



Missouri Votes Conservation (MVC) is a non-partisan, statewide organization that advocates for pro-environment legislation *and* elected officials in Missouri. We are the only entity in Missouri that represents the broad diversity of conservation interests in the state – from environmentalists, scientists, and business owners to hunters, anglers, and independent farmers. We are also the only organization that focuses on the political arena to achieve sound conservation practices.

MVC is affiliated with the League of Conservation Voters, a widely respected national organization that advocates for the environment through legislative channels. For more information, go to www.movotesconservation.org.

2008 Questionnaire for Legislative Candidates

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the MVC Questionnaire. **Any candidate seeking the endorsement of MVC must fill out and submit this form.** MVC will be interviewing candidates in select districts based on their answers to these questions and on past legislative performance.

Most of these are yes/no questions, and we have left space for you to clarify your answers. If you do not feel you know enough to give a definitive answer, please explain what factors you feel would be relevant in your decision-making. Also feel free to attach additional pages or continue your answers on the back of the page.

For more information about issues covered in the questionnaire, please contact Executive Director Mark Fogal: 314-725-9494 (o)/314-495-5295 (cell), or at mfogal@movotesconservation.org.

Candidate Name: _____

Seat/District: _____

Campaign Contact Person: _____

Phone # (to schedule interview): _____

Preferred Address: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____ (please print clearly)

Candidate Signature: _____



5. Would you support state legislation that would regulate the impacts of industrial forestry operations such as large scale clear-cutting on Missouri's Ozark streams? Why or why not?
 Yes
 No

6. Would you support legislation that would limit Missouri's environmental protections to the federal standard? (i.e. the state could not impose any protection more strict than the relevant federal standard) Why or why not?
 Yes
 No

7. There have been recent efforts to loosen regulations on gravel mining in Ozark streams. In general, do you favor looser regulations on gravel mining? Why or why not?
 Yes
 No

8. Audit privilege is a policy whereby companies which voluntarily report environmental incidents like spills can receive immunity from government action, and the files pertaining to that incident are hidden from public record. Do you favor the passage of "audit privilege" legislation? Why or why not?
 Yes
 No



9. Do you support funding mass transit with revenues from the state gasoline tax? Why or why not?

Yes

No

10. Would you support state legislation that would establish limits on emissions of mercury and other airborne pollutants currently unregulated by the federal government? Why or why not?

Yes

No

11. Would you support legislation to *exclude* wetlands and floodplains from TIF (tax increment financing) districts and other similar subsidies? Why or why not?

Yes

No

12. If elected, what would be your top environmental priority? Please be specific.

13. Do you want MVC's endorsement? At a minimum, we publicize our endorsement, particularly to pro-conservation voters in your district. As well, an MVC endorsement can carry with it some monetary contributions or independent expenditures on your campaign.

Yes

No

(Note: We will not endorse anyone who does not respond to this questionnaire.)

Thank you for participating in the MVC endorsement process. We look forward to working with you to ensure the protection and preservation of Missouri's environment.