

# Virginia Association for Parks

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*“Supporting the Commonwealth’s parks,  
natural resources, and historic sites”*

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## 2021 Legislative Priorities

### YES - HOUSE BILL NO. 1804

*The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) shall develop recommendations for one or more dedicated sources of funding for Virginia State Parks*  
<https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+ful+HB1804>

#### Currently:

- Virginia State Parks DO NOT have a dedicated source of funding
- Operations are funded by the annual statewide budget (General Fund) and visitation fees
- Funding allotments vary from year to year and funding IS NOT guaranteed
- Long-term operational and maintenance planning is hindered by the annual funding mechanism

#### HB 1804 Will:

- ✓ Allow DCR to develop recommendations for a dedicated source of funding that shall be stable from year to year
- ✓ Allow DCR to include stakeholders in the development of its recommendations

### Budget Amendments

#### YES - Item C-48.10 #1s

- ✓ Fund the construction of Phase 2 and 3 at Widewater State Park  
<https://budget.lis.virginia.gov/amendment/2021/1/sb1100/introduced/mr/c-48.10/1s/>

#### YES - Item 383 #1s

- ✓ Assess the feasibility of converting the existing Rapidan Wildlife Management Area into a State Park  
<https://budget.lis.virginia.gov/amendment/2021/1/sb1100/introduced/mr/383/1s/>

#### YES - Item 374 #6s

- ✓ Provide oversight and operations of a new state park property in Loudoun County  
<https://budget.lis.virginia.gov/amendment/2021/1/sb1100/introduced/mr/374/6s/>

#### YES - Item 374 #2s

- ✓ Fund the costs of connecting Mason Neck State Park to the local municipal drinking water system  
<https://budget.lis.virginia.gov/amendment/2021/1/sb1100/introduced/mr/374/2s/>

#### YES - Item 374 #7s

- ✓ Fund the modernization and repairs of lodge units and the Rhododendron Restaurant at Breaks Interstate Park  
<https://budget.lis.virginia.gov/amendment/2021/1/sb1100/introduced/mr/374/7s/>

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