

Sierra Club Maryland Chapter

Priority Bills 2026

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- The Sierra Club Maryland Chapter plans to engage again on dozens of bills this legislative session through our issue teams:
 - Clean Energy & Building Electrification
 - Clean Transportation
 - Zero Waste
 - Biodiversity & Natural Places
 - Voting and Democracy
- Today I will focus on our three priority issues.
- Our Legislative Web page <https://www.sierraclub.org/maryland/legislation> has fact sheets on these priorities and notes several other important bills that we'll be supporting.

Bottle Bill (Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund & Litter Reduction Program)

<https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/default/files/2026-01/3-final-1-09-26-beverage-container-recycling-refund-litter-reduction-coalition-fact-sheet.pdf>

Sponsors: Del. Jen Terrasa & Sen. Ben Brooks

House Environment & Transportation Committee and House Economic Matters Committee. (Bill was approved by E&T Committee in 2025)

Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee

Transportation & Climate Alignment Act

<https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/default/files/2026-01/2-final-tca-factsheet-2026.pdf>

Sponsors: Del. Mark Edelson & Sen. Shelly Hettleman

House Appropriations Committee (Bill was approved by the full House of Delegates in 2025)

Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

Budget Funding for Key Environmental Programs

https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/default/files/2026-01/4-final-01_09_2026-protecting-environmental-investments-factsheet.pdf

- Strategic Energy Investment Fund

- Program Open Space

- Environmental Agencies: Maryland Department of the Environment, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, and Maryland Energy Administration