



## Action Alert: Virginia Conservation Legislation 2021

Ask your state senators and delegates to defend watersheds!

Find your Delegate and Senator [HERE](#) . Contact them now!

### OPPOSE:

[HB 2173](#) *“Advanced Recycling”*

Loosens controls, regulation, and oversight of plastic waste plants.  
(Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources)

[SB 1164](#) *“Advanced Recycling”*

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### SUPPORT:

- [HB 1902](#) *Expanded Polystyrene*

Bans “Styrofoam” use by food vendors by 2025.  
(Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources)

- [HJR 527](#) *Invasives Study*

Funds a study to produce recommendations on limiting sale of invasive plant species.  
(Rules Committee) [More Information](#)

- [HB 2030](#) *Neonicotinoid pesticides*

Limits uses of neonicotinoid insecticides and permits localities to ban them.  
(Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources)

- [HB2042](#) *Tree Replacement*

Permits localities to strengthen their tree replacement standards, especially for stormwater control.  
( Counties Cities and Towns)

- [HB1800 Item 377 #6h](#) *Research to Reduce Salt in Water Resources*

Funds a DEQ research project to test using native, salt-tolerant plants growing in biochar soil to remove salt from stormwater runoff.  
(Appropriations)

- [SB1274](#) *Wildlife Corridors*

Incorporates wildlife corridors into Commonwealth agency planning.

- [SB 1199](#) *Conservation Easements*

Protects original intent of conservation easements.

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Comments are worth it. Legislators, if they don't read them, at least see how many there are.

### **“SPEAK”**

**“Speak”** is a useful forum for posting comments on bills considered by House of Delegates committees. These comments stay attached to the bill for legislators to see as it moves through the House and Senate.

For bills originating in the Senate and not yet crossed over to the House of Delegates, contact your legislator.

To comment on "[Speak](#)":

- 1) Scroll down to find the appropriate committee.
- 2) Click on "View All Bills".
- 3) Using the scroll bar beside the bill names, locate your bill and click on square.
- 4) Click on the blue rectangle at the bottom of the page that says "Next". This click gets you to the comment form.

Click carefully and specify the number and subject of the bill in your comments when using "[Speak](#)". Many commenters do not and it causes confusion.

If you've done this much, you may as well comment on some more bills.

Our allied group [Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy](#) has a splendidly organized 2021 legislation page.