16	Hull (D)			⊻ ×	××		NV		<b>1</b>			75 14	6
	Hurt (R)						×		×		50		4
84	Iaquinto (R)			×	×	AB	×		×		43*	n/a 25	4
62	Ingram (R)			×	×	×	×		×		38	25	4
56	Janis (R)			×	×	×	×		×		38	13	3
79	Joannou (D)			×	×	×	×		×		38	38	4
4	Johnson (D)			×	×	×	×		×		38	25	4
76	Jones, S. C. (R)			×	×	×	×		×		38	57	6
70	Jones, D. (D)	NV			×	✓	×				75*	25	4
1	Kilgore (R)			×	×	×	×		×		38	0	3
25	Landes (R)			×	×	×	×	$\checkmark$	×		44	25	5

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31	Lingamfelter (R)	1	-	×	1	×	×	1	×		50	38	53
26	Lohr (R)	1	$\checkmark$	×	$\checkmark$	×	×	$\checkmark$	×		50	n/a	50
41	Marsden (D)		$\checkmark$	✓	×	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	$\checkmark$	×		63	n/a	63
14	Marshall, D. (R)	✓		×	×	×	×	✓	×		38	25	31
13	Marshall, R. (R)	1	1	×	×	1	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>		×	✓	67	50	70
33	May (R)		$\checkmark$	×	×		×	✓	NV	<b>√</b>	63*	56	51
71	McClellan (D)	<b>√</b>	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	_	100	n/a	100
74	McEachin (D)	<b>√</b>	$\checkmark$	×	×	$\checkmark$	×	$\checkmark$	×		50	n/a	<u>45</u>
51	McQuigg (R)	1	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	×	1	×	×	×	$\checkmark$	56	63	65
30	Melvin (D)	NV		1	×		×	1	×	_	57*	75	63
37	Miller (D)	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	×	✓	×		63	25	50
46	Moran (D)	<b>1</b>	<b>√</b>	$\overline{\checkmark}$	1	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	×		89	75	80
98	Morgan (R)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	×	×	×	×	1	×	<b>√</b>	44	55	59
27	Nixon (R)		✓	×	×	×	×	<u>√</u>	×		38	13	41
7	Nutter (R)	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	×	×	×	×	<b>1</b>	×		38	50	52
73	O'Bannon (R)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	×	×	×	×		×	1	44	38	46
94	Oder (R)	<b>1</b>	<b>√</b>	1	×	AB	×	1	×		57*	25	39
54	Orrock (R)		<b>√</b>	×	1	×	×		×		50	40	48
50	Parrish (R)		NV	NV	×	×	NV	NV	NV		33*	56	44
90 97	Peace (R)			×			×		×		63	n/a	63
2	Phillips (D)		Ĭ.	×	×	×	×		×		38	25	41
36	Plum (D)		<b>√</b>								100	90	85
32	Poisson (D)	v ▼	Ĭ ✓	×		×	×		×		56	n/a	56
32	Purkey (R)		<b>▼</b>	×	×	NV	×		×	<b>V</b>	43*	25	35
19	Putney (I)	$\checkmark$	<b>√</b>	×	×	×	×	$\overline{\checkmark}$	×		38	13	34
96	Rapp (R)	$\checkmark$	$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$	×	×		×	$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$	×		50	25	37
72	Reid (R)	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	<b>^</b>	×	×	×	<b>1</b>	×	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	44	33	40
72 86	Rust (R)	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	1	x	x	×		×		56	75	56
20	Saxman (R)				x	x	×		×	⊻	38	30	42
				×	×		×		×		38	1	
30	Scott, E. (R)			×		×					1	30	36
53	Scott, J. (D)		<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>		×		∡ ×	<ul> <li>✓</li> <li>✓</li> </ul>	×	$\checkmark$	100	88	81
35	Shannon (D)							I .			63	60	68
29	Sherwood (R)			×	×	×	<b>×</b>		×		38	20	36
12	Shuler (D)						NV	NV	×		83*	60	71
43	Sickles (D)										89	75	85
77	Spruill (D)				×	×	×		×		50	13	48
31	Suit (R)			×	×	×	×		×		38	13	30
35	Tata (R)			-	×		×		×		50	25	41
57	Toscano (D)								×		88	n/a	88
75	Tyler (D)				×	×	×		×		38	n/a	38
23	Valentine (D)						×		×		75	n/a	75
58	Waddell (I)				×		×		×		63	n/a	63
92	Ward (D)				×	×	×				63	50	55
33	Wardrup (R)			×	×	×	NV		×		43*	13	27
65	Ware, R.L. (R)			×	×	×	×		×	$\checkmark$	44	30	53
11	Ware, O. (D)				×	×	×		×		38	38	45
39	Watts (D)								×		88	88	77
21	Welch (R)				×	×	×				50	14	32
99	Wittman (R)								×	<ul><li>✓</li></ul>	89	n/a	89
51	Wright (R)		✓		×		×				63	10	42

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85	Tata, Robert (R)	4536 Gleneagle Drive Virginia Beach, VA 23462	(757) 340-3510
57	Toscano, David J. (D)	211 E. High Street Charlottesville, VA 22902	(434) 220-1660
75	Tyler, Roslyn C. (D)	25359 Blue Star Highway Jarratt, VA 23867	(434) 336-1710
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68	Waddell, Katherine B. (I)	P.O. Box 8702 Richmond, VA 23226	(804) 698-1068
83	Wardrup, Leo C., Jr. (R)	P.O. Box 5266 Virginia Beach, VA 23471	(757) 490-8383
92	Ward, Jeion A. (D)	P.O. Box 7310 Hampton, VA 23666	(757) 827-5921
11	Ware, Onzlee (D)	P.O. Box 1745 Roanoke, VA 24008	(540) 344-7410
65 20	Ware, R. Lee, Jr. (R)	P.O. Box 689 Powhatan, VA 23139	(804) 598-6696
39 21	Watts, Vivian E. (D)	8717 Mary Lee Lane Annandale, VA 22003	(703) 978-5762
21	Welch, John J., III (R)	326 Lynn Shores Drive Virginia Beach, VA 23452	(757) 340-2800
99 61	Wittman, Robert J. (R)	P.O. Box 995 Montross, VA 22520	(804) 493-0508
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#### Senator Patricia "Patsy" S. Ticer

# **Legislative Heroes**

Our Legislative Heroes show special dedication to conservation priorities. The three senators and five delegates voted the right way on the VALCV bills selected for the 2006 Scorecard. These legislators deserve a special show of support for their hard work and dedication to environmental concerns – even when that's the toughest vote.

#### Senator Janet D. Howell



"The voters in the 32nd Senate District are highly educated and well informed about environmental issues. They care deeply about transportation and growth and the impact of an ever-expanding population on our community. They worry not only about the health of our rivers, streams and Chesapeake Bay, but also about the declining quality of our air and the accelerating, alarming impacts of global warming.

"Voters recognize the [Virginia] League of Conservation Voters and your awards validate me as a fighter for the environment in their minds."

#### Senator Linda "Toddy" T. Puller



"...Natural areas must be preserved for our children and grandchildren to enjoy. It is also imperative that we keep our water and air clean and be good stewards of our land.

"I will use [my 100% score] to encourage others to join with us in working to protect the precious natural resources that we enjoy now and underscore the necessity to continue the fight to safeguard them for the future."



"Virginia's environment and land use policies lay the foundation for a successful, healthy future for our children and grandchildren. We are stewards of what we have been given...Since we have not always been good stewards it is now the responsibility of those who are in power to make choices to clean up the problems created by irresponsibility in the past.

"I will use my 100% score to highlight my personal values, shared by many, many others, which absolutely require that our public bodies and individuals commit to putting the environment at the top of official and personal agendas."

#### Delegate Adam P. Ebbin



"Keeping our air, water and land healthy is vital to my constituents—and to all Virginians. Everyone, especially the young and the elderly, can suffer ill health when exposed to dirty air. In a densely populated district like mine, clean and green open spaces are important for recreation and a more pleasant quality of life. Time wasted in traffic is time away from family, home and work. Improved land use policies help us waste less time and lead cleaner lives."



28 senators had a better score in 2006 than the previous year.

#### Delegate David L. Englin



"I want my son to be able to breathe clean air, drink clean water, eat the fish he catches, and grow up healthy and strong in a world free from the threat of global warming and destructive climate change. Policies that protect clean air and clean water, conserve natural resources and habitats, and promote clean, renewable energy sources are critical investments in the future health and safety of our communities and our country.

"Earning a 100 percent voting record from [VALCV] demonstrates that my commitment extends far beyond my personal choices to the policies I support and fight for on behalf of my constituents and my community."

#### Delegate Jennifer "Jenn" L. McClellan



"Virginia's rich history and natural beauty are among its best attributes and we should do everything we can to preserve them. As a freshman in the minority party, I cannot affect real change alone. I have worked with senior members from both parties to protect the environment and to make sure all Virginians have things many of us take for granted like clean drinking water and clear air. But environmental conservation should not be limited to controlling pollution. Building strong urban centers, controlling landfill siting, and promoting brownfield remediation are all ways we can be better stewards of the environment."

#### Delegate James "Jim" M. Scott



"Preserving Virginia's environmental and historic heritage should be a priority for every legislator. It is vital to the future of the Commonwealth and to the prosperity of our communities and to our economy."

#### Delegate Kenneth "Ken" R. Plum



"Legislating must be about the future. Virginia's environment and land use policies are important to me because I want the quality of life for the children and grandchildren of mine and my constituents to be better than it is today. Many decisions can be revoked, but with our environment and land use we cannot make wrong decisions that adversely affect quality of life in the future.

"I hope that my 100% score will serve as an inspiration to other legislators to strengthen their commitment to conservation. The score is important to me because it conveys to my constituents an important part of my personal values."



60 delegates had a better in 2006 than the previous year.



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# A Cycle of Accountability

# You Can Make A Difference ... At Home, In Richmond & Online!

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 LCTs and CAV! Networks are to:

- identify and motivate conservation-minded
   Virginians
- $\diamond$  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.

To date, this VCN and VALCV joint effort brought in almost 200 members, covering 34 Senate districts and 67 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 bottom of our home page at www.valcv.org.



### VALCV Online

Keep an eye on www.valcv.org to stay abreast

of our many 2006 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 2007 General Assembly session, the VALCV site will also provide links to 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 9

The number of substitutes made to SB 262 - The Virginia Energy Plan.



### **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 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.

Citizens for a Better Dinwiddie Hanover Conservation Voters Orange County Citizens Committee Northampton Conservation Voters Voters for Loudoun's Future Voters to Stop Sprawl - Albemarle VSS - Frederick VSS - Spotsylvania

# You Know the Score ...

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

- 1. *Hold your legislators accountable.* Use the rosters on pages 17 and 20 and e-mail, call, or write your representatives. 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 2006 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 http://www.valcv.org.
- Support our work. VALCV is the political arm 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 next year's elections? Did our endorsements or mailings help inform your choices for last year's? If so, we invite you to support what we do. Donations can be made with check or credit card and online, by phone, or by mail. See the envelope insert for more information.
- 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 more details.
- 5. Vote for pro-Conservation Candidates. Candidates who earn the VALCV endorsement are those who have demonstrated their commitment to conservation in Virginia. 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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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.

- Article XI, Virginia Constitution

