



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 promote 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,

Vermont witnessed a historic legislative response to last year's devastating flooding, with lawmakers passing significant policies to address the climate crisis, foster a healthy environment, and promote housing. These massive wins were a direct result of lawmakers' recognition of the urgent need for action in the face of increasing climate disasters and other challenges facing the state.

We have prepared the *Environmental Scorecard* to show you how your state legislators voted on Vermont Conservation Voters' top priority issues in the 2023-2024 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.

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, as the impacts of the climate crisis become ever more apparent, this list of policy goals was longer and more urgent than ever before. With hard work and strong collaboration, we saw some incredible policy wins over the past two years.

Unfortunately, once again, Governor Scott vetoed several significant environmental bills, including the Renewable Energy Standard, which would require Vermont to switch to 100% renewable energy by 2035, and a bill to help Vermonters transition to cleaner heating sources. He also vetoed a comprehensive bill that would update Act 250 to promote housing and better maintain critical natural resources, as well as a bill to protect pollinators from toxic pesticides. Fortunately, legislators overrode the Governor's vetoes of each of these bills.

In determining which votes to include in the *Environmental Scorecard*, we prioritize those with the greatest impact on the bill's outcome. We count absences as a negative vote, because that's the impact they have on the outcome. However, for the first time, we've added indicators next to absences if the legislator had previously voted on the record in support or against a policy. While informative, 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.

Now that you know the score, it's impactful to let your legislators know if you appreciate or are disappointed in their environmental voting record — so please take a moment to contact your elected officials to share your views. Find out more at: **www.VermontConservationVoters.org**.



Together, we had a big year for Vermont's environment — thanks for your support!

Lauren Hierl
Executive Director

House Bill Descriptions

S.213 — Flood Safety Act

(Vote scored: 3rd Reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to protect our communities, infrastructure, and environment from a future with worsening and more frequent flooding. This bill will help mitigate the impacts of future flooding through nature-based solutions, including by better protecting wetlands, discouraging development in river corridors, and by maintaining the safety and integrity of our active dams while providing resources to remove dams that make flooding worse.

Status: Enacted; Passed the House 111-26

S.5 – Affordable Heat Act

(Vote scored: Veto Override)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to create a "Clean Heat Standard" that will require fossil fuel companies to help Vermonters – particularly those with low and moderate incomes – to heat their homes and buildings with more cost-effective, efficient, clean and local heating solutions. The Public Utility Commission is charged with developing a proposal, which will come before the legislature for final approval in 2025.

Status: Governor's veto was overridden; Passed the House 107-42

S.5 — Amendment to Undermine State's Climate Pollution Reduction Commitments

(Vote scored: Higley Amendment)

Pro-Environment vote: NO

A proposed amendment to S.5 to repeal a key provision of the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2020, thereby rolling back the state's commitment to reducing climate pollution in line with the Paris Climate Accord.

Status: Amendment Failed 103-41

S.259 — Climate Superfund

(Vote scored: 3rd reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to hold fossil fuel companies accountable for helping pay for the damage their products have caused. These companies will pay into a new fund which will invest in climate change adaptation projects in communities across the state.

Status: Enacted; Passed the House 100-33

H.289 — Modernized Renewable Energy Standard

(Vote scored: Veto Override)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to update Vermont's Renewable Energy Standard by requiring 100% total renewable energy by 2035, with a doubling of in-state renewables and an additional regional renewable energy requirement. This bill aims to prioritize access to clean energy for lower-income and historically overburdened Vermonters.

Status: Governor's veto was overridden; Passed the House 102-43



H.158 — Updated Bottle Bill

(Vote scored: Veto Override)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to update and expand the Bottle Bill program to cover additional beverages such as water and wine bottles. This program expansion would keep an estimated 100 million more bottles and cans out of Vermont's landfills and off our roadsides every year. This bill would represent another step toward addressing plastic pollution by increasing recycling and creating green jobs.

Status: House voted to override Governor's veto 111-32, but override vote failed in the Senate

Amendment to Increase Amount of Lead Allowed in Cosmetics

Representatives Higley and Marcotte offered a last-minute amendment to S.25 to increase the amount of lead allowed in personal care products. The bill as originally proposed would have reduced Vermonters' exposure to lead. It would have put Vermont in line with states like Washington who are working to reduce exposure to this harmful neurotoxin. This amendment to increase allowable lead was voted on by the entire House with little time for lawmakers to understand its implications. We want to thank the 28 Representatives who stood up against the industry groups pushing for this amendment.

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Dane Whitman

Jubilee McGill

H.126 — Biodiversity Protections

(Vote scored: 3rd Reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to protect Vermont's biodiversity and foster a more climate-resilient landscape by establishing a state target of conserving 30% of land and water by 2030, and 50% by 2050. This bill requires a statewide inventory, planning, and stakeholder engagement process to develop a plan to achieve these targets.

Status: Enacted; Passed the House 109-36

S.100 – Smart Growth Housing

(Vote scored: 3rd Reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to address Vermont's housing shortage by encouraging development in downtowns and village centers through local zoning reforms. This legislation promotes denser development where infrastructure exists, protecting natural and working lands. It also invests in programs to develop more housing units, supporting compact, walkable communities with social, economic, and environmental benefits.

Status: Enacted; Passed the House 135-11

H.687 – Modernizing Act 250

(Vote scored: Veto Override)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill that updates Vermont's land use law, Act 250, with provisions to support smart growth housing development while better protecting critical natural resources. It creates new jurisdictional triggers based on project location and road length to encourage housing development in well-planned areas while protecting intact forests, wildlife habitat, and headwaters. Additionally, it professionalizes the Act 250 oversight board to enhance program efficiency and effectiveness.

Status: Governor's veto was overridden; Passed the House 107-38

H.706 – Protecting Pollinators

(Vote scored: Veto Override)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to phase out the use of neonicotinoid pesticides in Vermont. The bill aims to protect pollinators, crucial for ecosystem health and food security, by reducing their exposure to these harmful chemicals. These pesticides, widely used by farmers, are shown to provide little benefit on farms but contribute to pollinator loss.

Status: Governor's veto was overridden; Passed the House 114-31

S.25 — Ban on Toxic PFAS Chemicals

(Vote scored: 3rd Reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to ban toxic PFAS and other harmful chemicals from personal care products and menstrual products, and to ban PFAS from apparel, cookware, artificial turf, and children's products. 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 contaminating our waste stream.

Status: Enacted; Passed the House 130-0



Vermont House of Representatives Scorecard

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× Anti-environment vote

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Lifetime 2023-2024 Score **S.**5 District Town **Party** Score S.213 Representative (2001 to 2024) Andrews, Julia CHI-25 Westford D 100 100 Andriano, Joseph ADD-RUT **Orwell** D 64 64 A X Anthony, Peter D. WAS-3 **Barre City** D 100 97 Arrison, John WDR-2 Weathersfield D 91 95 Arsenault, Angela CHI-2 Willison D 100 100 Austin, Sarita CHI-19 Colchester D 100 100 Bartholomew, John WDR-1 Hartland D 73 96 Bartley, Ashley R. FRA-1 Fairfax R 18 X X 18 Beck, Scott CAL-ESX St. Johnsbury R 45 48 X Winooski Berbeco, Daisy CHI-21 D 100 100 Birong, Matthew ADD-3 D 100 92 Vergennes Black, Alyssa CHI-24 Essex D 100 100 CHI-13 1 Bluemle, Tiffany Burlington D 100 100 Bongartz, Seth BEN-4 D 100 100 Manchester Bos-Lun, Michelle WDH-3 Westminster D 100 100 1 Boyden, Lucy LAM-3 Cambridge D 91 91 Brady, Erin CHI-2 Willison D 100 1 1 100 X Branagan, Carolyn FRA-1 Georgia R 27 45 X Brennan, Patrick M. CHI-19 Colchester R 0 21 A X Brown, Jana CHI-1 Richmond D 100 100 Brownell, Nelson BEN-1 Pownal D 45 68 A A Brumsted, Jessica CHI-7 Shelburne D 100 92 **Burditt**, Thomas RUT-2 West Rutland R 18 25 A Burke, Mollie S. WDH-8 Brattleboro 100 98 Burrows, Elizabeth WDR-1 West Windsor D/P 94 1 1 100 Buss, Tesha WDR-5 Woodstock D 91 91 Campbell, Scott CAL-ESX St. Johnsbury D 100 100 1 1 Canfield, William RUT-10 Fair Haven R 18 40 X X Carpenter, Melanie LAM-2 Hyde Park D 91 V 1 91 BEN-5 Carroll, James D 100 96 Bennington ~ WAS-4 Casey, Conor Montpelier D 100 100 WAS-5 D 73 Chapin, Ela **East Montpelier** 73 A Chase, Heather WDR-WDH Chester D 91 91 Chase, Seth CHI-20 Colchester D 91 93

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A Absent (counts as a negative)

Representative	District	Town	Party	2023-2024 Score	Lifetime Score (2001 to 2024)	S.213	S. ₅	
Chesnut-Tangerman, Robin	RUT-BEN	Middletown Springs	D	91	96	A	~	
Christie, Kevin "Coach"	WDR-6	Hartford	D	100	94	V	v	
Cina, Brian	CHI-15	Burlington	P/D	100	100	v	v	
Clifford, Paul	RUT-4	Rutland City	R	18	18	X	X	
Coffey, Sara	WDH-1	Guilford	D	100	93	'	'	
Cole, Esme	WDR-6	White River Junction	D	100	100	'	'	
Conlon, Peter	ADD-2	Cornall	D	91	98	'	'	
Corcoran, Timothy R.	BEN-2	Bennington	D	82	83	v	'	
Cordes, Mari	ADD-4	Lincoln	D	91	97	'	'	
Demar, Allen "Penny"	FRA-7	Enosburgh	R	18	18	X	X	
Demrow, Carl	ORA-1	Corinth	D	100	92	v	v	
Dickinson, Eileen "Lynn"	FRA-2	St. Albans Town	R	9	22	A	X	
Dodge, Leonora	CHI-23	Essex	D	100	100	v	v	
Dolan, Karen	CHI-22	Essex	D	73	86	V	V	
Dolan, Kari	WAS-2	Waitsfield	D	100	100	~	~	
Donahue, Anne B.	WAS-1	Northfield	R	55	59	V	Х	
Duke, Abbey	CHI-17	Burlington	D	100	100	NIO	NIO	
Durfee, David K.	BEN-3	Shaftsbury	D	100	97	V	V	
Elder, Caleb	ADD-4	Starksboro	D	91	97	v	v	
Emmons, Alice M.	WDR-3	Springfield	D	100	98	V	~	
Farlice-Rubio, Bobby	CAL-1	Barnet	D	91	91	~	~	
Galfetti, Gina M.	WAS-ORA	Barre Town	R	27	27	V	Х	
Garofano, Rey	CHI-23	Essex	D	100	100	v	v	
Goldman, Leslie	WDH-3	Rockingham	D	100	100	V	V	
Goslant, Kenneth W.	WAS-1	Northfield	R	27	22	X	Х	
Graham, Rodney	ORA-3	Williamstown	R	18	23	X	X	
Graning, Edye	CHI-3	Jericho	D	100	100	~	~	
Gregoire, James	FRA-6	Fairfield	R	36	32	V	Х	
Hango, Lisa A.	FRA-5	Berkshire	R	27	27	~	Х	
Harrison, James	RUT-11	Chittenden	R	36	43	V	Х	
Headrick, Troy	CHI-15	Burlington	P/D	82	82	~	~	
Higley, Mark A.	ORL-LAM	Lowell	R	18	28	Х	Х	
Holcombe, Rebecca	WDR-ORA-2	Norwich	D	100	100	~	~	
Hooper, Philip "Jay"	ORA-WAS-ADD	Randoloh	D	64	87	A	V	
Hooper, Robert	CHI-18	Burlington	D	100	89	~	~	

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Houghton, Lori	CHI-22	Essex	D	82	93	A	~	
Howard, Mary E.	RUT-6	Rutland City	D	100	95	~	/	
Hyman, Noah	CHI-8	South Burlington	D	100	100	~	~	
James, Kathleen	BEN-4	Manchester	D	100	100	~	✓	
Jerome, Stephanie Z.	RUT-9	Brandon	D	100	96	~	✓	
Kornheiser, Emilie	WDH-7	Brattleboro	D	100	100	~	✓	
Krasnow, Emilie	CHI-9	South Burlington	D	100	100	~	✓	
Krowinski, Jill	CHI-16	Burlington	D	100	99	P	V	
Labor, Larry	ESX-ORL	Morgan	R	18	9	Х	Х	
LaBounty, Dennis	CAL-3	Lyndon	D	73	73	~	X	
Lalley, Kate	CHI-6	Shelburne	D	100	100	~	✓	
LaLonde, Martin	CHI-12	South Burlington	D	100	97	~	/	
LaMont, Saudia	LAM-WAS	Morristown	D	100	100	~	✓	
Lanpher, Diane	ADD-3	Vergennes	D	100	94	~	/	
Laroche, Wayne	FRA-5	Franklin	R	18	9	Х	X	
Leavitt, Josie	GI-CHI	Grand Isle	D	91	91	~	/	
Lipsky, Jed	LAM-1	Stowe	I	27	27	A	X	
Logan, Kate	CHI-16	Burlington	P/D	82	82	~	/	
Long, Emily	WDH-5	Newfane	D	100	98	~	~	
Maguire, Eric	RUT-5	Rutland City	R	27	27	X	X	
Marcotte, Michael J.	ORL-LAM	Coventry	R	27	37	Х	X	
Masland, James	WDR-ORA-2	Thetford	D	100	98	~	✓	
Mattos, Christopher	CHI-FRA	Milton	R	18	27	Х	X	
McCann, Kate	WAS-4	Montpelier	D	73	73	V	V	
McCarthy, Michael	FRA-3	St. Albans City	D	100	100	~	~	
McCoy, Patricia A.	RUT-1	Poultney	R	9	28	X	X	
McFaun, Francis "Topper"	WAS-ORA	Barre Town	R	27	49	~	Х	
McGill, Jubilee	ADD-5	Bridport	D	100	100	~	/	
Mihaly, Marc B.	WAS-6	Calais	D	100	100	~	v	
Minier, Brian	CHI-11	South Burlington	D	100	100	~	V	
Morgan, Michael R.	GI-CHI	Milton	R	0	13	Х	X	
Morris, Kristi C.	WDR-3	Springfield	D	100	100	/	V	
Morrissey, Mary A.	BEN-5	Bennington	R	45	34	~	Х	
Mrowicki, Michael	WDH-4	Putney	D	100	97	V	✓	
Mulvaney-Stanak, Emma	CHI-17	Burlington	P/D	60	80	NIO	~	

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Notte, William	RUT-7	Rutland City	D	100	88	✓	v	
Noyes, Daniel	LAM-2	Wolcott	D	73	91	~	~	
Nugent, Kate	CHI-10	South Burlington	D	100	100	✓	✓	
O'Brien, John	WDR-ORA-1	Tunbridge	D	82	94	✓	X	
Ode, Carol	CHI-18	Burlington	D	100	97	v	v	
Oliver, Thomas	FRA-4	Sheldon	R	9	9	X	X	
Page, Woodman	ORL-2	Newport City	R	27	30	X	X	
Pajala, Kelly MacLaury	WDH-WDR-BEN	Londonderry	I	100	84	✓	✓	
Parsons, Joe	ORA-CAL	Newbury	R	18	15	X	X	
Patt, Avram	LAM-WAS	Worcester	D	91	98	~	~	
Pearl, Henry	CAL-WAS	Danville	D	45	54	v	~	
Peterson, Arthur	RUT-2	Clarendon	R	9	11	Х	X	
Pouech, Phil	CHI-4	Hinesburg	D	100	100	V	V	
Priestley, Monique	ORA-2	Bradford	D	100	100	~	✓	
Quimby, Beth	CAL-3	Lyndon	R	17	17	X	NIO	
Rachelson, Barbara	CHI-14	Burlington	D	100	94	~	~	
Rice, Mike	BEN-RUT	Dorset	D	100	100	v	~	
Roberts, Tristan D.	WDH-6	Halifax	D	100	100	✓	✓	
Sammis, Jarrod E.	RUT-3	Castleton	R	36	36	V	X	
Satcowitz, Larry	ORA-WAS-ADD	Randolph	D	100	100	✓	✓	
Scheu, Robin	ADD-1	Middlebury	D	100	100	✓	v	
Shaw, Charles "Butch"	RUT-8	Pittsford	R	18	43	X	X	
Sheldon, Amy	ADD-1	Middlebury	D	100	100	v	~	
Sibilia, Laura	WDH-2	Dover	I	73	72	✓	✓	
Sims, Katherine	ORL-4	Craftsbury	D	82	91	V	V	
Small, Taylor	CHI-21	Winooski	P/D	100	100	✓	~	
Smith, Brian	ORL-1	Derby	R	27	26	X	X	
Squirrell, Trevor	CHI-3	Underhill	D	100	100	~	~	
Stebbins, Gabrielle	CHI-13	Burlington	D	100	100	v	V	
Stevens, Tom	WAS-CHI	Waterbury	D	91	98	v	✓	
Stone, Mary-Katherine	CHI-14	Burlington	D/P	73	73	~	~	
Surprenant, Heather	WDR-4	Barnard	P/D	100	100	~	~	
Taylor, Curt	CHI-20	Colchester	D	100	96	~	/	
Taylor, Chris	CHI-FRA	Milton	R	18	18	X	X	

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✓ Pro-environment vote

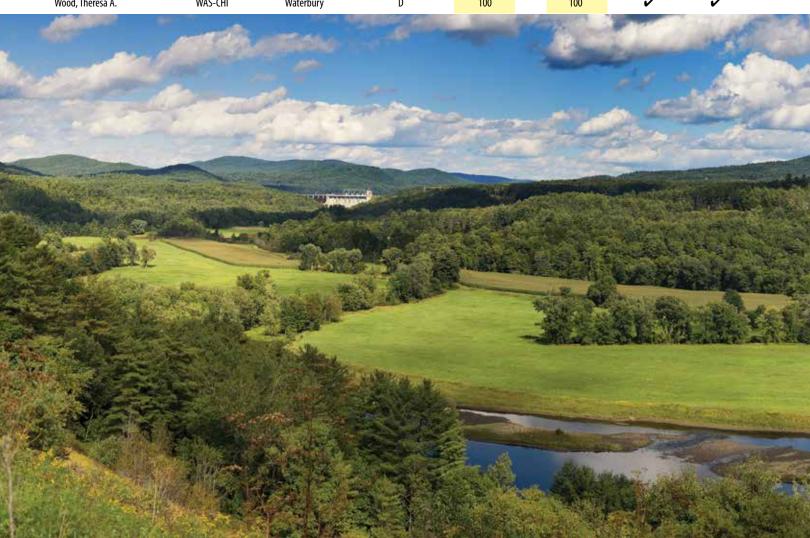
X Anti-environment vote

A ✓ Absent with prior recorded pro-voteA × Absent with prior recorded anti-vote

P PresidingNIO Not in Office

A Absent (counts as a negative)

Representative	District	Town	Party	2023-2024 Score	Lifetime Score (2001 to 2024)	S.213	S. ₅	
Templeman, David	ORL-3	Brownington	D	73	73	A	✓	
Toleno, Tristan	WDH-9	Brattleboro	D	100	94	~	~	
Toof, Casey	FRA-8	St. Albans Town	R	9	20	X	X	
Torre, Dara	WAS-2	Moretown	D	100	100	v	v	
Troiano, Joseph "Chip"	CAL-2	Stannard	D	100	100	✓	~	
Walker, Matthew	FRA-4	Swanton	R	9	5	X	X	
Waters Evans, Chea	CHI-5	Charlotte	D	100	100	~	~	
White, Kirk	WDR-ADD	Bethel	D/P	100	100	V	V	
Whitman, Dane	BEN-2	Bennington	D	100	100	✓	~	
Williams, Jonathan	WAS-3	Barre City	D	100	100	V	V	
Williams, Terri Lynn	ESX-CAL	Granby	R	18	15	Х	X	
Wilson, Charles	CAL-3	Lyndon	R	0	0	NIO	X	
Wood, Theresa A.	WAS-CHI	Waterbury	D	100	100	· ·	V	



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X	X	X	X	X	V	X	Х	A
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Senate Bill Descriptions

S.213 – Flood Safety Act

(Vote scored: 3rd Reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to protect our communities, infrastructure, and environment from a future with worsening and more frequent flooding. This bill will help mitigate the impacts of future flooding through nature-based solutions, including by better protecting wetlands, discouraging development in river corridors, and by maintaining the safety and integrity of our active dams while providing resources to remove dams that make flooding worse.

Status: Enacted; Passed the Senate 24-4

S.5 - Affordable Heat Act

(Vote scored: Veto Override)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to create a "Clean Heat Standard" that will require fossil fuel companies to help Vermonters – particularly those with low and moderate incomes – to heat their homes and buildings with more cost-effective, efficient, clean and local heating solutions. The Public Utility is charged with developing a proposal, which will come before the legislature for final approval in 2025.

Status: Governor's veto was overridden; Passed the Senate 20-10

S.259 – Climate Superfund

(Vote scored: 3rd reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to hold fossil fuel companies accountable for helping pay for the damage their products have caused. These companies will pay into a new fund which will invest in climate change adaptation projects in communities across the state.

Status: Enacted; Passed the Senate 26-3

H.289 – Modernized Renewable Energy Standard

(Vote scored: Veto Override)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to update Vermont's Renewable Energy Standard by requiring 100% total renewable energy by 2035, with a doubling of in-state renewables and an additional regional renewable energy requirement. This bill aims to prioritize access to clean energy for lower-income and historically overburdened Vermonters.

Status: Governor's veto was overridden; Passed the Senate 21-8

H.158 - Updated Bottle Bill

(Vote scored: Veto Override)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to update and expand the Bottle Bill program to cover additional beverages such as water and wine bottles. This program expansion would keep an estimated 100 million more bottles and cans out of Vermont's landfills and off our roadsides every year. This bill would represent another step toward addressing plastic pollution by increasing recycling and creating green jobs.

Status: Senate failed to override Gov. Scott's veto 17-13

H.126 – Biodiversity Protections

(Vote scored: 3rd Reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to protect Vermont's biodiversity and foster a more climate-resilient landscape by establishing a state target of conserving 30% of land and water by 2030, and 50% by 2050. This bill requires a statewide inventory, planning, and stakeholder engagement process to develop a plan to achieve these targets.

Status: Enacted; Passed the Senate 20-7



S.100 - Smart Growth Housing

(Vote scored: 3rd Reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to address Vermont's housing shortage by encouraging development in downtowns and village centers through local zoning reforms. This legislation promotes denser development where infrastructure exists, protecting natural and working lands. It also invests in programs to develop more housing units, supporting compact, walkable communities with social, economic, and environmental benefits.

Status: Enacted; Passed the Senate 27-2

H.687 - Modernizing Act 250

(Vote scored: Veto Override)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill that updates Vermont's land use law, Act 250, with provisions to support smart growth housing development while better protecting critical natural resources. It creates new jurisdictional triggers based on project location and road length to encourage housing development in well-planned areas while protecting intact forests, wildlife habitat, and headwaters. Additionally, it professionalizes the Act 250 oversight board to enhance program efficiency and effectiveness.

Status: Governor's veto was overridden; Passed the Senate 21-8

H.706 - Protecting Pollinators

(Vote scored: Veto Override)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to phase out the use of neonicotinoid pesticides in Vermont. The bill aims to protect pollinators, crucial for ecosystem health and food security, by reducing their exposure to these harmful chemicals. These pesticides, widely used by farmers, are shown to provide little benefit on farms but contribute to pollinator loss.

Status: Governor's veto was overridden; Passed the Senate 20-9

S.25 - Ban on Toxic PFAS Chemicals

(Vote scored: 3rd Reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill to ban toxic PFAS and other harmful chemicals from personal care products and menstrual products, and to ban PFAS from apparel, cookware, artificial turf, and children's products. 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 contaminating our waste stream.

Status: Enacted; Passed the Senate 24-0

S.32 - Ranked Choice Voting

(Vote scored: 3rd Reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill that would have expanded ranked choice voting, including implementing it for Presidential primaries in 2028, exploring implementation for additional statewide races, and authorizing local governments to implement it without requiring legislative approval.

Status: Passed the Senate 23-7, but stalled out before final enactment

S.42 - Fossil Fuel Industry Divestment

(Vote scored: 3rd Reading)

Pro-Environment vote: YES

A bill that takes steps to divest State pension funds from investments in the fossil fuel industry.

Status: Passed the Senate 22-8, but stalled out before final enactment

Vermont Senate Scorecard

✔ Pro-environment vote

× Anti-environment vote

A Absent (counts as a negative)

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Representative	District	Town	Party	2023-2024 Score	Lifetime Score (2001 to 2024)	S.213	S. ₅	
Baruth, Philip	Chittenden Central	Burlington	D/P	100	93	~	~	
Bray, Christopher	Addison	New Haven	D	100	97	~	✓	
Brock, Randy	Franklin	St. Albans	R	17	41	Х	X	
Campion, Brian	Bennington	Bennington	D	100	100	~	V	
Chittenden, Thomas	Chittenden Southeast	South Burlington	D	92	89	~	✓	
Clarkson, Alison H.	Windsor	Woodstock	D	100	97	~	V	
Collamore, Brian	Rutland	Rutland Town	R	33	26	~	X	
Cummings, Ann	Washington	Montpelier	D	100	97	~	V	
Gulick, Martine Larocque	Chittenden Central	Burlington	D	100	100	~	✓	
Hardy, Ruth	Addison	East Middlebury	D	100	100	~	V	
Harrison, Wendy	Windham	Brattleboro	D	100	100	~	✓	
Hashim, Nader	Windham	Dummerston	D	100	100	~	~	
Ingalls, Russ	Essex	Newport	R	0	14	Х	X	
Julow, Andy	Grand Isle	North Hero	D	100	100	NIO	NIO	
Kitchel, Jane	Caledonia	Danville	D	67	70	~	✓	
Lyons, Virginia "Ginny"	Chittenden Southeast	Williston	D	100	99	~	✓	
MacDonald, Mark A.	Orange	Williamstown	D	100	96	~	✓	
Mazza, Dick	Grand Isle	Colchester	D	56	75	A	X	
McCormack, Dick	Windsor	Bethel	D	100	96	~	✓	
Norris, Robert W.	Franklin	Sheldon	R	33	23	A	X	
Perchlik, Andrew	Washington	Montpelier	D/P	100	100	~	~	
Ram Hinsdale, Kesha	Chittenden Southeast	Burlington	D/P	100	100	~	✓	
Sears, Dick	Bennington	Bennington	D	78	77	~	✓	
Starr, Robert A.	Orleans	Troy	D	33	46	~	X	
Vyhovsky, Tanya	Chittenden Central	Essex	Р	100	100	~	~	
Watson, Anne	Washington	Montpelier	D/P	100	100	~	~	
Weeks, David	Rutland	Proctor	R	17	17	X	Х	
Westman, Richard A.	Lamoille	Cambridge	R	33	52	V	X	
White, Becca	Windsor	White River Junction	D	100	94	~	~	
Williams, Terry K.	Rutland	Poultney	R	8	8	X	X	
Wrenner, Irene	Chittenden North	Essex	D	58	58	~	X	

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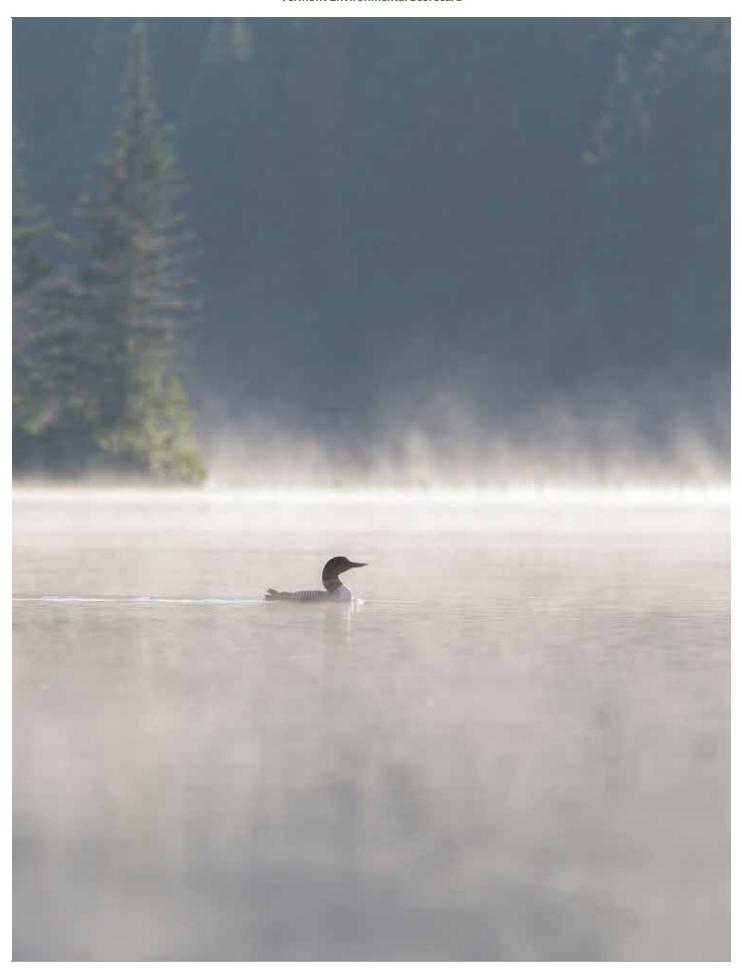
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S.259	H.289	H.158	H.126	S.100	H.68 ₇	H.706	S.25	S.32	S.42
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Beyond the Roll Call - Leaders and Laggards

Environmental Laggards

2023-2024 Environmental Scores of 30% or Less

Senators Randy Brock Russ Ingalls David Weeks Terry Williams

Representatives Ashley Bartley Carolyn Branagan Patrick Brennan Tom Burditt Bill Canfield Paul Clifford Penny Demar Lynn Dickinson Gina Galfetti Ken Goslant Rodney Graham Lisa Hango Jim Harrison Mark Higley Larry Labor

Wayne Laroche Jed Lipsky Eric Maguire Michael Marcotte Chris Mattos Patricia McCoy Topper McFaun Michael Morgan Tom Oliver Woody Page Joe Parsons Art Peterson
Beth Quimby
Butch Shaw
Brian Smith
Chris Taylor
Casey Toof
Matt Walker
Terri Lynn Williams
Charles Wilson

Vermont Conservation Voters Thanks Legislators with 100% Environmental Scores in the 2023-2024 Legislative Session

Senators

Philip Baruth **Christopher Bray Brian Campion** Alison Clarkson **Ann Cummings** Martine Gulick Ruth Hardy Wendy Harrison Nader Hashim **Andy Julow** Ginny Lyons Mark MacDonald Dick McCormack **Andrew Perchlik** Kesha Ram Hinsdale Tanya Vyhovsky Anne Watson Becca White

Representatives
Julia Andrews
Peter Anthony
Angela Arsenault
Sarita Austin

Daisy Berbeco Matt Birong Alyssa Black Tiffany Bluemle **Seth Bongartz** Michelle Bos-Lun Erin Bradv Jana Brown Jessica Brumsted Mollie Burke **Elizabeth Burrows** Scott Campbell Jim Carroll Conor Casey Coach Christie Brian Cina Sara Coffey Esme Cole Carl Demrow Leonora Dodge Kari Dolan Abbev Duke David Durfee Alice Emmons

Rey Garofano

Edve Graning Rebecca Holcombe **Bob Hooper** Mary Howard Kathleen James Stephanie Jerome **Emilie Kornheiser Emilie Krasnow** Jill Krowinski Kate Lallev Martin LaLonde Saudia LaMont Diane Lanpher **Emily Long** Jim Masland Mike McCarthy Jubilee McGill Marc Mihaly Brian Minier Kristi Morris Mike Mrowicki William Notte Kate Nugent Carol Ode

Leslie Goldman

Phil Pouech Monique Priestley Barbara Rachelson Mike Rice Tristan Roberts Larry Satcowitz Robin Scheu **Amy Sheldon** Taylor Small Trevor Squirrell Gabrielle Stebbins Heather Surprenant Curt Taylor Tristan Toleno Dara Torre Chip Troiano Chea Waters Evans Kirk White Dane Whitman Jonathan Williams Theresa Wood

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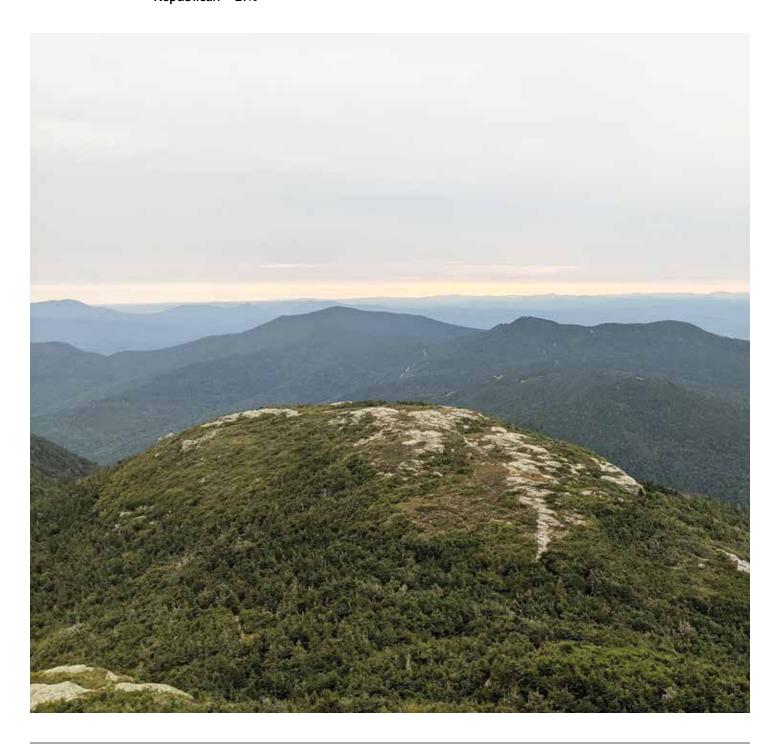
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House Average Environmental Scores by Party

Democratic – 94% Progressive – 89% Independent – 67% Republican – 21%

Senate Average Environmental Scores by Party

Progressive – 100% Democratic – 91% Republican – 20%



Environmental Rising Stars

ach legislative biennium, Vermont Conservation
Voters awards a first-term Representative and
Senator with our Environmental Rising Star Award.
The 2024 Award Winners were **Senator Anne Watson**(D-Washington District) and **Representative Mike Rice**(D-Dorset), both of whom were first elected in 2022.

Senator Anne Watson brought a wealth of experience from her tenure as Mayor of Montpelier, where she helped champion a number of initiatives to make progress toward the city's net zero carbon pollution commitment. She also brought to the legislature her experience as a science teacher for more than two decades. Since becoming a state senator, Anne Watson has served as vice chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy and also sits on the Senate Committee on Government Operations. During her first two years in the Vermont Senate, Watson sponsored several of VCV's priority policies including the Affordable Heat Act (S.5), a bill to prohibit PFAS and other "forever" chemicals from cosmetics, menstrual products, textiles, and turf (S.25), a bill for state pensions to divest from the fossil fuel industry (S.42), and the first-in-thenation Climate Superfund bill (S.259).

Before becoming an elected official, Representative Mike Rice has worked on a small Vermont dairy farm, and collaborated on regional projects for food security, soil health, and food system equity with the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA). He also received his master's degree with distinction in food and agriculture law and policy from Vermont Law School. Using both his academic knowledge and lived experience, Representative Rice brought his expertise to the House Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry, and to the leadership team of the Climate Solutions Caucus. He played a key role in sponsoring and advocating for various environmental bills, including the 30x30 biodiversity land conservation act (H.126), and a bill that would ban the use of neonicotinoid pesticides to protect Vermont's pollinators (H. 706).

"Thank you to Senator Watson and Representative Rice for your leadership, and we look forward to continuing to work with you in the years to come on policies that will create a healthier, more equitable, and more resilient Vermont," said VCV Executive Director **Lauren Hierl**.



VCV Team with the Environmental Rising Stars outside the State House. (L to R: Justin Marsh, Senator Anne Watson, Representative Mike Rice, and Lauren Hierl.)



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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.

2. VOTE on or before Election Day – November 5th!

Make sure you vote this election season. Thanks to legislation VCV supported, all active and registered voters in Vermont will be mailed their ballot before the General Election on Tuesday, November 5th. Once you receive your ballot, 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 in person at your polling place on Election Day, November 5th, or you can vote early at your Town Clerk's office. You can register to vote, or track your ballot at mvp.vermont.gov.

3. Join 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**.