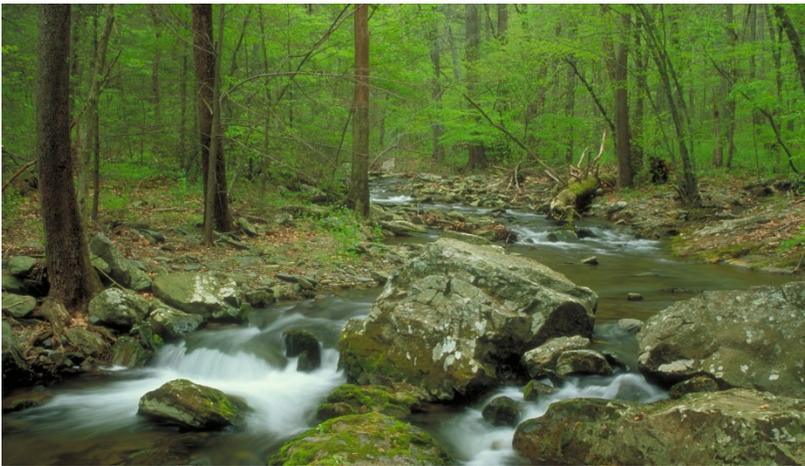


Stop the Attack on the Clean Water Rule

Protect Virginia's Drinking Water

The Clean Water Rule was recently finalized by the Obama administration after years of planning, 400 stakeholder meetings, and more than a million public comments. It safeguards our water and restores protections to the drinking water sources for 1 in 3 Americans. This includes the drinking water for 1 in every 4 Virginians. **The Clean Water Rule is a strong, commonsense policy that makes clean water a priority throughout the nation.** If Congress blocks the Clean Water Rule, at least 57% of Virginia's stream miles and millions of acres of wetlands nationwide will again be at risk from pollution and destruction from development, oil and gas production, and other industrial activities. Blocking this rule would imperil drinking water sources, as well as the small businesses and communities that rely on clean water.



Cascade on South Fork Moormans River, Albemarle Co, VA. Jim Waite.

- **Twenty-eight percent of Virginians** get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams that are protected by the Clean Water Rule.
- **Protections were restored to 5,290 miles of streams** that feed into Virginia's drinking water sources.
- **Thousands of acres of wetlands** that provide flood protection, recharge groundwater supplies, filter pollution, and provide essential wildlife habitat are safeguarded.

Rule Provides More Economic Benefits than Costs

- **The Clean Water Rule restores, but does not expand, the historic coverage of the Clean Water Act.** EPA estimates that the rule will provide EPA estimates that the rule will provide at least \$339 million and up to \$572 million annually in benefits to the public, including reducing flooding, filtering pollution, providing wildlife habitat, supporting hunting and fishing, and recharging groundwater.
- **Protecting small streams and wetlands supports fish and wildlife and Virginia's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011 \$3.5 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in Virginia, including \$1.1 billion on fishing, and more than 3.3 million people participated in recreational activities in Virginia.
- **Virginia's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Small Virginia breweries contribute more than \$622 million to our economy every year and support 8,163 jobs.

Virginia Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **More than 35,000 Virginians, out of more than 800,000 Americans, support the Rule.**
- More than 60 conservation, environmental and sportsmen groups.
- Cities of Alexandria and Charlottesville, Town of Herndon, and 11 Virginia state legislators.
- Dozens of small businesses, including local brewers.
- Recent polling shows that 79% of Americans want Congress to let EPA implement the Rule.

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