

VOTE FOR A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT THIS FALL

The stakes are incredibly high in the elections this November.

The disaster in the Gulf of Mexico shows what can happen when you combine Big Oil companies' flagrant disregard for environmental laws with Americans' addiction to oil. The U.S. Senate's failure to approve climate change legislation, even in the face of the hottest summer on record in the US, means millions of green jobs may now go to China instead of developing in the U.S. Two million people in Boston were left without safe drinking water for days because of crumbling pipes that need to be brought into the 21st Century. And researchers have documented increasingly clear connections



Great Blue Heron on the Chesapeake Bay.

between serious health problems and exposure to environmental pollutants and toxic chemicals in consumer products used by people every day.

Strong leadership in Washington, Annapolis and Richmond could fix these problems. But big companies, particularly Big Oil companies, are spending billions of dollars to make sure that doesn't happen. They are buying ads in the media every day and bankrolling candidates who

will further weaken protections for clean air and clean water. If they have their way, our food, our drinking water and even the air we breathe will continue to make us, and our children, sick.



You can help send a message to Big Oil and to Washington. Clean Water Action has reviewed the records and the positions of the candidates from all the parties running for office. There are candidates out there who understand that protecting our air and water means protecting people's health and livelihoods, and that a clean water-clean energy future will create good jobs here in the U.S. These are the candidates who have earned Clean Water Action's endorsement. Many of them are true environmental champions. All of them deserve your support, and Clean Water Action is working hard to get them elected, knocking on doors and talking with thousands of voters like you every day.

Now we need your help. On November 2nd, vote for candidates who will protect our health and help grow new green jobs, who will take the lead in reducing our dependence on foreign oil, creating new clean energy jobs, and making sure that our food, water and household products don't make us sick. Vote for a healthy environment and a greener economy!

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VIRGINIA:

US House District 11
(Fairfax and Prince
William Counties)



Re-electing Connolly Will Return an Environmental Champion

Clean Water Action members helped to elect Gerry Connolly Chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 2003 and again in 2007, where he helped lead local communities to take action to restore and protect local watersheds and promote green energy and green jobs. Elected to Congress in 2008, again, with support from Clean Water Action members, Connolly has proven to be a vocal champion of sustainable development, and is already known as a leader on Capitol Hill in his first term.

Congressman Connolly was a leader in the fight for passage of the bill to combat climate change and promote renewable energy, and co-sponsored additional legislation to promote renewable energy and efficiency. He voted for the Chemical and Water Security Act to reduce the risk of public exposure to deadly chemicals. He co-sponsored legislation requiring polluters to pay for Superfund toxic cleanups, and in many other ways acted as a champion for a clean and healthy environment.

His opponent is the same anti-environmental opponent whom he faced in 2008. Help make sure that Gerry Connolly stays in Congress and continues to advance the agenda for clean and healthy water.

MARYLAND:

Charles, Frederick
and Carroll Counties



*Marshes of the Mattawoman
Creek tidal-freshwater estuary.*

Clean Air, Water at Stake in Local Contests

In Charles, Frederick and Carroll Counties, Clean Water Action has endorsed local candidates who have opportunities to change the directions of local environmental policies.

In Charles County, Clean Water Action members aim to elect a majority of the County Commission who will then be able to oppose a proposed highway that threatens Mattawoman Creek, a treasured local waterway.

In Frederick and Carroll Counties, Clean Water Action members have a chance to elect the majority that is needed to reverse the current Commission's decision to build an unnecessary and fiscally irresponsible incinerator that will pollute our air and water. This local effort is part of Clean Water Action's statewide campaign to promote sustainable waste management practices and clean energy over harmful incineration.

Photo Courtesy of the Mattawoman Watershed Society.

For a full list of endorsements, please see our "clip/print and carry" endorsement list on Page 4.

MARYLAND:

Governor



Governor O'Malley Deserves Four More Years

Clean Water Action first endorsed Martin O'Malley for the Baltimore City Council, and then for Mayor in 1999. In 2006, we were pleased to endorse him for Governor, and worked to help him defeat then-incumbent Robert Ehrlich. This year is a re-match of that 2006 contest, and Clean Water Action again endorses Martin O'Malley for Governor.

Governor O'Malley signed into law the Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Act, resurrected "smart growth" planning for Maryland, and toughened the state's standards for controlling polluted runoff. He increased funds for Chesapeake Bay restoration, upgraded the Bay's Critical Areas protections, and created benchmarks for improving water quality. In addition, he developed a plan to create 100,000 jobs in MD to develop cleaner energy and promote energy efficiency. By contrast, former Governor Ehrlich had a terrible record on environmental issues.

Clean Water Action is proud to endorse Martin O'Malley and urges all Maryland voters who care about the Bay and a clean environment to support him on November 2.

MARYLAND:

US House District 1 (Eastern Shore, plus parts of Anne Arundel, Baltimore and Harford Counties)



Frank Kratovil: A Fighter for the Chesapeake Bay

Clean Water Action is working in Maryland's 1st Congressional District for a repeat of Rep. Frank Kratovil's 2008 victory over State Senator Andrew Harris. Congressman Kratovil's margin of victory was so slim in 2008 that the race was not decided until many days after Election Day.

Representative Kratovil's strong performance as a first term Congressman includes obtaining over \$33 million for Chesapeake Bay restoration and helping lead efforts that resulted in cancellation of a lease for oil drilling off the mid-Atlantic coast. Rep. Kratovil delivering a critical vote for addressing climate change, an issue which threatens the entire Eastern Shore, and tirelessly promoted energy conservation, wetlands protection, land preservation and improved funding for water management.

During the same period, his opponent continued to oppose virtually every measure that might protect water resources, and to support proposals that weaken environmental protections. On November 2, help return U.S. Rep. Frank Kratovil to Washington to continue the fight for a healthy Chesapeake Bay.

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CLEAN WATER ACTION ENDORSEMENTS

VIRGINIA

Gerry Connolly for U.S. House (CD 11) An outspoken and effective champion for sustainable development, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly has consistently earned support from Clean Water Action and its members, first as a winning candidate for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, which he Chaired, and then his successful 2008 election to the U.S. House from Northern Virginia's 8th Congressional District. He has remained committed to protecting local waters and watersheds, promoting green jobs and advancing policies to secure America's clean energy future, and has actively pursued these aims in Congress. His opponent in this rematch of the 2008 election sticks to the same, tired anti-environmental rhetoric. Clean Water Action urges its members to support U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly's reelection.

MARYLAND

Frank Kratovil for U.S. House (CD 1)

Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay won big when U.S. Rep. Frank Kratovil was first elected in 2008 to represent Maryland's 1st Congressional District. He was able to count on support from Clean Water Action member across the district, which covers the Eastern Shore and parts of Harford and Anne Arundel Counties, and prevailed by the narrowest of margins. Rep. Kratovil has pledged to continue to fight against offshore drilling and for energy conservation and clean renewable energy, wetlands protection and Bay restoration funding if reelected. He needs our support again in what is projected to be one of the country's closest and hardest fought races.

Martin O'Malley for Governor

Clean Water Action has followed and supported Gov. Martin O'Malley from his first run for Baltimore City Council, to his election as Baltimore's Mayor and his 2006 win in the Governor's race. As Governor he has supported state action to reduce global warming pollution, reinstated "Smart Growth" planning to protect water and the Chesapeake Bay, and developed a visionary plan to create more than 100,000 Maryland jobs by making the state a global leader in the new clean energy economy. His challenger, former Governor Ehrlich, who lost to O'Malley in 2006 would roll back much of this progress. Clean Water Action strongly supports Gov. Martin O'Malley's reelection.

Charles, Frederick & Carroll Counties

Clean Water Action members in Charles, Frederick and Carroll Counties have a unique opportunity to move local policies in a more environmentally friendly direction. Candidate slates endorsed by Clean Water Action in both counties' Boards of Commissioners races (see lists at right) have pledged to support and advance protections for area land and water resources. In Charles County, the slate will protect Mattawoman Creek and surrounding natural areas from destructive impacts of a proposed highway. In Frederick and Carroll Counties, Clean Water Action's endorsed candidates would halt plans for a costly, polluting and unnecessary trash incinerator.

U.S. HOUSE:

Frank Kratovil (CD 1)

GOVERNOR:

Martin O'Malley

STATE HOUSE:

Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties:

1B Mary Beth Pirolozzi, R

Frederick County:

3A Galen Clagett, D

Anne Arundel County:

30 Michael Busch, D

30 Virginia Clagett, D

30 Judd Legum, D

Baltimore County:

6 John Olszewski Jr., D

11 Dan Morhaim, D

11 Jon Cardin, D

11 Dana Stein, D

42 Stephen Lafferty, D

42 Lori Albin, D

Carroll County:

9A Maryann Maher, D

9A Jonathan Weinstein, D

Caroline County:

37B Patrice Stanley, D

Charles County:

28 C. T. Wilson, D

28 Peter Murphy, D

Montgomery County:

14 Craig Zucker, D

14 Eric Luedtke, D

16 Ariana Kelly, D

17 Kumar Barve, D

19 Bonnie Cullison, D

39 Shane Robinson, D

Prince George's County:

21 Barbara Frush, D

23 James W. Hubbard, D

STATE SENATE:

Montgomery County:

14 Karen Montgomery, D

CHARLES COUNTY

COMMISSION:

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