



GLASS JARS  
GLASSES

Separate glass by color:  
• clear, brown, and green/mixed  
• Set aside CLEAN Mason and  
honey jars for reuse  
• Set blue glass aside or place in bin  
with mixed glass

**We DO NOT Accept:**

- Candle holders
- Light bulbs
- Drinking glasses
- Mirrors
- Painted glass
- Vases
- Plate glass or window glass



# CONSERVATION COMMON AGENDA 2011



INVESTING IN CONSERVATION  
CREATES JOBS IN SOUTH CAROLINA



# CLEAN AND GREEN MEANS JOBS

Recycling, clean water and green power all mean jobs to South Carolinians. Our state's natural resources can produce the jobs to keep our families employed here.

## Jobs in Clean Water

Clean water supports tens of thousands of jobs in South Carolina. Our commercial fishing industry alone is valued at \$34 million annually. Over 58,000 jobs are tied to fishing, boat manufacturing, and outdoor recreation. If we do not keep our water clean, these jobs will disappear.

South Carolina's conservation community supports clean water legislation that contains no costs to the taxpayer:

- ▶ We propose a ban on phosphorus detergents in order to reduce this harmful chemical in our lakes and rivers. Phosphorus is already banned in 15 states because it kills fish and lowers recreational revenues and home values.
- ▶ We support legislation that will clean up the small number of waste treatment plants responsible for nearly all of South Carolina's costly sewage spills. These plants are risking our health and hurting our economy.

## Jobs in Green Energy

The General Assembly could create thousands of jobs in South Carolina and reduce energy costs by investing in clean energy.

- ▶ The Department of Energy states that South Carolina's offshore wind resources could produce 20,000 manufacturing jobs and \$80 billion in revenues by 2030.
- ▶ The American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy reports that reforming our energy policies would create 22,000 new jobs by 2025, the equivalent of bringing six new Boeing plants to our state.

Best of all, these policies rely on incentives to spur the private sector: Electricians, construction workers and insulation companies are eager to build South Carolina's new economy. But without incentives from the State House, we will see these jobs go to North Carolina and Georgia.

## Conservation Bank: Investing in Our Future

A recent study concluded that CEOs rank parks and open space as the highest priority in choosing a new location for their businesses— even above access to markets and skilled labor.

Since 2004, the South Carolina Conservation Bank has protected over 150,000 acres of our state's most valuable forests, farms and waterways at the bargain price of \$534 per acre. This land is protected and easements help land-owners continue to use their land as originally intended.

Today, the Conservation Bank is threatened on two fronts.

- The Bank is set to end in 2013.
- In tight budget years a “death clause” strips the Bank of its entire budget.

We know that South Carolina's “beautiful places” attract new businesses to our state. Will the General Assembly protect our state's economic future by keeping the Conservation Bank alive?



## Let's Not Waste An Opportunity

Recycling is one of the fastest growing sectors of the American economy and in 2009 the recycling industry created 1,354 new jobs and \$6.5 billion in economic impact with over \$300 million in capital investments in South Carolina.

The conservation community has partnered with the recycling industry to create jobs and reduce the amount of trash we send to landfills.

- A Waste Reduction Incentive Bill would ask waste generators to pay their fair share by adding a \$3 per ton charge for solid waste going to Class 3 landfills. Revenues would finance pay-as-you-throw programs in counties and municipalities and recycling programs in the business community.

- The Alcohol Beverage Container (ABC) Recycling bill would require bars and restaurants to start recycling their plastic, glass, aluminum containers and cardboard boxes by 2013. This incentive would lead to lower taxes, since it costs significantly less to recycle our trash (\$30 a ton) than to send it to a landfill (\$50 a ton) or to incinerate it (\$75 a ton).



## Enriching our Economy by Supporting our State Agencies

Forestry, agriculture, outdoor recreation and tourism are the largest sectors of South Carolina's economy.

- These sectors account for \$54 billion or one-third of our economy. That's over 450,000 jobs, or 25% of all jobs in South Carolina— more than manufacturing and construction combined.
- In recent years the state agencies charged with managing these sectors have seen their operating budgets drastically slashed. Even before the recession, the combined budgets of South Carolina's Agriculture Department, Forestry Commission, Department of Natural Resources, and Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism accounted for less than one percent of the state budget.

Recent cuts to core agency operations threaten our state's capacity to manage our land and water assets for both public recreation and private sector growth. Conversely, recent studies demonstrate that even modest investments in these agencies would increase revenues by millions of dollars and create thousands of jobs. The conservation community believes that the General Assembly should invest in the agencies that manage our valuable land and water resources because they are vital to South Carolina's economy and quality of life.





The conservation community is working together to create a healthy future for all our state's people.



## The following conservation organizations support the 2011 legislative priorities for the Common Agenda vision of Investing in Conservation to create jobs in SC:

American Rivers, Southeast Region  
Audubon South Carolina  
Beaufort County Open Land Trust  
Catawba Riverkeeper  
Charleston Waterkeeper  
Coastal Conservation League  
Conestee Foundation, Inc.  
Congaree Land Trust  
Congaree Riverkeeper  
Conservation Voters of SC Education Fund  
Environmental Education Association of SC  
Friends of the Edisto  
Friends of the Rivers  
Horry County P.R.I.D.E.  
Horry Environmental Action Team (HEAT)  
Katawba Valley Land Trust  
Kitchen Table Climate Study Group  
League of Women Voters of SC  
Lowcountry Open Land Trust  
Palmetto Conservation Foundation  
Santee Riverkeeper Alliance  
SC Alliance for Retired Americans  
SC Environmental Law Project  
SC Land Trust Network  
SC Native Plant Society  
SC Solar Council  
SC Trout Unlimited  
SC Wildlife Federation  
Sierra Club of South Carolina  
Solar Business Alliance  
Southern Environmental Law Center  
Spartanburg Area Conservancy (SPACE)  
The Trust for Public Land  
Upstate Forever  
U.S. Green Building Council - SC Chapter  
Wildlife Action  
Winyah Rivers Foundation



## Make Conservation Count

- ▶ **Sign your organization up in support of the Conservation Common Agenda.** Organizations agree by consensus to support shared priorities while maintaining their own identities and missions.
- ▶ **Join a Common Agenda “Issue Team” to research and support policies.** Experts debate ideas, draft legislation and testify at legislative hearings.
- ▶ **Participate in Common Agenda events throughout the year.** Individuals attend briefings, press conferences and weekly “Tuesday Team” gatherings at the State House during the session.

Conservation Voters of South Carolina Education Fund hosts the Common Agenda and aims to make stewardship of our state’s natural resources a priority for citizens and the leaders they elect. For more information, contact Debbie Parker, Program Director, at 803-799-0716 or [Debbie@conservationvotersofsc.org](mailto:Debbie@conservationvotersofsc.org).



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