

CBPC ADVOCACY WORKGROUP'S LEGISLATION TRACKING SUMMARY

Virginia and Maryland General Assemblies

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Virginia General Assembly Water Bills

- Key Outcomes and Good New Items
- Funding:
 - House agreed to Senate's proposed addition to the budget: \$20 M for the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund (SLAF).
- Stormwater
 - SB 468 has been striped of stormwater “fee exemption” language.
 - HB 438/SB 292 Expands VA's Water Quality Trading Program to include sediments for meeting MS4 requirements.

Virginia General Assembly Water Bills

- Advocacy
 - Water and Wastewater Professionals Day, June 30-passed
 - Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week, June 4-passed

Maryland General Assembly

- Environmental issues/water issues have not been at the forefront.
- Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week will likely pass, but no updates on its status since the March 4th hearing.
- April 11, GA Adjournment

- See the COG Legis-Regul Tracking Table for full details on the Maryland and Virginia bills that were tracked by the Advocacy Workgroup (posted to CBPC webpage).

CBPC Advocacy: Action Items

- Virginia's Water and Wastewater Professionals Day- June 30
- Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week (Week of June 4th)
- Recommended CBPC Actions:
 - COG Board resolution supporting advocacy for water and water professionals, potentially at June meeting.
 - Potential press release/press conference for the June 4th Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week.