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**Contacting
Senate Finance & Appropriations Committee’s**

**NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE**

Committee Members: Howell, Saslaw, Hanger, Ruff, Barker, Marsden

**4 Easy steps to email Senators:**

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VIRGINIAforever – Support Natural Resources Investments

1. **Copy & Paste this suggested message into your email body**

Dear Members of the SFAC Natural Resources Subcommittee:

I am writing as part of VIRGINIA*forever*, a broad-based coalition of business and environmental organizations supporting additional investments to protect and promote Virginia’s natural resources.

We encourage you to support these HB 30 and SB 30 Budget proposals and amendments.

* Water Quality Improvement Fund. – A deposit of $313 million to support cost-share programs for point- and non-point source water quality projects.
* Virginia Agriculture BMP Cost-share Program. – A significant $286 million to support farmers’ implementation of key conservation practices.
* Combined Sewer Overflows. – A $165 million investment in improvements to CSO systems in Alexandria, Lynchburg, and Richmond.
* Stormwater Local Assistance Fund. – A $100 million investment in a state cost-share program with localities to plan and construct stormwater management infrastructure.
* Land Conservation. – A $30 million investment in the Virginia Land Conservation Fund to support preservation of open-space lands, farmlands and forests, and historical lands and battlefields.
* State Parks. – More than $68 million to address critical needs in our state parks.
* Multi-use Recreational Trials. – More than $200 million to support development of major recreational trails, especially in the Shenandoah Valley, Central Virginia, and the Eastern Shore.

Additionally, we hasten to highlight other key budget amendments that have been proposed, including the following:

* Item 375 #14h (Krizek). – Provides an additional $40 million, each year, for additional support to the Virginia Land Conservation Fund.
* Item 375 #1s (Marsden). – Provides additional funding to achieve an annual amount of $40 million for the Virginia Land Conservation Fund.
* Item 440 #6s (Marsden). – Provides $55 million (NGF) over the biennium from the State Park Access fee on vehicle registrations to be deposited into the State Park Conservation Resources Fund.
* There also are other House and Senate budget amendments supporting land conservation initiatives for certain tribal lands, battlefields, and other important lands, and we encourage your review and support.

Thank you.

1. **Include your NAME and ADDRESS at the end of your email**

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