

Vermont Environmental Scorecard

2021-2022
Legislative Biennium





Vermont Conservation Voters

(VCV) is the non-partisan political action arm of Vermont’s environmental community. Since 1982, our mission has been to defend and strengthen the laws that safeguard our environment. We work to elect candidates who share our vision and values, and then hold lawmakers accountable for their actions. Our vision for a bright future for Vermont includes working to advance and defend policies that protect the environment and promote health, while advancing social, economic, and racial justice, and strengthening our democracy.

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Dear Reader,

In these tumultuous times, it’s more important than ever to elect leaders who represent our values at the State House. We have prepared the *Environmental Scorecard* to let you know how your state legislators voted on Vermont Conservation Voters’ top priority issues in the 2021-2022 legislative session. Our objective with the Scorecard is to distill the results of the complex legislative process so that you, as a voter, can see how lawmakers are voting on issues that matter to Vermonters.

Each year, VCV publishes the *Environmental Common Agenda* – a list of policy goals we develop in collaboration with the state’s leading environmental groups. This biennium, we faced many simultaneous ongoing challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic, the climate crisis, attacks on our democracy, and a long overdue reckoning with racial justice.

Operating in difficult conditions, including figuring out how to legislate remotely for a significant part of the biennium, the Legislature nonetheless made progress on a number of environmental initiatives. They made historic investments in climate action, clean water, housing, and conservation. They enacted comprehensive environmental justice legislation. They enacted a first-in-the-nation bill to hold toxic polluters accountable for medical monitoring costs for people exposed to toxic chemicals, and they passed a nation-leading bill banning toxic PFAS chemicals from a range of consumer products.

Unfortunately, once again, Governor Scott vetoed several significant environmental bills, including a key bill to address climate change – the Clean Heat Standard – which would have helped Vermonters access clean and affordable heating solutions. He also vetoed a comprehensive bill that would have updated Act 250 to promote housing and better maintain intact, healthy forests, and another bill that would have developed a statewide plan to conserve more land in Vermont.

Please note that the votes included in this *Environmental Scorecard* are those that were substantive, rather than procedural. We count absences as a negative vote because that’s the impact they have on the outcome of the vote. The Scorecard does have limitations. For instance, we can only score “roll call” votes where individual lawmakers go on the record as voting yes or no on a given bill – which doesn’t happen for every vote. And many decisions are made in committee before a bill ever reaches the floor. Nonetheless, the Scorecard provides a helpful snapshot of whether or not lawmakers are voting to support important environmental priorities.

Using this information is up to you! It’s crucial that your legislators hear your appreciation or disappointment in their environmental voting record, so please take a moment to contact your elected officials to share your views. Find out more at: VermontConservationVoters.org.



Take care,

Lauren Hierl
Executive Director

House Bill Descriptions

H.715 – Clean Heat Standard

(Vote scored: Veto override)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to incentivize a clean energy transition for fossil fuel companies. This bill will help Vermonters – particularly those with lower incomes – heat their homes and buildings with access to more cost-effective, efficient, cleaner and more local heating solutions.

Status: House failed to override Gov. Scott's veto 99-51.

S.148 – Environmental Justice

(Vote scored: Amending the bill as recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to require State agencies to incorporate environmental justice into their work, establish an Advisory Council on Environmental Justice within the Agency of Natural Resources, and require the creation of an environmental justice mapping tool. This bill will be an important step towards achieving meaningful community engagement in environmental decisions – particularly among overburdened communities and vulnerable populations.

Status: Enacted; passed the House 109-31.

S.20 – Ban on Toxic PFAS Chemicals

(Vote scored: Second Reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to ban toxic PFAS chemicals from food packaging, firefighting foam, ski wax, and carpets and rugs. This bill will help protect people from exposure to harmful chemicals when using these products, and will help protect our environment and water by reducing the amount of PFAS-containing products in our waste stream.

Status: Enacted; passed the House 145-0.

S.234 – Modernize Act 250

(Vote scored: Third Reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to update Vermont's state land use law, Act 250, with provisions to maintain intact forests, promote working forests, and support smart growth housing development.

Status: Passed the House 99-43, but was VETOED by Gov. Scott.

H.606 – 30 by 30

(Vote scored: Amending the bill as recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to promote community resilience and biodiversity protection by establishing a state goal of conserving 30% of our land by 2030, and 50% by 2050, and requiring the Agency of Natural Resources to develop a plan to achieve these goals.

Status: Passed the House 98-42, but was VETOED by Gov. Scott.

H. 697 – Current Use

(Vote scored: Third Reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to strengthen the Use Value Appraisal Program (often called "Current Use") by increasing the amount of forest land that is eligible for enrollment. This bill will help alleviate the pressure of property taxes to convert old forests to more intensive uses, protect critical wildlife habitat, and align the program with the goals of the state's Climate Action Plan by promoting old forests that help mitigate climate change.

Status: Enacted; passed the House 99-40.

H.175 – Modernize Bottle Bill

(Vote scored: Third Reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to expand the Bottle Bill to cover additional beverages like bottled water and wine bottles. This would keep an estimated 100 million more bottles and cans out of Vermont's landfills and off roadsides every year. This bill would increase recycling and create green jobs, and is another step forward in our work to reduce plastic pollution.

Status: Passed the House 99-46, but stalled out before final enactment.

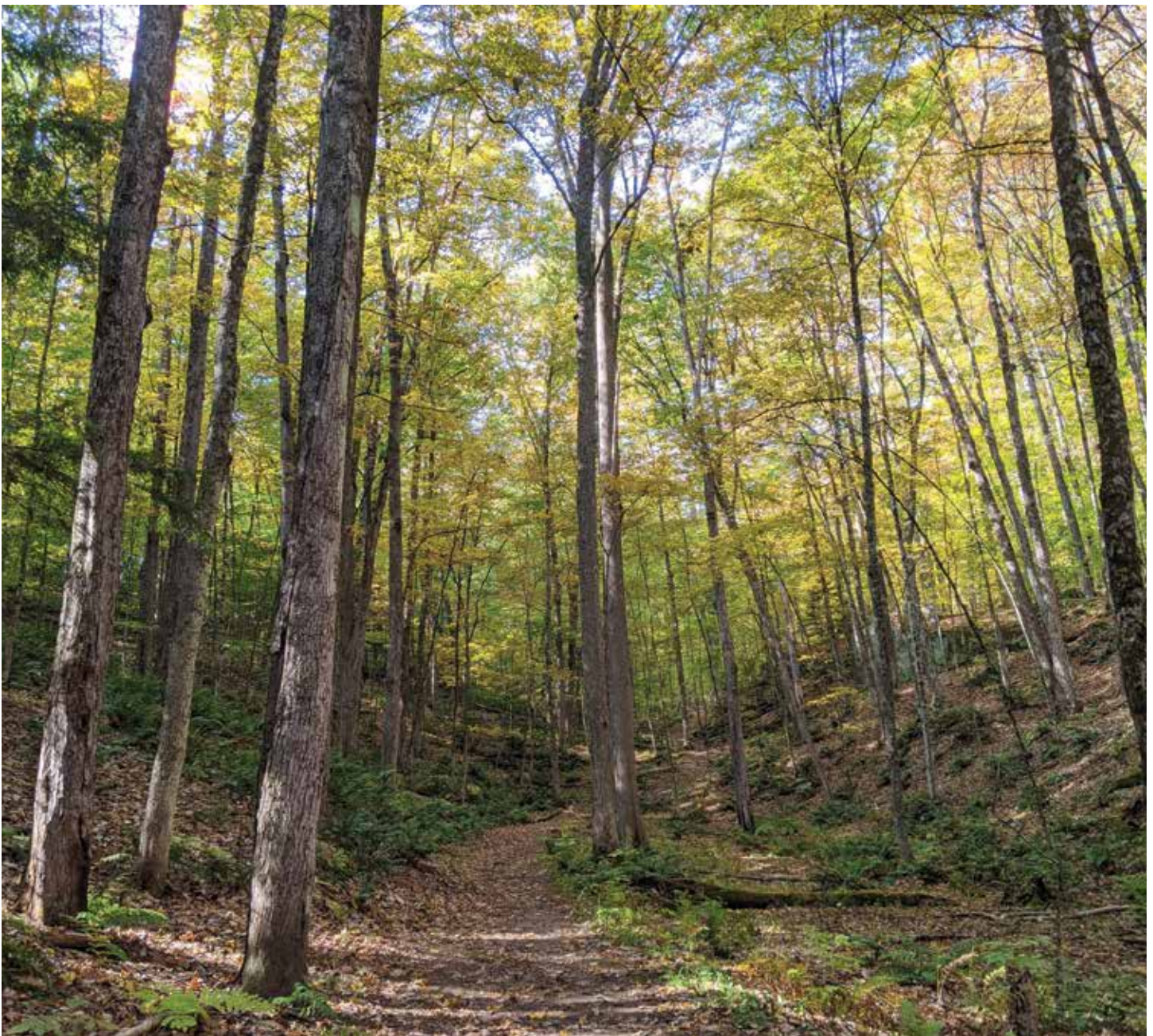
S.15 – Universal Vote-by-Mail

(Vote scored: Second Reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to implement universal mail-in voting for all general elections in Vermont, which would help make it easier for all eligible Vermonters to vote.

Status: Enacted; passed the House 119-30.



Vermont House of Representatives Scorecard

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			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Achey, Sally	Middletown Springs	R	13	13	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X
Ancel, Janet	Calais	D	100	96	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Anthony, Peter	Barre City	D	100	96	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Arrison, John	Weathersfield	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Austin, Sarita	Colchester	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bartholomew, John	Hartland	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Batchelor, Lynn	Derby	R	33	37	X	X	NIO	NIO	NIO	✓	NIO	NIO
Beck, Scott	St. Johnsbury	R	50	49	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X
Birong, Matthew	Vergennes	D	100	88	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black, Alyssa	Essex	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bluemle, Tiffany	Burlington	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bock, Thomas	Chester	D	75	92	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Bongartz, Seth	Manchester	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bos-Lun, Michelle	Westminster	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brady, Erin	Willison	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brennan, Patrick	Colchester	R	13	23	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X
Briglin, Timothy	Thetford	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brown, Jana	Richmond	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brownell, Nelson	Pownal	D	75	79	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	X
Brumsted, Jessica	Shelburne	D	100	90	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Burditt, Thomas	West Rutland	R	13	26	X	X	X	X	A	✓	A	X
Burke, Mollie S.	Brattleboro	P	100	97	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Burrows, Elizabeth	West Windsor	D/P	88	88	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Campbell, Scott	St. Johnsbury	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Canfield, William	Fair Haven	R	13	42	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X
Chase, Seth	Colchester	D	88	94	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Christie, Kevin "Coach"	Hartford	D	100	93	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cina, Brian	Burlington	P/D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Coffey, Sara	Guilford	D	88	90	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Colburn, Selene	Burlington	P	75	84	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓
Colston, Harold "Hal"	Winooski	D	88	90	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Conlon, Peter	Cornwall	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Copeland Hanzas, Sarah	Bradford	D	100	91	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Corcoran, Timothy R.	Bennington	D	100	84	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cordes, Mari	Lincoln	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cupoli, Larry "Cooper"	Rutland City	R	13	33	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Dickinson, Eileen "Lynn"	St. Albans Town	R	25	24	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Dolan, Karen	Essex	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dolan, Kari	Waitsfield	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Donahue, Anne B.	Northfield	R	63	59	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Donnally, Kate	Hyde Park	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Durfee, David	Shaftsbury	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Elder, Caleb	Starksboro	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Emmons, Alice M.	Springfield	D	100	98	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fagan, Peter J.	Rutland City	R	25	42	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X
Feltus, Martha	Lyndon	R	25	56	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X
Gannon, John	Wilmington	D	100	82	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Garofano, Rey	Essex	D	100	100	NIO	NIO	✓	✓	✓	NIO	✓	✓	✓
Goldman, Leslie	Rockingham	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Goslant, Kenneth	Northfield	R	13	19	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Grad, Maxine Jo	Moretown	D	100	81	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Graham, Rodney	Williamstown	R	13	24	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Gregoire, James	Fairfield	R	25	29	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	A	✓	X
Hango, Lisa	Berkshire	R	13	27	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Harrison, James	Chittenden	R	50	45	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X
Helm, Robert	Fair Haven	R	13	26	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Higley, Mark A.	Lowell	R	25	29	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Hooper, Robert	Burlington	D	75	83	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓
Hooper, Mary S.	Montpelier	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hooper, Philip Jay	Randolph	D	100	94	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Houghton, Lori	Essex	D	100	97	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Howard, Mary	Rutland City	D	88	93	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
James, Kathleen	Manchester	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jerome, Stephanie	Brandon	D	88	94	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jessup, Kimberly	Middlesex	D	100	97	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kascenska, John	Burke	R	20	20	NIO	NIO	X	X	X	NIO	✓	✓	X
Killacky, John	South Burlington	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kimbell, Charles	Woodstock	D	100	85	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Kitzmiller, Warren F.	Montpelier	D	88	86	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kornheiser, Emilie	Brattleboro	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Krowski, Jill	Burlington	D	100	98	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	✓
Labor, Larry	Morgan	R	0	0	NIO	NIO	X	A	X	NIO	X	X	X
LaClair, Robert	Barre Town	R	25	30	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
LaLonde, Martin	South Burlington	D	100	97	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lanpher, Diane	Vergennes	D	100	93	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Laroche, Wayne	Franklin	R	0	0	NIO	NIO	X	X	X	NIO	X	X	X
Lefebvre, Paul	Newark	R	75	68	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Lefebvre, Samantha	Orange	R	25	25	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Leffler, Felisha	Enosburgh	R	25	25	✓	X	A	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Lippert, William J.	Hinesburg	D	88	87	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Long, Emily	Newfane	D	100	98	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Marcotte, Michael J.	Coventry	R	25	38	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Martel, Marcia	Waterford	R	0	15	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X
Martin, Paul	Franklin	R	33	33	X	A	NIO	NIO	NIO	✓	NIO	NIO	NIO
Masland, James	Thetford	D	100	97	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mattos, Christopher	Milton	R	38	30	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X
McCarthy, Michael	St. Albans City	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McCormack, Curt	Burlington	D	88	96	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
McCoy, Patricia	Poultney	R	13	32	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
McCullough, James	Williston	D	100	99	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McFaun, Francis "Topper"	Barre Town	R	38	51	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X
Morgan, Leland	Milton	R	38	40	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X
Morgan, Michael	Milton	R	25	25	X	X	A	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X
Morris, Kristi	Springfield	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Morrissey, Mary A.	Bennington	R	25	33	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X
Mrowicki, Michael	Putney	D	100	97	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mulvaney-Stanak, Emma	Burlington	P/D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Murphy, Barbara	Fairfax	I	88	75	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Nicoll, Logan	Ludlow	D	88	94	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Nigro, Michael	Bennington	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Norris, Robert	Sheldon	R	13	13	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Norris, Terry	Shoreham	I	13	32	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Notte, William	Rutland City	D	88	81	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Noyes, Daniel	Wolcott	D	100	97	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
O'Brien, John	Tunbridge	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ode, Carol	Burlington	D	100	95	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Page, Woodman	Newport City	R	13	31	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Pajala, Kelly	Londonderry	I	88	78	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Palasik, John	Milton	R	25	29	✓	X	A	A	A	✓	A	X	X
Parsons, Joe	Newbury	R	13	13	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Partridge, Carolyn W.	Windham	D	100	87	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Patt, Avram	Worcester	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pearl, Henry	Danville	D	63	63	✓	✓	X	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Peterson, Arthur	Clarendon	R	13	13	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Pugh, Ann D.	South Burlington	D	100	90	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rachelson, Barbara	Burlington	D	100	92	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Redmond, Marybeth	Essex	D	100	100	✓	✓	NIO	NIO	NIO	✓	NIO	NIO	NIO
Rogers, Lucy	Waterville	D	100	92	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rosenquist, Carl	Georgia	R	13	17	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Satcowitz, Larry	Randolph	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Savage, Brian K.	Swanton	R	67	37	✓	X	NIO	NIO	NIO	✓	NIO	NIO	NIO
Scheu, Robin	Middlebury	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Scheuermann, Heidi E.	Stowe	R	38	45	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X
Seymour, Patrick	Sutton	R	33	38	X	A	NIO	NIO	NIO	✓	NIO	NIO	NIO
Shaw, Butch	Pittsford	R	38	47	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Sheldon, Amy	Middlebury	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sibilia, Laura	Dover	I	100	72	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sims, Katherine	Craftsbury	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Small, Taylor	Winooski	P/D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Smith, Brian	Derby	R	13	25	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Smith, Harvey	New Haven	R	13	29	X	X	A	A	A	✓	A	X	X
Squirrell, Trevor	Underhill	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stebbins, Gabrielle	Burlington	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stevens, Tom	Waterbury	D	100	99	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Strong, Vicki	Albany	R	13	24	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Sullivan, Linda Joy	Dorset	D	63	72	✓	X	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Surprenant, Heather	Barnard	P/D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Taylor, Curt	Colchester	D	100	94	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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1. S.15 – Universal Vote-by-Mail
2. H.175 – Modernize Bottle Bill
3. H.697 – Current Use
4. H.606 – 30 by 30
5. S.234 – Modernize Act 250
6. S.20 – Ban on Toxic PFAS Chemicals
7. S.148 – Environmental Justice
8. H.715 – Clean Heat Standard

Representative	Town	Party	2021-2022 Score		Lifetime Score (2001 to present)								
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
Terenzini, Thomas	Rutland Town	R	0	18	X	X	A	A	A	A	A	A	X
Till, George	Jericho	D	100	95	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Toleno, Tristan	Brattleboro	D	88	92	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Toof, Casey	St. Albans Town	R	25	25	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Townsend, Maida	South Burlington	D	100	94	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Troiano, Joseph "Chip"	Stannard	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vyhovsky, Tanya	Essex	P/D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Walker, Matt	Swanton	R	0	0	NIO	NIO	X	X	X	NIO	X	X	X
Walz, Tommy	Barre City	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Webb, Kathryn	Shelburne	D	100	98	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White, Kirk	Bethel	D/P	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White, Rebecca	Hartford	D	100	92	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Whitman, Dane	Bennington	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Williams, Terri Lynn	Granby	R	13	13	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Wood, Theresa	Waterbury	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yacovone, David	Morristown	D	100	95	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yantachka, Michael	Charlotte	D	100	98	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



Senate Bill Descriptions

H.715 – Clean Heat Standard

(Vote scored: Amending the bill as recommended by Committee on Natural Resources and Energy)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to incentivize a clean energy transition for fossil fuel companies. This bill will help Vermonters – particularly those with lower incomes – heat their homes and buildings with access to more cost-effective, efficient, local heating solutions.

Status: Passed the Senate 23-7; but was ultimately VETOED by Gov. Scott.

S.148 – Environmental Justice

(Vote scored: Third Reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to require State agencies to incorporate environmental justice into their work, establish an Advisory Council on Environmental Justice within the Agency of Natural Resources, and require the creation of an environmental justice mapping tool. This bill will be an important step towards achieving meaningful community engagement in environmental decisions – particularly among overburdened communities and vulnerable populations.

Status: Enacted; passed the Senate 28-1.

S.20 – Ban on Toxic PFAS Chemicals

(Vote scored: Third Reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to ban toxic PFAS chemicals from food packaging, firefighting foam, ski wax, and carpets and rugs. This bill will help protect people from exposure to harmful chemicals when using these products, and will help protect our environment and water by reducing the amount of PFAS-containing products in our waste stream.

Status: Enacted; passed the Senate 30-0.

S.113 – Medical Monitoring

(Vote scored: Third Reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to hold toxic polluters accountable for the costs of medical monitoring that is necessary because of exposure to a harmful chemical. The bill also allows the State to seek compensation from chemical manufacturers to help clean up chemicals like PFAS from our wastewater treatment plants, water supply systems and lakes, ponds, rivers and streams.

Status: Enacted; passed the Senate 30-0.

H.175 – Modernize Bottle Bill

(Vote scored: Third Reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to expand the Bottle Bill to cover additional beverages like bottled water and wine bottles. This would keep an estimated 100 million more bottles and cans out of Vermont's landfills and off roadsides every year. This bill would increase recycling and create green jobs, and is another step forward in our work to reduce plastic pollution.

Status: Passed the Senate 17-11, but stalled out before final passage.

S.51 – Ban on Corporate Contributions

(Vote scored: Third reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill that prohibits corporations from making direct contributions to political candidates in the state.

Status: Passed the Senate 22-8, but stalled out in the House.

S.15 – Universal Vote By Mail

(Vote scored: Third reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to implement universal mail-in voting for all general elections in Vermont. This policy will help make it easier for all eligible Vermonters to vote.

Status: Enacted; passed the Senate 27-3.

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Senator	District	Party	2021-2022 Score		Lifetime Score (2001-2022)						
					1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Balint, Becca	Windham	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓
Baruth, Philip	Chittenden	D/P	100	93	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Benning, Joe	Caledonia	R	57	50	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X
Bray, Christopher	Addison	D	100	97	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brock, Randy	Franklin	R	57	45	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X
Campion, Brian	Bennington	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chittenden, Thomas	Chittenden	D	86	86	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Clarkson, Alison	Windsor	D	100	96	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Collamore, Brian	Rutland	R	43	24	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X
Cummings, Ann	Washington	D	100	97	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hardy, Ruth	Addison	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hooker, Cheryl	Rutland	D/P	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ingalls, Russ	Essex-Orleans	R	29	29	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X
Kitchel, Jane	Caledonia	D	86	71	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lyons, Virginia "Ginny"	Chittenden	D	100	99	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MacDonald, Mark	Orange	D	100	96	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mazza, Dick	Grand Isle	D	86	77	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
McCormack, Dick	Windsor	D	100	96	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nitka, Alice	Windsor	D	71	70	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Parent, Corey	Franklin	R	57	45	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X
Pearson, Christopher	Chittenden	P/D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Perchlik, Andrew	Washington	D/P	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pollina, Anthony	Washington	P/D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ram Hinsdale, Keshia	Chittenden	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sears, Dick	Bennington	D	86	77	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sirotkin, Michael	Chittenden	D	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Starr, Robert	Essex-Orleans	D	71	48	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X
Terenzini, Joshua	Rutland	R	43	43	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X
Westman, Richard	Lamoille	R	86	53	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White, Jeanette	Windham	D	86	94	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓



Beyond the Roll Call – Leaders and Laggards

Environmental Laggards

2021-2022 Environmental Scores of 30% or Less

Senators

Russ Ingalls

Representatives

Sally Achey
Patrick Brennan
Thomas Burditt
William Canfield
Larry “Cooper” Cupoli
Eileen “Lynn” Dickinson
Peter J. Fagan

Martha Feltus
Kenneth Goslant
Rodney Graham
James Gregoire
Lisa Hango
Robert Helm
Mark A. Higley
John Kascenska
Larry Labor
Robert LaClair
Wayne Laroche

Samantha Lefebvre
Felisha Leffler
Michael J. Marcotte
Marcia Martel
Patricia McCoy
Michael Morgan
Mary A. Morrissey
Robert Norris
Terry Norris
Woodman Page
John Palasik

Joe Parsons
Arthur Peterson
Carl Rosenquist
Brian Smith
Harvey Smith
Vicki Strong
Thomas Terenzini
Casey Toof
Matt Walker
Terri Lynn Williams

Vermont Conservation Voters Thanks Legislators with 100% Environmental Scores in the 2021-2022 Legislative Session

Senators

Becca Balint
Philip Baruth
Christopher Bray
Brian Campion
Alison Clarkson
Ann Cummings
Ruth Hardy
Cheryl Hooker
Virginia “Ginny” Lyons
Mark MacDonald
Dick McCormack
Christopher Pearson
Andrew Perchlik
Anthony Pollina
Kesha Ram Hinsdale
Michael Sirotkin

Representatives

Janet Ancel
Peter Anthony
John Arrison
Sarita Austin
John Bartholomew
Matthew Birong
Alyssa Black

Tiffany Bluemle
Seth Bongartz
Michelle Bos-Lun
Erin Brady
Timothy Briglin
Jana Brown
Jessica Brumsted
Mollie S. Burke
Scott Campbell
Kevin “Coach” Christie
Brian Cina
Peter Conlon
Sarah Copeland Hanzas
Timothy R. Corcoran
Mari Cordes
Karen Dolan
Kari Dolan
Kate Donnally
David Durfee
Caleb Elder
Alice M. Emmons
John Gannon
Rey Garofano
Leslie Goldman
Maxine Jo Grad
Mary S. Hooper

Philip Jay Hooper
Lori Houghton
Kathleen James
Kimberly Jessup
John Killackey
Charles Kimbell
Emilie Kornheiser
Jill Krowinski
Martin LaLonde
Diane Lanpher
Emily Long
James Masland
Michael McCarthy
James McCullough
Kristi Morris
Michael Mrowicki
Emma Mulvaney-Stanak
Michael Nigro
Daniel Noyes
John O’Brien
Carol Ode
Carolyn W. Partridge
Avram Patt
Ann D. Pugh
Barbara Rachelson
Marybeth Redmond

Lucy Rogers
Larry Satcowitz
Robin Scheu
Amy Sheldon
Laura Sibia
Katherine Sims
Taylor Small
Trevor Squirrell
Gabrielle Stebbins
Tom Stevens
Heather Surprenant
Curt Taylor
George Till
Maida Townsend
Joseph “Chip” Troiano
Tanya Vyhovsky
Tommy Walz
Kathryn Webb
Kirk White
Rebecca White
Dane Whitman
Theresa Wood
David Yacovone
Michael Yantachka

Beyond the Roll Call – Leaders and Laggards

House Average Environmental Scores by Party

Progressives – 96%
Democrats – 97%
Independents – 72%
Republicans – 23%

Senate Average Environmental Scores by Party

Progressives/Democrats- 100%
Democrats – 94%
Republicans – 53%



Environmental Rising Stars

Each legislative biennium, Vermont Conservation Voters awards two exceptional first-term legislators with our Environmental Rising Star Award. The award winners for 2022, both of whom were elected in 2020 were:

Gabrielle Stebbins (Burlington) and
Dane Whitman (Bennington)

Representative **Gabrielle Stebbins** has a long record of working for a healthy environment and clean energy future for all. Stebbins' work with Hinesburg-based Energy Futures Group, service as Chair of the Burlington Electric Commission, and previous role as the executive director of Renewable Energy Vermont, along with her years working on river restoration and as a Park Ranger, provide her with expertise in money-saving, pollution-reducing opportunities that help people and the planet. She understands that a healthy environment and a healthy economy are intertwined. She ran on that commitment — and she carried it forward in her first term as a legislator serving on the pivotal Committee on Transportation in the House.

Representative **Dane Whitman** has long had a passion for the environment. From starting an “Earth Allies” club in high school to starting a socially and environmentally responsible landscaping and garden design business, Rep. Whitman has always prioritized caring for the environment. In his first year as a state representative, Whitman brought that passion and expertise to the State House. As a member of the House Committee on Human Services, he played a key role in the passage of a nation-leading bill that bans toxic PFAS chemicals in a range of products — including firefighting foam, food packaging, ski wax, and carpets and rugs. The law also takes steps to restrict harmful phthalates and bisphenol chemicals from food packaging. Whitman did extensive research, helped shape a strong bill during the committee process, and ultimately presented the bill on the floor, which garnered unanimous support.

“We look forward to continuing to work with Representatives Gabrielle Stebbins and Dane Whitman on policies that will create a healthier, more equitable, and more resilient Vermont,” said VCV Executive Director **Lauren Hierl**.



Gabrielle Stebbins



Dane Whitman



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Vermont Environmental Scorecard

Now that you know the score, *take action!*

1. Tell your legislators you know the score.

One of the best ways to influence your elected officials is through regular communication with them. If your legislators scored well, thank them. If they scored poorly, let them know you are disappointed and encourage them to support policies that address climate change and ensure clean air, clean water, and healthy communities. You can find your legislators' contact information on our website:

VermontConservationVoters.org.

2. VOTE on or before Election Day – November 8th!

Vermonters have the opportunity to elect a new slate of leaders. This year, we have more open seats for statewide and legislative office than we've seen in decades. Make sure you vote! Thanks to legislation VCV supported, all

active and registered voters in Vermont will be mailed their ballots this fall. Once you receive your ballot, make sure you fill it in with your preferred candidates up and down the ballot, seal it in the envelope provided, sign the envelope, and send it back in. There will be locations to drop off ballots, and you can still vote early in person at your town clerk's office, or at your polling place on Election Day, November 8th. You can register to vote, or track your ballot at mvp.vermont.gov.

3. Contribute to Vermont Conservation Voters.

Vermont Conservation Voters is working hard to ensure that pro-environment candidates are elected, and to bring your environmental values to the tough fights at the State House. Please join other Vermonters by becoming a supporter today. Find out more at: **VermontConservationVoters.org.**