



LEGISLATIVE CONTACT TEAMS

The Virginia Conservation Network (VCN) and the Virginia League of Conservation Voters (VALCV) are looking for dedicated individuals committed to improving environmental laws and policies. In an effort to promote conservation advocacy throughout Virginia, VCN and VALCV are teaming up to organize Legislative Contact Teams (LCTs) to act as advocates for environmental and conservation issues. The goal is to identify 3 to 4 activists in each Senate and House district to serve as a team for that legislator.

Conservation activists are always being asked to make phone calls or write letters to their elected officials asking them to support or oppose legislation. However, activists are often reluctant to take a more active, face to face role in citizen lobbying because they are just not comfortable in that role. Activists worry about whether they understand the issues to be discussed or are unsure how to navigate the protocol of making an appointment with an elected official.

Here is the catch – legislators want to hear from their constituents! They want to know that real voters in their districts stand behind the issues communicated from VCN, VALCV and other conservation organizations. No lobbying experience is needed to join a Legislative Contact Team – just a desire to influence public policy to benefit conservation. Throughout the year we will provide activists with materials and opportunities to learn how to become an effective citizen lobbyist.

One of the benefits of strengthening personal contacts with legislators is that legislators will become more knowledgeable and, hopefully, more responsive to our issues. There are conservationists in hundreds of organizations throughout the Commonwealth. Our goal is to try to organize activists in a manner that will help to coordinate our message and take advantage of a vast network of advocates.

Please consider becoming a part of our effort to bring the conservation message home to every legislator by registering TODAY to join a Legislative Contact Team. If you can recommend other conservationists who might be willing to serve on LCTs, please pass that information along to us. You can register for an LCT by email, fax, phone or online at www.vcnva.org/lct.htm.

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Delegate: _____ Senator: _____

Organization Affiliation: _____

Issues of Concern: _____

Friends who may be interested in serving as an LCT? _____