Who Are We?
About the James River Association

Our Mission

At the James River Association, our mission is to be a guardian of the James. We provide a voice for the river and take action to promote conservation and responsible stewardship of its natural resources.
Virginia’s ARPA Funding
Background

• $4.3 billion in state ARPA funding

• August Special Session of the General Assembly

• State elections in November

• Over $200 million in water quality investments already made in 2021, and multiple clean water policies passed over the past two years.
Primed for Success

• Chesapeake Bay Agreement to meet pollution reductions by 2025.
• Strong support from Northam Administration with proven commitment to Bay cleanup.
• Resilient Commonwealth with state revenues exceeding projections.
• Clear assessments of financial need for state-mandated infrastructure improvements.
ARPA Clean Water Priorities

One-time infrastructure projects that will provide equitable access to clean water across the Commonwealth:

• Fixing Virginia’s 3 Combined Sewer Systems
• Wastewater treatment plant upgrades within the James and York River Basins
• Eliminating straight pipes, repairing and replacing failed septic systems
• Access to clean, reliable drinking water at small and disadvantaged community waterworks

Source: RV/AH20
Takeaways
Takeaways from Virginia

1. Identify available needs assessments for planned or prospective projects.
2. Leverage recent legislative mandates and policies.
3. Create a list of shared priorities that reaches communities in need state-wide.
5. Stay involved in the implementation.