**2020 ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES**

Chosen by the Citizen’s Campaign for the Environment, a table of 30 organizations working on statewide environmental policy

**Chlorpyrifos Ban**
HB 229 (Stein) / SB 300 (Lam)

A toxic nerve agent pesticide the EPA determined was unsafe at any detectable level

Has been found to damage children’s brain development, cause irreversible neurobehavioral and cognitive deficits, pediatric cancers, congenital abnormalities, asthma, and pre-term births. It contaminates waterways, injures wildlife, including honey bees.

**Incorporation out of the RPS**
HB 438 (Mosby) / SB TBA (Hough)

No Cash for Trash: Stopping Public Subsidies for Trash Incineration

Burning trash is not clean energy - incinerators pollute our planet and communities with greenhouse gases, mercury, lead, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter. But since 2011, Maryland has subsidized trash incineration with money meant to support renewable energy development.

**Plastic and packaging reduction act**
HB 209 (Lierman) / SB 313 (Augustine)

It’s time to ban single-use plastic bags in Maryland

Single-use plastic is a threat to our air, our water, our wildlife and our public health. Plastic production is driving climate change: greenhouse gases are emitted in every stage of the plastic lifecycle, from production to disposal.

**Oyster Fishery Management Plan**
HB TBD (Gilchrist) / SB TBD (Pinsky)

New Collaborative Process provides opportunities to improve oyster fishery management

This proven, consensus-based process provides the opportunity for diverse oyster stakeholders to develop win-win solutions.
**CITIZEN’S CAMPAIGN OF THE ENVIRONMENT IS:** Annapolis Green/Arundel Rivers Federation/Audubon Society of Maryland and DC/Bluewater Baltimore/Central Maryland Beekeepers/Chesapeake Bay Foundation/Chesapeake Climate Action Network/ Clean Water Action/Environment Maryland/Food and Water Watch/Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake/Interfaith Power and Light/ Maryland Climate X-Change/ Maryland League of Conservation Voters/ Maryland League of Women Voters/Maryland Legislative Caucus/ Maryland Pesticide Education Network/Maryland PIRG/National Aquarium/Pearlstone Center/Safe Skies Maryland/ Shore Rivers/ Sierra Club of Maryland/ Smart Growth Maryland/ Trash Free Maryland/ Waterkeepers Chesapeake

**CLEAN COAL COMMUNITY TRANSITION**
**HB TBD (BARVE)/SB TBD (WEST)**

**Coal is not clean energy.**

In order to have a hope of meeting international science-based targets for climate action, and to reduce water and air pollution, we must set a date by which Maryland will no longer be burning coal for electricity. We must also acknowledge and prepare for the end of coal in Maryland in terms of its impact on our workers and communities.

**MARYLAND SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS ACT**
**HB 192 (HILL)/SB 299 (LAM)**

**Saving Energy, Saving Birds**

As the amount of glass in new building construction dramatically increases in Maryland and worldwide, this increase in building glass threatens to undo energy conservation efforts, cost the state money, and contribute to climate change, while also causing the deaths of an estimated 1 billion birds annually in the United States, who fly into buildings, bridges, and other manmade structures.

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