

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS (MVCCA) ENVIRONMENT AND  
RECREATION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS (MVCCA  
E&R 2025 07)

WHEREAS, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) has provided legislative recommendations to our elected representatives in the General Assembly;

WHEREAS, progress in adopting legislation to address issues with law has been slow; and

WHEREAS, the November election will bring new parties to the legislative process with fresh opportunities to move legislation forward.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MVCCA asks our elected representatives to the General Assembly to develop legislation or support legislation in the areas attached to this resolution.

## Legislative Recommendation from the MVCCA

1. Support legislation to protect against the impacts of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). See: <https://www.mvcca.org/Resolutions/Res-E&R-2025-06.pdf>.
2. Support Legislation to mitigate concerns of residents and businesses in the siting of data centers to include: use of data center campuses to collocate data centers (which should not place noise making equipment on the exterior facing side of the campus so that buildings will help reduce noise); require green energy to power data center operations; require best available technology to minimize noise, such as Tier 4 generators rather than Tier 2 generators for backup energy; provide sufficient landscaping to mask a data center from residential and commercial neighbors, avoid the imposition of costs caused by evaporative cooling; avoid the use of evaporative cooling, which can use huge quantities of water for cooling, unless the wastewater is either pretreated to remove concentrated salts and minerals or, following treatment, the wastewater is discharged into saline waters. See: <https://www.mvcca.org/Resolutions/Res-E&R-P&Z-2024-J01.pdf>.
3. Introduce or support legislation to address issues with living shorelines legislation. The Virginia 2020 Living Shorelines law leaves the reader with the incorrect impression that decisions need not follow federal law. Multiple wetlands boards have made demands of tidal waterfront property owners that have been very costly to the property owners with decisions that come across as arbitrary and a taking of property. The law needs clarification to recognize the property rights of existing waterfront property owners. In the absence of a change in law, a similar process could easily happen in other cases—needlessly costing an individual property owner hundreds of thousands of dollars and eroding confidence in Virginia law. See: <https://www.mvcca.org/Resolutions/res-E&R-2022-01.pdf> and <https://www.mvcca.org/Resolutions/res-E&R-2022-05.pdf>