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McIntosh gets Chester Riverkeeper Award

Del. Maggie McIntosh, D-43-Baltimore City, received the Chester River Association's 2009 Chester Riverkeeper Award in acknowledgement of her environmental work in the state legislature.

McIntosh, a former Baltimore City educator, is chairman of the House Environmental Matters Committee and has been a member of the Maryland General Assembly since 1992.

Chester Riverkeeper Tom Leigh praised McIntosh for sponsoring the "Standing Bill," passed by the legislature in the 2009 session. The bill grants citizens and non-profit organizations the right to proceed in state court "where flagrant violations of our basic environmental protections occur." With the passage of the bill, Maryland joins 44 other states with similar legislation.

McIntosh was also instrumental in the passage of the Private Wastewater Treatment Act of 2009, a CRA-initiated bill that prohibits statewide individual sewer systems for residential use on land that doesn't perk.

"You are a true environmental leader," Leigh said in presenting the award to McIntosh at CRA's annual meeting in Centreville on June 18. "Not without your assistance would these bills have passed."