

JIM BROCHIN

FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

EXECUTIVE

AUTHORITARY COMMITTEE TO ELECT JIM BROCHIN, MARY LANSBORN, TREAS.

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

As one of the leading environmental advocates in the Maryland Senate I believe preserving and protecting open space is a fundamental responsibility of good governance. As a State Senator, I voted for the Healthy Air Act, preserved the Blackwater Wildlife Refuge, voted to ban fracking, and for many bills that continue to restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

I believe in rigorous land preservation above the Urban-Rural Demarcation Line. We are fortunate that $\frac{2}{3}$ of our land in Baltimore County remains rural. Our agricultural resources and commerce are an important economic asset of our County. This forward thinking environmental practice allows the focus of our commercial and residential development, and redevelopment, to occur in every council district. Supporting our inner suburbs is vital to Baltimore County's economic growth. I want to ensure that every neighborhood has green space, parks, and rec fields for the enjoyment of the community.

A main tenet of my campaign is my goal to end the pay-to-play politics that are pervasive in Baltimore County and have benefitted developers leaving residents out of the process. To that end, as County Executive I will instruct all County departments involved in development sign-offs to more diligently enforce our environmental laws and make waivers a truly extraordinary exception requiring high level approval and reporting to my office.

Every neighborhood should have a buffer zone, so traffic from the major corridors does not infringe on our quality of life. I'll create an urban forestry program to provide the healthy benefits of native shade trees across the County.

Public transit improvements must be identified, funded and undertaken. I will work with the State to bring improvement as soon as possible with emphasis on areas of severe congestion and improving routes for job commuters.

Across the Country, and in neighboring counties, park space is being revitalized and designed in creative and purposeful ways. Our administration will be pioneers in re-imagining what our public parks can be. I will appoint a County-wide commission to identify new properties to obtain for parks and recreational use so we can improve areas where County residents suffer from a lack of park space and recreation fields.