



MARYLAND CHAPTER

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Dear Fellow Maryland Sierran:

Your donation to the Maryland Club supports a proven organization which gives concerned citizens – people like you – a voice in protecting their childrens' and grandchildrens' natural heritage.

Your Maryland Sierra Club is grassroots. It's cost-efficient.

And in 2010, your Maryland Sierra Club *delivered*.

Thanks in part to your support, our volunteers made real progress. Take examples from three of our 2010 campaigns:

Saving the Mattawoman

Sierran Jan Hoffmaster trains volunteers to lead kayak trips on the Mattawoman, named by American Rivers as one of America's most threatened rivers. More than three hundred of these outings participants wrote the Governor, who told us he got the message.



Now, for the first time ever, the Maryland Department of the Environment sent a permit application – sought by Charles County for a sprawl-causing highway across the Mattawoman watershed -- back to the drawing board because it would degrade the river beyond its capacity. *This battle isn't over, but your past support kept us in the fight.* It helped us take a huge step toward saving the Mattawoman and setting new, higher, standards to better protect all our over-stressed rivers.



Jan Hoffmaster preparing new outings leaders to take more participants on the Mattawoman.

Slowing Climate Change

On climate change, volunteers like Carmen Paral blaze the way to Maryland's clean-energy future. Carmen spotlighted the promise of off-shore wind power by helping organize a standing-room-only town hall meeting in Anne Arundel county. Scott Donnelly and Kim Klump helped organize a similar meeting in Ocean City, which drew over 100 attendees thanks to their hard work knocking on doors and publicizing the event.



Over 100 citizens attended a presentation on off-shore wind power in Ocean City.

Maryland Sierra Club volunteers are the front ranks of the campaign to build political consensus for clean energy. Sierra Club Maryland volunteer Carolyn Mullen has worked on a bluegreen alliance reaching out to steelworkers to make sure new jobs come to Maryland through renewable energy sources. Governor O'Malley recently responded: "By harnessing the outstanding wind resources off of Maryland's coast, we can create thousands of green collar jobs, reduce harmful air pollution, and bring much needed, additional clean energy to Maryland."

Across the state, Brigitte Fortin and the Catoctin Group, in concert with other citizen activists, recently notched an initial victory in the on-going campaign to block the power industry's plan to build two new transmission lines for importing dirty-coal powered electricity into and through Maryland.

The National Sierra Club, recognizing the impact of your Maryland Chapter, has offered to cover half the cost of another full-time organizer.

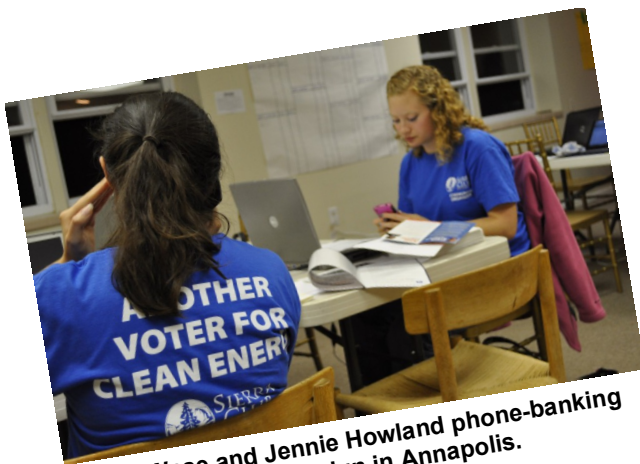
But we need to raise the other half, and now! That's why your donation counts double right now.



No New Coal Rally in Baltimore attracted over one hundred citizens—on a weekday! The transmission line project is still on hold!

Ensuring Responsible Government

Wherever Maryland's citizens are working for sensible environmental decisions, you'll find the Sierra Club. In Montgomery County, David Hauck and Pam Lindstrom pooled resources with community and other organizations to promote candidates through mailings and volunteer outreach. Thanks to their efforts the Montgomery delegation has 7 new delegates grateful to the Sierra Club for their wins. This will make our legislative efforts that much easier.



Alana Wase and Jennie Howland phone-banking for the Kratovil campaign in Annapolis.

In Anne Arundel, David Prosten organized volunteers to phone and canvass for the election of Chris Trumbauer to the Anne Arundel County Council. Trumbauer, a Riverkeeper, will raise the environmental consciousness of the council.

Your donation to the Maryland Sierra Club goes to a lean organization using every dollar to empower its citizen leaders.

How Lean is Lean?

With our increased activity we needed a larger office. Tough negotiating by one of our board members got us *more space for the same rent*. 30 volunteers pitched in to fill holes and paint walls.



Three volunteers who never stop: Betsy Johnson, Political Chair, Ron Howard, Chapter Chair, and Dave O'Leary, Conservation Chair, with spackle and brush.

Our new office has room to host phone events and mobilize even more to win tomorrow's environmental interns conducting research and organizing meetings. Come by and visit!

battles. This summer it was filled with 7 volunteers

Won't you join us as a volunteer? Our staff and leaders can help make you an effective advocate.

But most of all, right this minute, please find your checkbook and make a donation to the volunteers of the Maryland Chapter and the staff that supports them!

The Executive Committee you elected leads the way. Not only do Executive Committee members donate over a thousand hours a year, but they also understand the need for financial support. They put their money where their heart is and have laid down a \$4,000 challenge to you. ***They will match your dollars with their own, up to \$4,000 in total contributions.***

So please, for this year-end, make a substantial donation to the Maryland Sierra Club Chapter where grassroots citizen action will make a real difference for our natural heritage.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald L. Henry".

Ron Henry,
Maryland Chapter Chair

PS. Please donate now! It's critically important if we're to hire another organizer, whom we desperately need to respond to all the new challenges – and opportunities! – in our state.