Maryland League of Conservation Voters

2011 Environmental Scorecard

How did your legislators score?
Did they fight to protect Maryland’s air, land, water, and people?
For over 30 years, the non-partisan Maryland League of Conservation Voters has served as the political voice for the environment. We advocate for sound conservation policies, promote environmentally responsible candidates, and hold individual elected officials accountable through our scorecards and reports.

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Dear Marylander,

The last votes have been cast and now we turn our attention to the question, did your elected officials represent your environmental values? We are pleased to introduce the 2011 Maryland League of Conservation Voters’ Environmental Scorecard. With our mission as the political voice for the environment in mind, we catalogued the performance of each of Maryland’s Senators and Delegates on the conservation issues that matter most.

In our view, the 2011 General Assembly session started strong. Governor Martin O’Malley’s budget supported environmental programs and he introduced legislation to promote offshore wind energy and electric vehicles, and to restrict pollution from septic systems. We cheered the moves of legislators like Delegates Hucker, Mizeur and Carr and Senators Frosh and Pinsky with their forward-thinking bills to address stormwater runoff, drilling for natural gas by injecting water and chemicals into shale formations (hydraulic fracturing or “fracking”) and pollution from single-use bags. With the election of five new “conservation-minded” senators thought to be strong on environmental issues, the future looked bright.

Unfortunately, the legislature failed to enact significant protections for Marylanders’ water, air, and public health as they appeared to be stuck in a neutral mindset. As the session drew to a close, it became clear that many chose to react to short-term economic costs over long-term investments in our economy and our environment. Legislators missed many critical opportunities, leaving Maryland LCV, the environmental community, and citizens all across the state frustrated. Without question, this inaction will hurt our state down the road. In the end, inaction won over vision.

In the final tally, the General Assembly was strong on the budget, including $24 million for the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund and preserving of most of the funding for Program Open Space. On the other hand, they missed important opportunities to promote offshore wind power (SB 861 Raskin / HB 1054, Hucker, Administration), reduce pollution from plastic bags (SB 602, Raskin / HB 1034, Carr), regulate natural gas extraction from Marcellus Shale (HB 852, Mizeur) and create a funding stream for much needed stormwater management projects (Raskin / HB 1064, Hucker).

The defeat of these bills was disappointing coming on the heels of an election cycle that saw many of our legislators promising to “clean up the bay” and “create green jobs.” We offer this scorecard as a representation of these missed opportunities and the real lives affected by these decisions. For next year, Maryland LCV will be back demanding real progress for our environment, and the long-term health of our economy.

The votes in this scorecard were chosen by Maryland LCV’s Board of Directors in conjunction with our colleagues at Environment Maryland. We wish to thank those who helped this year, including our designer, Julie Burris, and our hard-working interns and volunteers. An interactive online edition of the scorecard is available at www.mdlcv.org, and you can call us for an extra copy at 410-280-9855.

Ultimately, this scorecard is a tool for you—the conservation voter. We urge you to tell your Senator and Delegates how you feel about their scores. Share this with your friends, family and neighbors because ultimately it is we, the voters of the state of Maryland, who will determine the type of state we leave for the next generation.

Sincerely,

Frederick Hoover,
Chair, Board of Directors

Jen Brock-Cancellieri,
Deputy Director
Highest Scores for 2011
(100%)

**Senate:** Frosh, Jones-Rodwell, Manno, Pinsky, Ramirez, Raskin

**House:** Alston, Anderson, Arora, Clagett, Clippinger, Costa, Cullison, Gutierrez, Guzzzone, Hammen, Hubbard, Hucker, A. Kelly, Lee, Mitchell, Mizeur, Morhaim, Murphy, Nathan-Pulliam, Pena-Melnyk, Pendergrass, Reznik, Simmons, Sophocleus, Valentino-Smith, Waldsteicher, Washington, Zucker

Lowest Scores for 2011
(20% or lower)

**Senate:** Getty, Jacobs, Shank

**House:** Miller, Hershey, Impallaria, Boteler, Fisher, Glass, Serafini

### Average Scores for this Term

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Please visit our website, MDLCV.org, where you’ll find an interactive map, so you can see how your part of the state stacks up, as well as links to your legislators, so you can contact them and tell them what you think of their scores.

### Senate Committee Votes

**Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee**

**SB 111 Apartment Building Recycling**  
(Senator Brochin)  
Requires recycling in apartment buildings. The correct vote is yes. The bill died in committee.

**SB 487 Fertilizer Pollution**  
(Senator Middleton)  
Sets limits on nitrogen and phosphorus in fertilizer. The correct vote is yes. The bill passed and was signed by the Governor.

**SB 721 Plastic Bag Fee in Prince George’s County**  
(Senator Pinsky)  
Authorizes Prince George’s County to charge, a fee on disposable bags, under certain circumstances. The correct vote is yes. The bill died in Committee.

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Senate Committee Votes, continued

Finance Committee

**SB 690  Incinerators** (Senator Middleton)
Makes the burning of garbage eligible for the highest level in the state renewable energy standard. The correct vote is no. The bill passed and was signed by the Governor.

**SB715  Solar Energy Credits** (Senator Garagiola)
Authorizes the Public Service Commission to allow the procurement of solar renewable energy credits. The correct vote is no because of a bad amendment. The bill died in committee.

**SB 151  BPA in Baby Bottles** (Senator Frosh)
Bans the use of toxic chemical bisphenol-A (BPA) from infant formula containers. The correct vote is yes. The bill passed and was signed by the Governor.

### Judicial Proceedings Committee

**SB 606  Green Buildings** (Senator Conway)
Requires a seller of a home to provide prospective buyers with information about the cost of utility payments. The correct vote is yes. The bill died in committee.

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Senate Floor Votes

**SB 690 Incinerators (Senator Middleton)**
Makes the burning of garbage eligible for the highest level in the state renewable energy standard. The correct vote is no. The bill passed and was signed by the Governor.

**SB 538 Oyster Sanctuaries (Senators Colburn and Pipkin)**
Prohibits the Department of Natural Resources from expanding oyster sanctuaries. The correct vote is no. The bill did not come to a vote in the house.

**SB 487 Fertilizer Pollution (Senator Middleton)**
Requires that lawn fertilizer does not contain phosphorus and limits fertilizer application by lawn care companies, golf courses, and others. The correct vote is yes. The bill passed and was signed by the Governor.

**SB 176 Electric Vehicle Council (Senate President Miller)**
Creates a council to oversee the expansion of electric vehicle charging stations. The correct vote is yes. The bill passed and was signed by the Governor.

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House Committee Votes

Economic Matters Committee

HB 1121  Incinerators
(Delegate McHale)
Makes the burning of garbage eligible for the highest level in the state renewable energy standard. The correct vote is no. The bill passed and was signed by the Governor.

HB 164  Electric Vehicle Charging Pilot Program
(House Speaker Busch)
Requires the establishment of a pilot program to include incentives for residential, commercial, and governmental customers to recharge electric vehicles. The correct vote is yes. The bill passed and was signed by the Governor.

Environmental Matters Committee

HB 852  Gas Drilling (Delegate Mizeur)
Prohibits natural gas drilling with hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) until studies are completed to determine necessary safety measures. The correct vote is yes. The bill died in the Senate.

HB 660  Pesticide Reporting on Farms (Delegate Frush)
Requires the establishment of a public information program on uses of pesticides in Maryland. The correct vote is no because of the amendments attached to this bill. The bill died in the Senate.

HB 179  Apartment Building Recycling (Delegate Lafferty)
Requires recycling in apartment buildings. The correct vote is yes. The bill died in the Senate.

HB 1050  Extension of Construction Permit (Delegate Beidel)
Automatically extends a broad set of development-related permits and approvals until 2012. The correct vote is no. The bill died in the Senate.
House Committee Votes, continued

Health & Government Operations Committee

HB 4  
BPA in Baby Bottles (Delegate Hubbard)
Bans the use of toxic chemical bisphenol-A (BPA) from infant formula containers. The correct vote is yes. The bill passed and was signed by the Governor.

Ways & Means Committee

HB 918  
Repeal of Tax Credit for Coal (Delegate McMillian)
Repeals tax credits allowed for the purchase of Maryland-mined coal. The correct vote is yes. The bill died in committee.
House Floor Votes

**HB 852  Gas Drilling** (Delegate Mizeur)
Prohibits natural gas drilling with hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) until studies are completed to determine necessary safety measures. The correct vote is yes. The bill did not come to a vote in the Senate.

**HB 573  Fertilizer Pollution** (Delegate Hubbard)
Requires that lawn fertilizer does not contain phosphorus and limits fertilizer application by lawn care companies, golf courses, and others. The correct vote is yes. The bill passed and was signed by the Governor.

**HB 167  Electric Vehicle Council** (House Speaker Busch)
Creates a council to oversee the expansion of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The correct vote is yes. The bill passed and was signed by the Governor.

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+ Pro–environment vote  
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A Not voting (advantage for the environment)
Bill Dead Zone

This scorecard tells a large part of the environmental story of the session, but it does not tell the whole story. Dozens of pro-environmental bills were killed before legislators ever had a chance to vote on them. Read about the bills below and ask your legislators to rescue them from the dead zone.

Offshore Wind Energy
(Governor O’Malley, Senator Pinsky, Delegate Hucker)
The United Steelworkers and environmental groups joined forces in support of offshore wind legislation. SB 861/HB 1054 would have required the Public Service Commission to negotiate long-term contracts of up to 25 years between Maryland utilities and offshore wind energy companies. If passed, this bill would have satisfied a modest portion of each large electricity supplier’s load with offshore wind power, locked in stable energy prices, and created thousands of local jobs. We are disappointed that this bill died without a vote in either the House Economic Matters Committee or the Senate Finance Committee.

Septics (Governor O’Malley, Senator Frosh, Delegate LaFerry)
SB 160/HB 177 would have required alternatives to septic systems in major new developments by requiring that major new subdivisions include technology to treat sewage waste before it is discharged. This bill died in the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Gas Drilling (Senator Frosh, Delegate Mizeur)
SB 634/HB 852 would have established restrictions on the issuance of permits for drilling natural gas wells until there is a comprehensive assessment of the direct and cumulative impacts of hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”). The bill passed the House of Delegates but died in the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee.

Bag Bill (Senator Raskin, Delegate Carr)
SB 602/HB 1034 would have established a five-cent fee for single-use plastic and paper bags distributed at stores, with the proceeds to be split among the retailers, the Chesapeake Bay Trust for environmental restoration projects, and program administration and enforcement. This bill died without a vote in the Environmental Matters Committee in the House of Delegates.

Chesapeake Pollution Diet
(Delegates Hucker and Carr)
In order to restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, each city and county throughout the region is required by the Federal and State Government to invest in reducing the polluted runoff poisoning our waterways. HB 1064 would have required counties and municipalities to adopt laws to establish a stormwater remediation fee and a local watershed protection and restoration fund. HB 668 would have required state agencies to pay stormwater utility fees to municipal and county governments if they own property in those localities where fees are assessed. Both bills died in the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Arsenic in Chicken Feed (Senator Pinsky, Delegate Hucker)
SB 417/HB 754 would have prohibited the use of poultry feed that contains roxarsone or any other feed additive that contains arsenic. This bill died without a vote in the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee in the Senate.

Chemicals (Senator Benson, Delegate Waldstreicher)
SB 637/HB 759 would have established comprehensive chemical reform by giving the Maryland Department of the Environment the authority to regulate multiple chemicals of concern. This bill died without a vote in either the Finance or the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committees in the Senate.

Pesticides (Senator Montgomery, Delegate Frush)
SB 785/HB 660 would have established a centralized reporting system on pesticides for access by government agencies, scientists, and the public. This bill got an unfavorable report from the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee.
Your Voice Matters.
The 2011 General Assembly session started out strong, with Governor O’Malley leading the way with a budget that supported environmental programs and bills to promote offshore wind energy, promote electric vehicles and restrict pollution from septic systems. With the inclusion of five new “conservation-minded” senators, we felt our chances were good for some big wins. But unfortunately, the legislature failed to enact significant environmental legislation. The legislators appeared to be stuck in a mindset that was shortsighted.

The one source of hope for protection of Maryland’s air, land, and water, was the protection of funding for Program Open Space. In this tough budget year, advocates feared that Program Open Space would take a big hit. This program has been a big success and has helped create the Maryland that we all love. The call went out to activate folks just like YOU to influence the debate by telling their stories, humanizing this vital program and making it come alive for legislators. Through many contacts to legislators we were able to beat back this attack and save the program.

It’s not enough to just know their score.
You have a responsibility to let your legislators know if you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing. If they are doing a good job, thank them for representing you and fighting for a better Maryland. If you are disappointed in their votes, let them know that as well.

It’s easy.
Visit MDLCV.org/scorecards and send them an email telling them what you think.
Are your elected officials representing your environmental values? The scores are in, find out how your legislators are measuring up.

Did your legislators vote to:

- Restore the Chesapeake Bay and protect our waterways?
- Invest in a clean energy economy and create new jobs?
- Combat sprawl and protect open space?
- Ensure clean drinking water for our families?