



MICHIGAN  
LEAGUE OF  
CONSERVATION  
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# GOVERNOR'S REPORT CARD

2015 / 2016

Review of Conservation Policy  
of Governor Rick Snyder



# 2015 / 2016 REPORT SUMMARY

Michigan LCV had high hopes that Governor Snyder would be a pro-conservation governor for Michigan, which is why we endorsed him in the 2010 Republican Primary Election. Unfortunately, his record—as measured both at the end of his first term, and now mid-term in his second four years—is not where it should be.

Governor Snyder rightly deserves accolades for his role in strengthening Michigan's clean energy policy. He came out early with a plan for greater investment in clean energy and energy waste reduction, and his administration was instrumental in helping shepherd the bill package to a bipartisan compromise that moves Michigan toward a clean energy future. However, Governor Snyder and his administration will likely be most remembered for what happened—and didn't happen—in Flint. The Flint water crisis offers a stark reminder of what happens when a government makes decisions with only dollars and cents in mind. In this case, the health of a city and an entire generation of its most vulnerable residents were compromised. History's bottom line does not exist on a balance sheet: it lives on in the legacy we leave our children. In Flint, that legacy is, currently and sadly, a shameful one.

During Governor Snyder's final two years in office, he has the opportunity to reshape his legacy into one that prioritizes the protection of our natural resources for our economy, health, and way of life. The Governor has a chance to turn the Flint water crisis into action to address long overdue water quality, environmental justice, public health, and infrastructure needs across both of our peninsulas.

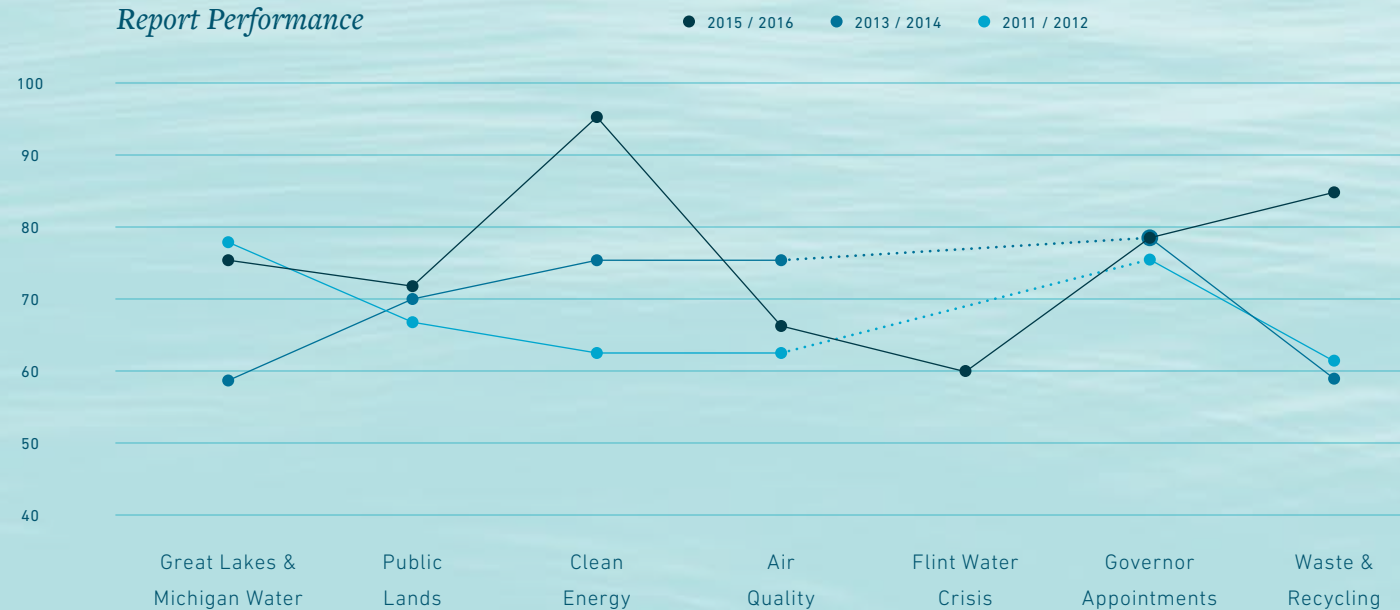
In fact, the time is now to head off future economic and public health crises by not only addressing infrastructure challenges, but by proactively addressing the unchecked growth of toxic algal blooms and shutting down aging pipelines in our Great Lakes.

For the full report card, visit: [michiganlcv.org/reportcard](http://michiganlcv.org/reportcard)

## Comparing Governor Snyder's Report Cards

	2015 / 2016	2013 / 2014	2011 / 2012
Flint Water Crisis	F		
Clean Energy	A	C	D
Air Quality	D+	C	D
Public Lands	C-	C-	C-
Great Lakes & Michigan Water	C	F	C+
Waste & Recycling	B	D	F
Appointments	C+	C+	C+

## Report Performance



# Michigan's Chief Executive Needs A Watchdog

Michigan LCV provides ongoing Gubernatorial advocacy, tracking, and accountability.

In recognition of the unique role played by the Governor and their administration, Michigan LCV launched a one-of-a-kind Gubernatorial accountability program in 2010. We track the decisions made by the Governor and score them according to their environmental impact. Those scores are released on an ongoing basis on our website, and we compile that data and provide an overall analysis of the Governor's record through the release of our biennial *Governor's Report Card*. This tool allows our members and the citizens of Michigan to engage with the Governor on the merits of his record, praising the good and holding him to account for where his actions fall short.

Regardless of who is in office, ongoing accountability of Michigan's chief executive is absolutely essential for our state's long term prosperity.

Michigan LCV builds our work around the cycle of accountability:



- Elect people who share our conservation values
- Educate our elected leaders on the issues
- Hold them accountable for their actions

Ensuring that our Governor and their administration prioritize the health of our communities through the protection of our land, air, and water requires persistence and dedication.

Your commitment, advocacy, and generosity ensure that this vital accountability work can continue, and will propel us to further progress on the conservation and public health issues that matter so much to future of the Great Lakes State.

## How can you help hold Gov. Snyder accountable?

### 1. *Provide financial support for this critical work*

Our team is all-in, but our ability to provide ongoing outreach, advocacy, and tracking is directly tied to the contributions of support provided by Michigan LCV members. To make a small contribution, text #TeamUp to 877877 today!

### 2. *Reach out to the Governor directly*

Making a call can truly make the difference when the Governor's team is poised to make decisions big and small. You can reach the Governor's office at 517-335-7858.

### 3. *Join Michigan LCV online and in your community*

Go to [michiganlcv.org](http://michiganlcv.org) for opportunities to sign up for online and mobile action alerts, as well as find ways to connect with volunteer action teams near you.

You can view the full Governor's Report Card at: [michiganlcv.org](http://michiganlcv.org)

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