

2020 Water Resources Budgets and General Assembly Schedules

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET

EPA

\$9.06 B (an increase in \$200 M)

- \$1.6 B for Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- \$28 M for Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Control Grants
- \$1M for the Water Workforce and Infrastructure and Utility Development Grants

Chesapeake Bay Program

- \$85 M for the Chesapeake Bay Program (an increase of \$12 M)
- \$2 M increase for USGS Ecosystem Science and Monitoring – Chesapeake Bay is very significant.
- USACE Chesapeake Bay Oyster Recovery
\$100 M for USACE Environmental Restoration and Compliance (an increase of \$50 M), of which no less than \$5M will be devoted to rehabilitating oyster reefs.

VIRGINIA

2021 Proposed Budget

Governor Northam's proposed budget includes \$733 M in new funding for energy and the environment.

Water quality grant funding, if approved, would represent one of the largest ever budget authorizations:

- Stormwater Local Assistance Fund: \$182 Million (Virginia Public Building Authority bond authorization)
- Point Source WQIF for POTW Upgrades: \$120 million (Virginia Public Building Authority bond authorization)
- Alexandria Combined Sewer Overflow: \$65M (Virginia Public Building Authority bond authorization, on top of the WQIF \$120M)

DEQ would gain positions and funds to address Executive Order 6 Report recommendations through General Funds (not fee increases):

- Water & Waste Permitting Incl Stormwater Plan Review: \$1.8M annually for 9 unfilled positions and contract work
- Regulatory Programs Generally: \$2.3M annually for 15 positions in air/water/waste programs
- Environmental Justice & Outreach: \$2.7M annually for 18 positions plus contract work

Nonpoint Sources

- Nonpoint Source WQIF/Natural Resources Commitment Fund: \$47M FY21, \$42M FY22
- Oyster Reef Restoration: \$10M

VA General Assembly 2020 Schedule

January 8 Convenes

January 17 bill introduction cut off
February 11 crossover
March 8 Adjourn

VA Bills of potential interest

- HB 542 Regional Water Source Planning. Directs the State Water Control Board to predict the risk that each locality and region in the Commonwealth will experience water supply shortfalls, to encourage the development of cross-jurisdictional water supply projects, and to adopt regulations designating regional planning areas based primarily on river basin. Delegate Carr.
- HB 586 Study of the occurrence of PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS substances in the Commonwealth's public drinking water. Delegate Guzman.
- HB 797 Local School Boards. Requires each local school board to submit its plan to test and remediate certain potable water sources and report the results of any such test to the Department of Health. Delegate Askew.
- HB 1266 Septic System Inspector. Authorizes any individual who holds a valid alternative onsite sewage system operator, alternative onsite sewage system installer, or onsite soil evaluator license pursuant to Chapter 23 (Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators) of Title 54.1 to perform a septic system inspection in connection with any real estate transaction, including refinancing. Delegate Hodges.
- SB 704 Requires any operator of at least 50 acres of cropland in the Chesapeake Bay watershed to submit a nutrient management plan for such cropland by July 1, 2026, to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). Senator Mason.
- HB 1257 Drinking water supplies; maximum contaminant levels. Directs the State Board of Health to adopt regulations establishing maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) in public drinking water systems for (i) PFOS, PFOA, and other PFAS compounds; (ii) chromium-6; and (iii) 1,4-dioxane. Delegate Rasoul.
- HB 24 Hurricane and Flood Risk Reduction and Bond Protection Act of 2020. Establishes the Hurricane and Flooding Risk Reduction and Bond Rating Protection Act of 2020, which establishes the Commonwealth of Virginia as a nonfederal sponsor of hurricane and flooding risk reduction projects. Delegate Lindsey.

MARYLAND

2021 Proposed Budget

Governor Hogan's \$47.9 B proposed budget includes

\$57.2 million for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund.

\$21.4 million in Trust Fund for agricultural technical assistance and conservation practices.

\$1 M targeted for manure transport for Phosphorus Management Tool

\$280 M in capital budget directed at water quality and the Chesapeake Bay

MD General Assembly 2020 Schedule

January 8 convenes

March 2 last day for bill introduction

March 16 crossover

April 6 Adjourns

MD Bills of potential interest

- Look for override of Governor Hogan's veto of HB720/SB830 Natural Resources - Fishery Management Plans - Oysters. The bill would have created a consensus-based process to develop a new oyster fishery management plan for Maryland
- Ombudsman Enforcement. Sponsors include Delegate Lierman and Senator Elfreth. Creates an ombudsman position in the Office of the Attorney General to aid in departmental transparency and enforcement in the Departments of Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture
- Expected Septic Bills
- Expected: Plastic bag ban

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mayor Bowser will release 2021 Proposed Budget in March.

District of Columbia Legislation

- District Waterways Management Act (B23-0396)
 - Would establish a District Waterways Management Authority ("Authority") in order to coordinate the city's overall response to safety, environmental, and recreational needs
- DC is establishing a Green Bank to use public capital to leverage and accelerate private sector investment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and advance the District's sustainability and resiliency goals.
- [Zero Waste Bill](#) would reduce contamination in recycling and composting.