



## GEORGIA CONSERVATION VOTERS

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## 2009 Environmental Leadership Awards Ceremony



On Wednesday, May 20th, Georgia Conservation Voters held its Ninth Annual Environmental Leadership Awards in downtown Atlanta. Twenty-eight legislators, including 10 senators and 18 representatives, were honored for their work supporting the "Leading Georgia into a Sustainable Future" priorities and other pro-conservation efforts during the 2009 Georgia General Assembly.

Special recognition also went to Stacy Shelton, who received the Draper Lifetime Achievement Award for her work reporting on Georgia's environmental issues during her time with the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. The Draper Lifetime Achievement Award is awarded annually at the Environmental Leadership Awards to an individual who has provided inspiration and leadership to the conservation community over the course of their career.





Thank you to everyone who attended the event and helped support Georgia Conservation Voters.

To see the full list of 2009 Environmental Leadership Award winners, click [here](#).

View more event photos on the Georgia Conservation Voters [Facebook Page](#).

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## Governor Perdue Signs Bills into Law

May 13th marked the last day for Governor Perdue to sign bills into law or veto them.

GCV's Jill Johnson was present on May 5th when Governor Perdue signed the Georgia Voluntary Remediation Program Act ([HB 248](#)) into law. The bill establishes a voluntary remediation program for hazardous waste properties in order to reduce human and environmental exposure to safe levels and protect groundwater.



Visit our [website](#) to find out the status of the "Leading Georgia into a Sustainable Future" priorities and other conservation bills of interest.

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## Lobbying Rules for Nonprofits Web Workshop

We often field questions from other non-profits who want to learn more about how they can lobby and we refer many of them to the [Alliance for Justice](#) (AFJ).

On June 30th, AFJ is hosting a web workshop that will explain the federal tax laws governing 501(c)(3) lobbying, including how to calculate your lobbying limits under the insubstantial part test and the 501(h) expenditure test, definitions of direct and grassroots lobbying, exceptions to the definition of lobbying and the application of these rules to ballot measure activities.



Register [here](#) for the workshop.

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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.

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