

# CLEAN WATER

## 2022 Bill Priorities - Virginia Conservation Network

### FLOOD RESILIENCY

Virginians are already seeing the impacts of climate change across the state, from sea level rise along our coastlines to increased rainfall statewide. We must defend and build upon the leadership of recent years to protect Virginians and preserve our natural resources into the future.

#### OPPOSE:

**HB5** Flood Relief Fund; established.

**HB847 & SB569** Coastal Virginia Resiliency Authority; established, report.

#### SUPPORT:

**HB516 & SB551** Flood resiliency & protection; implements recom. from first Va. Coastal Resilience Master Plan.

**HB517** Chief Resilience Officer; clarifies designation and role.

**HB520** Climate resilience; locality's comprehensive plan to consider strategies to address.

**SB508** Virginia Community Preparedness Fund; shifts administration to Water and Soil Conservation Board.

**SB1309** Resilient Virginia Revolving Loan Fund



## KEEPING OUR WATER FREE OF INDUSTRIAL TOXINS

Industrial toxins are a threat to our environment and our health — they can pollute the air we breathe, leach into our soils, and contaminate our drinking water. Many of these toxins have been linked to cancer, infertility, and other serious health impacts, yet they remain unregulated in the Commonwealth. Virginia should take action to identify and control sources of unregulated toxic pollution, such as the “forever chemical” PFAS, above-ground storage tanks, & runoff from metals mining, so that all communities benefit from clean air, clean water, and healthy soil.

### SUPPORT:

**HB250** Mining and processing of certain minerals and elements; work group to study.

**HB899** Aboveground storage tanks; regulation of tanks.

**HB949** Pavement sealants; sealants containing coal tar prohibited.

**HB1011** Public drinking water; Com. of Health to study occurrence of various substances & acids in water.

**HB1228** Water quality; baseline conditions.

## OTHER BILLS TO WATCH

### SUPPORT:

**HB28 & SB292** Maury River; extends portion previously designated as scenic river by an additional 23.2 miles.

**HB49** James River; designates an additional 44-mile portion as a component of Va. Scenic Rivers System.

**HB1223** Shenandoah River; scenic river designation.

**SB292** Maury River; extends portion previously designated as scenic river by an additional 23.2 miles.

### OPPOSE:

**HB1322** Living shorelines; amends definition to include low crested armoring.



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