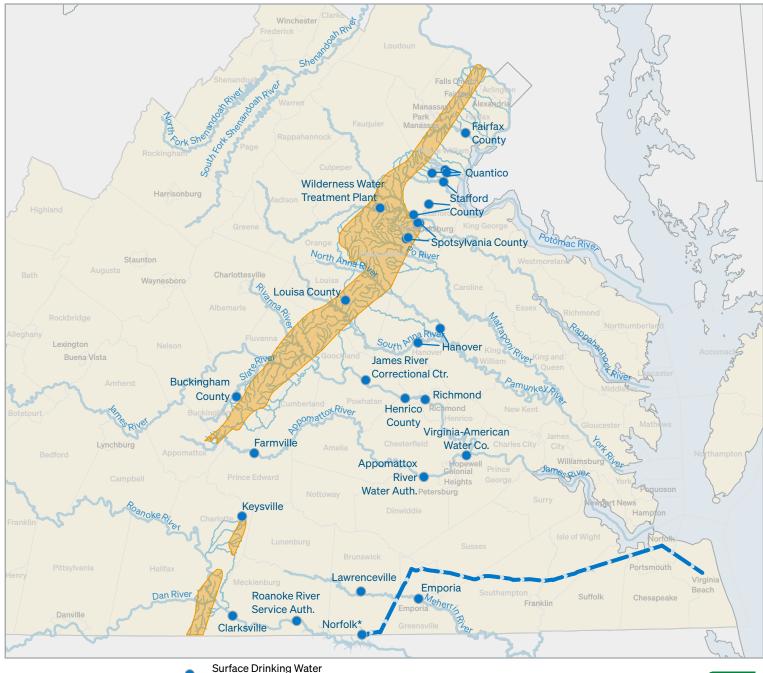
## Virginia's Surface Drinking Water Systems Downstream of the Gold-Pyrite Belt

Industrial metal mining, including gold mining, is a notorious polluter of rivers and streams. It poses a significant threat to drinking water—both near the mining and downstream. Aston Bay Holdings Ltd., a Canadian company, is currently conducting exploratory drilling for gold and other metals in Buckingham and Pittsylvania Counties, and also holds mineral leasing rights in Campbell County. This map illustrates the proximity of Virginia Department of Energy's approximated Gold-Pyrite Belt to downstream surface intakes for drinking water.

System Name	Est. Pop. Served**
Appomattox River Water Auth.	200,000
Buckingham County	5,759
Clarksville	1,400
Emporia	5,600
Fairfax County	1,074,422
Farmville	8,212
Hanover	71,000
Henrico County	292,000
James River Correctional Ctr.	4,378
Keysville	800
Lawrenceville	6,141
Louisa County	5,654
Norfolk*	751,005
Quantico	19,000
Richmond	477,000
Roanoke River Service Auth.	10,151
Spotsylvania County	115,326
Stafford County	120,974
Virginia-American Water Co.	45,463
Wilderness Water Treatment Plan	nt 12,847
Total Population Served	3,227,132



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Gold-Pyrite Belt
Approximation (VA DoE)

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Lake Gaston Links

Supply Intakes



Sources: US Census Bureau, Commonwealth of Virginia, VA DoE, EPA, VA Office of Drinking Water \*Norfolk and Virginia Beach partially use water that is pumped from Lake Gaston to Lake Prince.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Population served estimates include residential and wholesale customers as shown in Virginia Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water's database.