

Updates and More

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Bay Act Resiliency Guidance and Tools

- The guidance document has been through formal and informal review.
- Currently, the document is in process to post for final review under the Administrative Processes Act.
- VIMS/ CCRM products are available for
 - Download: <https://scholarworks.wm.edu/reports/2839/> Report and Data
 - Viewing: https://cmap22.vims.edu/AdaptVA/AdaptVA_viewer.html
 - Look under the Shoreline Management tab for sea level projections and 2050 potential shoreline and wetlands

Chesapeake Bay Program Beyond 2025

- Current Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) Agreement established outcome for 2025.
- Beyond 2025 Steering Committee to develop recommendations for charting a course beyond 2025
- A consultant provided a programmatic assessment of the CPA
- Wetlands will have a new outcomes.
 - Outcomes will be separate for tidal and nontidal wetlands.
 - Seeking input from partners on targets or goals already in place to incorporate into the new outcomes
 - Contact Pam Mason for more information mason@vims.edu
- Learn More: <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/who/group/beyond-2025-steering-committee>

VA Conservation Assistance Program

- A cost-share program managed by the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Projects provide a verifiable conservation benefit for Water Quality
- Living Shorelines are one eligible practice
- LS projects since 2016:
 - Approved: 76
 - Cost share : 1,355,373\$
- DCR and VIMS are assisting with review of LS VCAP applications
 - Project design as shown in drawings need to demonstrate likely success of the project from a water quality perspective
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Legislation 2024

Senate Bill 267: Changes approval from ~ 2/3 of the board to simple majority; Stricken

Senate Bill 446: Consolidates the Air Pollution Control Board, Water Control Board, and Virginia Waste Management Board into a new Board of Environmental Resources; Continued

House Bill 357: Establish a Virginia Wetland Workgroup; Failed

House Bill 1182: Reduces the required experience for professional wetlands delineator from 4 years to 3 years; Passed

House Bill 1458: Creates Chief Resilience Officer and an Interagency Resilience Management Team; Passed

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Living Shoreline Collaborative:

- Regional and state partners working together to scale up implementation of resilient practices along shorelines in the tidal James River watershed
- Read More online: <https://www.jamesrivershorelines.org/>
- Join the conversation on the Living Shoreline VA listserv.
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