



## GEORGIA CONSERVATION VOTERS

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**Event:** The 2009 Environmental Legislative Breakfast

**Date:** Wednesday, February 4, 2009 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Georgia Railroad Freight Depot, Blue Room  
65 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive  
Atlanta, GA 30303

**Cost:** \$25 when you register at [www.gavoters.com](http://www.gavoters.com)  
*Free for legislators. We request that legislators register by emailing [samantha@gavoters.com](mailto:samantha@gavoters.com)*

**RSVP:** January 28, 2009

*For more information, call 404-522-8144*

Parking available in Underground Atlanta deck at the corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and Central Avenue or in parking deck at 90 Central Avenue. As always, we recommend using MARTA (GA State station or Five Points station).

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## Attend the February Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable

Addressing the state's budget challenges and working to ensure a clean water supply, clean and inexpensive energy and funding for transportation options are issues at the top of many legislators' lists.

Come learn what may happen this year and join members of the State House and State Senate in discussing the environmental issues that matter to you. Georgia Conservation Voters Program Director Jill Johnson will moderate the Roundtable.



The Roundtable will be held on Friday, February 6th at 7:00 a.m. at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Ellis Hall, 634 West Peachtree Street.

Click [here](#) to register, find out more information, and get directions.

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## Check out the 6th Annual Sustainable Business Day at the Capitol

On Thursday, February 12th, we are sponsoring the 6th Annual Sustainable Business Day at the Capitol with Sustainable Business Partners and the Georgia Recycling Coalition.

We'll have select green businesses on hand to help educate legislators on how economic growth and environmental protection can go hand in hand. They will include broad categories of companies that work in energy, transit, water, and recycling.

If you work for a sustainable business or know one that would like to participate in Sustainable Business Day, please contact Jill Johnson at [jill@gavoters.com](mailto:jill@gavoters.com) or 404-522-8144.

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## 2009 Legislative Priorities: Leading Georgia into a Sustainable Future

The 2009 General Assembly began this Monday. Every year, Georgia's conservation community convenes to select a few issues on which we will focus our joint efforts during the upcoming legislative session. Our common agenda, called Leading Georgia into a Sustainable Future, includes the following priorities for 2009:



- **Accept No Rollbacks**: We will defend current laws that protect our natural resources (such as the moratorium on aquifer storage and recovery) and work to minimize budget cuts for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, especially the Environmental Protection Division.
- **Fund Public Transit Choices**: To address Georgia's transportation problem and offer convenient and safe alternatives to car travel, the General Assembly must pass measures to expand the state's investment in public transportation.
- **Efficiency First**: In response to challenges facing Georgia's water supply, legislators must champion the fastest, least expensive solutions that will ensure clean water for all.
- **Make Our Highways Safe and More Scenic**: Billboards threaten health, safety and scenic beauty along Georgia highways. The General Assembly should make highways safer and more scenic by ensuring responsible management of rights of way.
- **Create a Climate Action Plan**: Climate change will likely affect our economy through rising shoreline levels and resulting damage to coastal development, disruption of growing seasons for agriculture and forestry, and reduced tourist trade. We urge the General Assembly to create a plan to address climate change.

You can help make these priorities a reality and stay up to date on their progress throughout the session by being sure you are signed up for the [Georgia Environmental Action Network](#) and encouraging your friends to sign up as well.

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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 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.