

# Chesapeake

Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club Early Autumn 2004

*Your Land. Your Air. Your Water. Your Vote.*

## Sierra Club Endorses John Kerry for President

**Senator John Kerry has stood up to polluters and been a champion of protecting human health and the environment during his entire career in public office.**

He spoke at the first Earth Day in Massachusetts in 1970. As Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, Kerry chaired an Acid Rain Task Force and issued a "Call for Action" on the topic of air pollution. As a Senator he has championed the cause of conservation, been a leader in the fight against polluters and blocked the Bush Administration's efforts to reverse 30 years of environmental progress.

From clean air to clean water to toxics to public lands to energy, we can count on John Kerry to provide leadership, vision, and solutions so that all Americans can have a clean, safe, healthy environment.

### **John Kerry on Clean Air**

John Kerry has been a leader in the fight for clean air since before his election to the U.S. Senate in 1984. In his first year as a Senator, John Kerry introduced the National Acid Rain Control Act to improve standards and create a fund for clean air. He has continued to work for cleaner air since then, defending the Clean Air Act against weakening in 1990 and more recently opposing the Bush Administration's attempts to weaken the Clean Air Act's New Source Review rules. John Kerry

opposes President Bush's plans to increase the allowable toxic mercury pollution in our air, and as President would immediately reinstate Clean Air protections weakened under the Bush Administration.

### **John Kerry on Clean Water and Drinking Water**

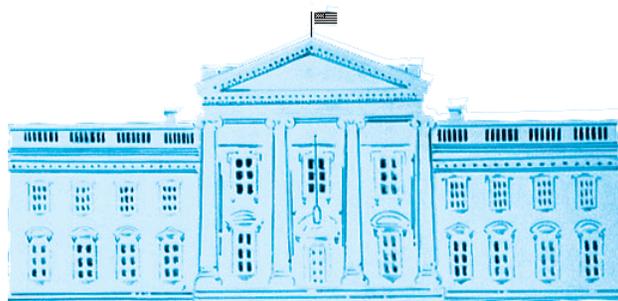
John Kerry has consistently pushed for strengthening protections for our nation's waters and drinking water. In his first year in the Senate, John Kerry sponsored a bill to help states clean up water quality problems due to acid rain. He was a vocal opponent of the Bush Administration's attempt to weaken drinking water stan-

dards for arsenic, and he pushed for the Bush Administration to repeal a dangerous proposed rulemaking that would have removed 20 million acres of wetlands from Clean Water Act protections. He opposed federal funding for polluting factory farms that are a major source of water pollution. Kerry also opposed Bush's proposal to allow coal companies to shave off mountaintops and bury the rivers below under tons of mine waste in violation of the Clean Water Act.

### **John Kerry on Energy and Global Warming**

John Kerry advocates a responsible, forward-looking energy policy that would reduce our dependence on oil; increase the energy efficiency of our buildings, homes, and appliances; increase the amount of clean, renewable energy used to create electricity; and make our cars and trucks go further on a gallon of gas. He has championed and introduced legislation on a number of measures to improve fuel economy and to require the use of more clean renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power. Kerry has been a champion in leading the fight to defeat the Bush Administration's polluting energy bill, which was hatched in secret by the Cheney Energy Task

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## Bush Administration Is Rolling Back 50 Years of Good Environmental Law



Betsy Johnson, Chair

Since taking office, the Bush administration has opened an area larger than Texas and Oklahoma to logging, mining, and oil and gas drilling—stripping protections from 10 percent of America's public lands. This is actually more land than was protected by one of our great conservationist Republican presidents, Theodore Roosevelt. In almost all areas of environmental concern, the Bush administration seems intent on rolling back 50 years of good environmental law. Check out his record on the Sierra Club website: <http://www.sierraclub.org/wwatch>.

Is it any wonder that the Sierra Club's primary goal this year is to elect John Kerry as president? And this is where you, dear Sierra Club member, come in. There are many things that you can do to help us achieve our goal.

First and foremost, we need your votes for John Kerry! Many of you may not know that, according to several studies, environmental voters do not vote in any greater numbers than the general public. It's true!

Remember the election in 2000? It was so close in key swing states like Florida and New Hampshire that environmental voters could have made the difference if they had just voted. The margin in Florida was only 500 votes. There are 28,000 Sierra Club members in Florida, and if even only 80 percent had voted for Al Gore, he would be president today.

So please remember all of this when deciding whether to cast your very important vote on election day—Tuesday, November 2. If you're not registered to

vote yet, do it now! And everybody please circle November 2 on your calendar, and get to the polls. Always remember that your vote does matter—**now more than ever.**

### ***Other things you can do:***

1. Help out in a swing state. Maryland members will be going to Pennsylvania the weekend of October 29 to help the Pennsylvania Chapter with its "get out the vote" activities. Call me (301-656-4948) if you would like to join us. I am organizing the trip, and we need to let Pennsylvania Sierrans know how many people need a place to stay that weekend.

2. Help with phoning into swing states. The Democratic National Committee on Capitol Hill needs volunteers to work the phone banks and call likely voters in swing states and talk to them about John Kerry. Call them to volunteer at (202) 863-8000.

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3. Talk to your friends, neighbors, and colleagues about your concerns, and educate them about Bush's environmental record. Give them the Sierra Club website address so they can check his record for themselves. People care about the environment and are displeased to learn that it's being trashed. It's a winning issue.

4. Keep your thoughts positive and keep yourselves busy. I've found that sitting around stewing does nothing for my mood. This will be a very negative campaign; don't take anything too seriously.

***Only weeks to go. Let's win this one for our families, for our future!***

*Vote as if the planet depends on it.  
It does.*

# Congressional Endorsements

## Club Endorses Senator Mikulski for Re-election

by Megan Moeller and Terry J. Harris—  
The Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club is proud to endorse Senator Barbara Mikulski for re-election to the U. S. Senate. Mikulski has been a key ally in the Senate and a long-time supporter of environmental protection. On her website, she describes her commitment as follows.

“As a lifelong Marylander, I have a deep appreciation for Maryland’s unique environment. From the hills of Western Maryland to the Chesapeake Bay and beaches, our natural resources are critical to our economy, culture and heritage. As your U.S. Senator, you can count on me to fight to keep our state clean and green. We owe it to our children to leave this world as beautiful and clean as we found it.”

Indeed, Mikulski has a solid record

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in that regard. The Senator has supported key environmental efforts of national and local significance, particularly those relating to the Chesapeake Bay. The following are among her accomplishments.

- ♦ Repeatedly secured millions of dollars in federal funds for education, restoration, and research in the Chesapeake Bay watershed
- ♦ Cosponsored the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Act and Estuary Habitat Restoration

Partnership Act, which provided for increased clean-up activities and habitat projects for the Bay

- ♦ Secured grants for Maryland communities to improve sewer treatment facilities, which helped to reduce the amount of nutrients that would end up in the Bay

Senator Mikulski’s seniority and experience are important factors in her ability to work on environmental protection issues. As the ranking Democrat on the Senate Appropriations subcommittee, she has oversight of the funding for the Environmental Protection Agency. In her role on this committee, Mikulski has fought to restore environmental enforcement efforts at EPA to better ensure com-

pliance with our environmental laws.

On issues of local or national importance, Mikulski’s is a solid environmental vote. For example, she opposed the incineration of chemical weapons at Aberdeen Proving Ground, and voted to prevent consideration of drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in a fast-track budget reconciliation bill.

Mikulski has a long history of supporting legislation that will protect our environment, and she deserves our support in her campaign for reelection. ■



## Congressional Endorsements

The following Congressional Representatives have been endorsed by the Maryland Chapter:

Dist	Endorsed Incumbent
01	Wayne Gilchrest (R)
02	Dutch Ruppersberger (D)
03	Ben Cardin (D)
05	Steny Hoyer (D)
07	Elijah Cummings (D)
08	Chris Van Hollen (D)

## Baltimore's Mayor Martin O'Malley Sparks a Renaissance

We had to attack the cynicism that was in our city, and had become ingrained in the political culture.

by Janice Graham — Martin O'Malley at 36, the youngest mayor of a major U.S. city, is truly a renaissance man—a politician, orator, musician, husband, father and friend. He has won accolades literally and figuratively in every category.

O'Malley was elected to the Baltimore City Council in 1991 and served until he became mayor in 2000 with 91 percent of the vote. Called America's "best young mayor" by *Esquire* magazine, he has led Baltimore's renewal.

Mayor O'Malley believes the foundation of Baltimore's comeback begins with public safety, and he's committed to making every neighborhood a safe place. Baltimore is leading the nation in the decrease in violent crime and drug use through neighborhood-focused policing, new substance abuse facilities and improved drug treatment.

In October of 2003 Prime Minister Tony Blair invited Mayor O'Malley to share Baltimore's story at a conference in London. In his speech the Mayor discussed the new substance abuse facilities and treatment but emphasized the "Believe Campaign."

"One of the biggest enemies we had to confront in Baltimore was not so much the drug dealers, though they were formidable; it was our own cynicism, our own low esteem of the capacity of one another. The culture of failure that had us wallowing in the sense that nothing we could do would work... We had 10 excuses for why we shouldn't even begin to try. So we had to attack the cynicism that was in our city, and had become ingrained in the political culture ... that ...said there was nothing we could do about drugs. And we attacked that cynicism by first establishing the credibility of the messenger. The messenger was the 'Believe' campaign; and we appealed to people right where their cynicism and negativity was, and we acknowledged the validity of that perception.

We didn't intend for this to go into the environmental side of things, but it did quite naturally. People started doing community clean-ups and labeling them 'Believe' clean-ups. In essence, it has become a theme that has given a context to a whole lot of the civic action going on."

### *Meanwhile Back at Home*

The politicians and people of Baltimore continue to work on the city's environmental issues, and the city continues to move forward. Here are just a few examples of current projects.

- ◆ More than \$900 million has been earmarked to rehab our sewage system—one of the nation's oldest systems—and reduce pollution in the Bay. Although the federal government sent lawyers to negotiate a consent decree, it didn't send funds to fix the problem. In fact, the Bush Administration cut the planned funds by \$500 million. Nonetheless, Baltimore's ratepayers are moving forward without significant state or federal help.
- ◆ Working with environmental groups and local businesses, O'Malley's administration helped write the state laws that made redevelopment of brownfield sites possible. As a national leader in this area, we're proving that it is possible to redevelop brownfields and protect the environment and public health.
- ◆ Baltimore is driving the growth side of Maryland's Smart Growth efforts with many innovative efforts.
  - ▲ Baltimore Main Streets and Healthy Neighborhoods to boost reinvestment in aging neighborhoods
  - ▲ Project 5000, cited as a national model in bringing abandoned properties back into productive use
  - ▲ The West Side Redevelopment and East Baltimore Biotech and residential project to bring housing and jobs back to the city
  - ▲ Aggressive implementation of state and local historic tax credits to revitalize city neighborhoods
- ◆ The city's moving toward more green buildings — like Montgomery Park, which houses Maryland Department of the Environment offices
- ◆ CitiStat, the performance management system, recently won the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government's Innovation in Government Award. CitiStat enables us to effectively manage efforts such as lead poisoning reduction and redevelopment. Syndicated columnist Neal Peirce says Citistat "may represent the most significant local government management innovation of the decade."

### *Music and Family Make the Man*

Anyone who has heard Martin O'Malley speak can attest to the fact that his speeches are impressive and impassioned. This passion carries over into his music. Lead singer/composer for the Celtic rock band, O'Malley's March, he captivates audiences.

An article in *The Washington Post* states, "If there's one parallel between Martin O'Malley, mayor of Baltimore, and Martin O'Malley, lead singer of the Celtic rock band O'Malley's March, it's his effect on an audience. At city hall news conferences and on stage at performances he can stir even the most cynical souls."

Although O'Malley tries to limit his performances to one Saturday night a month, the band is being booked into more prestigious venues, such as the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall. "Playing in the band is part of who I am. I get a real charge from my music. When I come back to the office I have a fresher perspective for sorting out the mess of politics," he says.

With the pressures of public office, public appearances and the band, O'Malley still finds time to spend with his family. He and his wife, Catherine Curren O'Malley, live in northeast Baltimore with their daughters, Grace and Tara, and sons, William and Jack.

At a recent event in Cecil County he jokingly stated his speech would be under an hour and a half since the family was waiting to go to the beach. Being a husband and father keeps O'Malley in touch with the lives of others and, like other parents, keeps him humble.

### *You Gotta Believe*

If there's any one thing to say about Mayor Martin O'Malley, it's that he believes in doing, and the conclusion to his London speech holds a message for us all.

"So as we say in Baltimore: Believe. Believe in yourself; believe in your neighbors. Believe that, as our problems are man-made, so too are the solutions, for truly 'man is not the slave of circumstance.' Progress really is possible in every neighborhood regardless of race, or class, or place...if we have the creativity to think anew about making government work, if we have the guts to set goals and the tenacity to measure performance, and if we have faith in the power of our own people and the courage to join forces and move forward together." ■

# *An Environmental Champion Wins SC Endorsement*

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Force in 2001. In addition, Kerry has been a leading voice for the need to take immediate significant steps to combat global warming. He was a participant in the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio and a delegate to the 1997 Kyoto and 2000 Hague climate talks.

### **John Kerry on Protecting Our Public Lands**

John Kerry has been a leading advocate for protecting our wild places. He has been a key champion in the fight to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from oil and gas drilling by designating the unprotected portion of the Refuge as wilderness. He is a vocal proponent of not only fully funding the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which enables local, state, and federal agencies to purchase land for parks and wildlife refuges, but hard-wiring funding so that adequate resources are available annually. He has consistently opposed extending subsidies for logging in national forests; defended the Roadless Rule to protect 58 million acres of undeveloped national forests, which the Bush Administration is aggressively attempting to dismantle; and committed to re-promulgating this rule as one of his first acts as President. In addition, Kerry has strongly opposed efforts to weaken or abandon drilling moratoria on the Outer Continental Shelf.

### **John Kerry on Protecting Wildlife**

John Kerry has been the primary advocate for marine mammal protection, having authored the Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 1994, which were later signed into law by President Clinton and legislation to ban the use of drift nets, which threaten dolphins and other marine life. Senator Kerry opposes exempting the Department of Defense from the Endangered Species Act and has opposed attempts by the Bush Administration to weaken the Act. As President, Kerry would seek additional congressional funding for ESA implementation, coordinate agency actions and develop cooperative agreements with property owners to protect endangered species.

### **John Kerry on International Trade**

John Kerry has led the way in demanding trade agreements that create jobs and spur the economy without opening the door to attacks on worker or environmental rights. In 2002, Senator Kerry sponsored legislation that would have prevented trade agreements from undermining environmental protections. As President, he said he would veto any trade agreement that does not include recognized labor and environmental rights with enforcement provisions in the core agreement.

### **John Kerry on Urban Sprawl**

John Kerry has been a staunch supporter of proactively addressing urban sprawl, supporting initiatives to recover urban parks and recreation spaces, co-sponsoring legislation to clean up brownfield sites and provide financial assistance to revitalize brownfields, and supporting improved public transportation planning and funding.

### **John Kerry on Cleaning up Toxic Wastes**

John Kerry has been a steadfast supporter of Superfund, cosponsoring legislation and voting to reinstate the "polluter pays" tax on polluting industries that the Bush Administration has refused to support. Kerry favors reform of the 1872 mining law to provide stronger environmental protection and avoid future toxic mine waste sites.

### **John Kerry on Family Planning**

John Kerry recognizes that global population growth threatens the environmental health of our planet. He believes that women worldwide should have the choices and resources necessary to plan the size of their families. That's why John Kerry opposes the "Gag Rule" imposed by President Bush that has reduced the United States' financial support to international family planning clinics worldwide. He also supports preserving a woman's right to choose the family planning option that she and her doctor believe is best. ■

## Create an Environmental Legacy

**B**equests have played a key role in the Sierra Club's environmental successes over the years.

Planning now may make your gift more meaningful and reduce taxes on your estate. We have many gift options available. We can even help you plan a gift for your local Chapter. For more information and confidential assistance, contact:

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# On the Record: How Bush & Kerry Differ on the Environment

Your neighbor has a kid with asthma. Your aunt has a contaminated well. The owner of your favorite restaurant on the Bay is importing crab meat. What can you tell them about Bush's environmental policies?

## One Earth, Two Environmental Records. Check Them Out.

### Clean Air

George W. Bush is seeking to allow coal-fired power plants to put three times more mercury into the air than the current Clean Air Act allows.<sup>1</sup> The administration is also seeking to delay smog reduction and exposing millions of Americans to air pollution for longer than the Clean Air Act allows.<sup>2</sup>

George W. Bush is weakening the law that requires power plants and factories to install modern pollution control technology when they make changes that would increase air pollution.<sup>4</sup>

George W. Bush proposed a policy directive to allow a combination of untreated and treated sewage to be discharged into waterways during rainstorms.<sup>6</sup>

George W. Bush suspended a more protective standard for arsenic in drinking water set during the previous administration.<sup>8</sup> He was forced to reverse his policy after public outcry.<sup>9</sup>

George W. Bush, under pressure from hunting and fishing groups, stopped a threatened rulemaking that would have removed many of the nation's wetlands and small streams from Clean Water Act protection.<sup>11</sup> However, he issued a directive to agencies not to enforce the Clean Water Act for these small streams and wetlands without first obtaining permission from national headquarters, leaving 20 percent of America's wetlands at risk for dumping, filling, or pollution.<sup>12</sup>

George W. Bush has refused to support the principle of "polluter pays" and believes taxpayers, not polluters, should pay to clean up abandoned toxic waste sites.<sup>14</sup>

### Clean Air

John Kerry was an original co-sponsor of the Clean Power Act of 2003 which would cut emissions of mercury, carbon dioxide and other pollutants.<sup>3</sup>

John Kerry voted for the Edwards amendment to delay the Bush administration's efforts to allow aging factories and power plants to make changes that increase pollution without having to install modern pollution-cutting technologies.<sup>5</sup>

John Kerry has repeatedly advocated for increased enforcement of clean water laws and for strengthening the Safe Drinking Water Act.<sup>7</sup>

John Kerry voted to prevent the Bush administration from returning to a standard that would have allowed more arsenic in drinking water.<sup>10</sup>

John Kerry co-sponsored legislation that would restore Clean Water Act protection for wetlands.<sup>13</sup>

### Clean Water

### Toxics

John Kerry co-sponsored legislation that would take the burden off the taxpayers and reinstate taxes which would hold polluting companies responsible for paying to clean up abandoned toxic waste sites.<sup>15</sup>

John Kerry has consistently voted against establishing a nuclear repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada.<sup>17</sup>

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## Wild Lands Energy

George W. Bush approved the creation of a nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain.<sup>16</sup>

George W. Bush backed away from the Kyoto treaty to reduce international greenhouse gas emissions<sup>18</sup> responsible for global warming, and reversed his campaign promise to cut emissions of carbon dioxide.<sup>19</sup>

George W. Bush proposed cutting energy efficiency research and development by 27 percent overall.<sup>21</sup>

George W. Bush has pushed repeatedly to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drilling.<sup>23</sup>

George W. Bush opened millions of acres of national forests to increased logging in the name of wild fire protection.<sup>25</sup>

## Wild Lands Energy

John Kerry introduced legislation to address global climate change and cut greenhouse gas emissions.<sup>20</sup>

John Kerry voted against defunding renewable energy programs.<sup>22</sup>

John Kerry voted repeatedly to block oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and co-sponsored a bill to protect a portion of the refuge as wilderness.<sup>24</sup>

John Kerry has voted to cut subsidies for logging in national forests.<sup>26</sup>

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## A Dozen and One Ways You Can Help Elect a New President

“I want a president who who isn't winking when he says ‘clear skies’ or ‘healthy forests.’ What can I do?”

The quick answer to “What can I do?” is simple. You, as a citizen, are free to support your candidate as you see fit. To comply with election law, be sure to use your own resources, such as telephone, desk, e-mail, or computer, not those of your employer or the Sierra Club.

### 1. Make sure you are registered to vote.

Is your registration up-to-date and accurate, reflecting your current address? Make sure it is correct. Contact your county voter registration office if you have any questions about your registration. (For contact information for county voter registration offices, see pages 14–15.)

### 2. Register others to vote.

Encourage and urge your friends, family members, neighbors and co-workers to register to vote. Call your local elections office and find out exactly who can register voters or what the process is, and share that information. The easier you make the process, the more likely it is that others will register. (For Maryland voter registration information, see page 13.)

### 3. Urge others to vote for Kerry.

Encourage friends, family members, neighbors and co-workers to vote for John Kerry. Tell them the Sierra Club has endorsed Kerry, and explain why. Keep it legal by using your own personal e-mail lists, computer, telephone, stamps, paper, envelopes, etc., not those belonging to your employer or the Sierra Club. (For information about why the Sierra Club has endorsed Senator Kerry, see page 1. For a quick look at the environmental records of John Kerry and George W. Bush, see pages 6–7)

### 4. Speak out publicly.

You can support Kerry/Edwards and/or criticize Bush/Cheney by writing a letter to the editor of your local paper or calling a talk show. When you speak out, you can tell others you are a member of the Sierra Club, and that the Club has endorsed Senator Kerry. (For some tips on writing an effective letter to the editor, see page 17.)

### 5. Support the Kerry campaign by making a contribution to the Democratic National Committee.

### 6. Volunteer to work with the Kerry campaign.

You can start with the campaign web site, [www.johnkerry.com](http://www.johnkerry.com), which has a volunteer sign-up page. On that page you can sign up:

- ♦ for the Kerry campaign e-mail list
- ♦ to volunteer at the local campaign headquarters
- ♦ to participate in campaign events organized by other people
- ♦ to contact voters door-to-door
- ♦ to help with Kerry campaign phone banking
- ♦ to get information and register for John Kerry meet-ups

Or, you can head down to your local campaign office and sign up for the same activities in person. Show your color—green—by wearing a Sierra Club t-shirt or a Sierra Club button when involved in these activities.

### 7. Organize a group to work for the campaign.

Get a group of friends, neighbors and fellow activists together to work for the campaign. Again, use your own resources!

### 8. Post a campaign sign.

Post a Kerry sign in your yard or window. Encourage your friends to do the same.

### 9. Publicize Kerry campaign events.

Talk about and spread the word on any campaign event. Remember to use personal resources to do so.

### 10. Speak at a Kerry event.

Let listeners know why you are supporting Senator Kerry's candidacy.

### 11. Walk and talk.

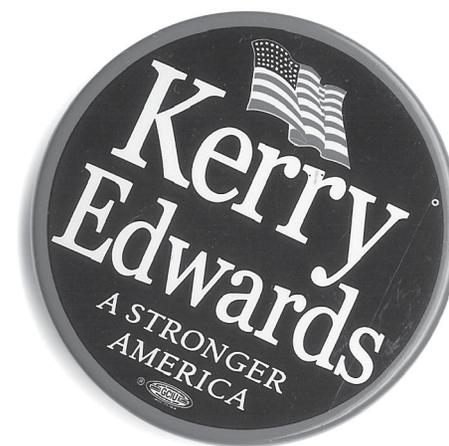
Call on your neighbors door-to-door to tell them why you are supporting Senator Kerry. Again, you must use your personal resources, not those of your employer or the Sierra Club. (This might be better accomplished through the Kerry campaign.)

### 12. Get out the vote.

Volunteer to assist with Get Out the Vote absentee or early-ballot efforts.

### 13. Vote! Vote! Vote!

This is what all the other steps are about. Vote absentee or use an early ballot if you aren't sure you will be able to make it to the polls on election day. **Every vote is important!** Remind others to vote, too. ■



## Get on the Road to Somewhere

This fall all political eyes will be focused on the handful of battleground states where experts say the presidential election will be determined and many other races will be decided. It is in these same states that the Sierra Club will be focusing its efforts to educate and mobilize its members and sympathetic environmental voters. Sierra Club activists who live in those states will be at the center of the action and will have countless opportunities to participate by attending and organizing rallies, making phone calls, walking neighborhoods.

But what about the rest of us in the red and blue states - isn't there some way for us to be a part of what is arguably the most important election for the environment in our life?

Yes. The answer is to get on the Road to Somewhere - either literally or figuratively.

This fall, the Sierra Club will be trying to talk to more people, knock on more doors, make more phone calls and mobilize more members and voters than in any previous election. And we need your help to do the job. Whether you want to help by making calls from the comfort of your home, or organize a mailing party at your local group or chapter, or take a working vacation this fall to help with on the ground efforts in a nearby state, there is something to meet your needs in the Road to Somewhere program.

Go to [www.sierraclubvotes.org/](http://www.sierraclubvotes.org/) for more information. And send us your name today, and we will make sure to get back to you with the full menu of Road to Somewhere options to choose from. Send your name, address, phone number and e-mail address to [road.somewhere@sierraclub.org](mailto:road.somewhere@sierraclub.org). ■

## Chesapeake Bioneers Seeks “Biological Pioneers” Organization Seeks to Restore a Sense of Connection with the Bay Ecoregion

by Janis Oppelt—Please stop just one moment and take a self-inventory. Are these your values?

- ♦ Ecological sustainability
- ♦ Health
- ♦ Social justice
- ♦ Cultural connectedness
- ♦ Spiritual development

If you can identify with even one of the above, you may be interested in a new local organization called **Chesapeake Bioneers**, which is a regional initiative of the national Bioneers based in Lamy, New Mexico ([www.bioneers.org](http://www.bioneers.org)). Chesapeake Bioneers is an educational nonprofit whose goal is to “strengthen and expand networks of practical visionaries working on behalf of the environment and people.” The long-term goal is to develop

a network of local bioneers who can develop solutions to many of the problems here in the Chesapeake Bay ecoregion.

About the choice of name, Sierra Club member and former conservation chair Larry Bohlen, now chair of Chesapeake Bioneers, says this.

“We were looking for a way to identify with our ecoregion, not the man-made artifice of city, state and zip code. Chesapeake Bioneers will get us thinking about the natural world of which we are a part. ... Although the world is becoming more and more globalized, we are, in some ways, losing its connectedness. We'd like to be mindful of our local communities and the relationships with the people who live where we live.”

To do this, Bohlen and other volunteers are fostering gatherings and member

interactions throughout the region. As a way to grow the Chesapeake Bioneers community and spread the message, they hold a monthly speaker series.

In addition, from Friday, October 15 through Sunday, October 17, they will host a Beaming Bioneers Satellite Conference. While this conference will include several live local speakers, it also includes three hours a day from the parent organization's national conference being held in San Rafael, CA.

Chesapeake Bioneers, now in its fledgling stage, needs organizational, technical and financial support. To find out more about the nonprofit's mission, become a member, register for the conference, and/or satisfy your curiosity, check out the web site at [www.WholenessforHumanity.com](http://www.WholenessforHumanity.com) or call Greg Drury at 202-686-9813. ■

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# Bonnie Bick: Vision and Persistence in Defense of an Underdog

by Janis K. Oppelt — “It’s all about politics,” said Sierra Club member Bonnie Bick, a long-time, local activist with an inspiring dedication to Maryland’s environment. In the opinion of Betsy Johnson, chair of the Maryland chapter, “She’s one of our best activists.”

Over the last 15 or so years, Bonnie Bick has worked closely with other activists to protect the environment by opposing two major developments along the Potomac River. One victory resulted in the state’s 1998 purchase of a 2,250-acre riverside property in Charles County. Instead of becoming a development of 4,600 housing units and more than 2 million square feet of commercial space, that property is now Chapman Forest, comprising Chapman State Park and the Glendening Natural Environment Area. [See sidebar page 12 for more on Chapman Forest.] National Harbor, Bonnie’s other major development battle, is now entering a new phase, which has resulted in a settlement agreement projected to lead to substantial community benefits.

The fight to save Chapman Forest took 10 years, from the proposal of the massive “Chapman’s Landing” development to the abandonment of the project to the state of Maryland’s acquisition of the property. During that time, and other subsequent battles surrounding the National Harbor Project in Oxon Hill, Bick has learned more than a few things about how to work in the political arena.

“Who we elect really counts because politicians are the ones who make all the decisions; they rule what happens,” she said. “It is our job as activists to get them to make the right decisions, and most of the time they need a lot of pushing. Most politicians who become good leaders do so because they can follow the will of the people.”

Of course, there are many who don’t respond to the will of the people, and Bick’s opinion of them is short and to the point. “They must be voted out,” she said, acknowledging, though, that it’s not easy being a politician. It’s also not a role she herself wants because she doesn’t have the “constitution” for it.

“In my book when you become a politician, you open yourself up for constant criticism. I’m too sensitive for that, and I get enough criticism as an activist,” she said.

Indeed, Bonnie has been criticized more times than

she can remember for being an outspoken protector of the environment who doggedly pursues her goals. She freely admits that she has strong opinions and advocates them strongly. She says that she relies on her fellow activists, and others, to strongly advocate their opinions so that all might benefit from alternative insights. The side she does see, and sees clearly, is the need to do what she believes will lead to social justice and environ-



mental protection.

“I try to focus on the big picture and look at the future, but the moneyed interests are very determined and can play pretty rough when you get in their way,” she said. “I like to keep my direction as clear as possible, and I refuse to be intimidated. Even though I don’t like to fight, when you have a strong conviction in a controversial issue, conflict is inevitable.”

What Bonnie believes in, and what she’s always

fought for, is justice for the underdog, and underdogs come in many guises.

### ***Fighting for Justice***

As we walked through the woods of Chapman Forest one sticky afternoon in August, we encountered a butterfly caught in a spider’s web hanging from a lower limb. Without hesitation, Bonnie swatted deftly at the silky strands, and within seconds, the butterfly fluttered away. She is the kind of person who stops her car to attempt the rescue of a death-defying turtle trying to cross a busy four-lane highway. Luckily, butterflies and turtles aren’t the only ones who benefit from Bonnie’s efforts.

In her early twenties, for example, Bonnie worked in the Bedford Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn in New York City. “Bed-Stuy” was an impoverished, inner-city, mostly Black neighborhood with high poverty and violent crime rates. Bonnie was undaunted by this inhospitable environment, however, and rode her bicycle there every day for a decade to teach kindergarten children. A friend of mine, a black man who grew up in Harlem, offered his observation about this neighborhood and Bonnie’s presence in it.

“Most people don’t really know how bad Bed-Stuy was during that period. I lived in Harlem where dead bodies appeared on the street all the time, and even we were afraid to go to Bed-Stuy. Bonnie took a lot of risks. It was incredibly dangerous for a white woman to be in that neighborhood. What motivated her to go into this place?”

When asked, Bonnie provides a simple answer: She wanted to be with the children, and she didn’t feel unsafe. As she entered the neighborhood, the kids would call her name and welcome her enthusiastically.

“My inward motivation was to help humanity, which is one reason I ended up working in Bed-Stuy,” said Bonnie. “At that time, I also was very involved in other social movements, including the Vietnam War. In fact, I really ‘woke up’ politically while at college when I learned about the injustice of the Vietnam War.”

### ***Changing Directions***

As time moved on, so did Bonnie and her concerns. She attended the first Earth Day festival in New York City in 1970 at Union Square and during the subsequent years became more and more aware of environmental

# Bonnie Bick Inspires with Her Vision of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Restoration

issues. She was surprised to find herself rooting for the environment because all of her previous activities and thoughts had been directed exclusively toward humanity.

“It occurred to me in the 70s and 80s that the earth was being seriously threatened. People were overstepping their sustainable ecological footprints on our host planet on which we are dependent. I could see that the balance had changed, and I came to realize that the environment was the underdog. There’s no shortage of humans, and we need to reorder our priorities. We need to turn our attention toward restoration and preservation because we’re killing our host.”

In 1985, she moved back to Maryland, first to Charles County and then back to the house in Prince George’s County where she grew up. She joined the Sierra Club in 1990 and has been an active member in both the Prince George’s group and the Southern Maryland group. Since then, as mentioned above, she was a key player in saving Chapman Forest and continues to work with the Chapman Forest Foundation.

Currently, she’s also working with members of the Campaign to Reinvest in the Heart of Oxon Hill on a variety of issues. These projects include bringing rail to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, preventing gambling expansion in the county and the state, ensuring public access to the Potomac shoreline, revitalizing the existing commercial area of downtown Oxon Hill, and protecting the community that is adjacent to the National Harbor Project.

### **Learning from a Pro**

“Bonnie is a very strategic thinker,” says Betsy Johnson. “She researches her issue and stays focused on it. She develops campaign plans, and forms alliances and relationships with other interest groups, legislators and the press to achieve the goals set.”

Although Bick agrees that she is a thinker who develops and focuses on strategies for winning, she adds that her thinking is in the “way of the learner.”

“My favorite part of being an activist—and the easiest part—is visualization,” she says. “I love to analyze the issues with the other key players and see where we want to go. Then, of course, we have to crawl in the hot coals to get there.”

For those willing to crawl in the hot coals, Bick offers a few insights into the life of an activist. Over and

over, she emphasizes how important it is to work together with others as a team.

“My biggest reward is the quality of people who get involved in these efforts. It’s really a gift to be able to work with such beautiful people on a worthy goal. With input from others, the project gets refined like gold. We polish it, and it just keeps getting better and better.

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Sometimes we have internal conflicts, but then when we look back and see what we have accomplished together, those conflicts ebb.”

Although Bonnie believes that working together as a team is the most important part of any campaign, there are other practical “lessons” she’s learned.

- ◆ Keep your message focused, and make sure it gets communicated over and over again. You never know when or where you’re going to make an impact.
- ◆ Be persistent. Hang in there, do your best, and stay dedicated and committed.
- ◆ Keep the big picture in mind.
- ◆ Be aware that every action has the potential to take you closer toward your goal. You will hit some dry wells – and some gushers.
- ◆ Stand up when you witness injustice. Even though it might be easier to look the other way, don’t do it just because it is more convenient. As Bonnie says, “Next time it will be even more convenient and then soon you may not even notice the injustice.”
- ◆ Try to hear your inner voice, and respond to it.

Betsy pulls this all together when she says, “Bonnie’s so dedicated to the environment. I think that’s what

drives her and keeps her so focused.”

### **Focusing on the Future**

In one of our conversations, Bonnie mentions the Bioneers, an organization of “biological pioneers who are working with nature to heal nature and ourselves.” (See story on page 9 for more on the local chapter, Chesapeake Bioneers.) She shares their vision, noting that the 21st century “must be the restoration century. We’re already over the edge.”

“The earth is like skin. Every time it’s broken, it’s painful to me. I believe we need a revitalization period to grow our consciousness and re-evaluate what we’re doing. Ideally, we need to change the map—in some cases from development to preservation. If we could make a conscious decision to better understand our ecological interdependency, we could increase our prosperity by redirecting and revitalizing dysfunctional areas and reclaiming areas of great ecological support.”

Inspiring visions such as these certainly separate Bonnie from the crowd, and people of all ages notice that. Take, for example, Linda S. Rosen, a high school senior in Clifton, Virginia, who heard a presentation by Bonnie one day in August at the Sierra Student Coalition’s High School Environmental Leadership Training in Prince William Forest Park. Several weeks after, Bick received the following e-mail from Rosen.

“I was so inspired by your words, you can’t even imagine. Everything you said about joining the world and bridging the economic gaps in society, the way you explained it, sounded so much like my thoughts that I struggle to put into words. I didn’t personally speak to you right after you spoke, and I greatly regret it, but your words stayed with me after all this time.”

Rosen went on to tell Bonnie about editorials that *Hope Magazine* ([www.hopemag.com](http://www.hopemag.com)) publishes about people “working with intelligence, courage, and creativity to solve problems in all areas of society and culture.” She asked if she could write and submit an editorial about Bonnie because, as she said, “I believe you emphatically represent an individual with those qualities, and the hard work you put on all those past projects in Maryland, a true leader in your community.”

From the mouths of babes, and we must agree that the environment in Maryland and the Sierra Club are lucky to have Bonnie Bick as a friend. ■

# A Visit to Chapman Forest

## Well Worth Their Many Labors



View from the Mt. Aventine manor house at Chapman Forest

"Come and see what we've saved," urges Bonnie Bick, president of the Chapman Forest Foundation, the organization that initiated the campaign to preserve Chapman Forest. When she says "we," she's acknowledging the other organizations and thousands of people in the local area, across the state of Maryland and beyond who worked together to make this preservation happen.

One of those "beyond" individuals was Edward O. (E. O.) Wilson, a two-time Pulitzer prize-winning scientist and author sometimes identified as "the father of bio-diversity." (For more on Wilson, see [dnr.metrokc.gov/swd/naturalconnections/edward\\_wilson\\_bio.htm](http://dnr.metrokc.gov/swd/naturalconnections/edward_wilson_bio.htm).)

Bonnie met Wilson at a biological diversity conference at the National Academy of Sciences in early 1998 before the state decided to purchase the property. Later in the year, Wilson sent a letter of support to Bonnie in which he said of Chapman Forest:

"The forest you are seeking to

preserve has great importance for its bio-diversity content, magnified many times over in its humanitarian value due to its proximity to the large urban and suburban populations of the D.C. area. To save a remnant of America's natural heritage of this nature would be a gift to future generations unmatched by any other that could be provided in the same place, on the same land."

As Bonnie says, the work of Chapman Forest Foundation continues. Chapman Forest needs advocates who understand the value of keeping its nature and history intact. "The best thing you can do to help is to learn about Chapman Forest, experience it, enjoy it and appreciate it, and work with us to assure a happy future for this public treasure." ■

*For directions and more information about Chapman Forest go to [www.chapmanforest.org](http://www.chapmanforest.org). Although you can visit Chapman Forest any day of the week (walk in, no guides), open houses, which include history talks and guided nature walks, are held on the second Sunday of each month.*

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- not have been convicted more than once of a crime of violence (Criminal Law, Art. 14-101);
- not have been convicted of an infamous crime<sup>1</sup> unless:
  - you have been pardoned,
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  - at least three years have passed since you completed the court-imposed sentence<sup>2</sup> (second or later conviction).

To be considered a Maryland resident, your domicile must be in Maryland. Your domicile is the place that you consider to be your 'official' or 'permanent' home, even though it may be different from the place where you are actually living on a short-term or temporary basis. Your domicile will ordinarily be the address you use most frequently on tax returns or other government documents, driver's license, bank accounts, charge accounts, for insurance purposes, and so forth.

### When may I register to vote?

Voter registration applications may be submitted to your county Board of Elections office or the State Board of Elections year round.

### Where may I register to vote?

You may complete a voter registration application (VRA) in person at a county Board of Elections or the State Board of

Elections. [See pages 14–15 for addresses of County Boards of Elections.] VRAs are also available throughout Maryland at any office of the State Department of Health, Social Services Administration, Motor Vehicle Administration, Offices on Aging and all public institutions of higher education as well as many other state agencies.

From the web site ([www.elections.state.md.us/citizens/registration/information.html](http://www.elections.state.md.us/citizens/registration/information.html)) you can choose to request a VRA or to download, print and mail a PDF<sup>3</sup> VRA.

### May I register to vote by mail?

Yes. You may request a VRA be sent to you from any county Board of Elections' office. You can also call the State Board of Elections toll free (1-800-222-8683) or use the feedback form to leave your name and mailing address 24 hours a day. The completed VRA may be delivered or mailed to your county Board of Elections' office or State Board of Elections.

Under the Help America Vote Act, certain voters must satisfy a new identification requirement before voting for the first time in Maryland. You are subject to this new identification requirement if you:

1. Registered to vote by mail after January 1, 2003; and
2. Will be voting for the first time in Maryland after January 1, 2004.

If you submit your voter registration application by mail, you can satisfy the identification requirement by including with your voter registration one of the following:

1. Your driver's license number, Motor Vehicle Association (MVA)-issued identification card number or at least the last four numbers of your Social Security number. Officials will attempt to verify this information with MVA. You will be contacted if election officials were unable to verify your information.

Because of federal privacy laws, the last four digits of your Social Security number may not be confirmed. To avoid having to provide additional information, you may wish to provide either your driver's license number, MVA-issued identification card, or one of the documents listed below. If you choose to provide only the last four digits of your Social Security number, you may be asked to provide additional information.

2. A copy of a current and valid photo identification (i.e., Maryland driver's license, MVA-issued identification card, student photo identification card, employee photo identification card).

3. A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and address. If you do

not satisfy the identification requirement prior to Election Day, you will be required to present identification before voting a regular ballot.

### When am I registered to vote?

You are considered a registered voter when you receive your Voter Notification Card from your county Board of Elections. If you do not receive your card within 30 days after you submit your voter registration application, you should contact your county Board of Elections.

### What should I do if I have changed my address or my name since the last election?

You must notify the county Board of Election office in your county of residence in writing. This can be done with a written notice, a change of address form or by completing a new VRA. Change of address forms are available from the MVA of Maryland.

### Do I have to register for each election?

No. Registration is permanent, as long as you continue to live in Maryland and keep your address and name current with your county Board of Elections. You do not have to re-register when you move from one jurisdiction in Maryland to another jurisdiction in Maryland.

<sup>1</sup> Infamous crime means any felony or crime involving an element of deceit, fraud or corruption.

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Snow Hill MD 21863-1310  
Patricia Jackson, Election Director  
410-632-1320  
410-632-3031 (Fax)  
www.worc.lib.md.us/elections.html  
pjackson01@hotmail.com

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www.elections.state.md.us/citizens/  
county\_boards.html.*

## Maryland Election Deadlines

### **Voter Registration**

Tuesday, October 12  
9:00 PM  
Deadline to register to vote before the  
General Election.

### **Reassignment to Accessible Polling Place**

Tuesday, October 12  
Close of business  
Deadline for elderly or disabled individu-  
als to apply for reassignment to an acces-  
sible polling place.

### **Absentee Ballot Application**

Tuesday, October 26  
4:30 PM or before midnight if by FAX.  
Deadline for receipt of an absentee ballot  
application for the General Election.

### **Late Absentee Ballot Applications**

Tuesday, November 2  
8:00PM  
Period for receipt of late absentee ballot  
application for the General Election.  
Late applications must be filed in person  
by the applicant or the applicant's agent  
from the Wednesday before the election  
through the closing of the polls on elec-  
tion day.

### **General Election**

Tuesday, November 2  
7:00AM to 8:00PM  
General Election, Baltimore City and  
Presidential  
Polls are open continuously from  
7:00AM to 8:00PM.

### **Mailed Voter Registration Appli- cation**

Tuesday, November 2  
8:00PM  
Extended deadline for receipt of Voter  
Registration Application (VRA) by mail,

for voting in the General Election. A  
VRA received by mail after the registra-  
tion closing deadline is timely if there is a  
USPS postmark, post mark of another  
country, or the registrant's affidavit indi-  
cating the VRA was mailed before the  
deadline.

### **Absentee Ballots: Personal Delivery**

Tuesday, November 2  
Personal Delivery 8:00PM  
Deadline for receipt of absentee ballots  
by personal delivery.  
An absentee ballot is timely received if it  
reaches the local board before the polls  
close on election day, regardless of  
whether it came by mail or personal de-  
livery.

### **Absentee Ballots: By Mail**

Wednesday, November 3  
By Mail from Within the U.S. 4:00PM  
Extended deadline for receipt of absen-  
tee ballots by mail from within the U.S.  
Postmark must show that the ballot was  
mailed before election day. In certain cases  
when a postmark is unavailable, a voter  
affidavit will suffice.

Friday, November 12  
By Mail from Outside the U.S. 4:00PM  
Extended deadline for receipt of  
General Election absentee ballots by  
mail from outside the U.S.  
Second Friday after the election. A  
postmark must show that the ballot was  
mailed before election day. In certain  
cases when a postmark is unavailable, a  
voter affidavit will suffice.

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www.elections.state.md.us/current\_election/  
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## Make Sure Your Vote Counts

### *Sign Up to Protect Democracy in Maryland*

by Linda Schade —You know those fancy new computer voting machines you used for the March 2004 primary election? They are easy to use, but guess what? According to the nation's most respected computer scientists, you cannot be sure your vote is getting counted. In fact, as system failures around the country have proven, the Diebold system is vulnerable to human error, computer malfunctions and even malicious hacking. Further, there were serious problems in our March primary. Untold numbers of voters got electronic ballots which were missing the Senate and other races, while others had machines that kept switching their votes — right before their eyes! These machines have no paper trail and cannot do recounts or audits. Imagine that after Florida 2000!

Recently, the Maryland Sierra Club endorsed TrueVoteMD.org's effort to push for 'voter-verified paper ballots' to be added to the system to protect the integrity and accuracy of the election results. TrueVote is calling for all voters to sign up as citizen poll watchers in their statewide election monitoring effort. It is up to us to be the eyes on the ground observing and protecting our democracy. There are over 1,800 polling stations so they need lots of help! Citizen poll watchers will play two roles.

**Outside Poll Watchers:** Two TrueVoters will be stationed outside each precinct to hand out information on electronic voting problems that occur specifically with the Diebold machines (such as refusal to record the votes, incomplete ballots, or machine crashes). Outside poll watchers will also take "incident reports" from any voter who has a problem and call in reports so that the information gets quickly to the TrueVote Legal Committee and the media, if necessary.



**Inside Poll Watchers:** These folks will be inside observing what is happening—do the machines turn on in the morning or do voters get turned away (as happened in Anne Arundel County), how do election officials handle it when a machine refuses to record a vote (do they shrug and say sorry?), etc. If you have computer skills, you are most useful as an inside poll watcher. You will also call in any important observations to the office.

We know about the incidents above because TrueVoteMD.org monitored four precincts in the primary. Two of the four had major problems. Without citizens watching, no one would have ever known because the State Board of Elections claims that the system ran flawlessly. Let's make sure every vote gets counted!

TrueVoteMD will conduct 90-minute training sessions in your community over the next two months to familiarize you

with all the information needed for election day, including:

- ♦ MD state rules for poll-watcher behavior
- ♦ Legal requirements for opening the polls, conducting the election, reporting results, and closing the polls
- ♦ Guidelines on observing election judges, direct recording electronic systems (DRES), and voters
- ♦ Pertinent laws to counter any invalid challenges by poll judges
- ♦ Information about the structure and operation of DRES

This is the frontline of defending our democracy, mom and apple pie. If you are interested in becoming a

poll watcher, go to [www.truevotemd.org/action/](http://www.truevotemd.org/action/) and fill out the form with your name and contact information or, if you do not have web access, please call the state election-monitoring coordinator, Amanda Bowers, at 301-270-6150.

Poll-watcher training sessions will be held in September and October, and TrueVoteMD will contact you when they are scheduled in your area. Also, poll watching is even more fun if you do it with friends. Ask them to join you and do their part for this November's election. ■

*Linda Schade is a resident and registered voter in Takoma Park, Maryland and is the co-founder of the Campaign for Verifiable Voting in Maryland.*



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# Is Your Local Paper Ignoring Bush's War on the Environment?



The majority of Americans know almost nothing about the administration's environmental record. People have been paying attention to issues of war and peace, risk and personal safety, or the economy, and they freely admit that they aren't following what the President and his administration have been doing on the environment.

You can amplify or correct the information that is being published by writing a letter to the editor of your newspaper when you see that environmental issues are not being dealt with completely or accurately.

Many people read letters to the editor. They are a quick, effective and continuing means of communicating your message to a wide audience. They can be used to correct and clarify facts in a news story, editorial or op-ed piece; oppose or support actions of an official agency; direct attention to a problem; spur news editors to cover an issue that is being overlooked; and urge readers to support your cause or candidate.

Use these hints to improve the chances that your letter will be selected for publication.

**Pick a timely topic.** Newspapers rarely publish letters about topics that are not being covered in the news.

Referring to a previously published article or column will increase your letter's chances of being published.

**Research the guidelines.** Most papers limit the length of letters to the editor to 250 words. Stick to your newspaper's word limit so that an editor does not cut the important points of your letter. Some papers require that all letters be typed; others will only accept e-mail. Often newspapers want your address and phone number so they can verify that you wrote the letter. You can usually find a paper's guidelines on the "letters" page. If not, call the paper directly or visit its web site.

**Assume nothing.** Do not assume that your readers are informed on your topic. Give a concise but informative background before plunging into the main issue. Refer to any newspaper article or editorial by date and title. Also include any relevant credentials that prove you are informed about your topic.

**Be brief.** State your position succinctly without eliminating necessary detail. Keep your paragraphs short. Long rambling sentences and digressions will cause people to lose interest quickly. Stick to one subject.

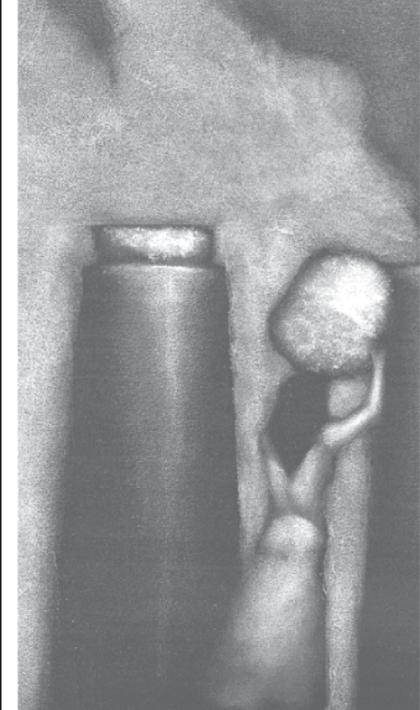
**Maintain composure.** It is okay to express outrage, but it should be kept under control. Avoid personal attacks and focus instead on criticizing specific policies or ideas.

**Find a local angle.** Readers are more interested in an issue when they see how it affects their lives and communities. Find a way to show how environmental policies will affect the paper's readers.

**Avoid form letters.** Do not send the same letter to two competing papers in the same circulation area. If you send the same letter to papers in different markets, each should look like an original and be signed individually. ■

## There is something you can do...

### TAKE ACTION!



Sierra Club's **ENVIRONMENTAL 911 PROGRAM** provides you with a convenient, accessible, personal resource for obtaining information about actions you can take to address local environmental issues.

By calling the Sierra Club's **ENVIRONMENTAL 911 PROGRAM** at **415.977.5520** or e-mailing **environmental911@sierraclub.org**, you will have available to you the wealth of experience and depth of knowledge that over 100 years of grassroots activism can bring.

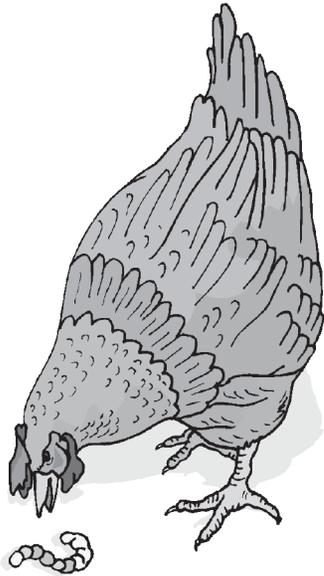


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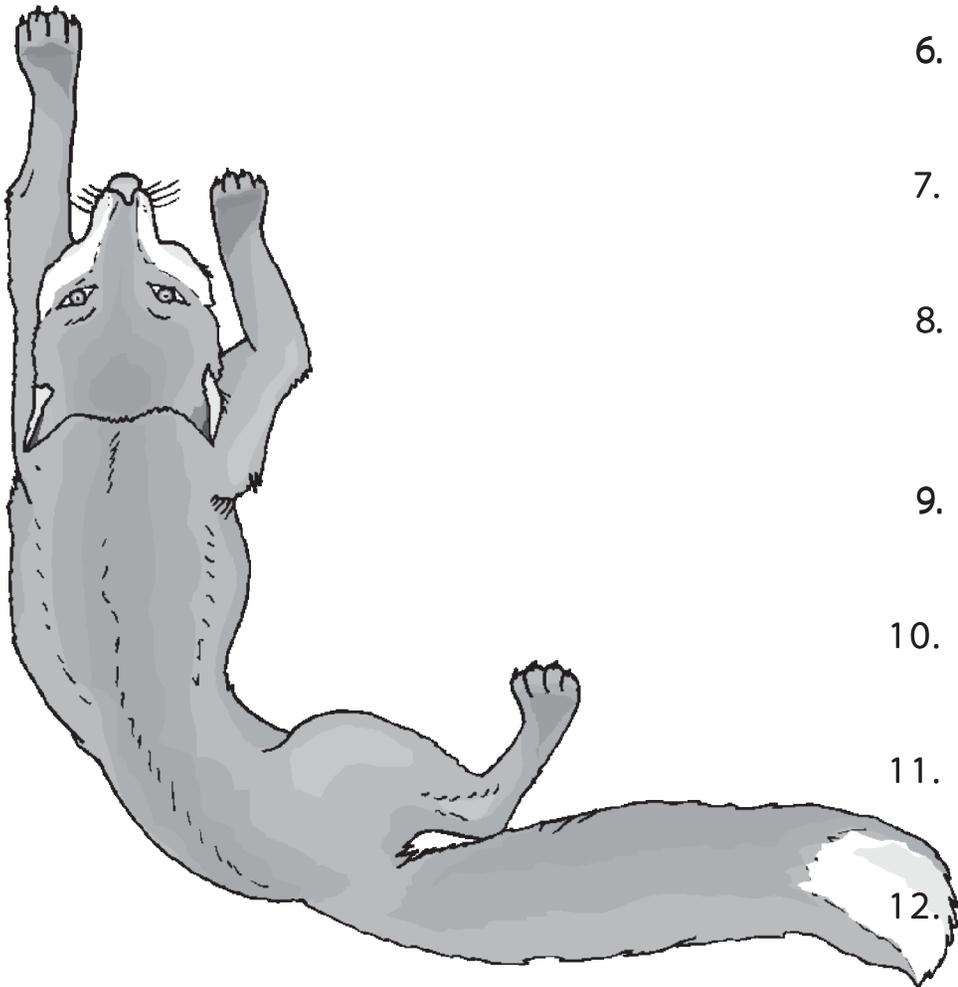
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# Fox Hunt: Match the Bush-Appointed Foxes to Our Henhouses



## HENHOUSES

1. Secretary of Agriculture
2. Deputy Secretary of the Interior
3. Undersecretary for Natural Resources and the Environment  
Department of Agriculture
4. Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management  
Department of the Interior
5. Assistant Secretary, Policy Management and Budget  
Department of the Interior
6. Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife and Parks  
Department of the Interior
7. Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality
8. Assistant Attorney General for Environment and Natural Resources  
Department of Justice
9. Special Assistant to the Secretary for Alaska  
Department of the Interior
10. Deputy Administrator, EPA  
Department of the Interior
11. Assistant Secretary, Water and Science  
Department of the Interior
12. Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy  
Department of Energy



## Match the Foxes to Our Henhouses

A. **James Connaughton** lobbied for the mining, power, and chemical manufacturing industries, and represented companies fighting Superfund cleanup rules. He co-authored a 1993 law journal article, "Defending Charges of Environmental Crime — The Growth Industry of the '90s."

B. **Rebecca Watson** was a lawyer in Montana representing mining interests, including Fidelity Exploration and Production Company, a coal bed methane drilling company active in the Powder River Basin. She sat on the Board of Litigation at Mountain States Legal Foundation and is listed on the Defenders of Property Rights Attorney Network.

C. **J. Steven Griles** was Vice President for National Environmental Strategies, a Washington DC-based lobbying firm whose clients included Sun Company, Pennsylvania Power and Light, Occidental Petroleum, National Mining Association, Edison Electric, and the Aluminum Association. Through his own firm, he represented the Coal Bed Methane Ad Hoc committee and Dominion Resources. He also served as senior vice president of environment and public affairs at the United Company, a Virginia-based company in coal, oil and gas development and gold mining, and real estate development.

D. **Linda J. Fisher** was one of Monsanto's top Washington, DC, lobbyists between 1995 and 2000. As vice president of government and public affairs, she represented Monsanto's interests on agriculture, biotech, pharmaceutical, environment, finance, and trade issues, and she managed Monsanto's political action committee and political contribution funds.

E. **P. Lynn Scarlett** was president of the Reason Foundation, an anti-regulation think tank heavily funded by the oil, chemical, and munitions industries.

F. **Mark Rey** was one of the nation's foremost timber lobbyists. He spent almost 20 years (1976-1994) working for timber industry organizations including the National Forest Products Association, the American Paper Institute, and the American Forest Resources Alliance. He was also vice president of the American For-

est and Paper Association, a leading advocate of logging in national forests, from 1992-1994, and the lead staff member to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources committee. The infamous 1995 "Salvage Rider" that is attributed to him suspended environmental laws and allowed logging of old growth in the Pacific Northwest.

G. **Bennet William Raley** was a lawyer, lobbyist and member of the Defenders of Property Rights (DPR) Attorney Network, a Washington-based legal foundation dedicated entirely to property rights matters. DPR's primary goal has been to promote "takings" laws, which aim to make environmental laws and regulations prohibitively expensive by requiring substantial payments to private landowners and others who might be affected by regulations. In 1999, he testified in favor of repealing the Endangered Species Act before the House Committee on Resources. He is also a member of the Board of Litigation at Mountain States Legal Foundation.

H. **Ann Veneman** served on the board of directors for bio-tech giant Calgene Inc, the first company to bring genetically-engineered food, the Flav'r Savr tomato, to supermarket shelves. She also served on the International Policy Council on Agriculture, Food and Trade, a group funded by Cargill, Nestle, Kraft, and Archer Daniels Midland.

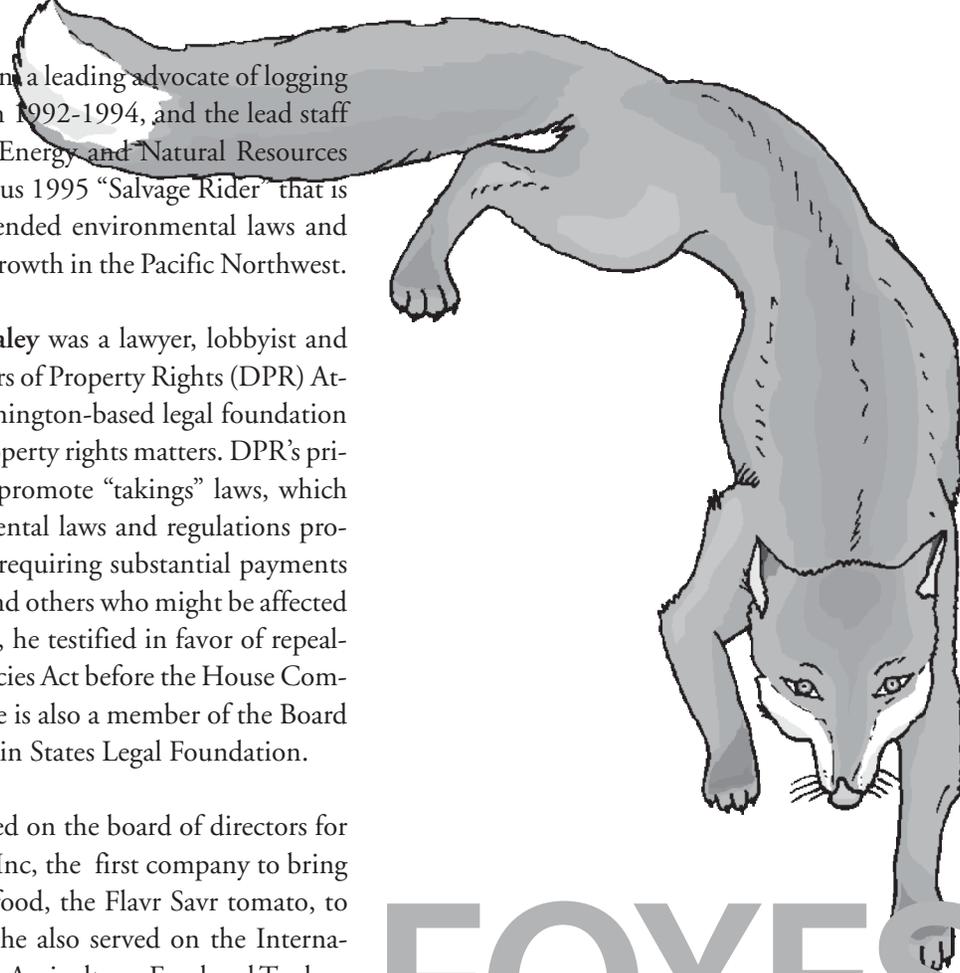
I. **Thomas Sansonetti** was a lobbyist for corporate mining interests, including Arch Coal and Peabody Coal. He is a member of the Federalist Society, a conservative libertarian property rights group that has staunchly opposed federal regulations under many environmental laws and served as chair of the group's subcommittee on endangered species.

J. **Camden Toohey** was director of Arctic Power, a joint venture between the state of Alaska and the oil industry that lobbies for increased drilling and exploration. At his request, the Alaska legislature appropriated nearly \$4 million to bolster Arctic Power's lobbying efforts on drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

K. **Craig Manson** was the Chief Counsel for the California Department of Fish and Game when he supported numerous acts of weakening the California state En-

dangered Species Act. He aided politically connected developers and other permittees to hamper strict enforcement of resource-protection laws, and worked to weaken interpretations of key statutes and policies. He supported an emergency waiver that suspended the state endangered species act provisions during natural disasters for five years.

L. **Mike Smith** operated an independent oil and gas company in Oklahoma. He advocates drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which he has described as "like a desert covered in snow." In a speech before the Independent Oil and Gas Association of West Virginia, he said, "The biggest challenge is going to be how to best utilize taxpayer dollars to the benefit of industry." ■



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### David Corn Writes of How George W. Bush Uses Deception to Further an Agenda The Lies of George W. Bush

by Edwin Stennett — Members of the Sierra Club well know that George W. Bush is the worst president in the modern era of the United States – at least environmentally speaking. His policies are so egregious that even a Republican ex-EPA administrator has publicly stated his dismay: Russell E. Train, who headed the EPA as part of the Nixon and Ford administrations said Bush's record on the environment was so dismal that he would cast his vote for Democrat John Kerry. (*Associated Press*, July 20, 2004)

Unless you are very young, you are also aware that George W. Bush is not the first president to lie while in office. Major presidential prevaricators of the late 20<sup>th</sup> century include Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, and Bill Clinton. Some lies concerned policy matters, some secret government activity, and some concerned personal peccadilloes. But George W. Bush may stand alone in so consistently using deception to achieve his agenda.

Bush likes to refer to himself as a leader, but in reality he is a misleader. According to Corn, Bush has “mugged the truth ... deliberately, consistently, and repeatedly to advance his career and his agenda.” When Bush's statements are challenged, he never admits to misleading or error; he and his entire administration doggedly cling to their story despite all evidence.

When his statements are reported day to day by a meek news media (along with “photo-ops” brilliantly composed by his staff), it is difficult for the average citizen to discern the extent of Bush's misrepresentations. But when his statements are compressed into a book and the evidence against him compiled side by side as David Corn has done, it becomes crystal clear that George W. Bush's regard for facts mirrors Ronald Reagan's gaffe when he said, “Facts are stupid things.”

Sadly, history has taught us to expect our top political leaders to be less than truthful. So why would we be interested in spending \$13 and reading 300 pages detailing the lies of George W. Bush? The answer is the danger he poses if elected to a second term. His consistent reliance on deceptive arguments to support policy initiatives has resulted in a public ignorant of his actual agenda. And an ignorant public is exactly what Bush needs in order to return to office where he will continue his assault on the environment and on all Americans who are not wealthy or not part of the religious

right. He has duped much of America, and many Sierrans want to forcefully and factually counter duped acquaintances who proclaim Bush to be the candidate to vote for.

**He stood at a podium in front of a blue backdrop on which the phrases “Clean Air” and “Brighter Future” were emblazoned. No news photographer could snap a shot of him without those optimistic and happy words appearing in the frame.**

Corn's book does not dwell on environmental matters – covering only global warming and energy. The remainder of the book covers Bush's lies regarding his tax cuts, the Iraq invasion, stem cell research, etc. Nevertheless, the chronicling of Bush's misrepresentations on global warming captures his governing style: Say all

the right things, but do the wrong thing. The following excerpts illustrate the point.

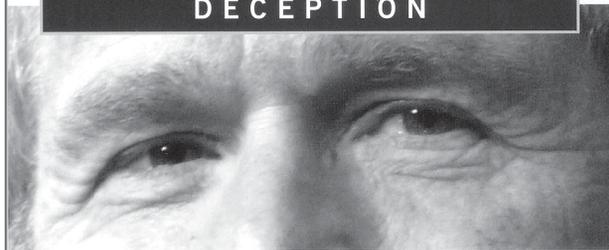
In June 2001, Bush stood on a stage in the Rose Garden and declared, “My administration is committed to a leadership role on the issue of climate change.” But he had been doing nothing and U.S. allies around the world were harshly criticizing his do-nothing approach to a worldwide threat – in large measure caused by the United States. In defending his stance Bush cited incomplete scientific knowledge. He had earlier requested a report from the National Academy of Sciences. But when that report was unequivocal about human activities being a cause, Bush focused on the uncertainties – such as how much our climate will change.

Seven months following his Rose Garden speech, he finally began to lead – or pretend to lead. He stood at a podium in front of a blue backdrop on which the phrases “Clean Air” and “Brighter Future” were emblazoned. No news photographer could snap a shot of him without those optimistic and happy words appearing in the frame. As he unveiled his long-awaited global warming plan, Bush remarked, “We must address the issue of global climate change.” But instead of a plan to reduce carbon emissions, he offered an illusion. Even his goal did not include a reduction in carbon emissions; his goal was merely to reduce the rate of carbon emission growth. In other words, as our economy grows, our carbon emissions will be allowed to grow – just not as fast as the economy. Given that our economy doubles in only a matter of a few decades, this goal is laughable. Equally laughable, his proposed plan contained no mandatory requirements. It would not force a single greenhouse polluter to do a thing. Bush says what Americans want to hear but does what he and his base want to do.

Corn does not attempt to cover all of Bush's outrageous lies. For example, the many Bush rollbacks are not addressed, and the crippling deficit (the ultimate goal being to slash government programs that help the poor and the middle class) is hardly touched upon. Nevertheless, *The Lies of George W. Bush* is 300 pages of hard-hitting reality checking. At the very least it is a good start on what a timid news media has failed to do. ■

# THE LIES OF GEORGE W. BUSH

MASTERING THE POLITICS OF  
DECEPTION



DAVID CORN

## Invasive Plant Removal and Habitat Restoration Events

### Caroline County

#### **Adkins Arboretum**

Adkins Arboretum in Caroline County on Maryland's Eastern Shore is seeking volunteers to assist the staff in the removal of invasive non-natives on the Arboretum's 400-acre site. Volunteers will be trained by the Arboretum staff.

Workdays are Wednesday from 1pm to 3pm. For more information, contact Sylvan Kaufman at 410 634-2847 x13.

### Charles County

#### **Ruth Swann Park and Chapman Forest**

Dates: First Sundays, monthly  
Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Remove invasive non-natives from the 200-acre Swann Park and 800 acre Chapman State Park. There will be time for plant identification and a beautiful beach lunch. Participating organizations include MNPS and Sierra Club. To empower ourselves, there are general methods and species-specific methods such as best season for species, wet soil condition for pulling, handouts, extent of area of natives seen rescued, delayed gratification, targeted use of herbicides, and matching funds for staff to do what volunteers find hard to do.

Directions: Meet at the Ruth B. Swann Park-Potomac Branch Library parking lot, 20 miles south of Washington Beltway (I-495) on Rt. 210 (Indian Head Hwy). Give yourself 30 to 40 minutes from the Beltway. Carpool Info: Meet at Sierra Club Md. Chapter office at 9:00 am; return 5:00 pm. Call Laurel Imlay at 301-277-7111. Bring gloves, lunch, and water. Durable long sleeves and pants recommended. Contact: Marc Imlay 301-283-0808. RSVP is welcome.

### Dorchester County

(2 hours from DC/Balto)

#### **Dorchester Pond**

Wednesday, September 22, 10am - 4pm  
(rain date: Thursday, Sept. 23)

Map Location #23 (see note at end of listing for Wicomico County)

The Nature Conservancy Habitat Restoration Project: We'll be working with a crackerjack chainsaw crew to haul and stack cut woody species (the common, native red maple and sweetgum). The result of all this work will be increased sunny, open areas of habitat for a variety of rare grasses and wildflowers, including some that are found nowhere else in the state! Free mulch for volunteers!

### Howard County

#### **Fort Meade exotic plant removal**

A partnership between the Department of the Army, the Maryland Native Plant Society, the Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club, and volunteers

Help remove Japanese Stilt Grass, English Ivy, Garlic Mustard, Tree of Heaven, Multiflora Rose, Crown Vetch, Japanese Honeysuckle, Common Privet, Phragmites, Asiatic Tearthumb, etc. You will receive a short training session from personnel from the Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club or the Maryland Native Plant Society in the identification of, removal and control techniques for non-native invasive plants. People of all ages, backgrounds and interests are invited to spend a day outdoors, hand-pulling some non-native weed populations while learning about the differences between native and non-native plants and helping to preserve the health and native wildlife of the natural areas located on a U.S. Army installation.

Where and When

Fort Meade Army Installation

Second Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m.

Directions: Take Route 175 East from the 295 Baltimore Washington Parkway. Take Llewellyn Avenue South onto the installation. A Ft. Meade representative will meet you at guard station to escort you to work site.

Bring hand tools, gloves, lunch and water. Long sleeves and pants recommended. Contact Don Marquardt at 301-677-9185 or e-mail [marquardtd@emh1.ftmeade.army.mil](mailto:marquardtd@emh1.ftmeade.army.mil)

### **Middle Patuxent Environmental Area**

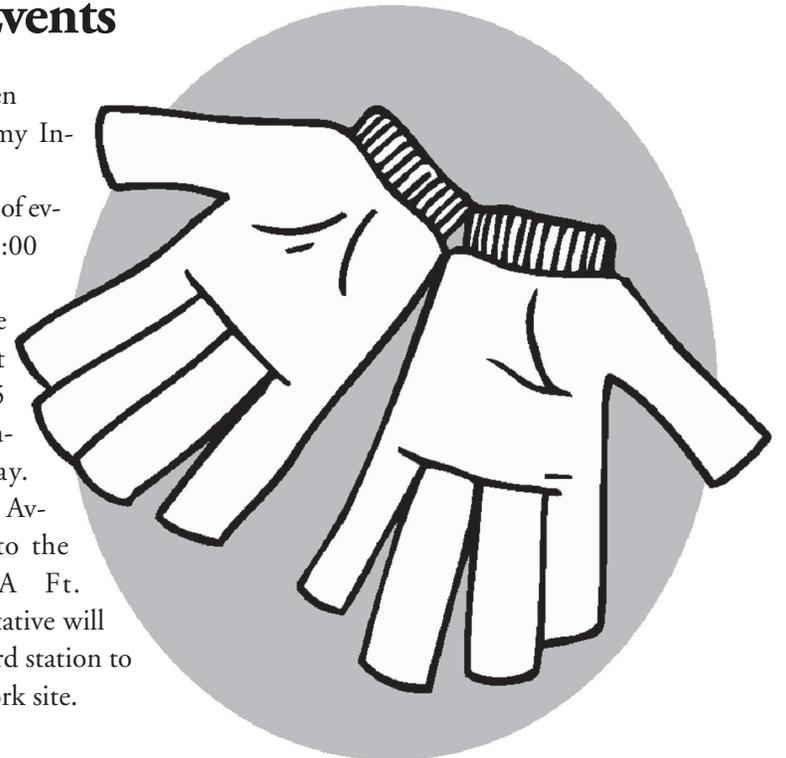
Conservation Stewardship Project at the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area (MPEA) and elsewhere in Howard County will be meeting on the fourth Tuesdays of the month from 9:30am-noon. Each trip will have both an educational component and a work component.

For information, directions or to register, contact Aylene Gard, 410-992-9889, or Robin Hessey, [rmhessey@umd.edu](mailto:rmhessey@umd.edu). The Conservation Stewardship project is sponsored by Howard County Recreation and Parks and the Howard County Master Gardeners.

### Montgomery County

#### **Brookside Gardens**

Weed Warriors are needed for the forested areas surrounding the gardens. You will be given directions so that you may work in-



dependently, weekends or weekdays, on your own schedule. Contact: Stacy Parsons 301-962-1417 or [stacy.parsons@mncppc-mc.org](mailto:stacy.parsons@mncppc-mc.org)

Web: [www.BrooksideGardens.org](http://www.BrooksideGardens.org) and/or [www.MC-MNCPPC.org/environment/weed\\_warriors/intro.shtml](http://www.MC-MNCPPC.org/environment/weed_warriors/intro.shtml)

### **Chevy Chase, Woodend Sanctuary**

The Audubon Naturalist Society is seeking volunteers to help remove non-native plants from its Woodend Sanctuary, in Chevy Chase, MD, every second Saturday of the month between 9 a.m. and noon. Volunteers will be trained by staff and/or experienced volunteers. Call 301-652-9188 x 30 for more information or to sign up.

### **Montgomery County Parks**

Weed Warriors Wanted!

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's (M-NCPCC) Forest Ecologist is assembling a team of volunteers (Weed Warriors) to monitor and remove non-native invasive plant species in Montgomery County Parks, and we need your help! As a Weed War-

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## Invasive Plant Removal and Habitat Restoration Events

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rior volunteer, you will receive a short training session from the Forest Ecologist in the identification of, removal and control techniques for non-native invasive plants.

Weed Warriors can then work at their own pace and choose a schedule that best suits them. Many current Weed Warriors live near a M-NCPPC Stream Valley Park or Regional Park and do their volunteer work while walking their dogs or taking an occasional hike through their neighborhood park. Whether you choose to work individually or in a group, your efforts will contribute to the control of non-native vegetation in the 28,000 acres of Montgomery County parkland. Contact: Carole Bergmann, M-NCPPC Forest Ecologist, at 301-949-2818 for more info or to sign up.

### **Sligo Creek Park**

Friends of Sligo Creek welcome your help with invasives in this 8-mile tributary of the Anacostia, running from Silver Spring south into D.C. Work is usually organized by section stewards and features protection of ponds, floodplains, upland woods, as well as narrow, urbanized sections. In cooperation with M-NCPPC staff and the Weed Warrior program, Sligo Friends sponsor work parties and many small-group opportunities to work together to uncover Sligo's many treasures and to work out techniques for dealing with the usual range of invasives. Contact: Sally Gagne at [sgagne@erols.com](mailto:sgagne@erols.com) or Laura Mol 301-681-9686 for more information.

### **Prince Georges County**

#### **Greenbelt Homes Inc Housing Cooperative, Greenbelt**

The Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) housing cooperative in Old Greenbelt has 85.6 acres of stewardship forest as well as other wooded parcels. The Woodlands Committee is actively involved with urban for-

estry management. Regular work sessions for the removal/eradication of non-native invasive plant species are scheduled throughout the year. Also scheduled are bird counts and plant identification seminars and field experience.

The City of Greenbelt has passed, in principle, a forest ordinance for large parcels of its woodlands. The City is establishing a committee to work out the management details. For more information on GHI Woodlands Committee activities, contact Mary Kingsley at [mkingsley@hotmail.com](mailto:mkingsley@hotmail.com). Mary and her husband, Roger, are also Sierra Club members.

#### **Greenbelt National Park, Greenbelt**

Invasive Plant Removal first Saturday of each month

Located just 12 miles from Washington D.C., Greenbelt Park is a beloved retreat from the city and an important refuge for native plants and animals. Come join us in defending Greenbelt Park from encroachment by alien invasive plant growth. Volunteers will be hand pulling harmful non-native plants such as Japanese honeysuckle, beefsteak mint, mile-a-minute weed and garlic mustard. People of all ages, backgrounds and interests are invited to spend a fun day outdoors while learning about the differences between native and non-native plants and helping to preserve the health and native wildlife of this local natural area.

Bring lunch, drink, appropriate clothing for weather.

Directions: From the beltway, take Kenilworth Avenue south about 1/4 mile to Greenbelt Rd, MD 193 (Kenilworth goes under 193). Stay to the right so you can take MD 193 East (a left to go over Kenilworth) for only a few hundred yards to the park entrance. Follow the signs to

the Sweetgum picnic area. For any questions and information about upcoming events, contact Tom Crone at [tomnjan@erols.com](mailto:tomnjan@erols.com) or 301-864-1959 or Kate Odell at [kateo@wam.umd.edu](mailto:kateo@wam.umd.edu) or 301-474-5395.

#### **St. Mary's County Myrtle Point Park**

Third Saturday monthly, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Directions: From Washington, take Rt. 4 south, crossing over the Patuxent River at Solomons. About two miles past the bridge, make a right onto Patuxent Blvd. Go about two miles to Myrtle Point Park. Meet in the Park lot. For more info, or to receive updates about workdays e-mail Bill Burruss [billymilkweed@starpower.net](mailto:billymilkweed@starpower.net)

#### **Wicomico County**

(2 hours from DC/Balto)

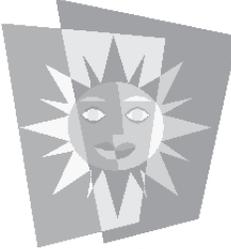
#### **Plum Creek Swamp**

(part of Nanticoke project area)

Friday, October 22, 10am - 4pm  
Map Location #26 (see note at end of listing)

The Nature Conservancy Weed Buster Workday. Pat Groller, our trusty Plum Creek Preserve Weed Watcher, has found a number of "hits" on our Plum Creek Cedar Swamp preserve! On this day, we'll use a "clip-and squirt" technique on Phragmites that threaten to take over the native flora in some areas of the preserve. We'll cut the stems with loppers and squirt the hollow stems with herbicide, a precise technique that puts the herbicide only where it counts.

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## 10-Day Certification Training Permaculture Design

10 days over five weekends –  
third weekend of Oct, Nov 2004 and Jan-Mar 2005

**Training topics include:**

- ✦ Concepts & processes of ecological design: global ecology, humans and ecosystems, natural systems, nutrient cycles
- ✦ Urban site assessment, methods of design
- ✦ Solar greenhouse design, ecosystem management, garden systems
- ✦ Compost systems, perennial crops, fertility management
- ✦ Food forests, wildlife, native plants
- ✦ Natural buildings
- ✦ Water catchments systems, ponds, constructed wetlands
- ✦ Permaculture in community.

**Facilitator:**  
**Darrell Frey**, Permaculture practitioner since 1980 and designer of Three Sisters Farm & Bioshelter in Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania.

**For more information:**  
Carol Iverson, 301-565-3492, [iverson201@aol.com](mailto:iverson201@aol.com) or  
Bea Zuluaga, 202-723-3000 x247, [zuluagab@lssnca.org](mailto:zuluagab@lssnca.org)

**Fee:**  
\$500. Pre-registration required.

**Location:**  
NW DC/Takoma Park.

# Outings & Events

Sierra Club outings are open to everyone, and normally go, "rain or shine." Reservations are not required, unless noted in the announcement.

Each outing is intended to be a wholesome, safe, and enjoyable experience in the out of doors. For that to happen, each participant must have the clothing, equipment, and stamina suitable to the event. Inexperienced/new participants are encouraged to first join trips that are rated "easy" or "moderate", to evaluate their own individual suitability for more difficult adventures.

If you have questions about the terrain, the duration of the trip, or about recommended clothing or equipment, please contact the outing leader.

Each outing participant should carry an adequate supply of food (lunch, snacks or more), a personal first aid kit, any personal medications that may be needed during the event, and at least one quart of water for every two hours that he or she expects to participate in the event. On hot days or on more strenuous outings, more water is likely to be needed.

Unless noted in the announcement, Club outings are intended for adults. Before bringing a minor to an outing that is not specifically designated for children, please consult the leader to determine if it is appropriate.

Minors (under 18 years of age) must be accompanied by a parent or a legal guardian, or they must have both 1) a signed permission slip, and 2) the leader's prior consent, to participate in the Club outing.

All outdoor adventure activities carry some risk. Participants should be aware that Club outings are often to places where professional emergency medical aid may be two or more hours away. All participants should consider the implications of this fact. People with health concerns should consult their doctor to determine the advisability of participating in these activities.

Sierra Club outings normally begin and end at the trailhead, canoe put-in/take-out point, or some other similar starting/ending point. Travel from the advertised meeting place to the starting point and back, is the sole responsibility of each participant. While the Club encourages car-pooling, such arrangements are strictly between the riders and the drivers, and are not a part of the outing. Participants must assume full responsibility and liability for all risks associated with such travel.

All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the waiver before you choose to participate on an outing, it is available on the Sierra Club website, at <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/index.asp>.

The following outings are planned and managed by volunteers from the Chapter's local groups, and the Metropolitan Washington Regional Outings Program (MWROP). Each organization is identified in the announcement by the following abbreviation:

AA = Anne Arundel Co. Grp.  
CA = Catocin Group  
ES = Eastern Shore Group  
GB = Greater Balto. Group  
HC = Howard Co. Group  
MC = Montgomery Co. Grp.  
MW = M.W.R.O. Program  
PG = Pr. George's Co. Grp.  
SM = Southern Md. Group  
WM = Western Md. Group

Sierra Club outings are free of charge, unless specified in the announcement. However, the Club may ask for a donation to help defray the expenses associated with the outings program.

Take only pictures, leave only footprints, and have fun out there. ■

*John Railey – Outings Coordinator  
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## MWROP'S HIKE RATING SYSTEM

One point is assigned to each mile & each 400 feet in elevation change (up and down) - the higher the points, the more difficult a hike. For example, a 5 mile hike with 1,200 feet of elevation change (400 feet up plus 800 ft. down), is given a total of 8 points and rated "B"; an 8 mile hike with an elevation change of 3,600 feet is assigned a total of 17 points and rated "E".

### HIKE RATINGS

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Points</u>
A (Easy)	7 or less	E (Moderate)	17 - 19
B (Easy)	8 - 10	F (Hard)	20 - 22
C (Moderate)	11 - 13	G (Hard)	23 - 25
D (Moderate)	14 - 16	H (Hard)	more than 25

## September

**WANTED: Hike leaders for the Greater Baltimore Group. No experience needed. We will provide training. Have fun, enjoy the outdoors and help others to do the same. Call Jack at 410-256-3963.**

### FALL/WINTER GB

Dates to be determined  
Trail maintenance and cleanup to be scheduled for Cromwell Valley Park and other nearby parks as needed. For details call Jack: 410-256-3963

### Sat 18

#### Young Sierrans Group Hike!

Moderate. Join the new Sierra Club's Young People's Group for their kick-off hike at Gunpowder Falls State Park! The Group will host socials and outings for young people (20-30 "somethings") looking to make an impact on our environment. We'll do a

5.1 circuit hike on the Gunpowder South Trail. The trail goes along the Big Gunpowder Falls stream valley, crossing streams and at times heading up ridges to the upland away from the river. Meet at the Mt. Carmel Road Park & Ride off I-83 at 11 a.m. We should finish by 4 p.m. Call Angela at 410-783-0680.

### Sat 18

Harford Glen. Easy. GB. This is a leisurely walk of 2.5 miles, followed by lunch and an optional post-lunch walk of similar length. Bring lunch and water. Mud is possible; stream crossings are certain. Waterfowl and migrating hawks likely. Meet at the park at 11:00 (west end of Wheel Road, at first parking area on the right, by the pond). Call Betsy for details at 410-569-5202.

### Sat 18

International Coastal Cleanup Day: Terrapin Nature Area on the Chesapeake Bay. HC. Pick up beach

# Outings & Events (September, October )

trash, then eat lunch on the beach and return to Columbia by 1 p.m. Bring lunch and water. Depart at 8 a.m. from the west lot of the park and ride on Broken Land Parkway at Rt. 32. Call Sue Muller, 301-498-8462, [sonicsue@boo.net](mailto:sonicsue@boo.net).

## Sun 19

Soldiers Delight. HC. Easy 5-mile hike in fields through serpentine barrens. Optional restaurant lunch afterwards. Meet at the Bagel Bin in the Enchanted Forest Shopping Center, for an 8:30 departure. Call Ken Clark, 301-725-3306, [kenclark7@comcast.net](mailto:kenclark7@comcast.net).

## Fri 24 through Mon 27

Seneca Creek Backpack, WV. HC. Camp first night at Spruce Knob Lake Campground, then two-day backpack, 14+ miles in the Seneca back country. Several wide stream crossings. Limit of 10 participants. Reservations recommended. Contact Mike Juskelis, 410-439-4964, [mjuskelis@cablespeed.com](mailto:mjuskelis@cablespeed.com).

## Sat 25

Little Gunpowder Falls. HC. Moderate 6-7 mile hike along the Little Gunpowder, including a covered bridge and Jerusalem Mill. Bring lunch and water. Depart Columbia at 9 a.m. from Long Gate Parkway park and ride, off Rt. 100, just east of Rt. 29. Or call to meet at the trailhead. Call Tim Ryan before 9:30 PM, 410-248-2974, [timothy\\_ryan@urscorp.com](mailto:timothy_ryan@urscorp.com).

## October

## Sat 2

Patapsco, Hilton/Avalon. Moderate seven-mile hike. Bring lunch and water. Meet at 10 a.m. inside the park, off Hilton Avenue, at the parking lot just inside the park entrance on the right.

Call James Perschy, 410-964-1902, [jmatp@starpower.net](mailto:jmatp@starpower.net).

## Wed 6

GB Outings Committee Meeting. Come plan new outings and meet other outings leaders. New and prospective outings leaders welcome. Potluck dinner and meeting begins at 6:30 PM. Call Bette at 410-666-2696.

## Fri 8 through Mon 11

Seneca Shadows Camping, Roaring Plains, WV. Camp in this modern campground in Monongahela National Forest. *Saturday, Oct 9:* Moderate 8- to 10-mile hike in Dolly Sods North. *Sunday, Oct 10:* Nature hike on a 5-mile circuit of the Roaring Plains Canyon Rim trail, lead by Jonathan Jessup of the WV Highland Conservancy. Site reservations recommended. Contact Mike Juskelis, 410-439-4964, [mjuskelis@cablespeed.com](mailto:mjuskelis@cablespeed.com).

## Sat 9 through Tues 12

Endless Mountains and Loyalsock Country, fall-time rambling through the MW. Not Rated. On a memorable Columbus Day holiday weekend amidst brilliant autumn foliage of hardwood forests, participate in two half-day hikes and two full-day hikes on the challenging Loyalsock Trail in North Central PA. Wander through Lycoming and Sullivan Counties' Endless Mountains' rugged, scenic and forested backcountry: sharp knobs, high plateaus and ridges, escarpments, and steep-sided ravines. Capacity: 12. To avoid being wait-listed, reserve early. Leader: Cliff Noyes. Details by prospectus: send e-mail request to [lourich77@aol.com](mailto:lourich77@aol.com).

## Mon 11

Columbus Day Outing to Calvert Cliffs State Park. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tired of

phony holiday sales and feel the need to explore? Join Sierra Club Southern Maryland Group in our exploration of Calvert Cliffs State Park. We will be visiting the less-traveled northern trails. Join the leader in the upper parking lot past the playground. Park fee may still be in effect. For details contact the leader Bob Boxwell at 410-414-3311 (w) or by e-mail at [bobboxwell@hotmail.com](mailto:bobboxwell@hotmail.com)

## Sat 16

Long Mountain / Tibet Knob, GWNF. Strenuous 12-mile shuttle hike on Great North Mountain with a grand view from Tibet's Knob. One challenging stream crossing and light rock scrambling. Co-leader Jim Timlin from the PATC. Bring lunch and water. Depart at 8 a.m. from the west lot of the park and ride on Broken Land Parkway at Rt. 32. Contact Mike Juskelis, 410-439-4964, [mjuskelis@cablespeed.com](mailto:mjuskelis@cablespeed.com).

## Sat 23

Sweet Air. Moderate. GB. Approximately 6 miles of hilly terrain. Mud is likely in places. Bring lunch and water. Will discuss the ecology of this area. Meet at the small shopping center on the southeast corner of the intersection of 152 and Baldwin Mill Road at 10 a.m. Call Betsy for details at 410-569-5202.

## Sat 23

Old Rag Mountain, VA. Strenuous 9-mile hike, features boulders, some scrambling, and a great view. Bring lunch and water. Depart at 7 a.m. from the west lot of the park and ride on Broken Land Parkway at Rt. 32. Call Ken Clark, 301-725-3306, [kenclark7@comcast.net](mailto:kenclark7@comcast.net).



## Tour of Solar Homes

# October 2-3

11 AM to 5 PM

Sponsored by Maryland Sierra Club and others as part of the National Tour of Solar Homes

See 30 Energy Efficient and Solar Powered Homes and Buildings.

Ask the homeowners and architects about solar energy, costs, designs, etc.

Tickets will be on sale through these fine folks who are helping the Tour:

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For more information, call Charlie Garlow at 301-593-9823 or 202-564-1088 or visit [www.solartour.org](http://www.solartour.org)

Tickets are \$10 for one, \$15 for a couple. \$5 for students/senior s/low income.

The brochure describing the homes with directions/addresses is your ticket.

# Outings & Events (October, November, December, January)

## Sun 24

Cedarville State Forest. Easy 5-mile hike in this Prince George's County park known for its bog and legend of a Native American burial ground. 90-minute drive. Bring lunch to eat at the fish hatchery. Depart at 8:30 a.m. from the west lot of the park and ride on Broken Land Parkway at Rt. 32. Call Kolman, 443-394-7814.

## Sat 30

Bluff Trail / AT, SNP. Strenuous 13-mile circuit hike with views from North and South Marshall Mountains. Bring lunch and water. Depart at 8 a.m. from the west lot of the park and ride on Broken Land Parkway at Rt. 32. Contact Mike Juskelis, 410-439-4964, mjuskelis@cablespeed.com.

## Sun 31

Patuxent Research Refuge Bike Ride. Bike 16 miles on paved roads with small hills. Helmet required, binoculars recommended. Bring lunch and water. Meet in the refuge at 8:45 at the North Tract Visitor Contact Station. Call Sue Muller, 301-498-8462, sonicsue@boo.net.

## Sat 30 and Sun 31

Michaux Forest Camping at Caledonia State Park. GB. Moderate. Day hiking along lakes and streams with good mountain views. Will discuss the history of this area. For details call Jack at 410-256-3963.

## November

## Sat 6

**Nicholson Hollow / Corbin Hollow, SNP.** Strenuous 10-mile circuit hike. 2000 feet elevation gain, 1000 feet over one mile. Some stream crossings. Bring lunch and water. Depart at 8 a.m. from the west lot of the park and ride

on Broken Land Parkway at Rt. 32. Contact Mike Juskelis, 410-439-4964, mjuskelis@cablespeed.com.

## Sat 6

Harpers Ferry. Strenuous 9- or 11-mile hike through three states, along the C&O canal and up to spectacular overlooks of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers, from Maryland Heights, Split Rocks, and Jefferson Rocks. Bring lunch and water. Meet at the Bagel Bin off Rt. 40 in the Enchanted Forest Shopping Center, for an 8:30 departure. Call Tim Ryan before 9:30 p.m. 410-248-2974, timothy\_ryan@urscorp.com.

## Sat 6

Kelly's Run and Pinnacle Overlook. Moderate. GB. 7-8 miles with great views of the Susquehanna River. Good chance of seeing bald eagles. Will also see hawks and waterfowl as they migrate down the Susquehanna River. Meet at K-Mart on Belair Road (Rt. 1) just north of Beltway exit 32 at 10:00 AM. For details call Jack at 410-256-3963.

## Sun 7

Savage Park, Wincopin Trail. Moderate 7-mile hike along the Middle and Little Patuxent Rivers, easy except for a few hills and rocky parts. Bring lunch and water. Meet at 9:30 at Patuxent Valley Middle School, off Vollmerhausen Road just west of Savage Guilford Rd. Call Ken Clark, 301-725-3306, kenclark7@comcast.net.

## Sat 13

Conestoga Trail, PA. Strenuous 10-mile shuttle hike, Pequan Creek to Pinnacle Overlook. Along two beautiful creeks, through a sleepy river town, past a cave, and along the ridges on the east

side of Lake Aldred on the Susquehanna River. Watch for bald eagles. Bring lunch and water. Depart at 8 a.m. from the west lot of the park and ride on Broken Land Parkway at Rt. 32. Contact Mike Juskelis, 410-439-4964, mjuskelis@cablespeed.com.

## Sun 14

Muddy Creek Hike. Moderate. GB. 7-8 miles on Mason Dixon Trail through a very scenic steam valley. Will discuss the geology of the area. Meet at K-Mart on Belair Road (Rt. 1) just north of Beltway exit 32 at 10:00 AM. For details call Jack at 410-256-3963.

## Sat 20

Morgan's Run at Liberty Reservoir. Moderate 8-mile hike, with some stream crossings. Bring lunch and water. Meet at the Bagel Bin off Rt. 40 in the Enchanted Forest Shopping Center, for a 9 a.m. departure. Call James Perschy, 410-964-1902, jmatp@starpower.net.

## Sun 21

Little Bennett Regional Park. Easy 5-mile hike. Depart at 9 a.m. from the park and ride just north of I-70 on Rt. 32. Call Kolman, 443-394-7814.

## December

## Sun 5

Loch Raven Hike. GB. Moderate. 4-6 mile hike. Moderately hilly country in Loch Raven Reservoir. Will see and learn about artesian springs. Meet at 12 Noon at Morgan Mill Road and Loch Raven Drive. Call Jack at 410-256-3963.

## Sun 19

Prettyboy Cove. Easy 6-mile hike around the cove. Bring lunch to eat at the dam. Depart at 10 a.m. from the

Mount Carmel park and ride, I-83 exit 27. Call Kolman, 443-394-7814.

## January 2005

## Sat 1

Oregon Ridge Park. Moderate. GB. New Years afternoon, Hike Approximately five easy-paced miles in Oregon Ridge Park, with two or three hills and a short bushwhack. This will be a relaxing afternoon walk through history as we talk about the park's industrial past and how the modern environment is impacting this area. Be prepared for ice/snow on the trails. Meet in the nature center parking lot at 1:15 PM. Call John, 410-752-0104.

## Fri 14 through Mon 17

Cross Country skiing at New Germany State Park, Western Maryland. Moderate. GB. Beginners welcome. For details call Jack at 410-256-3963. Call by December 31<sup>st</sup> if possible.

## Sun 23

Local cross-country skiing. Moderate. GB. If there is not enough snow, a hike in Loch Raven will be held. Meet at Loch Raven High School, Cromwell Bridge Road and Cowpens Avenue at 11 a.m. Call Jack at 410-256-3963.

## Sun 23

Patapsco - McKeldin. Moderate 5-mile hike along the Patapsco River. Bring lunch to eat at McKeldin Falls. Meet at the Bagel Bin off Rt. 40 in the Enchanted Forest Shopping Center, for a 10 a.m. departure. Call Kolman at 443-394-7814. ■

## BICO Outings

For additional information on BICO (Baltimore Inner City Outings), see [www.sierraclub.org/ico/baltimore](http://www.sierraclub.org/ico/baltimore), or call Bob Burchard at 410 744-0510. Please contact BICO for information on rain delays.

### September

Sat 18

CGCC & DHH – Environmental education on CBF's Snow Goose

tba Choice – Hiking the Billy Goat Trail

tba DHH

### October

Sat 2-Sun 3

\*\* LI – Camping at Assateague Island

### December

Sat 4

DHH – Community service with Rec & Parks & ice skating

Sat 16

CGCC – Hiking, Sugar Loaf Mountain & pumpkin patch visit

tba Choice – National Aquarium

tba CGCC – Community service with Rec & Parks and holiday party at CGCC

Fri 22-Sun 24

Mid-Atlantic ICO Retreat

tba LI

tba Choice – Camping (tentative)

tba DHH

### November

Mon 1

BICO Meeting & Election

Fri 12-Sun 14

LI – Camping at Blackburn Cabin- Appalachian Trail

#### BICO Teams:

Choice = the UMBC Shriver Center's Choice program  
DHH = Digital Harbor High School  
LI = Learning, Inc.  
CG CC = College Gardens

\*\* Rain date: one week later. Please visit our website, [www.sierraclub.org/ico/baltimore](http://www.sierraclub.org/ico/baltimore), for updates and more information. ■

tba CGCC – Planetarium/ Night hike

## Invasive Species

### Invasive Plant Removal and Habitat Restoration

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Note: Things to know about The Nature Conservancy's outdoor projects:

Map locations are for the map at <http://nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/maryland/preserves/>. Some weed workdays come up at the last minute because of recent weed discoveries. If you'd like to hear about these, send an e-mail to [volunteermd@tnc.org](mailto:volunteermd@tnc.org) with "weed buster" in the subject line, or call Deborah B at 301-897-8570 and ask to be added to the Weed Buster list.

Don't be intimidated by our rough-and-ready descriptions of some projects! Unless otherwise noted, anyone in reasonably good physical condition can pitch in and no specialized skills are needed. Don't despair if you can't make a week-day project; many of our projects are on weekends.

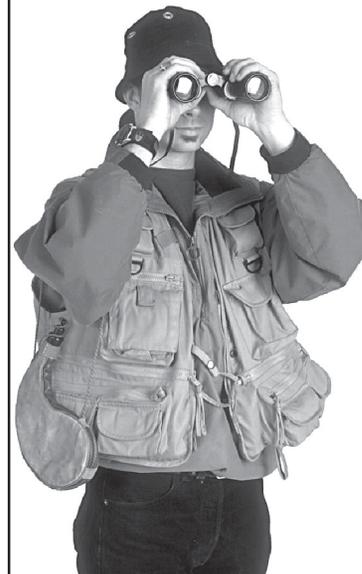
We can help arrange carpools if you request when you sign up, and say where

you live. We can't always find a match, but we'll try!

To sign up for a project, contact [volunteermd@tnc.org](mailto:volunteermd@tnc.org) or call Deborah B. at 301-897-8570. We'll send directions and details. In warmer weather, we work even in the rain, unless conditions are downright dangerous, but always call the Volunteer Voice Mailbox at 703-841-8799, ext. 2487, after 8pm the night before the project to learn of any last-minute changes.

Spaces are limited on some workdays. Please use your best judgment when you sign up about whether you'll truly be available on that date; if you've signed up and need to cancel, please let us know ASAP. If signup is low, we cancel or postpone. We usually make this decision 48 hours before the project, so if you are interested in a date, please sign up BEFORE the last minute! ■

## We're Looking for an Outings Editor. Could It Be You?



For many of our members, the schedule of outings is the most important part of the *Chesapeake*. Could you help us put it together?

Please contact Laurel at 301 277-7111. All of our outing leaders, hikers, campers, rafters, skiers, and *Chesapeake* editors will be grateful. Thanks.

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### Maryland Chapter Leaders

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## Club Elections

**ISO: Active, Energetic Chapter Seeking Creative, Committed Leaders**

### Call for At-large Nominations to Chapter Ex-Comm

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, Betsy Johnson, 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.

The nominating Committee will

review the qualifications of those who are willing to serve, and attempt to bring forward a slate of six candidates.

If you would be willing to volunteer for a two-year term, please submit a brief biography, which describes your qualifications, your experience, and what you believe you can contribute. Send to the Nominating Committee; by mail c/o Laurel Imlay, 7338 Baltimore Ave, College Park, MD 20740, by e-mail to laurelimlay@sierraclub.org, or by fax to 301-277-6699.

All responses must be received no later than November 1. The Nominating Committee will report their slate of candidates at the next Executive Committee Meeting on November 21.

For additional information and a sample biography, please contact Laurel Imlay at the above address, or call 301-277-7111. ■



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## Action Items

**by October 12**

☀ **Register to vote on November 2**

**November 2**

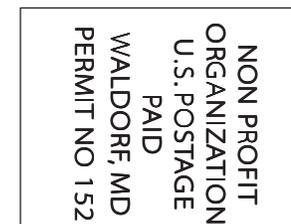
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**Mikulski, and the SC-endorsed**

**Congressional Representative**

**Anytime**

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