



GEORGIA CONSERVATION VOTERS

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Register to Vote!



It is time to perform your democratic duties, Georgia.

Election season is upon us. This year all 236 members of the Georgia General Assembly must run for election as well as two Public Service Commissioners and many important local elected officials.

Don't miss your chance to exercise your right to vote and voice your support for candidates who share your conservation values.

The deadline to register for the upcoming primary election on July 15th and the August 5th primary run-off primaries is **Monday, June 16th**.

Primary elections in some regions of Georgia will actually determine a handful of state and local races. In other areas, it sets the stage for contested races in November.

Here's how to register: Go to www.sos.state.ga.us/elections/elections to download and complete your application to be printed, signed, and mailed.

Why register to vote in the primaries?

About Us:

Vote by vote,

GCV is transforming the political landscape by electing leaders with conservation values and holding them accountable to implementing policies that ensure clean water and air, abundant wildlife, scenic landscapes, and economic opportunities for all Georgians.

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1. As former US House Speaker Tip O'Neill said, "All politics is local." These politicians will make decisions that affect your daily lives.
2. Energy Costs! The Public Service Commission, which regulates utilities, has two seats up for a vote.
3. Many offices will be determined during the primary.

2008 Environmental Leadership Awards



Georgia Conservation Voters held its Eighth Annual Environmental Leadership Awards Thursday, May 22 at the Fay Gold Gallery in Atlanta. GCV recognized fifty-two legislators including 16 Senators and 36 Representatives for their pro-conservation actions during the General Assembly's 2008 legislative session. Thirty of the honored legislators attended the event and were presented with awards. Also in attendance were members of the conservation community and additional legislators. We appreciate all those who were present to help us honor those legislators working in support of Georgia's environment.

Special recognition also went to John Sweet, who received the Draper Lifetime Achievement Award for his extensive efforts over the last 30 years to protect Georgia's environment.

To see a list of award recipients and more pictures, visit our [website](#).

Endorsements Coming Soon

Georgia Conservation Voters has launched their work to elect leaders with conservation values. In 2006, more than 90 percent of candidates Georgia Conservation Voters endorsed won in the primary and/or general elections. We are currently reviewing candidate questionnaires and conducting candidate interviews.

As a member of the next General Assembly or Public Service Commission, these candidates will have an opportunity to make decisions about policies that will affect the future of Georgia's environment. We've asked the candidates a series of questions on water, transportation, air and energy and land conservation that are important to Georgians who care about conservation.

In addition to their positions on current conservation issues, we also consider candidates' record, experience, leadership and viability as a candidate, as well as the input of local conservationists when deciding whether to support a candidate.

Stay tuned – we will announce our endorsements of those candidates facing primary opposition very soon.



Watch for the 2007/2008 GCV Legislative Scorecard

Every two years Georgia Conservation Voters publishes a legislative scorecard to provide objective and factual information about the votes of your legislators on conservation issues. The scorecard is designed to provide you with the information you need to know if your legislator is voting the right way on issues that are important to you. We are hard at work getting the 2007/2008 scorecard ready, and in the meantime, you can view a copy of the 2005/2006 scorecard [here](#).

Sincerely,

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