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Failure on data center standards overshadows 2026 GA session

Welcome to our 2026 Conservation Scorecard! This year's General Assembly was like none any of us have ever encountered. For the first time ever, our "Legislative Heroes" page is empty.

The 2026 version of this document is also being released months later than normal. We had to wait for an extended budget fight between the House of Delegates, State Senate and Governor to end before tallying all the votes needed to release this year's scorecard.

At the end of the day, we made a lot of progress on issues we care about – expanding affordable, clean energy, protecting our democracy and safeguarding clean water and green space – but it's what didn't get done that will loom large in the months to come: holding the data center industry accountable.

Data centers are jacking up energy prices, sucking our aquifers dry, and inundating communities with noise and pollution, and Virginians are sick and tired of politicians picking Big Tech and the billionaires running these companies over them as they and their communities suffer through these impacts.

This is why three in four Virginians oppose having data centers built near them.

At the center of the standoff between the House and Senate was what to do with the state sales and use tax exemption for data centers, with the Senate proposing to repeal it entirely as a way to raise an extra \$2 billion in revenue, and the House requiring data centers to meet environmental standards in order to continue to receive the tax break.

After months of back-and-forth between the Governor and legislative leaders in the House and Senate, political posturing, Twitter wars, the 11th

hour budget deal underdelivered on the issue and included neither a repeal of the industry's tax break or requirements that data centers to meet clean energy standards.

Both of these approaches were scrapped for a new tax on data centers – an energy consumption tax – which won't even come close to covering the tax breaks we pay out to the industry each year, while doing nothing to make these bad neighbors clean up their act. The budget further calls for fast-tracking development of these facilities in rural and low-income areas – those least equipped to fight back.

This led Virginia LCV to take the unprecedented step of opposing the budget in its entirety, which is reflected in this year's legislator scores.

In the coming months, Virginia LCV will be lifting up the voices of concerned citizens, reminding lawmakers that they failed on this important issue, and continuing to demand a pause on any new data center approvals until they deliver solutions that protect our environment and safeguard communities. Requiring this industry to pay its fair share and be a good neighbor should not be this hard.

Thank you for being a Conservation Voter and for being a part of this movement. We can't do this work without you.

Sincerely,



Michael Town,
Executive Director

Virginia LCV Honors Six Lawmakers for Legislative Leadership in 2026

In addition to recognizing lawmakers with pro-environmental voting records every year, Virginia LCV also makes it a point to acknowledge legislators who demonstrate exceptional leadership at the General Assembly by going above and beyond when it comes to getting the job done for our environment and democracy. Virginia's legislative session is noisy and fast. And environmental policies tend to be complicated and nuanced – hard issues for a part-time legislature to tackle every year, and even more difficult for the legislators who carry these bills. This year we recognize five lawmakers who demonstrated exceptional legislative leadership this General Assembly session.

Taking on Industrial Fishing

Delegate Betsy Carr has long been one of the most devoted environmental champions at the Virginia General Assembly. This year, she led on one of the more politically fraught environmental issues we work on in Virginia: properly regulating the menhaden fishery.

For years, menhaden were directly regulated by the General Assembly, not the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC), which oversees the rest of our saltwater fisheries.

While this authority shifted several

years ago, we're no closer to having fishing quotas for the "most important fish in the sea" that are grounded in science and sustainability, and the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem is suffering as a result. Carr introduced several bills this year to help on this front: one to close the Bay fishery altogether until Virginia has the appropriate research to determine that industrial fishing isn't harming other fisheries or Bay species, and another that would implement a quota period program and require independent data collection.

While these bills did not pass,

without Carr's leadership on this issue it's unlikely that we would have gotten funding in the final budget for menhaden research, which should hopefully move us toward a more sustainable industry.

Addressing PFAS Pollution on Farms

Delegate Alfonso Lopez and **Senator Richard Stuart** crossed both aisles and chambers to work together on legislation requiring testing for PFAS in any biosolids, aka "sludge," applied to farmland, notching a bipartisan win for farmers, clean water, and the health of farm communities, and taking another step forward to address "forever chemical" pollution in Virginia.

PFAS, short for per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances, are a class of synthetic chemicals found in a number of common, everyday items. These chemicals don't naturally break down when they enter the environment; rather, they bioaccumulate up the food chain, which is why trace amounts of PFAS are found in the blood of 97-99% of the human population.



Delegate Carr



Delegate Lopez



Senator Stuart



Senator Locke



Senator Perry



Delegate Sullivan

Because PFAS are in most of us, they're also in the waste we create, which is why testing of treated sewage is important before it can be spread on farmland and perpetuate the cycle of these forever chemicals.

Tackling PFAS pollution in Virginia will continue to be vitally important to water quality and public health and we will need continuing leadership from lawmakers like Delegate Lopez and Senator Stuart to secure the safeguards we need.

Eliminating Jim Crow Disenfranchisement

The Virginia Constitution of 1902 was passed with the sole objective of disenfranchising Black Virginians with tactics like poll taxes, literacy tests, and its most long-lasting provision – permanently stripping anyone convicted of a felony of the right to vote.

One-hundred and twenty-four years later, voters will have the opportunity to finally end Jim Crow disenfranchisement thanks to the persistent leadership of **Senator Mamie Locke** who has been working to amend Virginia's constitution to automatically restore voting rights to citizens as they reenter society.

This provision is one of three referendums that will be on the ballot this Fall and marks a huge step forward for our democracy as it stands to restore voting rights to more than 260,000 people, made up disproportionately of Black Virginians.

The process of getting a constitutional amendment on the ballot is one of the more tedious legislative processes we have in the Commonwealth, requiring passage of the same resolution in two consecutive legislative sessions separated by an election for the General Assembly. Senator Locke has been a true leader in this fight year-in and year-out and we look forward to continuing to work with

her on securing a healthier democracy.

Prioritizing Environmental Issues in Their Legislative Agendas

Our final Legislative Leadership awards go to a pair of lawmakers who led not just on a single issue or bill, but on several, as they dedicated a large portion of their respective legislative agendas on environmental issues. Between them both, **Senator Russet Perry** and **Delegate Rip Sullivan** carried a dozen bills we supported.

Senator Perry's portfolio included the Virginia Great Outdoors Act to secure dedicated parks funding, the initial legislation to bring Oak Hill into the Virginia parks system, and a bill giving the State Corporation Commission greater oversight of the data center industry. She also carried two bills we scored this year, one defining agrivoltaic solar projects and another protecting easements from development through eminent domain.

Delegate Sullivan, the original patron of the Virginia Clean Economy Act, carried a number of bills this year to accelerate Virginia's transition to 100% clean energy, including legislation expanding shared solar programs and energy storage. Sullivan also carried legislation that would have required data centers to meet strong clean energy and environmental standards to take advantage of any state tax breaks – legislation that passed out of the House and was the House's position on the budget until the two chambers took a different approach in the lead-up to the June 30 deadline to fund the government.

We are grateful for these lawmakers' commitment to our issues and will continue to lean on them for their leadership in future sessions.

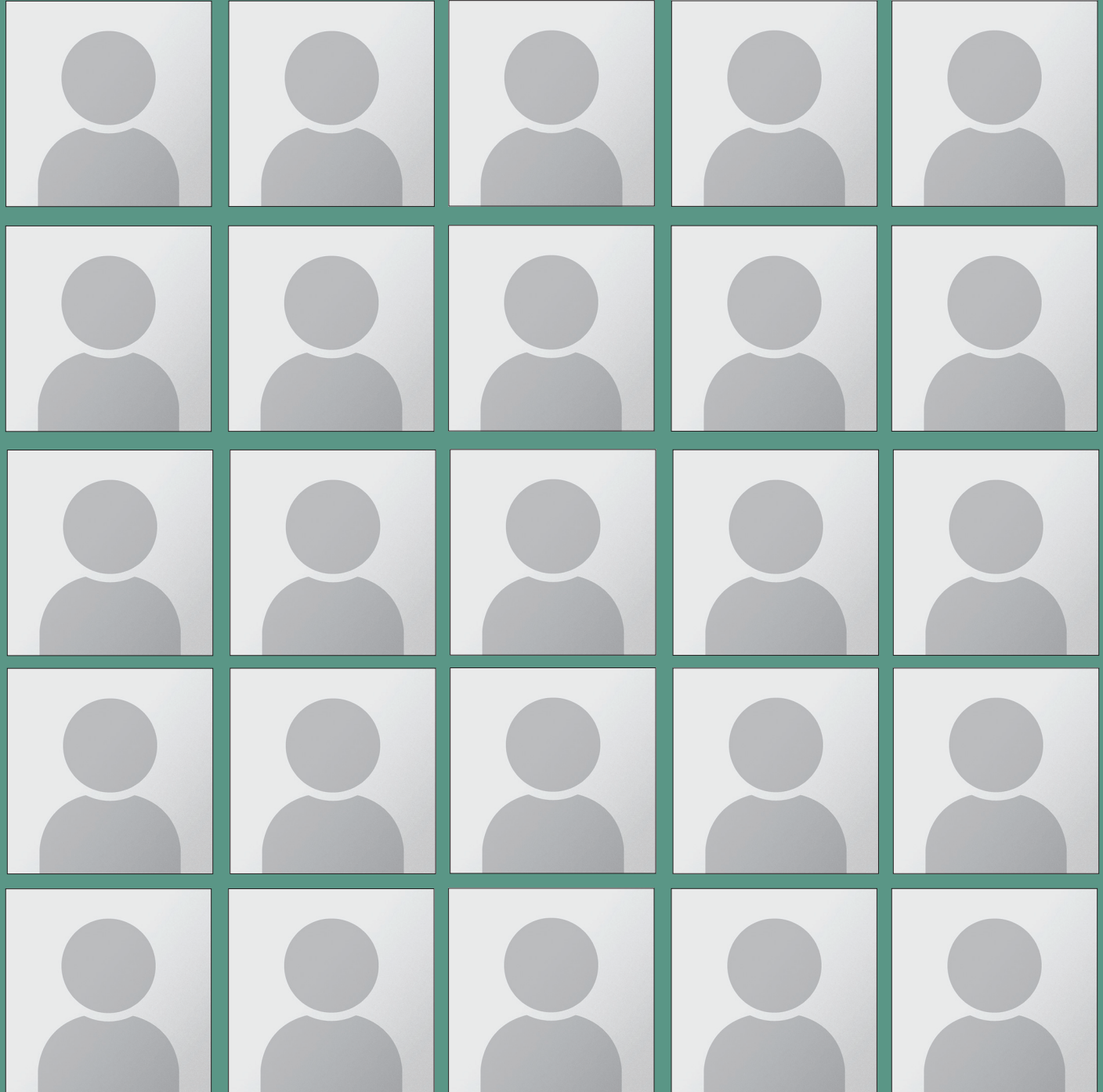
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2026 Legislative Heroes

Virginia LCV Legislative Heroes demonstrate a strong dedication and prioritization of our conservation values. **This year, for the first time, we recognize no lawmakers for voting with Virginia LCV 100% of the time.**

The only lawmakers that secured 100% scores this year either did not serve the entirety of the legislative session, and didn't vote on many of the bills we score, or missed voting on the compromise budget bill in June, which backtracked environmental standards for data centers and maintained billions of dollars of tax breaks for an industry that's driving up energy costs, inundating communities with pollution and noise, and taking up considerable water resources.

On behalf of Conservation Voters in Virginia, we urge lawmakers to take the action we need in 2027 to hold the data center industry accountable and protect Virginians from further environmental degradation.



2026 Legislative Leaders

Virginia LCV Legislative Leaders scored between 75 and 99 percent in this year's Scorecard. Twenty-three Senators and 65 Delegates earned this recognition for making conservation a priority in 2026.

Senate of Virginia

Sen. Lashrecse Aird	96%
Sen. Lamont Bagby	96%
Sen. Elizabeth Bennett-Parker	88%
Sen. Jennifer Boysko	96%
Sen. Jennifer Carroll Foy	92%
Sen. Creigh Deeds	96%
Sen. Adam Ebbin *	100%
Sen. Barbara Favola	96%
Sen. Ghazala Hashmi *	100%
Sen. Michael Jones	96%
Sen. Mamie Locke	92%
Sen. Louise Lucas	92%
Sen. Dave Marsden	96%
Sen. Jeremy McPike	96%
Sen. Stella Pekarsky	96%
Sen. Russet Perry	96%
Sen. Danica Roem	96%
Sen. Aaron Rouse	95%
Sen. Saddam Salim	96%
Sen. Kannan Srinivasan	96%
Sen. Scott Surovell	96%
Sen. Schuyler VanValkenburg	96%
Sen. Angelia Williams Graves	92%

House of Delegates

Del. Jessica Anderson	96%	Del. Alfonso Lopez	96%
Del. Bonita Anthony	96%	Del. Michelle Maldonado *	100%
Del. Alex Askew	96%	Del. Marty Martinez	96%
Del. Gretchen Bulova	96%	Del. John McAuliff	96%
Del. Katrina Callsen	96%	Del. Adele McClure	96%
Del. Kacey Carnegie	96%	Del. Garrett McGuire	96%
Del. Betsy Carr	96%	Del. Kirk McPike	88%
Del. Stacey Carroll	95%	Del. Delores McQuinn	96%
Del. Nadarius Clark *	100%	Del. Leslie Mehta	96%
Del. Laura Jane Cohen	96%	Del. May Nivar	96%
Del. Joshua Cole	96%	Del. Kimberly Pope Adams	96%
Del. Nicole Cole	96%	Del. Cia Price	96%
Del. Kelly Convirs-Fowler	95%	Del. Sam Rasoul	96%
Del. Rae Cousins	96%	Del. Atoosa Reaser	96%
Del. Karrie Delaney *	100%	Del. David Reid	96%
Del. Lindsey Dougherty	96%	Del. Andrew Rice *	100%
Del. Mark Downey	96%	Del. Charlie Schmidt	96%
Del. Michael Feggans	96%	Del. Don Scott	96%
Del. Lily Franklin	96%	Del. Holly Seibold	96%
Del. Margaret Franklin	96%	Del. Briana Sewell	96%
Del. Debra Gardner	96%	Del. Irene Shin	96%
Del. Jackie Glass	96%	Del. Marcus Simon	96%
Del. Elizabeth Guzman	96%	Del. Shelly Simonds	96%
Del. Cliff Hayes	96%	Del. JJ Singh	96%
Del. Dan Helmer	96%	Del. Rip Sullivan	96%
Del. Rozia Henson	96%	Del. Joshua Thomas	96%
Del. Phil Hernandez	96%	Del. Virgil Thornton	96%
Del. Charniele Herring	96%	Del. Luke Torian	96%
Del. Patrick Hope	96%	Del. Kathy Tran	96%
Del. Karen Keys-Gamarra	95%	Del. Jeion Ward	95%
Del. Paul Krizek	96%	Del. Vivian Watts	96%
Del. Amy Laufer	96%	Del. Rodney Willett	96%
Del. Destiny LeVere Bolling	96%		

* See Page 6 for an explanation on why these lawmakers with 100% scores aren't listed as Legislative Heroes for 2026.

Scored Legislation:

Energy & Climate

Abandoning Environmental Standards for Data Centers

*House Bill 30 (Budget Bill) – Del. Luke Torian
(D-Prince William)*

Virginia LCV Position: Oppose

Virginia is the data center capital of the world, and as more and more of these resource-hungry facilities proliferate in the Commonwealth, Virginians are seeing higher energy bills, dirtier air, and a number of harmful local impacts.

Given the opportunity to hold data centers accountable to strong environmental standards this legislative session, lawmakers failed to deliver solutions in the final budget deal that was signed into law in June.

This breakdown followed a months-long stalemate on the budget due to disagreements between the House and Senate on how to handle a multi-billion dollar tax break for the data center industry, with the Senate wanting to end the subsidy altogether and the House wanting to require environmental standards in order to receive it.

Budget conferees advanced a budget deal that does neither. The budget bill instead

establishes an energy consumption tax for the data center industry estimated to only generate about a third of the revenue that Virginia loses out on because of the large sale and use tax exemption that goes to data centers, which was \$2.1 billion in 2025 alone, while doing nothing to require data centers to transition to clean energy or be better neighbors. The Budget Bill also includes provisions to fast-track data center development in rural and low-income communities.

HB30 passed out of the House of Delegates on a vote of 72-21, cleared the Senate on a 23-16 vote, and was signed into law.

Know the Score:

As an exclusive accountability tool for Conservation Voters, it is important to know how we arrive at the final scores for each General Assembly session. The Conservation Scorecard gives you a comprehensive understanding of how your elected leaders represented your conservation values in Richmond.

While some sessions carry more contentious, high-stakes debates than others, our Scorecard allows you to distinguish between the rhetoric and the reality of a legislator's record by providing you detailed summaries of what happened inside the State Capitol each session.

How the Votes Were Chosen

With hundreds of bills introduced every

session, Virginia LCV carefully tracks and takes positions on all priority legislation that impacts conservation. As legislation evolves throughout the lawmaking process, we communicate our position at every step along the way – from subcommittee, to full committee, to the floor of each chamber.

After session's end, we closely examine the votes and determine a selection of votes which best illustrates how legislators prioritized conservation issues. While some votes are easier than others, our look into what happened on the record and behind the scenes gives an encompassing representation of conservation performance.

How the Scores Were Calculated

For every vote recorded on the chosen

legislation, legislators receive one "correct vote" for voting the way of our communicated position. The number of "correct" votes is divided by the total number of possible votes for each legislator, which generates a lawmaker's percentage score for the session. Legislators that sponsored bills supported by Virginia LCV receive a patron credit, which counts as one additional "possible vote" averaged into their final percentage.

Although some legislators perform more poorly than others from year to year, it is important that they hear from you your encouragement to do better. Conversely, we must not take our Legislative Heroes and Leaders for granted – let them know you appreciate their commitment to conservation and look forward to their continued support.



Above: Specialized workers use cranes to erect offshore wind turbines. Legislation passed this year will advance training for offshore wind workers in Virginia. Shutterstock.

Advancing the Offshore Wind Workforce

*House Bill 67 – Del. Michael Feggans
(D-Virginia Beach)*

*Senate Bill 25 – Sen. Jennifer Carroll Foy
(D-Prince William)*

Virginia LCV Position: Support

In the coming months, the nation's largest offshore wind farm will come fully online off the coast of Virginia Beach. Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) delivered its first power to the grid this Spring, and when complete, will supply 9.5 million megawatt hours of renew-

able energy every year, enough clean power for 660,000 homes.

With a project of this scale – and hopefully more to come off our coast – Virginia needs a skilled, trained, local workforce to deploy and maintain the giant wind turbines and infrastructure to power our future.

HB67 and SB25 help make this happen by providing a pipeline to these good-paying jobs and ensuring offshore workers can access training and certifications here in Virginia instead of travelling out-of-state for those professional development opportunities. These include the Global Wind Organization training to meet minimum safety standards, which workers must complete every two years.

HB67 passed the House on a bipartisan vote of 86-12 while SB25 passed on a party-line 21-19 vote in the Senate. The bills were signed into law by Gov. Spanberger.

Requiring Demand Flexibility for Data Centers

*House Bill 284 – Del. Michael Feggans
(D-Virginia Beach)*

*Senate Bill 371 – Sen. Jeremy McPike
(D-Prince William)*

Virginia LCV Position: Support

The incredible energy demands of the data center industry are a big reason why electric bills are on the rise in Virginia, with just one of these energy-hungry facilities using the same energy as a small city.

Virginia has the highest concentration of data centers in the world and more than any other state, and ratepayers in Virginia in large part have been subsidizing the costs to power these facilities.

This legislation tasks the State Corporation

Commission with developing a first-of-its-kind and nation-leading demand flexibility program for data centers that will reduce strain on our grid and cut energy costs for Virginians.

Under this type of program, data centers would be required to shift energy load to other facilities or temporarily delay certain operations during times of peak demand or grid strain.

Demand flexibility programs have the potential to provide cost savings and avoid costly new electricity infrastructure.

HB284 passed unanimously in the House while SB371 passed the Senate on a bipartisan vote of 27-12. The bills were signed into law by Gov. Spanberger.

Rejoining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

*House Bill 397 – Del. Charniele Herring
(D-Alexandria)*

*Senate Bill 802 – Sen. Mamie Locke
(D-Hampton)*

Virginia LCV Position: Support

Following a hiatus from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Virginia is poised to rejoin this multi-state effort to cut power plant pollution and invest in efforts that cut energy bills and keep communities in the Commonwealth safe from flooding.

Virginia originally joined RGGI via statute in 2020, but was illegally removed from the program by former Governor Glenn Youngkin. In the years that we participated in RGGI, the program helped cut power plant pollution by nearly 25% while generating \$830 million of revenue for energy efficiency and flood prevention efforts in communities across Virginia.

HB897 and SB802 mandate our continued participation in RGGI and include clarifying

language that our membership is not optional, efforts that will help prevent another short-sighted withdrawal in the future.

The original bills split revenues the same way as the original legislation with 50% of proceeds going toward low-income energy efficiency programs, 45% going toward flood prevention, and the remaining funding helping the state administer the program.

Both bills passed along partyline votes of 63-36 and 21-19 and were signed into law by Gov. Spanberger. Virginia officially re-entered the program in July. Language was later added to the state budget that reduces the amount of RGGI money for flooding and energy efficiency work but funds a bill rebate for Virginians, estimated to be a few dollars a month.

Defining ‘Agrivoltaic’ Solar Projects

*House Bill 508 – Del. John McAuliff
(D-Fauquier)*

*Senate Bill 340 – Sen. Russel Perry
(D-Loudoun)*

Virginia LCV Position: Support

Tensions often arise in rural communities as utility-scale solar installations replace formerly productive farms. Agriculture and renewable energy can co-exist, however, through arrays that allow crops and grazing underneath solar arrays. And now Virginia code has an official definition for it, paving the way for solar and farmland to work together.

This legislation defines agrivoltaics as the intentional co-location of agricultural production and solar panels on the same land designed to maintain farm productivity and output while also generating renewable energy. It also con-

venes an agrivoltaics project advisory panel through Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Virginia Department of Energy to identify ways to further agrivoltaics projects.

HB508 passed out of the House 67-31 with Republican Delegates Buddy Fowler, Tom Garrett, Justin Pence and Wren Williams joining Democrats. SB340 cleared the Senate on a vote of 27-13. Gov. Spanberger signed both bills into law.

Streamlining Rooftop Solar Permitting

*House Bill 590 – Del. Phil Hernandez
(D-Norfolk)*

Senate Bill 382 – Sen. Scott Surovell (D-Fairfax)

Virginia LCV Position: Support

Virginia solar consumers have long struggled with a burdensome process when it comes to installing rooftop solar systems.

This legislation streamlines this process for homeowners by implementing Smart Solar Permitting software to help modernize residential solar permitting, cutting project costs and timelines in the process, which will make solar systems more affordable while bringing them online faster.

When fully complete, this system should be able to process 75% of residential solar projects in Virginia.

These bills were one component of the larger Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) package.

HB590 passed out of the House on a party-line vote. SB382 cleared the Senate 22-18 with Republican Senators Richard Stuart and David Suetterlein voting with Democrats. Gov. Spanberger signed both bills into law.

Advancing Distributed Generation

*House Bill 628 – Del. Katrina Callsen
(D-Charlottesville)*

*Senate Bill 175 – Sen. Schuyler VanValkenburg
(D-Henrico)*

Virginia LCV Position: Support

One of the quickest and most affordable ways we can meet energy demand is through small, distributed energy projects.

This legislation increases from 1 to 3 megawatts what qualifies as a “distributed resource,” increases the carveout for projects on rooftops and previously disturbed sites, and brings in more third-party solar to lower costs and increase competition.

Overall, this legislation shifts solar development to an estimated 10,000 acres of rooftops and disturbed sites like industrial sites and landfills instead of open spaces.

These bills were one component of the larger Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) package.

HB628 passed out of the House of Delegates unanimously. SB175 passed out of the Senate 23-16 with Republican Senators Richard Stuart and David Suetterlein voting with Democrats. Gov. Spanberger signed both bills into law.

Expanding Shared Solar Across Virginia

House Bill 807 – Del. Rip Sullivan (D-Fairfax)
*Senate Bill 254 – Sen. Scott Surovell
(D-Fairfax)*

Virginia LCV Position: Support

Not every Virginian who wants to power their home with clean, solar power has the ability to do so due to limiting factors like lack

of adequate roof space, excess shade, or because they rent their residence and can't buy and install their own panels.

Shared solar programs, also called "community solar," help fill this critical gap by providing access to clean energy to Virginians who want it. These small projects are easier to site and bring online, helping reduce solar's impact on green space and furthering Virginia's clean energy goals.

These bills were one component of the larger Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) package.

HB807 and SB254 expand the shared solar program in Dominion Energy's territory to 525 megawatts in its second phase and outline a process to lift the cap completely.

HB807 passed unanimously out of the House while SB254 passed the Senate 24-15. The bills were signed into law by Gov. Spanberger.

Bolstering Clean Energy Storage

House Bill 895 – Del. Rip Sullivan (D-Fairfax)

Senate Bill 448 – Sen. Lamont Bagby (D-Richmond)

Virginia LCV Position: Support

Energy storage is a key component of ensuring a future powered by 100% clean energy while ensuring a reliable grid and affordable electric bills.

Energy storage allows clean energy to be dispatchable at times when the sun isn't shining or the wind isn't blowing, maximizing the utilization of clean wind and solar.

This legislation increases the state's energy storage procurement target from 3100 MW to more than 20,000 MW, creates a model ordinance for localities for energy storage projects,

and tasks the SCC with working to ensure storage fits into our larger energy marketplace.

These bills were one component of the larger Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) package.

HB895 passed out of the House on a vote of 67-31. SB448 cleared the Senate 22-17 with Republican Sen. Richard Stuart joining Democrats on the floor. The bills were signed into law by Gov. Spanberger.

Protecting Solar Consumers

House Bill 1439 – Del. Irene Shin (D-Fairfax)

Senate Bill 823 – Sen. Lamont Bagby (D-Richmond)

Virginia LCV Position: Support

With an expanded marketplace for residential solar has come an uptick in bad actors who take advantage of customers and undermine clean energy progress.

To address this problem, this legislation requires solar installers to provide customers with a disclosure form for all residential solar projects which clearly lists system specifications, costs and financing options before a contract is signed.

This bill creates common-sense protections for solar consumers in Virginia, while holding solar installers and financing companies accountable for predatory practices.

HB1439 passed out of the House 91-5. SB823 passed unanimously out of the Senate and both bills were signed into law.

Good Government

Advancing Environmental Justice at the Local Level

House Bill 256 – Del. Shelly Simonds (D-Newport News)

Senate Bill 425 – Sen. Lamont Bagby (D-Richmond)

Virginia LCV Position: Support

Many of the environmental injustices that Virginians face emerge at the local level as localities greenlight projects that lead to environmental degradation and harm.

This legislation gives localities a tool in the planning process to help address these impacts and ensure vulnerable communities are safer from environmental threats.

More specifically, these bills require Virginia localities to consider adopting an environmental justice strategy as part of their comprehensive plan and to also identify local environmental justice or fenceline communities and develop solutions that reduce health risks and environmental harm while advancing civic engagement.

Both HB256 and SB425 passed out of their respective chambers on party-line votes of 63-36 and 21-19. Both bills were signed into law by Gov. Spanberger.

Addressing Cumulative Impacts in Permitting

House Bill 1266 – Del. Kathy Tran (D-Fairfax)

Virginia LCV Position: Support

Advocates have long criticized Virginia's permitting process for only looking into the

narrow impacts of the singular project being considered in the regulatory process instead of the cumulative pollution impact that a community is facing.

When the same community has a high concentration of power plants or polluting factories, for example, they are at higher risk of suffering negative health risks.

This bill directs the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to update and strengthen its guidance memo for how to address environmental justice in the permitting process to take into consideration how to assess cumulative impacts and ensure proactive community engagement.

HB1266 passed out of the House 65-34 with Republican Delegate Israel O'Quinn joining Democrats. The bill passed the Senate 22-18 with support from Republican Senator Richard Stuart. Gov. Spanberger signed the bill into law.

Rejoining 'ERIC' Voter Data Compact

Senate Bill 57 – Sen. Schuyler VanValkenburg (D-Henrico)

Virginia LCV Position: Support

A number of conspiracy theories emerged to justify President Trump's "Big Lie" that the 2020 elections were stolen from him because of widespread voter fraud.

One of these was that the Electronic Registration and Information Center (ERIC), a multistate voter data partnership, was actually a liberal plot to steal elections when it is actually a way to make our elections safer and more secure.

Former Governor Glenn Youngkin took

the drastic step of taking Virginia, a founding member of ERIC, out of the program, alongside a number of other questionable decisions impacting Virginia's voter rolls.

This legislation gets Virginia back into ERIC, paving the way for more accurate voter data, more efficient elections, and better access to voter registration resources for eligible voters.

SB57 passed both chambers on party-line votes and was signed into law.

Advancing Automatic Restoration of Voting Rights

House Joint Resolution 2 – Del. Elizabeth Bennett-Parker (D-Alexandria)

Senate Joint Resolution 2 – Sen. Mamie Locke (D-Hampton)

Virginia LCV Position: Support

Virginia is on track to ending one of the last vestiges of Jim Crow segregation through a Constitutional Amendment that will repeal the provision permanently disenfranchising anyone with a felony conviction of the right to vote.

Originally adopted in the Constitution of 1902 alongside a suite of measures intended to undercut Black Virginians' political power – things like poll taxes and literacy tests, which have since been abolished – this source of disenfranchisement has continued to negatively impact Virginians of color. An estimated 260,000 citizens, made up disproportionately of Black Virginians, can't vote today because of a prior conviction.

HJ2 cleared the House Floor 65-34 with Republican Del. Mike Cherry voting alongside Democrats. SJ2 passed out of the Senate floor

on a party-line vote.

This measure will be on the ballot this Fall, the result of years of concerted effort to build a more just, inclusive democracy.

Land Conservation

Making James Monroe's 'Oak Hill' a State Park

House Bill 30 (Governor's Amendment #10) – Del. Luke Torian (D-Prince William)

Virginia LCV Position: Support

It's not often that Virginia has the opportunity to receive a turnkey state park essentially free of charge, but that was the case with Oak Hill, the presidential home of our Fifth President, James Monroe, located in Loudoun County.

Despite the clear benefits of securing a new state park, which combines historical significance with necessary outdoor recreation access in a rapidly developing part of Virginia, Oak Hill took a rocky path.

In 2025, the legislature rejected a host of bad budget amendments sent down by former Governor Glenn Youngkin, which also included provisions to bring Oak Hill into the parks system, after the failure of earlier legislation in the Senate carried by Del. Alfonso Lopez.

This year, bills from by Del. John McAuliff and Sen. Russett Perry failed in the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations, leaving the state budget as the last pathway forward to protect Oak Hill.

After the Budget Bill that originally passed out of the legislature failed to deliver protec-

tions for Oak Hill, Gov. Spanberger sent down a budget amendment authorizing the Department of Conservation and Recreation to validate Oak Hill as a new state park.

The House supported this amendment on a vote of 75-14; it passed out of the Senate 31-7 and was signed into law by the Governor as part of the final budget package that passed in June, paving the way for Virginia's newest state park.

Curbing Invasive Plants

House Bill 109 – Del. Holly Siebold (D-Fairfax)

Virginia LCV Position: Support

Invasive plants disrupt native habitats and local ecosystems, reducing crop yields, killing

livestock, degrading pastures, infesting timber stands, and hosting pests. It is imperative that Virginia reins in invasive plants to protect our agriculture, ecosystems, and economy as a whole.

This legislation moves forward in preventing the spread of invasive plants by removing a loophole that prevents control of invasive species if they are being grown or sold in Virginia, regardless of the plants' harm. It also eliminates a provision requiring examination of commercial viability for plants being considered for the noxious weeds list.

HB109 passed out of the House of Delegates 98-2, cleared the Senate unanimously, and was signed into law.

Protecting Easements from Development

*Senate Bill 342 – Sen. Russett Perry
(D-Loudoun)*

Virginia LCV Position: Support

When a land is placed under a conservation easement, the goal is to preserve it in perpetuity. This legislation helps ensure that remains the case, by making it harder to condemn land under easement through the eminent domain process.

Specifically, it would require any entity who condemns land held under a conservation or open-space easement to compensate the state for the value of any Virginia Land Preservation Tax Credits previously claimed and the locality for any property tax avoided during the

Scenic VA Registry Catalogs Defining Views

Images in this year's scorecard, including our front cover, inside front cover, and back cover, come from Scenic Virginia's "Treasured Views" registry, a science-based, community-informed program designed to identify, assess, map, and catalog the views that define Virginia's landscapes and sense of place.

The sites include "The View that Named Richmond," in Richmond's Libby Hill, "The Towers" at Breaks Interstate Park in Southwest Virginia's Breaks, "Birch Knob" in Dickenson County, "Old Rag" in Rappahannock County, "Piedmont Memorial Overlook" in Delaplane, "The Peake at Massie's Corner" in Rappahannock County, and "Red Hill" in Brookneal.

Scenic Virginia depends on community-led nominations to drive their registry. For more information about the nomination process, visit scenicvirginia.org.

At right: 'The View That Named Richmond', located in Libby Hill Park in Richmond Virginia, was nominated by the Church Hill Viewshed Committee, with the support of nearly a dozen other organizations. Courtesy of Scenic Virginia.





Aerial view of a hyperscale data center in the Dulles Technology Corridor in Loudoun County, which houses the highest concentration of these facilities in the world. Shutterstock.

term of the conservation or open space easement.

After originally clearing the legislature with broad support, Gov. Spanberger introduced bad amendments to this bill, which we urged the legislature to reject in a way that prevented her from vetoing the bill once it reached her desk a second time.

The Senate rejected the amendment and passed the bill in its original form with a bipartisan, veto-proof vote of 32-7; it then cleared the House 74-26 and became law without further action required by the Governor.

Land Use and Transportation

Strengthening On-site Assessments for Data Centers

*House Bill 153 – Del. Josh Thomas
(D-Prince William)*

*Senate Bill 94 – Sen. Danica Roem
(D-Prince William)*

Virginia LCV Position: Support

Virginia is at the epicenter of the data center boom. Over 70% of the world's internet traffic runs through the Commonwealth, with most

of these energy and resource hungry facilities located in Northern Virginia's "Data Center Alley."

With the proliferation of data centers has come a host of issues, which this legislation will help address, though not entirely.

This package of legislation boosts transparency in the development and operations of data centers by requiring site assessments for noise impacts, enabling localities to require information on potential impacts to water quality, agriculture, forests and parks, and disclosing whether these facilities will require costly utility infrastructure like transmission lines and sub-stations in order to operate.

HB153 passed out of the House 91-7; SB94 passed out of the Senate on a vote of 21-18 with one abstention. Both bills were signed into law by Gov. Spanberger.

Including Vehicle Charging in Land Use Ordinances

*House Bill 833 – Del. Adele McClure
(D-Alexandria)*

Virginia LCV Position: Support

Electric vehicles are paving the way for a cleaner transportation future in our Commonwealth, reducing pollution and pain at the pump for their drivers.

As EVs become more and more popular, Virginia will need to be proactive by ensuring adequate charging infrastructure parallels their adoption. Charging at home is the easiest and most affordable option for drivers. But today, many people living in multifamily homes must rely on costlier and less convenient public charging.

This bill addresses this issue by enabling localities to set minimum standards for EV

readiness in new multifamily, commercial, and industrial buildings, along with reducing utility costs to energize EV chargers. These changes will help to circumnavigate costly future upgrades as more Virginians go electric.

The bill passed out of the House of Delegates 61-35 and cleared the Senate 22-18 with Republican Travis Hackworth joining Democrats. The legislation was signed by Gov. Spanberger.

Planning Long-term for Electric Vehicles

House Bill 1225 – Del. Irene Shin (D-Fairfax)

Senate Bill 407 – Sen. Jennifer Boysko (D-Fairfax)

Virginia LCV Position: Support

While electric vehicles continue to grow in popularity, a major barrier still exists for consumers interested in making the switch: range anxiety.

Without adequate charging infrastructure across the state, especially in rural areas, EV adoption will not reach its full potential.

This legislation works to increase access to electric refueling through improved EV-charging rate-design, incentives, and programs, and greater certainty for the private charging market.

It requires reforms to electric utilities' "Transportation Electrification Plans" to include specific rate designs and incentives for rural and low-income communities, establishes "make ready" grid upgrades for private charging companies, cutting their upfront costs, and solidifies market certainty and competition by curtailing where utilities can build their own charging infrastructure.

HB1225 passed out of the House 89-9 and

SB407 cleared the Senate 37-2. Both bills became law July 1.

Water Quality

Supporting Research on Atlantic Menhaden

House Bill 30 (Governor's Amendment #2) –

Del. Luke Torian (D-Prince William)

Virginia LCV Position: Support

Menhaden, the small, oil-rich fish found in the Chesapeake Bay, are in trouble, and so are a number of other Bay species who depend on them as a food source.

Referred to as the "most important fish in the sea" due to the role menhaden play in their ecosystem, fish populations are declining and overfishing is to blame.

Virginia-based Omega Protein catches menhaden at industrial scale, turning them into supplements, fish meal and oil, and a number of industrial products.

Following the failure of several bills to protect menhaden and hold this industry accountable during the regular legislative session, Gov. Spanberger sent down a budget amendment appropriating \$2 million in the biennium to fund research with the goal of establishing a harvest cap grounded in science and sustainability.

This work will be carried out by the Virginia Institute on Marine Science in collaboration with the Virginia Marine Fisheries Commission.

The amendment passed out of the House on a vote of 65-25, cleared the Senate 26-12, and was signed into law.

Protecting Virginians from PFAS in Biosolids

House Bill 1443 – Del. Alfonso Lopez (D-Arlington)

Senate Bill 386 – Sen. Richard Stuart (R-Westmoreland)

Virginia LCV Position: Support

PFAS, which stands for per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances, are a group of synthetic chemicals that never break down. These dangerous chemicals can build up in the environment and our bodies leading to cancer, reproductive and immune system harm.

Because most of us already have trace amounts of PFAS in our bodies, these chemicals find their way into the waste stream, and our food supply, when the sewage sludge byproduct from wastewater treatment plants is utilized in farming.

This legislation requires owners of wastewater treatment plants to conduct monthly testing of the sludge intended for land application, and implements concentration-based thresholds, protecting farmers and their families from the impact of biosolids containing PFAS.

HB1443 passed out of the House of Delegates 69-29; SB386 cleared the Senate 29-11. Both bills were signed into law.

Testing Industrial Sources for PFAS

House Bill 938 – Del. Nadarius Clark (D-Suffolk)

Senate Bill 138 – Sen. Jeremy McPike (D-Prince William)

Virginia LCV Position: Support

PFAS contamination is widespread in Virginia's drinking water, surface waters, and

biosolids, affecting 2.5 million residents and disproportionately impacting low-income and minority communities. PFAS are not removed by standard treatment systems, leaving water utilities and ratepayers to shoulder significant costs while polluters avoid accountability.

Better understanding and tracking how PFAS enters our water system is vital to taking steps to protect public health and our environment from these toxic chemicals.

These bills create the first comprehensive system to identify and track industrial sources of these forever chemicals by requiring industrial users that discharge to publicly owned treatment works to monitor and report PFAS.

HB938 passed out of the House 91-6; SB138 passed out of the Senate unanimously. Both bills were signed into law.

Ensuring Water Transparency for Data Centers

*House Bill 496 – Del. Elizabeth Guzman
(D-Prince William)*

*Senate Bill 553 – Sen. Kannan Srinivasan
(D-Loudoun)*

Virginia LCV Position: Support

We know that data centers use a huge amount of water to cool their equipment, often millions of gallons of water a day, at a time when our groundwater resources are dwindling.

While the general impacts to water supply are broadly known, the industry hasn't had to actually report its water use to state regulators. This legislation requires water suppliers to report how much water they are sending to data centers, giving Virginia DEQ better information to make informed decisions about our water

resources.

HB496 and SB553 both ended up in conference, due to differing amendments placed on the bills by the House and Senate, some of which were much more favorable to the industry than to protecting our water supplies.

The House passed an updated, and improved version of HB496 on a vote of 78-19; the Senate passed SB553, which included the same updated language, by a 25-14 margin. The bills were signed into law, giving the Commonwealth a new tool to protect water supplies and hold the industry better accountable than the status quo.

Mandating No Net Loss of Wetlands

*House Bill 521 – Del. Phil Hernandez
(D-Norfolk)*

Virginia LCV Position: Support

State-level protections for wetlands are more important than ever due to federal roll-

backs following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Sackett v. EPA*, which significantly reduced the applicability of the Clean Water Act to wetlands, putting many of these waterways at risk and eliminating one of our best natural solutions to combat flooding.

This legislation strengthens Virginia's ability to safeguard wetlands by requiring the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) to ensure no net loss of existing wetland acreage when reviewing permits. It also requires appropriate mitigation when wetlands impacts do occur and establishes a stakeholder group to address mitigation requirements for tidal, non-vegetated wetlands, which play an important role in coastal resilience, helping guide future policy decisions.

HB521 passed out of the House of Delegates 74-25 and cleared the Senate on a party-line vote of 21-19 before being signed into law by Gov. Spanberger.



Aerial view of where Lynnhaven River meets the ocean in Virginia Beach. Shutterstock.

House Scorecard

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Delegate	District	Party	2026 Score	2025 Score	Career Score Since 2000	HB30	HB67	HB284	HB397	HB508	HB590	HB628	HB807	HB895	HB1439	HB256	HB1266	HJ2	SB57	HB30 Gov. Amndt. #1	HB109	SB342	HB153	HB833	HB1225	HB30 Gov. Amndt. #2	HB496	HB521	HB938	HB1443
Anderson	71	D	96%	N/A	96%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Anthony	92	D	96%	100%	98%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Askew	95	D	96%	100%	99%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Austin	37	R	50%	47%	41%	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	NV	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Ballard	42	R	33%	18%	32%	NV	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X
Bennett-Parker*	5	D	100%	100%	99%				✓	✓		✓	✓			✓		✓			✓		✓	✓	✓			✓		
Bloxom	100	R	52%	59%	51%	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓
Bulova	11	D	96%	N/A	96%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Carnegie	89	D	96%	N/A	96%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Carroll	64	D	95%	N/A	95%	X	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓
Cherry	74	R	60%	18%	43%	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X
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Cohen	15	D	96%	100%	98%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cole, J.	65	D	96%	100%	98%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cole, N.	66	D	96%	N/A	96%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Cornett	46	R	40%	N/A	40%	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X
Cousins	79	D	96%	100%	98%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Davis	39	R	36%	18%	32%	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X
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Dougherty	75	D	96%	N/A	96%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Fowler	59	R	39%	29%	36%	NV	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	NV	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X
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Hamilton	62	R	36%	N/A	36%	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X
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Knight*	98	R	62%	50%	35%		✓	NV	X	X	NV	✓	✓	NV	✓	X	NV	X			✓		✓	NV	✓		✓	X	NV	NV
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Maldonado*	20	D	100%	100%	100%		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Martinez	29	D	96%	100%	98%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McAuliff	30	D	96%	N/A	96%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McClure	2	D	96%	100%	98%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McGuire	17	D	96%	N/A	96%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McLaughlin	36	R	46%	35%	43%	NV	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X
McNamara	40	R	45%	31%	34%	✓	X	✓	X	NV	NV	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	NV	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X
McPike *	5	D	88%	N/A	88%	X	✓								✓				✓	✓		✓				✓	✓			
McQuinn	81	D	96%	100%	97%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mehta	73	D	96%	N/A	96%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Morefield	43	R	52%	44%	37%	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Nivar	57	D	96%	N/A	96%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Oates	31	R	38%	12%	27%	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	NV	X
O’Quinn	44	R	48%	17%	35%	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X
Pence	33	R	48%	N/A	48%	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X
Phillips	48	R	36%	35%	39%	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X
Pope Adams	82	D	96%	N/A	96%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Price	85	D	96%	100%	99%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Delegate	District	Party	2026 Score	2025 Score	Career Score Since 2000	HB30	HB67	HB284	HB397	HB508	HB590	HB628	HB807	HB895	HB1439	HB256	HB1266	HJ2	SB57	HB30 Gov. Amndt. #10	HB109	SB342	HB153	HB833	HB1225	HB30 Gov. Amndt. #2	HB496	HB521	HB938	HB1443	
Rasoul	38	D	96%	100%	97%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Reaser	27	D	96%	100%	98%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Reid	28	D	96%	100%	99%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Rice *	98	R	100%	N/A	100%	✓														✓		✓				✓					
Runion	35	R	52%	35%	37%	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	
Schmidt	77	D	96%	N/A	96%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Scott, D.	88	D	96%	100%	98%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Scott, P.	63	R	17%	12%	18%	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	NV	X	X	NV	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
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Sewell	25	D	96%	100%	99%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
✓ Shin	8	D	96%	100%	99%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
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✓ Sullivan	6	D	96%	100%	96%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tata	99	R	48%	35%	43%	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	NV	✓	X	✓	X	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	X	
✓ Thomas	21	D	96%	100%	98%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Thornton	86	D	96%	N/A	96%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Torian	24	D	96%	100%	94%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
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Wachsmann	83	R	40%	18%	37%	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	
Walker	52	R	48%	24%	30%	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	
Ward	87	D	95%	100%	94%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ware	72	R	43%	44%	47%	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	NV	✓	X	✓	X	✓	NV	✓	✓	X	X	
Watts	14	D	96%	100%	93%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Webert	61	R	52%	28%	41%	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	
Whittle	49	R	36%	N/A	36%	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	
Wiley	32	R	40%	24%	35%	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	
Willett	58	D	96%	100%	99%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Williams	47	R	43%	28%	36%	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	NV	✓	X	X	X	✓	NV	X	X	✓	X	
Wilt	34	R	44%	41%	41%	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	
Wright	50	R	24%	19%	32%	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	
Wyatt	60	R	40%	25%	29%	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	
Zehr	51	R	32%	12%	22%	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	
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Aird	13	D	96%	100%	98%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bagby	14	D	96%	100%	99%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bennett-Parker*	39	D	88%	100%	99%	X									✓				✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓				
Boysko	38	D	96%	100%	99%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Carroll Foy	33	D	92%	100%	98%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cifers	10	R	42%	29%	37%	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X
Craig	19	R	35%	23%	28%	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	AB	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X
Deeds	11	D	96%	100%	94%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DeSteph	20	R	25%	25%	36%	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X
Diggs	24	R	38%	29%	36%	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	X
Durant	27	R	39%	18%	31%	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	NV	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X
Ebbin*	39	D	100%	100%	99%		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓					✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Favola	40	D	96%	100%	99%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
French	1	R	28%	23%	26%	✓	NV	NV	✓	NV	X	X	X	NV	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	NV	X	X	NV	X	X	X
Hackworth	5	R	38%	27%	39%	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Hashmi*	15	D	100%	100%	99%													✓												
Head	3	R	22%	8%	28%	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	NV	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Jones*	15	D	96%	100%	98%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jordan	17	R	29%	31%	25%	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X
Locke	23	D	92%	100%	93%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lucas	18	D	92%	100%	87%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Marsden	35	D	96%	100%	91%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McDougle	26	R	25%	19%	36%	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	X
McPike	29	D	96%	100%	99%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mulchi	9	R	26%	13%	23%	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	NV	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Obenshain	2	R	23%	7%	29%	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	NV	✓	X	X	X	✓	NV	X	✓	X	X	X
Peake	8	R	35%	19%	34%	NV	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X
Pekarsky	36	D	96%	100%	98%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Perry	31	D	96%	100%	98%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pillion	6	R	39%	15%	39%	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	NV	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Reeves	28	R	29%	25%	34%	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Roem	30	D	96%	100%	99%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rouse	22	D	95%	100%	97%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Salim	37	D	96%	100%	98%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Srinivasan	32	D	96%	100%	98%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stanley	7	R	21%	24%	35%	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X
Stuart	25	R	71%	40%	48%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	NV	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Sturtevant	12	R	42%	29%	39%	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓
Suetterlein	4	R	54%	33%	38%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Surovell	34	D	96%	100%	94%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
VanValkenburg	16	D	96%	100%	98%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Williams Graves	21	D	92%	100%	97%	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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2027 offers lawmakers two critical opportunities they shouldn't ignore

2026 has been an incredibly challenging but also productive year for our movement.

The good: We got a lot done on issues we care about. We're back in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. We have more tools at our disposal to secure an affordable clean energy transition and to protect clean water from forever chemicals. We're closer than ever to restoring the right to vote for more than 260,000 Virginians. These are huge legislative wins that we can and should be proud of.

The bad: When push came to shove, lawmakers and the Governor sided with big corporations over everyday Virginians by failing to pass the safeguards we deserve to hold Big Tech accountable to strong clean energy and environmental standards.

There's still time for Virginia to get this right, and 2027 is going to be a critical year in more ways than one.

Next year, all 140 seats in the General Assembly will be on the ballot, making it a con-



sequential year for Gov. Spanberger's legacy. If either the Senate or House changes power, that will more or less prevent Spanberger's agenda from moving forward for the rest of her term. Spanberger carried a number of legislative districts in 2025 that have never voted for her party. Will those swing voters, especially in more rural districts where Democrats made gains, continue to be with them on Election Day 2027? If Democrats don't deliver on their promises to advance affordability and hold Big Tech accountable, the answer is probably no.

Fortunately, they have plenty of opportunities to secure widely popular policy wins that will show voters that lawmakers are putting their interests first.

First, lawmakers have to pass comprehensive data center reforms that hold the indus-

Above and left: Protestors rally against data centers at the Virginia Capitol on July 11, at a demonstration emceed by Sarah Ahmed, Virginia LCV's Deputy Director of Advocacy & Campaigns (at podium) and which featured a number of local community activists. Photos courtesy of Dave Parrish Photography.

try accountable to strong environmental and clean energy standards, ensure they build responsibly and respect the communities they hope to join, prevent Virginians from shouldering the cost of their infrastructure, and that bring transparency and greater oversight to this industry.

Data centers – and what they represent – are increasingly unpopular with Virginians from all walks of life. In forcing them to clean up their act, lawmakers have the opportunity to address Virginia’s largest environmental threat while delivering legislative wins that are deeply popular across the state.

In the coming year, Virginia could also see the creation of the largest electric utility ever as NextEra Energy seeks to absorb Dominion Energy, creating a mega-utility with operations up and down the East Coast.

Like data centers, behemoth corporations remain deeply unpopular with voters. And if precedent stands, Virginians could be in for some serious sticker-shock if this merger is handled poorly.

The cost of electricity is already on the rise under Dominion, which just raised bills again because of the increasing cost of fossil fuels. In Florida, where NextEra operates Florida Power & Light, ratepayers are shouldering the largest rate increase in our nation’s history as regulators signed off on a \$7 billion rate hike that took effect this year. This coupled with the Florida utility’s track record of corruption, undermining clean energy initiatives, and playing hardball politics means lawmakers have a duty to ensure that this merger is good for Virginians.

If the big utilities get their way, they’ll rush this process through as fast as they can before regulators, lawmakers, or the public have the chance to weigh in. If lawmakers and the Governor are proactive, they have the opportunity to again show voters that they’re on their side, and are putting their interests ahead of big corporations.

Both of these fights will test the Governor’s and the General Assembly’s political courage and will. If they deliver, voters will reward them. If lawmakers fail, then they shouldn’t be surprised when a lot of voters sit on the sidelines in 2027 or switch teams entirely.

Virginia LCV: Conservation’s Political Voice in the Commonwealth

Virginia League of Conservation Voters is the political voice of conservation in the Commonwealth. We work tirelessly to protect all of Virginia’s treasured natural resources – clean air and water, thriving communities and rural landscapes, productive farms and forests, historic battlefields and Main Streets, and ample public lands and open spaces.

To do this, we advocate for and secure strong public policy at the state level, hold elected officials accountable for their positions on conservation issues, and endorse conservation-minded candidates for state office. Of the organizations in Virginia’s conservation community, Virginia LCV is unique in that we provide the political power of bringing legislators’ records on conservation issues to the forefront of their campaigns and the minds of their voters.

Accountability

Virginia LCV’s annual Conservation Scorecard provides the only comprehensive look at how legislators voted on the year’s most important conservation issues. From land conservation, to water quality, to transportation, to energy, the scorecard provides an inside take on what happened in Richmond on a full spectrum of issues. Further, the Scorecard provides a distinctive and useful tool for voters as they choose who represents their conservation values in Richmond. As a constituent and a Conservation Voter, it is important for you to let your elected officials know you saw their scores. Thank those who helped protect Virginia’s natural resources and urge those who didn’t to do better.

Endorsements

As conservation’s political voice in the Commonwealth, Virginia LCV proudly endorses and seeks to elect and re-elect candidates to office who prioritize conservation. In addition to using the Conservation Scorecard, we issue an inclusive candidate questionnaire, research the dynamics of races, and lead candidate interviews to determine which candidates deserve our “conservation seal of approval.”

Virginia LCV’s endorsed candidates receive our guidance on how to make conservation issues a priority in their races, our financial support, and our outreach efforts to ensure Conservation Voters in their districts know of our endorsement. All of these factors are important to seeing our candidates win and to seeing a Conservation Majority in the legislature.

Advocacy

After candidates are sworn in, Virginia LCV staff and members work diligently to advocate for conservation values in the General Assembly. Our efforts are essential to guaranteeing legislators are best educated on the importance and value of protecting our natural resources and safeguarding our clean air, clean water and open spaces. The more they hear from us, and especially from you, the more victorious we will be.

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Check in at valcv.org to keep updated on what’s happening with conservation issues in Virginia. There, you can take important conservation actions, support our work, get updated on Virginia LCV news, and follow our positions on critical legislation during the General Assembly session.



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