

SUPPORT HB1950 and HB 2453

Topic: Creating a Large-Scale Living Shoreline Fund

Bill Patron: Delegate Phil Hernandez and Delegate Keith Hodges

OVERVIEW:

Establishes the Living Shoreline Grant Fund for the purpose of awarding grants to a local government or a federally recognized tribe in the Commonwealth to match federal or other matching funds.

REASONS TO SUPPORT:

- Living Shoreline are Virginia's preferred approach to shoreline stabilization due to the water quality, habitat, and long term climate adaptation values.
- However, resources for large scale projects are limited and landowners and localities looking to build projects above a 2 mile fetch do not currently have a state assistance program.
- These larger sites could help the state accelerate our targets for living shoreline creation and the all the wonderful ecosystem services they provide.



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