

Top Conservation Actions 2018

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Do you want to help protect bird habitat? Don't just think about it. Do something!

With your help the following actions were successful last year:

- Baltimore City Styrofoam Ban- signed into law 4/19/18
- State of Maryland US Climate Alliance membership- HB3. HB3 keeps Maryland firmly in the U.S. Climate Alliance.
- The Stadium Authority and Baltimore Ravens owner were convinced not to use spotlights in the new design of the stadium, as this would have been detrimental to migrating Birds..

With the following list, we've made it easy for you to locate the best organizations to support to continue success during the coming year.

At the National Level

National Wildlife Refuge Association

Mission: give wildlife a voice on Capitol Hill

Actions: sign petitions to national officials via Action Alerts (subscribe online); buy an annual Duck Stamp for \$25 to fund wetland conservation

www.refugeassociation.org/action/#/
www.fws.gov/birds/get-involved/duck-stamp/buy-duck-stamp.php

Natural Resources Defense Council

Mission: sues polluters

Action: give money or sign their petitions

www.nrdc.org

The Nature Conservancy

Mission: buys and protects land; has both state and national level offices

Action: give money to help them buy and protect land

www.nature.org

350.org

Mission: combat climate change through political advocacy

Action: stand up and be seen at mass gatherings and rallies – or sign petitions

www.350.org

At the State Level

Maryland League of Conservation Voters

Mission: organizes yearly environmental community priorities for Annapolis

Action: call or sign petitions to elected officials in Maryland

www.mdlcv.org

Smart on Pesticides Maryland

Mission: to reduce use of toxic pesticides that poison birds' food sources

Action: call or sign petitions to stores or lawmakers

www.mdpestnet.org/take-action/smart-on-pesticides-maryland/

At the Local Level

Lights Out Baltimore

Mission: reduce bird collisions with glass windows

Action: make your home windows bird safe with decals or other products

www.lightsoutbaltimore.org

Patterson Park Audubon Society/ National Audubon Society

Mission: increase bird habitat – educate children about birds

Actions: plant native plants in your yard (access plant database with your zip code); donate to support youth programs at Patterson Park in Baltimore

www.audubon.org/native-plants

<http://pattersonpark.audubon.org/>

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