



GARDEN CLUB OF VIRGINIA

2023 Garden Club of Virginia Recommended Bills, Resolutions and Amendments *Prepared for Legislative Day, January 31, 2023*

Bills to Support:

- ✓ [HB 1388](#) Virginia National Guard Passport; est., free entry and parking for state parks
- ✓ [HB 1438](#) Oyster shell recycling; tax credit for taxable years 2023 through 2027, etc.
- ✓ [SB 997](#) Oyster shells; recycling tax credits
- ✓ [HB 1510](#) Urban green space; local incentives
- [HB 1588](#) Electric vehicle Rural Infrastructure Program and fund created
- ✓ [HB 1634](#) Comprehensive plan; strategies to address climate resilience
- ✓ [SB 1187](#) Comprehensive plan; strategies to address climate resilience
- ✓ [HB 1664](#) Governor's Blue Catfish Industries Development Fund: established, report
- ✓ [SB 897](#) Governor's Blue Catfish Industries Development Fund; established, etc.
- [HB 1722](#) Mineral mining and processing; use of certain chemicals prohibited (cyanide)
- [SB 848](#) Promote recommendations to help schools build/install solar panels
- [SB 933](#) Single-use plastic carrier bags; local prohibition
- [SB 1013](#) Waterworks; contaminants; PFAS chemicals; notification to customers
- ✓ [SB 1122](#) Open-space lands preservation trust fund; use of funds; conservation easements
- ✓ [HB 1998](#) Native plant species; state agencies to prioritize use on state properties
- ✓ [HB 2096](#) Noxious weeds; invasive plant species

KEY:

✓ - indicates bill passed by House and Senate and signed by Governor. These bills will go into effect July 1ST

The remaining bills were either tabled, failed to report or left in committee

Bills to Oppose:

- [HB 1378](#) State Air Pollution Control Board; motor vehicle emissions standards
- ✓ [HB 1628](#) Wetland and Stream Replacement Fund; availability of credits, use of funds
- ✓ [HB 1485](#) Chesapeake Bay Watershed implementation Plan; effective date (delays implementation time)
- ✓ [SB 1129](#) Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan; effective date
- ✓ [HB 1645](#) Litter tax; penalty for failure to pay (lowers corporate penalty)
- [HB 1797](#) Renewable energy; offshore wind development (eliminates accountability)
- ✓ [SB 1231](#) Renewable energy; biomass-fired facilities (counts burned biomass as renewable)

Key:

✓ -indicates bills passed despite our opposition. Some were amended making them less objectionable