



VIRGINIA CITIZENS COMMIT TO CLEAN WATER FUNDING

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These citizens were among 500 people who marched to the State Capitol on January 17, 2005, to voice support for state funding for clean water and land conservation.



CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION
Save the Bay

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“Natural resource funding is a core function of government.”
Delegate Kirk Cox, January 31, 2005 Press Event.

“This is not an option for us. We’ve got to do this. If we don’t do something on this, the EPA is going to come in and do it for us, and they’ll send us the bill.” **Delegate Vincent F. Callahan, Jr., January 31, 2005 Press Event.**

“It’s [Bay restoration] an obligation we have to deal with.” **Senator Charles R. Hawkins, February 1, 2005, Richmond Times Dispatch.**

“This is something that we are wringing our hands about, but it’s really got to be done.” **Senator John H. Chichester, February 1, 2005, The Washington Post.**



RESTORING THE WATER QUALITY OF VIRGINIA'S RIVERS, STREAMS, AND THE CHESAPEAKE BAY: A DUTY AND AN OBLIGATION

- **American Canoe Association v. Environmental Protection Agency, June 1999;**
- **Water Quality Monitoring, Information and Restoration Act, 1997;**
- **Chesapeake 2000 Agreement;**
- **Water Quality Improvement Act, 2005 amendments.**



VIRGINIAN'S LOBBY FOR CLEAN WATER FUNDING



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“GUIDING PRINCIPLES” FOR VIRGINIA’S CLEAN WATER FUNDING

- **Virginians consider pollution of the Chesapeake Bay and local rivers and streams a very serious problem, even more so than the economy, public safety, education and taxes.**
- **Virginians support your action to appropriate \$50 million to reduce pollution in rivers, streams, and the Chesapeake Bay**
- **Virginians recognize that we are all part of the problem; we should all be part of the solution. That is, we are willing to pay for the our share of the bill for bringing the Chesapeake Bay back to health.**



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- **Virginia has a “road map” for restoring the Chesapeake Bay through the Tributary Strategies.**
- **Virginians believe that the funding should go for “on-the-ground” improvements.**
- **There is a pressing need for a stable and consistent funding source.**
- **Funding should be targeted to those solutions that provide the biggest “bang for the buck.”**
- **Funding should provide exemptions for low-income households and should be administered simply.**



Chesapeake Bay Foundation Port Isobel Island Education Center

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