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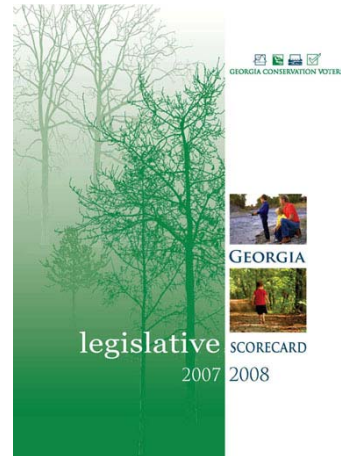
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## GCV Releases 2007-08 Legislative Scorecard

Today, we released our 2007-08 Legislative Scorecard. The scorecard grades each member of Georgia's General Assembly on key environmental votes from the previous two-year legislative session.

The latest scorecard shows the average score in the Senate dropped by two percent while the House average experienced a nine point increase. The Senate average was 64 percent in 2005-06, but it fell slightly to 62 percent in 2007-08. The House average rose from 54 percent in 2005-06 to 63 percent in 2007-08.



“We’re pleased with all the legislators who improved their scores over last year, but the General Assembly overall is still bringing home a scorecard that shows room for improvement,” said Georgia Conservation Voters Executive Director Chris Osborne. “Talking about the environment is not enough – measuring improvements and providing accountability for conservation-minded voters is a necessary task.”

To download your copy of the scorecard, visit our [website](#).

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## GCV Hosts Fourth Annual Legislative Summit



On Thursday, August 7th, more than 30 representatives of conservation organizations from across the state met to discuss issues nominated as community-wide shared priorities for the 2009 legislative session.

Among the clear winners are continuing work to expand transportation and rail transit options, creating a plan to ready the state for anticipated federal carbon regulations, keeping our highways safe and scenic and ensuring a clean, plentiful supply of water for all Georgians.

We'd like to extend our thanks Mr. Lee Lemke with the Georgia Mining Association for acting as a facilitator and sharing his wisdom and humor about working under the Gold Dome.

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### Save the Date – Tuesday, October 14, 2008

Want to see more leadership and action on conservation solutions in Georgia? Help us elect more pro-conservation leaders to state office.

Please save the date for a fun-filled Georgia Conservation Voters Action Fund reception at the EcoManor on Tuesday, October 14, 2008. Details forthcoming...



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### GCV and Clean Energy Strategies Co-Host Reception for Senator Doug Stoner

Senator Doug Stoner is serving his second term in the Georgia State Senate, representing Senate District 6 in South Cobb County. He serves on the Senate Transportation Committee and special Joint Senate-House Transportation Funding Study Committee. He is also currently chair of the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce's Transportation Committee.



Senator Stoner is one of the state senate's leading advocates for conservation issues and the environment. He was awarded an Environmental Leadership Award from Georgia Conservation Voters in 2006 and 2008. By working with his colleagues on both sides of the aisle, Senator Stoner has displayed the leadership necessary to advance clean energy solutions, such as incentives for renewable energy and energy conservation and funding to reduce pollution from school buses.

Please join us at a reception to thank Senator Stoner for his hard work and help return a great pro-conservation voice to the state Senate.

Please make checks payable to "Friends of Doug Stoner." Minimum contribution: \$50

WHEN: Monday, August 25, 2008  
5:30pm – 7:00pm

WHERE: Manuel's Tavern  
602 N. Highland Avenue  
Atlanta, GA 30307

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Sincerely,

Chris Osborne,  
Executive Director

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**About Us:**

Georgia Conservation Voters works to preserve and enhance the quality of life for all Georgians by making conservation issues a top priority with Georgia's elected officials, political candidates and voters. GCV understands that the most important decisions made on the environment are made by elected officials, so one of the most important things we can do to protect the environment is to elect pro-conservation candidates.

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