

## Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy 2025 General Assembly Bill Positions

This bill list reflects all bills tracked by LWC as of the beginning of the 2025 Session. Please click the link for each bill to see its final status, or see the successful bill list on the [General Assembly page](#) on our website. For those that have them, the link below each bill will take you to Virginia Conservation Network's one pagers with talking points explaining the importance of the bill.

### LAND CONSERVATION AND HABITAT

House Bills: <i>SUPPORT</i>	Senate Bills: <i>SUPPORT</i>
<p><a href="#">HB1941/SB1166</a></p> <p>Requires, for the retail sale of certain invasive plant species for outdoor use, a retail establishment to post in a conspicuous manner signage identifying such plant as invasive, educating consumers regarding invasive plant species, and encouraging consumers to ask about alternatives.  <a href="https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HB1941-SB1166_Invasive-Plant-Consumer-Education.pdf">https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HB1941-SB1166_Invasive-Plant-Consumer-Education.pdf</a></p>	
<p><a href="#">HB2025</a>: Requires the Department of Transportation to (i) establish and administer a program for the implementation of wildlife crossings of highways in the Commonwealth, (ii) incorporate the recommendations of the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan established by the Department of Wildlife Resources pursuant to existing law in the policies and procedures of the Department, and (iii) submit a report to the General Assembly in each even-numbered year regarding such program.  <a href="https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HB2025_Wildlife-Corridors.docx.pdf">https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HB2025_Wildlife-Corridors.docx.pdf</a></p>	<p><a href="#">SB1341</a>: Establishes the Wildlife Corridor Grant Fund to provide grants for projects that preserve or enhance wildlife corridors prioritized by the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan and associated wildlife crossing infrastructure projects and establishes a grant program for the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Department of Forestry, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Wildlife Resources to collaborate on disbursing moneys from the Fund.</p>
<p><a href="#">HB2306</a>:            Authorizes the Department of Conservation and Recreation to accept or acquire from The Conservation Fund approximately 1,240 acres of real property and any buildings or structures thereon between Little River Turnpike, James Monroe Highway, and Tail Race Road, known as Oak Hill Farm, in Loudoun County for the purpose of establishing and operating a state park that provides outdoor recreation and historical interpretation opportunities and supports agricultural uses on such property.</p>	
<p><a href="#">HB2059</a>: Provides that beginning July 1, 2026, (i) after required distributions for transportation and localities under current law, no less than \$200 million of the remaining recordation tax revenues shall be distributed for specified land protection</p>	

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and preservation purposes... <a href="https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HB2059_VGOA-Talking-Points-2025.pdf">https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HB2059_VGOA-Talking-Points-2025.pdf</a>	
House Bills: <b>TRACKING**</b>	Senate Bills: <b>TRACKING</b>
<a href="#">HB2464</a> : [Loudoun Sponsor- Higgins] Requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish and implement a policy for identifying, digging up, and destroying any invasive plant on the list of invasive plants created by the Department of Conservation and Recreation on any state highway right-of-way.	
<a href="#">HB2438 /SB1114-</a> Regarding the provisions in which localities may regulate solar	

#### Land Conservation And Habitat Budget Amendments

- **SUPPORT** [Item 360#10s](#) (Senator Marsden member request):Of the amounts appropriated for Preservation of Open Space, \$5,000,000 the first year and \$5,000,000 the second year from the general fund are provided to the Virginia Outdoors Foundation for deposit to the Get Outdoors Fund

#### DATA CENTERS AND POWER:

House Bills: <b>SUPPORT</b>	Senate Bills: <b>SUPPORT</b>
<a href="#">HB1601</a> :Provides that prior to any approval of a rezoning application, special exception, or special use permit for the siting of a new high energy use facility (HEUF), as defined in the bill, a locality shall require that an applicant perform and submit a site assessment to examine the sound profile of the HEUF on residential areas and schools within 500 feet of the HEUF property boundary. The bill also allows a locality to require that a site assessment examine the effect of the proposed facility on (i) water, (ii) agricultural resources, (iii) parks, (iv) registered historic sites, or (v) forestland on the HEUF site or immediately contiguous land.  <a href="https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HB1601_data-center-transparency.docx.pdf">https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HB1601_data-center-transparency.docx.pdf</a>	<a href="#">SB1196</a> : Requires data center operators to meet certain energy efficiency standards in order to be eligible for the sales and use tax exemption for data center purchases.

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<p><a href="#">HB1822</a>: Requires Phase I and Phase II Utilities to use advanced conductors, as defined in the bill, in the construction of any electrical transmission line of 230 kilovolts or more, any electrical transmission line replacing an existing electrical transmission line of 69 kilovolts or more that has reached its scheduled replacement date, and any electrical transmission line of 69 kilovolts or more constructed as a weather-related replacement, as long as the use of such advanced conductors does not delay the prompt restoration of power to consumers.</p>	<p><a href="#">SB1243</a>: Prohibits the costs associated with the construction or extension of any electric distribution infrastructure that primarily serves the load of a data center from being recovered from any other customer.</p>
<p><del><a href="#">HB2027</a>: Prohibits any person from operating a high load facility, defined in the bill as a facility whose electricity demand exceeds 25 megawatts that was not operating before July 1, 2026, without first having obtained a certificate of operation from the State Corporation Commission.</del> <i>DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE</i></p>	
<p><a href="#">HB2037</a>: Provides that any locality may include in its land development ordinances a provision that requires that an applicant must install a solar canopy over designated parking areas. <a href="https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HB2037_solar-canopies.docx.pdf">https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HB2037_solar-canopies.docx.pdf</a></p>	
<p><a href="#">HB1984</a>: Requires that any local government land use application required for the siting of a data center, as defined in the bill, be approved only for areas that are one-quarter mile or more from federal, state, or local parks, schools, and property zoned or used for residential use.</p>	
<p><a href="#">HB2035</a>: Requires any owner or operator of a high-energy facility, as defined in the bill, to submit to the Department of Environmental Quality no later than May 1, 2026, and on a quarterly basis thereafter, a report that contains certain information relating to water and energy usage for each such facility. <a href="https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HB2035_Data-Center-Clearinghouse.pdf">https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HB2035_Data-Center-Clearinghouse.pdf</a></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">HB2101/ SB960</a> [Loudoun Sponsor- Perry] Directs the State Corporation Commission to initiate proceedings to determine if the current allocation of costs among different customer classifications of electric utilities requires customers that are not data centers to unreasonably subsidize the costs of customers that are data centers</p>	

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<a href="#">HB2552</a> : ... the bill repeals certain provisions that require Dominion Energy Virginia and American Electric Power to participate in a renewable energy portfolio standard program... <a href="https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Op-pose-SB1160--HB2552.pdf">https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Op-pose-SB1160--HB2552.pdf</a>	
<a href="#">HB2035/ SB1353</a> : Requires any owner or operator of a high-energy facility, as defined in the bill, to submit to the Department of Environmental Quality no later than May 1, 2026, and on a quarterly basis thereafter, a report that contains certain information relating to water and energy usage for each such facility. <a href="https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HB2035_Data-Center-Clearinghouse.pdf">https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HB2035_Data-Center-Clearinghouse.pdf</a>	
House Bill: <b>OPPOSE</b>	Senate Bills: <b>OPPOSE</b>
<a href="#">HB2185/ SB1077</a> : [Repeals CO2 emission reduction regulation requirements, renewable energy development components, and more. Click the link for the full summary.] <a href="https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HB2185_oppose-1.pdf">https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HB2185_oppose-1.pdf</a>	

## GOOD GOVERNANCE

House Bills: <b>SUPPORT</b>	Senate Bills: <b>SUPPORT</b>
<a href="#">HB2165/ SB1002</a> : Prohibits any person from converting contributions to a candidate or his campaign committee for personal use. <a href="https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HB2165--SB1002_Campaign-Integrity-Act-TPs.pdf">https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HB2165--SB1002_Campaign-Integrity-Act-TPs.pdf</a>	
<a href="#">HJ444/ SJR255</a> : Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) to study Virginia's campaign finance laws <a href="https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HJ444--SJ255_JLARC-TPs.pdf">https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HJ444--SJ255_JLARC-TPs.pdf</a>	
	<a href="#">SB1050</a> : Prohibits any corporation from making any contribution to any committee organized under the provisions of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act of 2006 and prohibits any such committee from soliciting or accepting any contribution from any corporation.

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<u>House Bills:</u> <b>OPPOSE</b>	<u>Senate Bills:</u> <b>OPPOSE</b>
<u><a href="#">HB2293/ SB974:</a></u> Regarding subdivisions, removes planning commission and governing body approval authority for the administrative review process for plats and plans and assigns such authority solely to a designated agent, defined in the bill. <a href="https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Land-use-processes-curtailed-VCN-Talking-Points.pdf">https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Land-use-processes-curtailed-VCN-Talking-Points.pdf</a>	
<u><a href="#">HB2499:</a></u> Provides that a locality's comprehensive plan shall not constitute the basis, in whole or in part, whether directly or through incorporation into any zoning ordinance, subdivision ordinance, or other ordinance or manual, for the disapproval of a site plan, subdivision plat, or other administrative approval that is otherwise in conformity with duly adopted standards, ordinances, and statutes. <a href="https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Land-use-processes-curtailed-VCN-Talking-Points.pdf">https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Land-use-processes-curtailed-VCN-Talking-Points.pdf</a>	

## WATER

<u>House Bills:</u> <b>SUPPORT</b>	<u>Senate Bills:</u> <b>SUPPORT</b>
<u><a href="#">HB2034:</a></u> Directs the Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources to establish a policy task force to develop (i) strategies to protect existing tidal and nontidal wetlands and restore, create, and plan for the persistence of such wetlands in the Commonwealth... <a href="https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HB2034_Wetlands-Policy-Task-Force.pdf">https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HB2034_Wetlands-Policy-Task-Force.pdf</a>	<u><a href="#">SB1319:</a></u> Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to require quarterly monitoring for one year for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) for every industrial wastewater source that discharges pollutants into a publicly owned treatment works.
<u><a href="#">HJR448:</a></u> [ <i>Loudoun Sponsor- Martinez</i> ] Requests the Department of Environmental Quality to study tax policy options for reforming the litter tax. <a href="https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HJ448_litter-tax.pdf">https://vcnva.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/HJ448_litter-tax.pdf</a>	

### Water Budget Amendments

- **OPPOSE** Item 362 (Governor's budget): Delay the phased prohibition on the use of polystyrene food containers until July 1, 2028 and July 1, 2030.

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- Authorizes a locality to include in its zoning ordinance provisions for (i) requiring proposed data center developments to submit water use estimates and (ii) considering water use when making rezoning and special use permit decisions related to data center development.
- [HB2516](#): ...The bill imposes civil penalties for any person that negligently, willfully, or knowingly (i) discharges or causes to discharge a hazardous substance from a facility or (ii) fails to implement or comply with an EPA-approved facility response plan...

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