

# ENVIRONMENTAL CAUCUS

## Who Are We?

The purpose of this Caucus is to increase awareness about issues affecting our environment through training, educating, and activating people in our communities. By empowering others, we will influence our legislators and the general public to address those environmental issues that affect us now and will have an impact on generations to come, most notably climate change.

## How Are We Organized?

This Caucus operates within the bylaws of the South Carolina Democratic Party and under our own Caucus bylaws. We have a body of general membership and an executive board of elected officers comprised of a Chair, First Vice Chair, Vice Chairs for each congressional district, Secretary, and Treasurer.

## When Do We Meet?

The Environmental Caucus has regular quarterly meetings, sometimes by conference call. If you are a member, you are invited by email to attend. Minutes of these meetings are also kept and provided.

## How Do I Join?

Joining the Caucus is easy. Our membership consists of concerned citizens who believe in supporting environmental issues that affect South Carolina.

*For more info or to join the Caucus, contact:  
[caucuses@scdp.org](mailto:caucuses@scdp.org)*

## What Do We Do?

The Environmental Caucus works to provide a strong voice and representation within the party structure to **make environmental issues a top priority among South Carolina's elected leaders, political candidates, and voters, and encourages all citizens** to participate fully as Democrats at all levels of policymaking and public service.

**ISSUE ADVOCACY** We provide vocal support for issues relating to our air, land, water, and use of energy at the local, state, and national level by increasing awareness of these issues among the public, candidates, and elected officials. We can also take actions directly supporting issues through a resolution process.

**LOBBYING** By utilizing means available to us, we lobby for or against legislation that affects the public. This can be done online or through our physical presence at public events and/or the statehouse.

**PUBLIC AWARENESS/EDUCATION** We make a concerted and sustained effort to educate the public on issues important to all regarding our environment.

**SUPPORT DEMOCRATS** We work with SCDP to support Democratic candidates, promote Democratic issues, and grow the Democratic Party in South Carolina. As a Caucus we do not directly endorse candidates unless the South Carolina Democratic Party has already done so.