

SUPPORT HB 2077

Topic: Tribal inclusion in the Community Flood Preparedness Fund

Bill Patron: Delegate Paul Krizek

OVERVIEW:

This legislation would specify that Virginia's Tribal nations are eligible to apply for and receive Community Flood Preparedness Funding

REASONS TO SUPPORT:

- Our Tribal neighbors are throughout the Commonwealth in many regions particularly susceptible to sea level rise. While the state has chosen to draw an arbitrary distinction, the water does not recognize jurisdictional bounds which makes comprehensive resilience solutions difficult.
- Additionally, many of the lands the Tribal nations are now located on are some of the most prone to flooding impacts.
- This legislation is needed to meet Virginia's commitments to an equitable and comprehensive response to climate change impacts. The Tribal nations we are proud to call neighbors have shown tremendous commitments to protecting and restoring their ancestral lands and access to this fund will help support and accelerate those efforts.



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