

# BUDGET ASKS

## MEET VIRGINIA'S NEED TO TACKLE POLLUTED RUNOFF

\$80 million each year for the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (pg 5)  
Increased and consistent funding for the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (pg 5)  
\$150 million, per the Wastewater Needs Assessment, for upgrading the nutrient pollution reduction capabilities of significant wastewater facilities discharging to the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries (pg 9)  
\$883 million to upgrade Richmond's Combined Sewer Overflow system (pg 9)

## PROTECT VIRGINIA'S ENVIRONMENT FROM SINGLE-USE PLASTICS, LITTER, AND MARINE DEBRIS

Raise Virginia's Litter Tax (pg 11)  
Establish statewide beverage container deposit program (pg 11)

## PROTECT VIRGINIA'S FISHERIES

\$400,000 over the biennium to develop a freshwater mussel restoration plan (pg 21)  
Hire dedicated staff to protect and restore mussel populations (2 FTEs) (pg 21)  
\$2 million to increase mussel restoration capacity at hatcheries (pg 21)  
\$5 million to the Aquatic Wildlife Conservation Center at the Buller Fish Hatchery (pg 21)  
\$112,000 to hire an oyster stock assessment scientist (1 FTE) (pg 23)

## SUPPORT CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE

\$100 million per year for the Virginia Agricultural Cost-Share Program. (pg 7)  
\$250k for grants under AFID program for small scale meat slaughterhouse/processing capacity (pg 39)  
\$1 million for cooperative extension to help farmers implement climate-smart practices (pg 39)  
15% set-aside in programs for agriculture, extension, land conservation, and water quality for farmers of color (pg 39)

## PROTECT VIRGINIA'S TREASURED LANDSCAPES

\$300 million per year to natural resource conservation, which would include: (pg 31, 33)  
\$40 million for the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation (pg 31)  
\$5 million for the Virginia Farmland Preservation Fund (pg 31)  
\$5 million for the Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund (pg 31)  
\$50 million for a new Outdoor Recreation Community Access Fund (pg 31)

## PRESERVE VIRGINIA'S HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Increased funding for the documentation, identification, and protection of African American and Virginia Indian historic resources. (pg 35)  
Strengthen the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit (pg 35)  
\$5 million for the Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund (pg 35)

## PROMOTING OUTDOOR RECREATION

\$115 million in bonds to fund public access infrastructure projects (pg 51)  
\$21 million to VDOT to develop multi-use trails (pg 53)  
\$21 million to DRC to develop natural surface trails, feasibility and engineering studies, and two FTEs (pg 53)  
\$1 million in funding for grant matches to connect low-income communities, communities of color, and smaller localities to transportation and recreation (pg 53)  
\$100,000 to promote tourism through Virginia Tourism Corporation (pg 53)

## DEVELOPING SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

\$200 million for the state affordable housing trust within three years (pg 47)  
Calculate and fully fund the replacement of all facilities in poor condition before funding infrastructure for greenfield development (pg 47)  
Establish an e-bike rebate program (pg 71)

## ACHIEVE SMART TRANSPORTATION

Increase the share of state and regional funding to 50% for transit, rail, bicycle, pedestrian infrastructure by 2030 (pg 61)  
Increase transit and rail capital and operating funding to at least 30% of the entire state transportation budget by 2025, and at least 50% by 2030 (pg 63)  
Fund a costs/benefits study of adding new freight capacity on rail vs. on the highway in the I-81 Corridor (pg 65)  
Funding to expand access to electrified mobility and help Virginians overcome the higher upfront cost of EVs, electric school and transit buses, and e-bikes (pg 67)  
Funding for EV chargers and streamlining EV charging signage (pg 67)  
Dedicate funding from carbon pollution fees towards projects that reduce transportation emissions (pg 69)  
\$2 million for localized air quality monitoring of PM2.5 levels at high-traffic areas in overburdened neighborhoods (pg 69)

## ACHIEVE VIRGINIA'S CLEAN ENERGY GOALS

Provide incentives for retraining programs and Green Career and Technical Education Dual enrollment programs.  
Fund a JLARC Energy Transition Study (pg 79)  
\$2 million per year for the Clean Energy Advisory Board (pg 83)  
\$2 million per year for grants for schools in disadvantaged communities to increase low-income clean energy access.  
25% investment tax credit for customer-owned renewable generation (pg 83)  
Funding for pilot projects that explore solar development best practices (pg 85)  
Fund the Virginia Brownfield and Coal Mine Renewable Energy Grant Program and Brownfields Program (pg 85)

## RESTORE RESOURCES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT

\$1.5 million in competitive grants to provide each Virginia K-12 student a meaningful environmental education experience (pg 127)  
Hire a coordinator to oversee environmental literacy goals (1 FTE) (pg 127)  
Restore funding to DEQ to pre-recession levels to ensure adequate environmental enforcement (pg 129)