

Chesapeake

Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club

Autumn/General Election Guide 2006

Chapter Endorses Martin O'Malley and Ben Cardin

Martin O'Malley Offers An Environmental Bill of Rights

By Jan Graham—On a magnificent August day at Centennial Park in Ellicott City, the Sierra Club endorsed Martin O'Malley for Governor and Anthony Brown for Lt. Governor.

In his acceptance speech, O'Malley praised the club members for their work to protect the environment through legislation and grassroots efforts, and stated, "Today Anthony and I are proud to officially join in partnership with the Sierra Club to create a better, stronger Maryland for our children. It's time for a governor who works for our environment and for our families instead of special interests."

The Sierra Club cited the O'Malley / Brown Environmental Bill of Rights and BayStat program (see below) as innovative ideas and examples of leadership sorely needed to improve Maryland's environment.

The Environmental Bill of Rights has five key principles:

1. The right to breathe clean air

Martin O'Malley was the first mayor to join 12 states in a federal lawsuit to reduce dangerous mercury emissions.

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Ben Cardin Will Bring an Environmentalist's Voice to the U.S. Senate

By Laura O'Callaghan—From the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to America's wetlands, Ben Cardin, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and candidate for U.S. Senate, has fought doggedly to protect and improve the environment.

Ask which legislation means the most to him, however, and he answers, "From my work in the state legis-

lature to enact the original Chesapeake Bay Agreement, to my role in Congress building on the federal partnership in the Bay program, I am most proud of my efforts to restore the Chesapeake Bay."

He adds that, while the Bay is not as healthy as "anyone would like, the intergovernmental and private partnership to 'Save the Bay' is a national model for effective environmental progress."

Cardin believes that it is necessary to reassess the region's strategy for the Chesapeake Bay Agreement and consider stronger regulatory action to protect the Bay and its watershed. Locally, Cardin has fought to secure millions in federal funds for Chesapeake Bay restoration projects, through the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Act. In 1993, Cardin co-sponsored legislation to consider the Chesapeake Bay under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (also known as Superfund).

He is a skillful lawmaker whose comprehensive approach to environmental issues reflects his commitment as an environmentalist and his thorough and thoughtful style of working. *The Baltimore*

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O'Malley and Brown Accept Chapter Endorsement



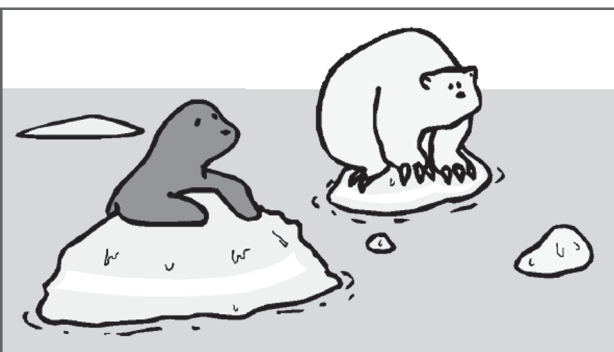
From left: Betsy Johnson, Maryland Chapter Chair; Jan Graham, Maryland Chapter liaison to O'Malley/Brown campaign; Martin O'Malley; Anthony Brown; Del. Liz Bobo, Howard County District 12B.



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Vote as if the
planet depends
on it.

It does.

Letter from the Chair



Betsy Johnson, Chair

Bush and Ehrlich— Two Peas in a Pod

By Betsy Johnson—We used to have environmental heroes in the Republican Party. Republican President Teddy Roosevelt saved more land for future generations than all other presidents combined. Nixon created the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, signed into law the Clean Water Act, and had one of the best overall environmental records in modern day history. Now that's a legacy! Unfortunately, the current crop of Republicans seems to want to undo all of our progress in the environmental arena. From attacks on our public lands to rollbacks in bedrock environmental law like the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act, we are fighting on all fronts these days just to keep what we've already got.

Governor Ehrlich professes to be a moderate Republican and an environmentalist – but research shows that he's more like Bush on environmental issues than he's led us to believe. Here are some comparisons:

Inviting Foxes into the Henhouse.

President Bush has shown his contempt for preservation of public lands by appointing to posts in the Interior Department, Energy Department, and Environmental Protection Agency former members of the extraction industry.

Governor Ehrlich fired many of the most environmentally knowledgeable public employees in the Department of the Environment and Department of Natural Resources and appointed industry-linked people to head both departments.

Starving Environmental Protection Efforts.

President Bush's budget cut the Land, Conservation, Preservation and Infrastructure Improvement Fund by \$250 million, cut funding for the Land & Water Conservation Fund, and reduced federal land acquisition funding by \$94 million, or 22 percent.

Governor Ehrlich appropriated 75 percent of the money from the Program Open Space Fund to balance the budget with no plan to return the money. He also curtailed the Rural Legacy and Green Print programs, key components of our state land preservation programs.

Degrading the Environmental Protection Work Force.

President Bush proposed privatizing the jobs of public-land employees, which would remove people with critical expertise from the management of our National Parks and other federal lands.

Governor Ehrlich's Department of Natural Resources hired civilians to replace park rangers who were reassigned to the Natural Resources Police Force. This move was made without public input and severely affects the proper management and operations of our state parks and forests.

Escalating Non-Sustainable Growth.

The Bush administration sent Congress a six-year spending plan for transportation that would slash environmental protections, threaten historic sites, and discourage energy-friendly mass transit. The President's budget allocates four times more money for roads than for mass transit.

The Ehrlich Administration has fast-tracked major road projects like Rte. 32 in Howard County and the Inter-County Connector (ICC) in Montgomery County, with very little time for environmental review or public input. Funding for these projects threatens to tie up state transportation money for decades, while critical mass transit projects have been given very little priority (despite the Governor's rhetoric to the contrary).

Selling Public Lands.

President Bush's budget this year proposes to raise \$1 billion over five years by selling off public lands.

Governor Ehrlich was caught with his hand in the public-lands cookie jar when he personally endorsed a secret land deal in St. Mary's County for his good friend, developer Willard Hackerman.

Considered together, these actions form a systematic attack on our environment. Right now, Maryland citizens have executives in the state and federal government who are determined to put short-term profit for their supporters ahead of the long term viability of Maryland's environment and the health of its citizens. The way to change this is to vote for the O'Malley-Brown ticket in November. The Sierra Club's 17,000 members can make a huge difference! ■

Call for At-Large Nominees for Chapter Executive Committee

Each year, the Maryland Chapter holds elections for "At Large" delegates to the chapter executive committee. This fall, the members of the chapter will elect three people to serve two-year terms on the committee. The chapter's nominating committee, Marc Scott, Mike Martin, and Laurel Imlay, invite all interested members of the Maryland Chapter to enter the race for these positions. We are looking for at least six people who can bring management skills, a firm commitment to protecting the environment, and a willingness to invest their time and energy for the next two years to help manage the chapter. While experience on a group's executive committee would be helpful, it is not necessary. Your work and life experience, and your common sense, are equally important ingredients. If you would be willing to serve for a two-year term, please submit a brief biography, no longer than 400 words, which describes your qualifications, your experience, and what you believe you can contribute. Send to the nominating committee c/o Laurel Imlay, 7338 Baltimore Ave, College Park, MD 20740, by e-mail to laurel.imlay@sierraclub.org or by fax at 301-277-6699.

Please respond by November 1, 2006. The nominating committee will review the qualifications described in the biographies, attempt to bring forward a slate of six candidates, and report the slate of candidates to the executive committee. The candidates' statements and a ballot will be published in the winter issue of *Chesapeake*. For additional information and a sample biography, please contact Laurel Imlay at the above address, or call 301-277-7111. ■

O'Malley Proclaims Environmental Rights

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2. The right to drink clean water

O'Malley signed the Reservoir Watershed Protection Agreement, protecting drinking water for 1.8 million people in the Baltimore metropolitan area.

3. The right to have a cleaner, healthier Chesapeake Bay

O'Malley supports smart growth and protection of tributaries to the Bay. He spoke out against the Blackwater Resort in Cambridge and spoke for the protection of Unicorn Lake in Queen Anne's County. He has pledged to increase funding for cover crops and buffer zones.

4. The right of every child to a safe environment

O'Malley has been a leader in lead poisoning prevention.

5. The right to enjoy parks, playgrounds and open space

O'Malley has spoken out against selling our public lands, and will create new tax credits to protect Maryland's vanishing farms.

As mayor of Baltimore, Martin O'Malley instituted the successful CitiStat program. CitiStat uses intensive performance measurements of all municipal agencies and data sharing to bring about cost savings, revenue enhancements, and improvements in the quality of municipal services. Using techniques gleaned from CitiStat, O'Malley will institute the BayStat program, an initiative to monitor and gauge the health of the Chesapeake Bay, its rivers, tributaries, and 36 major basins. BayStat would marshal the collective resources of the state to improve the health of the Chesapeake Bay and expand Maryland's Program Open Space.

In a recent letter to Governor Ehrlich regarding the Cambridge City Council's approval of the Blackwater Re-

sort development project, O'Malley requested that the state use its substantial open space dollars to help the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy to purchase the lower two thirds of the proposed site from the developers. Further, he wrote that our state should not force local jurisdictions to make the "false choice" between increased revenue and sacrificing our state's natural treasures risking further damage to the health of the Bay.



O'Malley believes that the state government must take an active role in helping communities to develop and plan for growth in a manner that protects open space, ensures the proper infrastructure, and protects the critical areas essential to the recovery of the Bay.

In his years as mayor of Baltimore, Martin O'Malley has garnered national attention. In 2002, *Esquire* magazine named O'Malley "The Best Young Mayor In The Country," and in 2005, *Time* magazine named him one of America's "Top 5 Big City Mayors." In August 2005, *Business Week's* online magazine named him as one of the five "New Faces" in the Democratic Party.

The "New Faces" may be a bit misleading; O'Malley has had a long and successful political career.

In 1982 while still in college, he signed on with the Hart for President campaign, working on everything from phone banking to volunteer organizing. In 1986, Congresswoman Barbara Mikulski named him as her state field director. He later served as her legislative fellow. In 1988, he was hired as Assistant States Attorney for Baltimore City. In 1991, he won the City Council seat to represent the 3rd District. In 1999 he was elected mayor of the City of Baltimore and won re-election in 2004.

As Maryland's next governor, Martin O'Malley will usher in a new commitment to improving the quality of life, the health of the Bay, the protection of our farm land, and the conservation of our natural resources.

The O'Malley/Brown team have the leadership ability to promote regional solutions to complex problems. They believe that it is vital to coalesce the regional interests of Maryland. What happens on our fragile Eastern Shore affects the entire state, as does the quest for a stronger economy in western Maryland. Only a strong, forward-looking state government can lead us to a cleaner, healthier Maryland, one in which we can develop in an environmentally friendly, balanced and sustainable manner.

The November election will be decisive in terms of the direction our state will take. Will we control sprawl, save our open space, fully fund our programs, hold the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Department of Natural Resources accountable, work with regional partners, and protect our quality of life? It's our decision!

Vote on November 7th. Vote for the environment. **Vote for O'Malley/Brown.** ■

Ben Cardin Supports Federal and International Environmental Protection

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Sun wrote that “few members of the U.S. House in either party can match his stature as legislative architect and master of bipartisan lawmaking.”

Federal Role in Environmental Protection

As a member of Congress, Cardin has steadfastly fought the Bush administration’s anti-environmental policies. He understands that the federal government has a key role in protecting human health and safeguarding the environment.

He believes that miles-per-gallon (CAFE) standards must be increased, greater use of renewable resources for electricity by 2020 should be mandated, and current federal laws designating critical habitat for the recovery of wildlife species need to be maintained.

He voted to give the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Cabinet-level status with the creation of the Department of the Environment in 1994, and has been fighting to protect its powers ever since. In 1995, he voted against a bill that would have crippled the EPA by curtailing its role in protecting wetlands and regulating air and water standards. In three major votes since 2001, he voiced his support of protecting the agency’s funding.

Energy Self-Sufficiency, Yes; Giveaways to Energy Industry, No

“The United States needs to become energy self sufficient,” says Cardin, but he is critical of the Bush administration’s energy plans, which would give billions to oil companies at a time of record profits. He does not think that key environmental protections need to be weakened in order to achieve energy self sufficiency, or that billions in new subsidies should be awarded to private industries for coal



Rep. Benjamin L. Cardin (D-MD), center, joined local elected officials and dozens of volunteers to build a living shoreline at Edgewater Beach in Anne Arundel County on August 5. They redistributed sand and rocks, and planted grass.

and nuclear power. He maintains that state and local governments should not be stripped of their authority over the siting of liquefied natural gas terminals.

Cardin believes that greater efforts must be made to support alternative, environment-friendly transportation. He has secured funding for the construction of hiker/biker greenways, including the Jones Falls Trails in Baltimore. He has sought authorization and funding for the Baltimore Regional Rail Plan with the construction of the Red Line.

Some of the other issues that concern Cardin include the Endangered Species Act, holding producers of the gasoline additive MTBE liable for groundwater contamination, and promoting energy efficiency.

International Cooperation

Cardin understands that international cooperation is essential to achieve many of the challenging environmental issues

facing the world. Cardin opposed Bush’s decision to withdraw the U.S. from the Kyoto Agreement on global warming.

An expert on taxes and trade, the 5-term Representative has fought to ensure that all trade agreements have provision for strong labor and environmental protection.

Environmental Groups Endorse Cardin

Environmental groups from the Sierra Club to the American Wilderness Coalition have endorsed Cardin or given him outstanding ratings. In 2004 and 2005, the American Wilderness Coalition and Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund gave Rep. Cardin a 100% rating for “supporting their interests.” The League of Conservation Voters rated him 100% in 2004 and 94% in 2005. The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance rated Cardin 100% on the votes they considered “most important” in 2004.

Endorsements from local papers focus on his legislative skills and expertise in other areas such as health care, Iraq, Social Security, and tax reform.

The *Baltimore Jewish Times* writes that he “has a well-earned reputation as one of the most sober, well-balanced and knowledgeable members of Congress.”

The *Washington Post’s* endorsement states: “Our choice is Mr. Cardin, whose mastery of public policy, pragmatic bipartisanship and even-keeled determination have made him a superb lawmaker.”

Competence and Commitment

A common complaint with politics as usual is that candidates and officeholders are so caught up with partisan wrangling and point-scoring that they have failed to address everyday issues of pressing concern. The antidote is electing lawmakers such as Mr. Cardin, whose proven competence, integrity and depth have been his trademarks in public service.

A third-generation Marylander, Cardin and his wife of 41 years, Myrna, grew up in the Baltimore’s Forest Park neighborhood. They have a daughter, a son-in-law, and two young granddaughters.

Cardin graduated from the University of Maryland Law School, and at age 23 was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates. When he was 36, he became one of Maryland’s youngest Speakers of the House.

Elected to the House of Representatives in 1986 and currently Senior Democratic Whip, Cardin has championed environmental issues throughout his political career. Having a U.S. Senator from Maryland with Cardin’s “proven competence, integrity and depth,” as *The Washington Post* states, would be a valuable asset to meet the demanding environmental challenges our country faces. ■

Question 1

Keeping Maryland's Public Lands Public Vote "Yes" on Question 1 to Protect Them

To ensure that Maryland's natural treasures and open space have the protection they deserve, the Sierra Club urges that you vote **YES on Question 1**, the land-conservation ballot question, on November 7.

Maryland was once the national leader and role model on planning and land conservation. However, since the inauguration of the Ehrlich administration four years ago, our state has slipped in the opposite direction. While funding for premier state programs, such as Program Open Space, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, and Rural Legacy Program, was siphoned off for unrelated purposes, state officials started proceedings to sell off state-owned forests and park land.

In 2004, Governor Robert Ehrlich's administration attempted to sell off 836 acres of environmentally sensitive state-owned lands in Southern Maryland to a politically-connected private developer. Public uproar led to investigation and subsequent reports by *The Washington Post* and *The Baltimore Sun*, exposing the administration's intentions to sell off multiple holdings of state-owned open space land for private development, including:

215 acres of Rocks State Park—protected land around Kilgore Falls (Maryland's second highest waterfall), which was saved by the efforts of concerned Harford County students;¹ Horn Point—840 acres of university-owned property on the Choptank River of Maryland's Eastern Shore, which *The Washington Post* called "an ecological gem";² and 584 acres that form a buffer zone around Deep Creek Lake in Garrett County.³

All told, records from the Department of Natural Resources identified almost 3,000 acres of state-owned lands that could be sold.

We believe these steps to siphon off open-space protection funds for other purposes and put protected state lands on the auction block occurred, in part, because of inadequate laws to protect our state owned conservation lands. However, on November 7, 2006, we can take action to ensure Maryland precious "protected" state lands are really protected.

Amendment Offers Hope

The 2004 proposed sales of state-owned conservation land prompted bipartisan action by the General Assembly. Specifically, legislators placed a constitutional amendment on the ballot for November 2006 that would provide greater protection—not to mention accountability and transparency—on any efforts to sell off Maryland's precious open space. It does so by requiring the General Assembly to approve the sale or transfer of lands purchased for conservation. If passed, this measure would ultimately protect farms, parks, and open spaces for future generations.

Urgent Action Needed!

- ♦ Contact your public officials, and tell them you want them to do more to identify and protect Maryland's remaining undeveloped open-space lands.
- ♦ Join the Sierra Club's efforts to protect Maryland's parks and open spaces. Visit www.maryland.sierraclub.org, or call 301-277-7111. ■

¹ Editorial, *The Washington Post*, "Shady Dealing," November 16, 2004, p A24.

² Matthew Mosk, "Ehrlich Planning To Sell Off More Land, Discussions Continue On Thousands of Acres," *The Washington Post*, November 13, 2004, p B01.

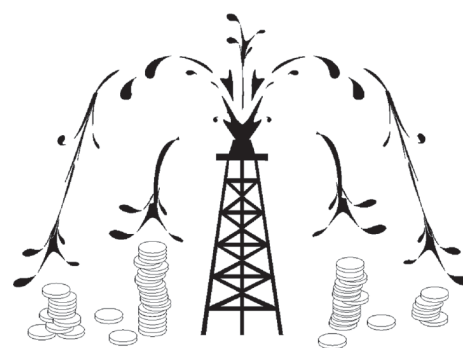
³ David Nitkin and Rona Kobell, "Portions of Parks Slated for Sale," *The Baltimore Sun*, November 13, 2004.

Congressional Leadership

Time for a Congressional Flip-Flop

By D. A. Tewell—On the stump, Representative Roy Blunt made a campaign promise, a promise best left unkept. Blunt, a Missouri Republican currently serving in the House as majority whip, pledged to oppose global warming mandates if his party remains in control of the House of Representatives after the upcoming election. "I think the information is not adequate yet for us to do anything meaningful," he said.

Blunt, alas, is not alone in his determination to keep action on global warming off the legislative agenda. Joe Barton, a Republican from Texas, debuted a new technique to make life unpleasant for scientists who dared to suggest that human activity is accelerating global climate change. His weapon? Subpoenas for three leading climatologists whose studies on climate change were not to his liking. Barton's demands for detailed data and computer code for every study which the scientists authored or co-authored aroused opposition from the National Academy of Sciences, the National Science Foundation, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.



Like Blunt, Barton opines from a lofty perch. As chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, he shepherds the interests of the oil, gas, and power generation industries: Gutting the Clean Air Act. Permitting refineries on wildlife preserves, including the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge. Shielding the manufacturers of MBTE from product

liability lawsuits. If it's on Big Oil's wish list, Barton has dumped it into the legislative hopper. The industries have returned the love by making him their top legislative recipient of campaign cash, over \$2M since 1989.

A Congressional Riddle

Blunt and Barton's positions are hints for solving a Congressional riddle. Question: Where will you find the lowest scorers on the League of Conservation Voters' (LCV) most recent scorecard? Answer: Like Blunt and Barton, they are leading both the Senate and the House, and chairing the most important committees charged with the stewardship of the environment.

Blunt and Barton, who scored 6 and 0 out of a possible 100, respectively, are typical of the Republicans who have been selected by their party to ensure that industries' concerns are addressed, regardless of the impact on our increasingly stressed planet. The health of the people, and of the land, air, and water from which we draw life, are all deemed expendable in the service of the corporations that fund their campaigns and whirl their families, friends, and former Congressional colleagues into lucrative employment.

Bipartisan Environmentalism

For decades environmental protection was a bipartisan concern. Republican Theodore Roosevelt, an accomplished amateur naturalist, camped with John Muir and established our network of treasured national parks and wildlife refuges. Richard Nixon signed the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Environmental Protection Act. A few current Republican office holders, such as Senator Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, continue the tradition of supporting environmental conservation that used to be valued in

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Congressonal Leadership

Time for a Congressional Flip-Flop

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both parties. But the health of the environment has been scorned by the Republicans in favor of short term economic gains to be reaped by their financial backers.

An Era of Republican Hostility

Ronald Reagan and his Secretary of the Interior, James Watt, ushered in this era of Republican hostility. Who can forget Reagan's assessment that it is trees, not automobiles, which spew more pollutants into the air, or Watt's statement that "We don't have to protect the environment—the Second Coming is at hand." These statements suggest three elements of Republican anti-environmentalism: ignorance about the value of the natural world, indifference to the by-products of industrial production, and end-times theology which actually welcomes environmental destruction as a sign of the coming apocalypse.

The majority of Republicans in the House and Senate have turned away from their heritage, their tradition of conserving the environment. But across the aisle, Democrats are still committed to environmental protection.

76 or 2? 81 or 2?

What could change if the Democrats become the majority party once again? Compare the voting records of Senator Frist, the current majority leader, and Senator Reid, the Democratic minority leader. Frist's LCV score is 0, while Reid rings the bell at 100. In the House, Representative Boehner, the majority leader, scores another 0; Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi earns a 94.

In the important committees overseeing environmental legislation, the chairs of both the House and the Senate committees have an average LCV score of 2. But the ranking members, those Democrats likely to assume the chairs if

their party becomes the majority, average 76 in the House and 81 in the Senate. 76 or 2. 81 or 2. Clearly, the environment will be better served if we have leaders who care about it, and who vote accordingly.

Sometimes we don rose-colored glasses when we look to the past. We remember things being a bit sweeter than they really were. We remember comity when perhaps there was little, eager cooperation that was actually, perhaps, grudging. Our environmental record, even before Ronald Reagan, wasn't perfect. Legislators from both parties have always chased campaign cash, and rolled over after they fetched it.

But for environmental protection laws, the past was better. It was better when both parties worked to clean up the air and the water, to ban hazardous pesticides and to set fuel economy standards for cars. Now one party has turned away from the bipartisan tradition of environmentalism. That party shouldn't be running Congress. Its leaders are dangerous, and their cavalier attitude toward the despoliation of the earth threatens us all. We need for the people in charge of our public lands, our rivers, our farms, our parks, and our wildlife to be committed to their preservation. We need a Democratic majority, so that legislators committed to protecting the environment are the ones who set the legislative agenda.

Vote for a New Majority

You can help. Support Ben Cardin, the Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate, and your Democratic Congressional candidates, with a campaign contribution, a yard sign, and most important, your vote. Volunteer for a campaign. Talk to your family and friends about why environmental protection matters, and why it's important that their votes help to put Roy Blunt and Joe Barton back in the minority. ■

Political Contacts

Chapter Political Contacts

Want to find a constructive channel for your dissatisfaction with elected leaders who wish to leave no tree behind? Want a reason to celebrate as the election returns come in? These chapter members can help you find a way to help good candidates get elected.

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Sky's the limit?

Even today in 2006, over *half* of America's electricity is generated from coal-fired power plants. Consequentially, we are being exposed to soot, smog, acid rain, and dangerous toxins such as mercury, which threaten people and wildlife alike. Bush's "Clear Skies" plan will allow 520% *more* mercury pollution by 2010, not to mention delaying the enforcement of public health standards for smog and soot until the *end* of 2015. The sky isn't getting any higher, and the air we breathe isn't getting any cleaner. The sky IS the limit.

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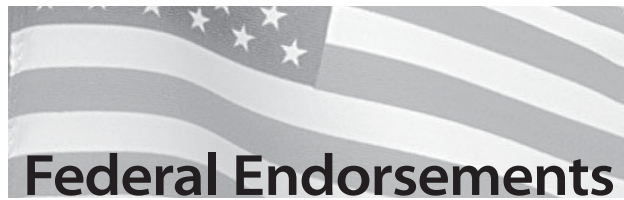
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Supporting	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
Contributing	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175
Life	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1250
Senior	<input type="checkbox"/> \$24	<input type="checkbox"/> \$32
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MD Chapter Endorsed Candidates



U.S. Senate

Ben Cardin

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U.S. House of Representatives

Congressional District 1	No Endorsement
Congressional District 2	Dutch Ruppersberger
Congressional District 3	John Sarbanes
Congressional District 4	No Endorsement
Congressional District 5	Steny Hoyer
Congressional District 6	No Endorsement
Congressional District 7	Elijah Cummings
Congressional District 8	Chris Van Hollen



State of Maryland

Governor	Martin O'Malley
	(see article page 1)
Attorney General	Doug Gansler
Comptroller	Peter Franchot

Allegany

Office	Dist	Candidate	ICC
DELEGATE	1C	Brian Grim	

Anne Arundel

Office	Dist	Candidate	ICC
DELEGATE	30	Mike Busch	*
DELEGATE	30	Virginia Clagett	*
DELEGATE	30	Barbara Samorajczyk	*
DELEGATE	31	Joan Cadden	*
DELEGATE	31	Craig Reynolds	
DELEGATE	32	Pam Beidle	
DELEGATE	32	Mary Ann Love	*
DELEGATE	32	Ted Sophocleus	*
SENATOR	33	Scott Hymes	
DELEGATE	33B	Mike Shay	
COUNTY EXEC		George Johnson	

COUNTY COUNCIL	1	Daryl Jones
COUNTY COUNCIL	2	No Endorsement
COUNTY COUNCIL	3	No Endorsement
COUNTY COUNCIL	4	Jamie Benoit
COUNTY COUNCIL	5	Cathy Vitale
COUNTY COUNCIL	6	Josh Cohen
COUNTY COUNCIL	7	No Endorsement

Baltimore Area, Incl. Harford

Office	Dist	Candidate	ICC
SENATOR	7	Patricia Foerster	
DELEGATE	7	Jack Sturgill	
SENATOR	10	Delores Kelley	
DELEGATE	10	Emmett Burns	
DELEGATE	10	Adrienne Jones	
DELEGATE	10	Shirley Nathan-Pulliam	
SENATOR	11	Bobby Zirkin	*
DELEGATE	11	Jon Cardin	
DELEGATE	11	Dan Morhaim	
DELEGATE	11	Dana Stein	
SENATOR	34	Bill Kilby	*
DELEGATE	34A	Mary Dulany-James	*
SENATOR	35	Stan Kollar	
DELEGATE	35A	Craig DeRan	
SENATOR	40	Catherine Pugh	
SENATOR	41	Lisa Gladden	
DELEGATE	41	Jill Carter	*
DELEGATE	41	Nathaniel Oaks	*
DELEGATE	41	Samuel Rosenberg	*
SENATOR	42	James Brochin	
DELEGATE	42	Steve Lafferty	
DELEGATE	42	Tracy Miller	
SENATOR	43	Joan Carter Conway	*
DELEGATE	43	Curt Anderson	*
DELEGATE	43	Ann Marie Doory	*
DELEGATE	43	Maggie McIntosh	*
SENATOR	44	Verna Jones	*
DELEGATE	44	Keith Haynes	*
DELEGATE	44	Ruth Kirk	*
SENATOR	45	Nathaniel McFadden	*
DELEGATE	45	Talmadge Branch	*
DELEGATE	45	Hattie Harrison	*
DELEGATE	46	Peter Hammen	
DELEGATE	46	Carolyn Krysiak	*
DELEGATE	46	Brian McHale	*

Baltimore (County)

Office	Dist	Candidate	ICC
COUNTY EXEC		Jim Smith	
COUNTY COUNCIL	1	Samuel Moxley	

COUNTY COUNCIL	2	Kevin Kamenetz
COUNTY COUNCIL	3	Bryan McIntire
COUNTY COUNCIL	4	Kenneth Oliver
COUNTY COUNCIL	5	Vince Gardina
COUNTY COUNCIL	6	No Endorsement ¹
COUNTY COUNCIL	7	No Endorsement ¹

Carroll

Office	Dist	Candidate	ICC
DELEGATE	5A	Ann Darrin	
DELEGATE	5A	Frank Rammes	
COUNTY COMM	At-large	Julia Gouge	
COUNTY COMM	At-large	Dean Minnich	
COUNTY COMM	At-large	Vincent Dipietro	

Eastern Shore

(Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, Wicomico)

Office	Dist	Candidate	ICC
SENATOR	37	Hilary Spence	
DELEGATE	37B	Jim Atkins	
DELEGATE	37B	Tim Quinn	

Frederick

Office	Dist	Candidate	ICC
SENATOR	3	Cindy Greenway	
DELEGATE	3A	Galen Clagett	
DELEGATE	3A	Sue Hecht	
DELEGATE	3B	Paul Gilligan	
DELEGATE	4A	No Endorsement	
COMM	At-large	Lenny Thompson	
COMM	At-large	Jan Gardner	
COMM	At-large	Dick Floyd	
COMM	At-large	Kai Hagen	
COMM	At-large	Dave Gray	

Harford

Office	Dist	Candidate	ICC
COUNTY EXEC		Ann Helton	
CNTY CNCL PRES		No Endorsement	
COUNTY COUNCIL	A	Dion Guthrie	
COUNTY COUNCIL	B	Valerie Twanmoh	
COUNTY COUNCIL	C	Joan Morrissey Ward	
COUNTY COUNCIL	D	No Endorsement	
COUNTY COUNCIL	E	No Endorsement	
COUNTY COUNCIL	F	Mary Ann Lisanti	
SHERIFF		Jesse Bane	

Endorsements continue on Page 8,
and also appear on our website,
maryland.sierraclub.org.

MD Chapter Endorsed Candidates (cont.)

Howard

Office	Dist	Candidate	ICC
SENATOR	9	Rick Corkran	
DELEGATE	9A	David Osmundson	
SENATOR	12	Ed Kasemeyer	
DELEGATE	12A	Steven DeBoy	
DELEGATE	12A	James Malone	
DELEGATE	12B	Liz Bobo	
DELEGATE	13	Frank Turner	
DELEGATE	13	Guy Guzzone	
DELEGATE	13	Shane Pendergrass	*
COUNTY EXEC		Ken Ulman	
COUNTY COUNCIL	1	Courtney Watson	
COUNTY COUNCIL	2	Calvin Ball	
COUNTY COUNCIL	3	Jennifer Terrasa	
COUNTY COUNCIL	4	No Endorsement	
COUNTY COUNCIL	5	Don Dunn	

Montgomery

Office	Dist	Candidate	ICC
SENATOR	14	No Endorsement	
DELEGATE	14	Anne Kaiser	
DELEGATE	14	Karen Montgomery	
DELEGATE	14	Herman Taylor	*
SENATOR	15	Rob Garagiola	*
DELEGATE	15	Brian Feldman	*
DELEGATE	15	Kathleen Dumais	*
DELEGATE	15	Jean Cryor	*
SENATOR	16	Brian Frosh	
DELEGATE	16	Bill Bronrott	*
DELEGATE	16	Marilyn Goldwater	*
DELEGATE	16	Susan Lee	*
SENATOR	17	No Endorsement	
DELEGATE	17	Luiz Simmons	*
SENATOR	18	No Endorsement	
DELEGATE	18	Ana Sol Gutierrez	
DELEGATE	18	Jane Lawton	
DELEGATE	18	Jeff Waldstreicher	
SENATOR	19	Mike Lenett	
DELEGATE	19	Hank Heller	
DELEGATE	19	Roger Manno	
SENATOR	20	Jamie Raskin	
DELEGATE	20	Sheila Hixson	*
DELEGATE	20	Tom Hucker	
DELEGATE	20	Heather Mizeur	
SENATOR	39	No Endorsement	
DELEGATE	39	Charles Barkley	*
DELEGATE	39	Nancy King	
DELEGATE	39	Saqib Ali	
COUNTY EXEC		Ike Leggett	

COUNTY COUNCIL	At-large	Marc Elrich
COUNTY COUNCIL	At-large	Duchy Trachtenberg
COUNTY COUNCIL	1	No Endorsement
COUNTY COUNCIL	2	No Endorsement
COUNTY COUNCIL	3	Phil Andrews
COUNTY COUNCIL	4	Marilyn Praisner
COUNTY COUNCIL	5	Valerie Ervin

Prince George's

Office	Dist	Candidate	ICC
SENATOR	21	Jim Rosapepe	
DELEGATE	21	Barbara Frush	
DELEGATE	21	Ben Barnes	
DELEGATE	21	Jocelyn Pena-Melnyk	
SENATOR	22	Paul Pinsky	
DELEGATE	22	Anne Healey	
DELEGATE	22	Tawanna Gaines	*
SENATOR	23	Doug Peters	
DELEGATE	23A	Jim Hubbard	
DELEGATE	23B	Marvin Holmes, Jr	
DELEGATE	24	Joanne Benson	*
DELEGATE	24	Carolyn Howard	*
DELEGATE	24	Michael Vaughn	*
DELEGATE	25	Dereck Davis	*
DELEGATE	25	Melony Griffith	*
DELEGATE	26	Veronica Turner	
DELEGATE	27A	Joseph Villario	*
DELEGATE	27B	Sue Kullen	
SENATOR	47	Gwendolyn Britt	
DELEGATE	47	Jolene Ivey	
DELEGATE	47	Victor Ramirez	
COUNTY EXEC		Jack Johnson	
COUNTY COUNCIL	Dist 3	Eric Olsen	
COUNTY COUNCIL	Dist 4	No Endorsement	
COUNTY COUNCIL	Dist 5	David Harrington	

Queen Anne

Office	Dist	Candidate	ICC
COUNTY COMM	Dist 3	Gene Ransom	
COUNTY COMM	Dist 4	Carol Fordonski	

Washington

Office	Dist	Candidate	ICC
DELEGATE	1C	Brian Grim	

* These candidates voted in accord with good environmental principles, except they also voted to devote an extraordinary amount of the State's transportation and general fund resources to building the Intercounty Connector, a vote which will not only cause grave environmental damage to parkland and streams in Montgomery County, but also will inhibit spending for all of Maryland's critical public transit needs for many years to come.

Vote Safely

Vote Safely in November—Vote on Paper with Direct Absentee Ballot

by Nancy Wallace—There is an excellent way to protect your vote this fall from nearly any human and machine error. It's called "Direct Absentee" voting. It has the highest possibility of being counted and being counted accurately, and is the only means of being counted according to your original intent in the event of a recount. This combines the safety of a paper ballot with your direct delivery to the local board, or using certified U.S. mail.

Any voter can now vote absentee in Maryland, with no explanation needed. And if you take the extra small step of either going to your local county Board of Elections in person during the two weeks before the election, or mailing your request and ballot via certified U.S. mail, you can vote safely on paper, and be protected from any glitches on Election Day. (It is also more convenient, though not quite as much fun.)

To vote direct absentee in person, go to your local county election board during business hours during the last two weeks before the election, vote and turn in your sealed ballot. You may also vote on Election Day itself at the board, but there may be lines. You can get the address and phone number of your county election board at www.elections.state.md.us/citizens/county_boards.html.

To vote direct absentee by mail, call your county board of elections to request an application for an absentee ballot, or print a ballot request form from this website for the Maryland State Board of Elections and follow all instructions carefully: www.elections.state.md.us/registered_voters/2006_Absentee_Ballot. Remember to send your request certified mail, and send in your completed ballot certified mail as well.

The board of elections must receive this completed application by:

1. 4:30 P.M. on the Tuesday before the election (October 31) if this application is mailed.
2. 11:59 P.M. on the Tuesday before the election (October 31) if this application is faxed.

After the deadline, a Late Application for Absentee Ballot must be completed in person at the board of elections.

Note: no voting system is 100% safe and guaranteed. Some risks accompany any human and machine system. For further information, and to help ensure our November elections are as accurate as possible, please email Nancy Wallace at SafeVote@yahoo.com. ■

Outings and Events (October)

Election Brief

Because of all the election-related material in this edition of the Chesapeake, it was necessary to keep the outings pages short. The listings are somewhat terse, but they all do contain the contact information for the leader. Please get in touch with the leader prior to the outing for details on meeting place, equipment needed and other information. You can visit the chapter and group web pages for additional data and to find the full write-ups for these outings. Sierra Club outings rules and regulations can also be found on the chapter web page, or in an older edition of the Chesapeake. (We only have space here to let members and non-members alike know that all are welcome on outings, request everyone to please check the difficulty rating when deciding which outings to attend, and ask that you contact the leader before participating.)

We will be back with longer write-ups in the next edition of the chapter newsletter. In the meantime, please don't forget to participate in that very important outing on November 7 – the trip to the election booth! Thanks.

—Dan Soeder,
MD Chapter Outings Chair

ABBREVIATIONS USED:

Most outings in the Maryland Chapter are run at the group level, with a few chapter and inter-chapter events. The group originating the outing is identified in parentheses by the leader's name. These and other abbreviations used are listed below:

AA: Anne Arundel Group
AMC: Appalachian Mountain Club
AT: Appalachian Trail
CG: Catoctin Group
CCA: Canoe Cruisers Association (Washington, D.C.)
FFA: Family Friendly Activity (kids/dogs ok, but check with leader)
GB: Greater Baltimore Group

GWNF: George Washington National Forest
HC: Howard County Group
MNF: Monongahela National Forest
MW: Metropolitan Washington Regional Outings Program (MWROP)
P&R: Park and Ride (meeting locations)
SNP: Shenandoah National Park

Metropolitan Washington Regional Outings Program (MWROP)

MWROP is an activity section of the Virginia chapter, with an extensive outings program run by leaders who live in and around the Washington, D.C. area. Please check their website (www.mwrop.org) for a calendar of activities, information and updates.



Sunday, Oct. 1

Bike to Naptown (*rated moderate*)
Bicycle the Baltimore and Annapolis Trail from Route 100 about 15 miles to the Annapolis waterfront and back. Sierra Club requires all riders to wear helmets. Leader: Dan Soeder, 410-969-9465, Dan.Soeder@sierraclub.org.

Tuesday, Oct. 3

Greater Baltimore Outings Committee Meeting (*not rated*) Plan new outings and meet other outings leaders. Potluck dinner at 6:30 PM. Leader: Bette (GB) 410-666-2696.

Saturday, Oct. 7

Annapolis Rock. (*rated moderate*) 11-mile hike along the Appalachian Trail, from Washington Monument State Park to Annapolis Rock and return. Leader: Tim Ryan (HC) 410-248-2974

before 9 PM.
timothy_ryan@urscorp.com.

Sat.-Sun., Oct 7-8

Dismal Swamp, NC (*not rated*) Kayak trip. Sierra Club requires that personal flotation devices (PFDs) be worn by all participants while on the water. Leader: Liz Vanden Heuvel (AA) 410-267-9009.

Sat.-Mon., Oct. 7-9

Cranberry Backcountry Backpack, WV (*rated strenuous*) Backpack approximately 30 miles through this scenic area. Leader: Mike Juskelis, 410-439-4964, mjuskelis@cablespeed.com.

Saturday, Oct. 14

Appalachian Trail (*rated moderate*) Hike 6 to 8 miles. Leader: Chris Hodge (CG) 301-865-5630
(chrishodge@adelphia.net).

Susquehanna State Park, MD. (*rated moderate*) 10-12 mile hike along the Susquehanna River. Leader: Mike Juskelis (HC) 410-439-4964
(mjuskelis@cablespeed.com)

Sat.- Sun., Oct. 14-15

Car Camping in Caledonia State Park (*rated moderate*) Day hikes along Caledonia lakes and streams. Leader: Jack Wise (GB) 410-256-3763.

Sunday, Oct. 15

Soldiers Delight (*rated moderate*) 5-mile afternoon hike to enjoy unique wildflowers. Leader: Kathleen Sheedy (HC) 443-538-4084,
kathleen.sheedy@gmail.com.

C&O Canal (*rated easy*) Bike trip. Sierra Club requires all riders to wear helmets. See Anne Arundel Group outings web site for details. Leader: Sue Hartsfield (AA).

Saturday, Oct. 21

TRAINING: Outings Leader Training 101 (*no rating*) Classroom training for Sierra Club outings leaders at Oregon Ridge Park's Nature Center at 11 a.m., with optional hike afterwards. Instructor: Dan Soeder (410-969-9465)
Dan.Soeder@sierraclub.org.

Little Devils Stairs, VA. (*rated strenuous*) Rough and steep 8-mile hike in Shenandoah NP. Leader: Ken Clark (HC) 301-725-3306, kenclark7@comcast.net.

Sat.-Mon., Oct. 21-23

Quehanna Trail Backpack, PA. (*rated strenuous*) Backpack 30 miles through the mountain meadows of the Black Moshannon Forest. Leader: Mike Juskelis (HC) 410-439-4964,
mjuskelis@cablespeed.com.

Sunday, Oct 22

Catoctin Mountain Preserve (*no rating*) Fall Colors Hike. See Anne Arundel Group outings web site for details. Leader: Joe Pepin (AA) 410-674-6127.

Saturday, Oct. 28

Sweet Air (*rated moderate*) Approximately 6 miles of hilly terrain. Leader: Betsy (GB) 410-569-5202.

Conservation Outing: Birding at Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, Delaware (*rated moderate*) Bird-watching hike of approximately seven flat miles. Entrance fee for the refuge and dinner stop on the way home. Leader: Bill Diggs (GB) 410-574-1453.

Cowans Gap State Park / Buchanan SF, PA. (*rated strenuous*) 10-12 mile circuit hike with some steep and rocky sections. Leader: Mike Juskelis (HC) 410-439-4964
(mjuskelis@cablespeed.com).

Outings and Events (October-November-December-January)

Sunday, Oct. 29

Morgan's Run at Liberty Reservoir (*rated moderate*) Moderate 8-mile hike, with some stream crossings. Leader: James Perschy (HC) 410-964-1902, jmatp@starpower.net.

Lake Roland and Robert E. Lee Park (*rated easy*, FFA) Hike along the Jones Falls stream from Lake Roland through woodlands and the "Bare Hills" serpentine area. Children and dogs are welcome. Leader: Mary Corddry (GB) 410-248-0423



Saturday, Nov 4

Kelly's Run & Pinnacle Overlook (*rated moderate*) Hike 7-8 miles with great views of the Susquehanna River. Leader: Jack Wise (GB) 410-256-3963.

Full Moon Hayride and Farm Tour (*no rating*, FFA) Cost will be \$8.00 per person. Children OK with prior approval. Leader: Paul Schoen (GB) 410-667-4889, pstech@smart.net.

Great Falls Billy Goat Trail. (*rated moderate*) 7-mile rocky hike on the Billy Goat Trail near the Potomac River. Leader: Ken Clark, 301-725-3306, kenclark7@comcast.net.

Sat.-Sun., Nov 4-5

Michaux Forest Backpack, PA (*rated moderate*) Approximately 17-mile trip with some road-walking and bushwhacking that may be suitable for novices. Leader: Mike Juskelis (HC) 410-439-4964 (mjuskelis@cablespeed.com).

Tuesday, Nov. 7

Statewide: Vote in the general election!

Baltimore City Harbor Promenade (*rated easy* FFA) Stroll for 3 miles on the promenade along the Baltimore City waterfront from Canton to Federal Hill, and learn about the City's waterfront. Children are welcome. Leader: Mary Corddry (GB) 410-248-0423.

Saturday, Nov. 11

Gambrill Park hike (*rated easy to moderate*) 6 to 8 miles. Meet at the lower parking area at 10 a.m.. Leader: Chris Hodge (CG) 301-865-5630 (chrishodge@adelphia.net).

White Clay Creek State Park and Natural Area, DE. (*rated moderate*) 8-10 mile hike through one of the prettiest parks Delaware has to offer. Leader: Mike Juskelis (HC) 410-439-4964 (mjuskelis@cablespeed.com)

Waterfall Mountain and Gap Trails (*rated strenuous*). Massanutten Mountain Circuit Hike with 3500-foot elevation gain over about 17 miles. Leader: William Needham (MW) 410-884-9127, Needham82@aol.com

Sunday, Nov. 12

Muddy Creek Hike (*rated moderate*) 7-8 miles on Mason Dixon Trail through a very scenic steam valley. Leader: Jack Wise (GB) 410-256-3963.

Saturday, Nov. 18

Patapsco - Rockburn Branch (*rated moderate*) 6-7 mile hike with two steam crossings following the Patapsco River on the Valley View Trail. Leader: James Perschy (HC), 410-964-1902, jmatp@starpower.net.

Soldier's Delight (*rated easy to moderate* FFA) Children and dogs are welcome on this 5-mile walk through woodlands and grasslands in Soldier's Delight Natural Environmental Area of northern Baltimore County. Leader: Mary Corddry (GB) 410-248-0423.

Friday, Nov. 24

Harpers Ferry (*rated strenuous*) 9 or 11 mile hike through three states, with spectacular overlooks of historic Harpers Ferry at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers. Leader: Tim Ryan (HC) 410-248-2974 before 9 p.m., timothy_ryan@urscorp.com.



Saturday, Dec. 2

Glen Ellen - Seminary Trail (*rated moderate*) Hike 7-miles beside Loch Raven Reservoir. Leader: Mary Corddry (GB) 410-248-0423.

Bull Run Mountains Conservancy, VA (*rated moderate*) 7.4-mile circuit hike past Civil War battle sites, with a grand view of Fauquier County. Leader: Mike Juskelis (HC), 410-439-4964, mjuskelis@cablespeed.com.

Saturday, Dec. 9

Caledonia / Michaux Forest, PA (*rated moderate*) 8-mile circuit hike, with a couple of steep climbs. Leader: Mike Juskelis (HC) 410-439-4964, mjuskelis@cablespeed.com.

Sunday, Dec. 10

Gunpowder River Hike (*rated moderate*) Hike 6 to 8 miles below Prettyboy Dam. Leader: Jack Wise (GB) 410-256-3963.

Saturday, Dec. 16

Pole Steeple, Pine Grove Furnace SP, PA. (*rated moderate*) 7.5-mile circuit hike. Leader: Mike Juskelis, 410-439-4964, mjuskelis@cablespeed.com.

Sunday, Dec. 17

TRAINING: Outings Leader Training 101

(*no rating*) Classroom training for Sierra Club outings leaders in the chapter College Park office from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Please contact Laurel Imlay (Laurel.Imlay@sierraclub.org) for directions if needed. Leader/Instructor: Dan Soeder (410-969-9465) Dan.Soeder@sierraclub.org.

Saturday, Dec. 23

Gambrill State Park (*rated moderate*) 8-mile hike on wooded trails. Leader: Tim Ryan (HC) 410-248-2974, before 9 p.m., timothy_ryan@urscorp.com.



Monday, Jan. 1, 2007

Bluff Trail/AT, SNP, VA. (*rated strenuous*) 13.3-mile circuit hike featuring two vistas. Leader: Mike Juskelis (HC) 410-439-4964, mjuskelis@cablespeed.com.



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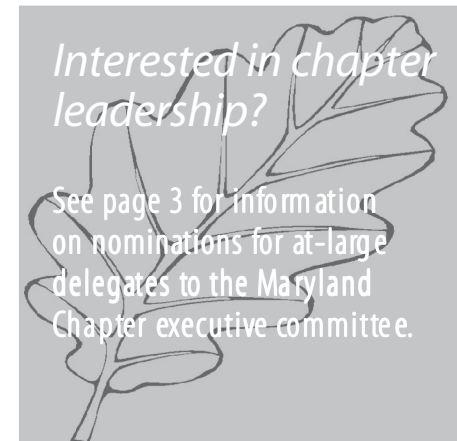
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