



GEORGIA CONSERVATION VOTERS EDUCATION FUND

Welcome to the Georgia Conservation Briefing Book

Georgia Conservation Voters Education Fund is a nonprofit, nonpartisan statewide conservation organization. Our mission is to preserve and enhance Georgia's clean water and air, wildlife, and land for the quality of life for all Georgians by maximizing informed citizen participation in conservation decision-making at the state and local level.

The 2009/2010 Conservation Briefing Book expands upon our previous Briefing Books published in 2002 and 2004. It provides updated information to the public, legislators, state officials and the media on current conservation issues.

In this book, you will find summaries of and proposed solutions to many of the major challenges now facing Georgia's environment. During the 2009-2010 legislative session, state legislators and elected officials will make decisions on issues that will affect Georgia's environment for years to come.

We hope the information in this briefing book will give Georgia's elected officials and citizens a better understanding of Georgia's conservation dilemmas and recommendations on how to work together to create common sense solutions that will protect Georgia's environment, economy and quality of life for our families and future generations.

Information is presented on a wide range of Georgia's conservation challenges because this book is a collaborative effort that combines the expertise of conservation leaders statewide. We thank these contributors for their valued knowledge and constant vigilance to improve Georgia's environment.

Each topic includes a list of suggested next steps that should be taken by legislators, state agencies, and/or citizens. Please note that views expressed on any particular issue are not necessarily the views of all contributing organizations. Each brief also includes the name of one or more environmental community leader that will focus on that issue in the coming years. We encourage you to use the directory at the end of the book to contact the leaders listed regarding any issues that interest you.

Thank you for reading the 2009/2010 Georgia Conservation Briefing Book to learn more about how you can contribute to a clean and healthy future for Georgia.

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