The leadership of this year’s honorees has led to significant energy reforms and a renewed focus on energy reform and shoreline protections; Senator Marlon Kimpson (D-Charleston) for his role in a number of key elections. In the end, we had an 84% success rate between the primary and general elections.

In the November general election we celebrated victories of proven champions like Con Chellis (R-Summerville) and Max Hyde (R-Spartanburg) — both were committed to fighting offshore drilling. Con Chellis won his seat against a strong opponent — I want to first start by saying thank you for your ongoing commitment to conservation and being part of the fight to protect the land, sea, and water — and we saw actions of all our great state’s work together. We celebrated the election of Attorney General Alan King (D) who fought offshore drilling and nominating a strong pro-conservation candidate and was our first pro-solar champion to run in a major race.

We have spent more than $2 million on effective efforts that over time helped break 64% of our endorsed candidates and a critical role in driving pro-solar majorities in the State House. When the votes were tallied on election night, we declared victory to give a bipartisan 71-vote pro-solar majority in the House.

Our endorsement strategy was sound. We developed a solid bipartisan clean energy majority at the State House. With a field of 60 candidates, we were able to win 52 seats — more than 83% of our candidates in whining with pro-solar messages and picked up 6 pro-solar seats in the House.

With the added support from our field team, CVSC and the conservation community were able to permanently mathematics the Conservation Bash, held off efforts to pass four bills that would have rolled back pro-solar advancements. We appreciate your ongoing advocacy and engagement, and we couldn’t do it without the passionate support of South Carolina. We look forward to working with you as we continue to build the conservation movement and ensure a clean, healthy, and prosperous future for all of the Palmetto State.

Election success creates a clean energy majority

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Linda and Victor Bilanchone
Aaron Barr
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Alys and George Abar
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Doug Dent
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Cary and Mary Gail Chamble
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Alice Howell
Bob and Bev Howard
George Hopkins
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Kenneth Hewett
Toni Hendrix
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Anna and Will Haltiwanger
Raphael Haller
Maybank and Elizabeth Hagood
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Elizabeth Partee
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Ruth and Charles Nicholson
Dan and Pam Murphy
Katherine Muller
Wendy Zara & Dean Moss
Polly Morrison
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Patrick and Beth Moore
Lill Mood
Garland and Pat McWhirter
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Merike Tamm
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Ian Sanchez
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David Whiteman
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Kerry Stubbs
Jeanne Sprott
Joel and Kit Smith
Zoe and Alex Sanders
Virginia and Michael Prevost

2018 LAND PROTECTION

South Carolina sits at the center of a network of fish and beaches at a unique and irreplaceable crossroads—protected as a people and place of unique heritage by various conservation groups. These groups are dedicated to protecting the State’s unique places, often meeting unique challenges. Indeed, as a state of coastal forests, the State of South Carolina has received significant attention from the news media for its successful efforts to conserve and protect the natural landscape. In particular, the State of South Carolina has received significant attention for its successful efforts to conserve and protect the natural landscape.

But while the 2018 legislative session was marked by broad-based bipartisan support for critical legislation, there were also some significant achievements from 2018 that will help to ensure that South Carolina’s natural landscape will continue to be protected and preserved.

We also highlighted bipartisan leadership from Reps. Mark Sanford and Joe Wilson in press conferences and other sessions on land protection issues. In these sessions, they spoke about their commitment to protecting the State’s natural landscapes and the importance of our federal delegation’s turn with the LWCF. As this newsletter went to print, the future of the LWCF was uncertain, but we are confident that the State of South Carolina will continue to prioritize and invest in protecting the landscapes that define our state and its quality of life.

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As we approach the new year, we remain committed to building the grassroots movement that continues to protect the State’s natural landscapes. We are grateful to all of our partners for their support and we welcome new partners to join us in this critical work.

LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

In the wake of the 2018 November election, we are optimistic about the future of land protection in South Carolina. With our federal delegation’s turn with the LWCF, we are confident that the future of the LWCF is secure. As this newsletter went to print, the future of the LWCF was uncertain, but we are confident that the State of South Carolina will continue to prioritize and invest in protecting the landscapes that define our state and its quality of life.

With the 2018 election now in the books, the LWCF and our conservation allies are looking forward to the 2019-2021 legislative session to continue building support for critical legislation and policy reforms.