

# SUPPORT SB508

Expanding SWCB to administer Community Flood Preparedness Fund  
Senator Lewis

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## Reasons to support SB508

Currently the Department of Conservation and Recreation administers the Commonwealth's flood planning and has a strong background in conservation-focused, nature-based solutions. SB508 expands the Soil and Water Conservation Board by 3 members, all representatives from flood prone communities, and gives the SWCB the authority to administer the Community Flood Preparedness Fund.

Administering the Community Flood Preparedness Fund is consistent with the existing duties of the board, which is responsible for statewide flood prevention and preparation as well as working with Federal partners.

SB508 also requires the board to record all grants and loans disbursed from the Community Flood Preparedness Fund and make this information available to the public as well as report annually to the Governor and General Assembly.



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