



## The “Green Divide” – Facts on Deeds vs. McDonnell

					
<b>R. Creigh Deeds</b>			<b>Bob McDonnell</b>		
<b>VALCV Score since 2000 - 86%</b>			<b>VALCV Score since 2000 - 18%</b>		
<b>Energy</b>	<p>Deeds' SB 1212 passed in 2009, which allows local governments to offer loans for energy efficiency upgrades to homeowners, creating a market for small clean-energy businesses.</p>		<p><i>The Roanoke Times</i>, in April 2009, wrote that Bob McDonnell's energy plan "seems far more suited to the 1950s" than today. "Virginia will never be the nation's energy capital with that kind of thinking."</p>		
	<p>Deeds supports the creation of a mandatory renewable portfolio standard (RPS) of 22% by 2025 to help attract green energy businesses to Virginia.</p>				
	<p>Deeds will create an Energy Research Triangle to attract clean energy companies to Virginia.</p>		<p>Since 1996, McDonnell has accepted more than \$100,000 from the oil and gas industry.</p>		
<b>Transportation</b>	<p>"The day after I'm elected, I will begin assembling a bipartisan commission to craft a comprehensive transportation package." - Creigh Deeds in <i>The Washington Post</i>, September 22, 2009</p>		<p>McDonnell offers false promises to fund our transportation needs.</p>		
			<p>McDonnell's drilling scheme cannot fund transportation. Even he admits that no funding will come during the next Governor's term of office. <i>The Lynchburg News and Advance</i> wrote of McDonnell's plan to use offshore drilling royalties for transportation "If that sale goes through, and if oil companies' explorations are fruitful, and if Congress approves sharing royalties with Virginia as it did for Gulf of Mexico states, Virginia could start receiving oil money by 2014, McDonnell said." - August 22, 2009</p>		

<p><b>Transportation</b></p>	<p>Creigh Deeds understands that a sustainable transportation system will require increased emphasis on alternatives to roads. He will pursue light rail and bus rapid transit, as well as develop the Southeast High-Speed Rail Corridor.</p>	<p>"Currently, federal law limits the sharing of oil and gas revenue to the Gulf states... According to all reports, Congress is not likely to expand this program any further. In fact, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee has rejected a proposal to expand the program. So, even if one supports oil and gas drilling... it would be erroneous to do so on the grounds that the commonwealth would benefit from any of the revenue." - Marirose Pratt of the Southern Environmental Law Center, Letter to the Editor of the <i>Danville Register &amp; Bee</i>, September 4, 2009</p>
<p><b>Land Conservation</b></p>	<p>Deeds led the effort in 1999 to pass Virginia's landmark Land Preservation Tax Credit that has preserved 500,000 acres to date. He has committed to preserve another 500,000 acres during his term as Governor.</p>	<p>Also in 1999, McDonnell voted against a \$42.7 million bond referendum to fund parks and recreation facilities that was proposed by Creigh Deeds.</p>
<p><b>Water Quality</b></p>	<p>Deeds led the effort to clean up the the abandoned and leaking Kim-Stan landfill in Alleghany County. After year of work, it was finally added to the EPA's Superfund List in 1994.</p>	<p>In 2000, McDonnell was one of only 18 delegates who voted against protecting non-tidal wetlands, even though this would help restore the Chesapeake Bay and improve drinking water.</p> <p>While in the House of Delegates, McDonnell represented developers attempting to build on what would become the Stumpy Lake Nature Preserve.</p>
<p><b>Citizen Involvement</b></p>	<p>In 1996, Deeds supported HB 1412 (Del. Tayloe Murphy): Appeals of Water Control and Air Pollution Control Boards (This came in response to the EPA telling Virginia it intended to disapprove its operating permit program under the Clean Air Amendments fo 1990 because Virginia did not allow standing to any citizens affected by decision.)</p>	<p>McDonnell opposed HB 1412. Additionally, as Attorney General he continued to fight against citizen standing - in cases involving the Wise County power plant, CBF vs. Philip Morriss and the Alliance for the Mattaponi (King William Reservoir)</p>

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