

1000 FRIENDS OF MARYLAND

Formed in 1996 as a statewide coalition of business and development companies, architectural and historical preservation organizations, community and environmental groups, 1000 Friends of Maryland's mission is to revitalize our older communities while protecting our rural areas and open space. To fight sprawl development, 1000 Friends of Maryland advocates, educates, researches and provides technical assistance to community organizations, local governments and planning boards on land use and transportation issues across Maryland.

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ASSATEAGUE COASTAL TRUST

Assateague Coastal Trust, Inc., Delmarva's oldest grassroots non-profit organization, with more than 700 members, works to preserve Assateague Island and the living resources and ecosystem of the coastal bays of Maryland, Delaware, and northern Virginia by: 1) sponsoring the Assateague Coastkeeper Program, an on-the-water advocate for the health and productivity of the coastal bays; 2) conducting outreach programs with the goal of developing citizen advocates for preserving mid-Atlantic coastal ecosystems for future generations; and, 3) participating in advocacy efforts to influence public policies that affect the water quality and health of the coastal bays.

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AUDUDON NATURALIST SOCIETY

Founded in 1897, the Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States (ANS) is the Washington, DC, metropolitan region's oldest independent nonprofit environmental education and conservation organization. Headquartered in Chevy Chase, Maryland, the Society also operates a sanctuary in Clifton and Leesburg in Northern Virginia. ANS maintains a membership of over 10,000. The ANS Conservation Program addresses environmental concerns in the Washington metropolitan area, including land use, water and air quality, and natural resource protection.

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CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation is the largest nonprofit environmental organization dedicated solely to the protection and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay and its resources. With programs in environmental education, land conservation and resource protection, CBF is involved in all aspects of restoring the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers and streams. CBF has over 190,000 members nationwide and over 95,000 members in Maryland.

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CHESAPEAKE CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

The Chesapeake Climate Action Network is the first grassroots organization in Maryland dedicated entirely to fighting global climate change. Our mission is to educate and mobilize the residents of Maryland to foster a rapid societal switch to clean, renewable energy as a way of slowing and ultimately stopping global warming.

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CLEAN WATER ACTION

Clean Water Action is a national citizens' organization with more than 30,000 members in Maryland working for clean, safe and affordable water, the prevention of health-threatening pollution, the creation of environmentally friendly safe jobs and businesses, and the empowerment of people to make democracy work. Clean Water Action organizes strong grassroots groups, coalitions and campaigns to protect our environment, health, economic, well-being and community quality of life.

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COMMUNITY RESEARCH

Community Research conducts public interest research, education, advocacy and related activities that are meant to protect communities, the environment and public health, to enhance corporate and governmental transparency and accountability, and to enhance participation in civic and democratic processes. Community Research was incorporated in Maryland in January 2008.

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ENVIRONMENT MARYLAND

Environment Maryland is a statewide, citizen-based environmental advocacy organization. Our professional staff combines independent research, practical ideas and tough-minded advocacy to overcome the opposition of powerful special interests and win real results for Maryland's environment. Environment Maryland draws on 30 years of success in tackling our state's top environmental problems. Current priorities include promoting clean air, clean energy, a healthy bay, and smarter land use.

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HAZTRAK COALITION, INC

The Haztrak Coalition is an alliance of grassroots organizations throughout the Chesapeake Region along with the Delmarva Peninsula who (1) advocate the clean-up and control of hazardous waste, (2) provide advisory support to community-based environmental groups, (3) educate and inform the public on pertinent legislation and environmental hearings, and (4) initiate legislation for the purpose of conservancy and ecological equilibrium of the land, water and air. Haztrak Coalition hopes to provide the public with the voice of conservation, tempering overzealous industry deregulation with careful scrutiny and restraint in permitting toxic items to contaminate our land, air, and water.

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MAGIC

The Maryland Alliance for Greenway Improvement and Conservation (MAGIC) is a statewide coalition of some 40 environmental organizations working to preserve stream valleys, expand and connect forest preserves, and increase wildlife, forests and plant habitat in Maryland. Wildlife habitat in Maryland is being reduced each year, and animals are being crowded into smaller and more fragmented areas. Wetlands, bogs and other water sources will also be protected for the benefit of both wildlife and humans.

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MARYLAND CONSERVATION COUNCIL

Maryland Conservation Council (MCC), incorporated in 1969, is a statewide coalition of environmental organizations and concerned citizens that provides the effective coordination and continuity for the preservation and appreciation of Maryland's rich natural heritage. MCC strives to sustain the vitality of Maryland's biological diversity and its varied ecological systems, and to ensure the prudent use of its resources. During each session of the Maryland General Assembly, MCC publishes a weekly newsletter, called Conservation Report, which follows environmental issues through the legislative process and provides citizens with the information they need to take part in developing the environmental laws of Maryland.

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MARYLAND LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

For 30 years, the Maryland League of Conservation Voters has been the independent political voice for the environment in our state. Maryland LCV is dedicated to making environmental protection and restoration a top priority for Maryland's elected officials, appointed leaders, candidates and voters. The Maryland League of Conservation Voters advocates for sound conservation policies, works to get pro-environment candidates elected, and holds elected officials accountable for their votes and actions.

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MARYLAND PESTICIDE NETWORK

Maryland Pesticide Network (MPN) is a coalition of 25 organizations. Its mission is to protect the public and the environment from the hazards of pesticides and promote safer alternatives. Founded in 1994, the coalition includes health care provider, consumer, environmental, parent, labor, agricultural, and religious organizations. MPN educates the public and works with the health care industry on understanding the hazards posed by pesticides and adopting safer pest management practices. MPN also facilitates the Pesticides and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed project, a stakeholder group working together to reduce the impact of pesticides on the watershed.

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MARYLAND PIRG

Maryland PIRG is an advocate for the public interest. When consumers are cheated, or our natural environment is threatened, or the voices of ordinary citizens are drowned out by special interest lobbyists, Maryland PIRG speaks up and takes action. We uncover threats to public health and well-being and fight to end them, using the time-tested tools of investigative research, media exposés, grassroots organizing, advocacy and litigation. Maryland PIRG's mission is to deliver persistent, result-oriented public interest activism that protects consumers, encourages a fair, sustainable economy, and fosters responsive, democratic government.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE

The Montgomery Countryside Alliance strives to protect Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve and rural wedge

and thereby enhance the quality of life, health and well-being of families and communities. The Montgomery Countryside Alliance works for sound transportation and land use policies.

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NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) is a non-profit environmental organization with nationwide membership. Since 1970, NRDC's scientists, lawyers, and staff have been working to protect our natural resources and to improve the quality of the human environment. On behalf of its many members here in Maryland, NRDC is undertaking new state-level initiatives on the interrelated issues of clean air, clean energy, and climate protection.

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NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) works to secure a better place for wildlife in an increasingly wildlife-hostile modern world. NWF has over 60 years of experience in educating Americans about the necessity of protecting wildlife and conserving our natural resources. NWF implements a wide variety of education, advocacy and litigation programs from its 10 regional offices and Virginia based headquarters to restore habitat and species, to protect wetland, grasslands, and forest resources, and to achieve clean water.

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ONE LESS CAR

One Less Car (OLC) advocates for providing safe and effective transportation alternatives for all citizens through education, lobbying, and facilitation between our communities, governments, and state and local representatives. We believe that Maryland can be an example of the economic and social good that comes from a society where everyone – regardless of age, physical condition or

economic background - has the opportunity to bike, walk or use mass transit to get where they need to go. OLC promotes walking and bicycling as viable modes of transportation and an integral part of the transportation system. As Maryland's only statewide bicycle and pedestrian advocacy group, OLC conducts education programs to increase the number of trips made in Maryland by non-motorized modes as well as to increase the safety of those who bicycle and walk. OLC also works to improve facilities and access for pedestrians and bicyclists. Our objective is to help reclaim our basic right to freedom of mobility. We are committed to reversing the harm done to our collective happiness, the unraveling of our communities, and the increased risks we face daily due to our society's focus on the automobile at the exclusion of other transportation modes.

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PARTNERS FOR OPEN SPACE

Partners for Open Space is a coalition of 150 organizations dedicated to the protection of Maryland's nationally acclaimed land conservation programs. Since 2002, more than \$480 million of dedicated funds for land conservation has been diverted from land conservation and park development programs. Partners for Open Space is working to maintain full funding by ensuring that Program Open Space funds are never again diverted to other unrelated programs. The need to protect land from development, preserve our agricultural economy and family farms, and maintain the source of our clean drinking water grows larger every year. These funds are critical to the future of Maryland.

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PATUXENT RIVERKEEPER

The Patuxent Riverkeeper is a grassroots advocacy organization entirely devoted to protecting and restoring water quality in the largest intrastate river in Maryland. Patuxent Riverkeeper has members in each of the seven Maryland counties that touch the Patuxent watershed, and seeks a robust and sustainable ecosystem by addressing the inter-related issues and causes that have impaired the watershed. The group carries out restoration activities, raises volunteer stewardship, conducts outreach and education,

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SIERRA CLUB

(MARYLAND CHAPTER)

The Sierra Club is the largest grassroots conservation organization in the United States. Members who volunteer their time and skills carry out the vast majority of the work Sierra Club does. The Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club has about 17,000 members in Maryland. It has been involved in protecting Maryland's forests, rivers, air and the Chesapeake and Coastal Bays. It has led the effort to stop sprawl development. The Maryland Chapter has 9 local groups across the State.

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WEST/RHODE RIVERKEEPER

West/Rhode Riverkeeper works to protect families and communities in the West and Rhode River watersheds by stopping pollution. We strive for healthy and safe rivers and streams. We work together with communities to enforce environmental law, promote restoration, and advocate for better environmental policy. Join West/Rhode Riverkeeper in protecting the right of our families and communities to enjoy clean and safe water.

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