



GEORGIA CONSERVATION VOTERS

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Join us on Tuesday October 14th at EcoManor, the home of Laura and Rutherford Seydel, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for an event benefiting Georgia Conservation Voters Action Fund (GCVAF), Georgia's only environmental political action committee.



The most important decisions made on the environment are made by elected officials, so one of the most critical things we can do to protect the environment is elect pro-conservation candidates. That's why supporting GCVAF is such a critical investment that will leave a legacy of clean air, clean water and natural areas for future generations to enjoy.

Purchase your tickets [today](#).

Welcome a New Addition to Our Team

We are pleased to welcome Samantha Gibson as a new Program Associate with Georgia Conservation Voters. A graduate of College of Charleston, Samantha is focused on working with conservation groups across the state on producing the



Environmental Briefing Book, administering the Georgia Environmental Action Network and enhancing membership lists.

A native of East Tennessee, Samantha has worked part time with Georgia Conservation Voters since the 2008 legislative session. She also spent time helping to coordinate a local political campaign.

You can contact Samantha at Samantha@gavoters.com.

Avoid the Lines – Vote in Advance

On November 4th, 2008, we anticipate a dramatic increase in voter turnout due to the historical, highly contested presidential election.



And if you're like us, you're probably wondering how you can vote without getting stuck in line for hours.

Here's information on two easy and convenient ways to vote in advance and avoid the lines:



Voting by Mail

Any registered voter in Georgia may cast an absentee ballot instead of voting in person. You are not required to have a specific reason when applying for an absentee ballot by mail.

In order to vote by mail, you can request an absentee ballot [here](#). After completing the application, send it to your [county registrar's office](#) by mail or fax and they will send you your ballot by mail.

Absentee ballots will also be made available at least 45 days before Election Day at your county registrar's office.

Advance Voting

You can also vote in person the week before Election Day. Advance voting for the 2008 General Election will take place Monday, October 27th through Friday, October 31st. Most counties offer fewer locations for early voting, so you should find out about the early voting locations in your county from your [county registrar](#).



Detailed information about voting by mail or advance voting is available from the Georgia Secretary of State Elections Division [online](#) or by phone at (404) 656 -2871.

Still need to register to vote? Moved and need to update your registration? You can download a registration form [online](#). The last day to register is Monday, October 6th.

How Did Your Legislator Score?

Last month, we released the Georgia Conservation Voters 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.

Visit our [website](#) to read if your legislator voted for clean energy, water, transportation and more and download your version for free today.

Sincerely,

Chris Osborne,
Executive Director

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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