The quality of our lives. Air and water disappear, public lands and national parks accountable for their votes. (and prevent bad bills from passing), and holding all legislators working with legislature to promote and pass conservation bills other SC organization with a distinct focus on helping elect of the CVSC Board of Directors. I'm confident there is no shaping South Carolina's conservation legislation, and, for the many acres of both private and public lands.

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by Marian Brailsford, CVSC Board of Directors, Edisto Island

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From the Field Team

Hosted 16 events across South Carolina

With more than 1,100 guests in attendance

Drove over 3,600 Legislative contacts

Offshore Drilling

Ramping up even more. We'll be knocking on over 5,000 doors and making over 5,000 phone calls within the next month. We're more and digital with you to make the difference. Get involved today and let us know if you'd like to join any of our Energy Action Teams and help us create a clean energy future for South Carolina.

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CREATING SC's CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE

By John Tyman, Executive Director

In recent years,CVSC and our partners in the Clean Energy Coalition, a collaborative organization, and the solar energy industry banded “Third Party Ownership” among lawmakers. CVSC’s grassroots campaign efforts have been instrumental in helping the Legislature pass the historic Solar Access Act 2017-18. The bill has now been signed into law.

The solar industry’s partners in the Clean Energy Coalition are working closely with CVSC to bring solar energy to the few South Carolina rooftops that do not have access to solar.

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From the Midlands

By William Mitchell, Political and Outreach Coordinator

While energy issues have been our primary focus this year, we are working with businesses, organizations, and advocates in communities across the state on issues that have other regional implications as well. The result? In February our community drove the House to adopt sweeping solar legislation with unanimous support.

By Paul Black, Midlands Regional Field Director

Carolina was on a collision course with a 2% cap on our solar industry that would have put 3,000 folks out of work.

By Jesse Morton, Aiken & Edgefield Regional Field Director

The Aiken Area

By Cassie Ratliff, Myrtle Beach Regional Field Director

From the Grand Strand

By Bonnie Womax, Deputy Director

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It’s about both the where and the how. The where side of the equation is easier to understand and agree with. It’s about the natural environment we have inherited and the responsibility we have to future generations to keep it intact. It’s about fixing the past. It’s about the good intention and ingenuity of our forecourts to build resilience against future catastrophes.

From the Upstate

By Caroline, Upstate Regional Field Director

Facing an unusual fire season, we started the FireSmartSC campaign in early June. Our small team of organizers worked hard to promote ‘slow fire’ as a parameter to drive down the speed of our wildfires.

From the Midlands

By Paul Black, Midlands Regional Field Director

In the year 2020, we worked at maintaining a focus on Buffaloe Dam and the South Carolina – Palmetto Green Alliance. With all the attention we received for the historic floods of 2015, 2016, and 2018, it’s easy to forget that one of the biggest challenges facing South Carolina is the ongoing threat to ourdam infrastructure. As water levels climb, our dam system is more vulnerable than ever.

By By Caroline Williams, Lowcountry Field Director

On Saturday, the University of South Carolina hosted the first-ever Climate Action Day in South Carolina. The event focused on climate action and provided a platform for students, faculty, staff, and the general public to learn about climate change and how they can take action in their daily lives.

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- Chief Seattle

From the Aiken Area

By Bonnie Womax, Deputy Director

The Senate Majority Leader Shane Massey from this district introduced the “1000-year storm” legislation that would provide millions of dollars in investment, we are confident will strengthen our dam infrastructure for future generations.

By Jesse Morton, Aiken & Edgefield Regional Field Director

We finished 2018 strong by working in close partnership with the South Carolina Governor’s Floodwater Commission, Palmetto Green and others.

We support community solar programs, and oppose any anti-solar legislation that would limit their growth or impose onerous restrictions on them. Our clean energy work is non-partisan, and we support leaders of both parties in their efforts to advance clean energy legislation.

By Paul Black, Midlands Regional Field Director

We work to reauthorize the State Conservation Bank and most recently to permanently reauthorize the program after review, under existing law. This dangerous bill is now on the floor of the Senate and it’s important that we act quickly to protect the South Carolina we all love.

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The Anti-Home Rule (banning local plastics solutions)

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