



# 2024 General Assembly Debrief

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# Changes to the Legislature

- New Speaker of the House (Delegate Don Scott) and new Senate Majority Leader (Senator Scott Surovell)
- 40% new membership across House of Delegates and Senate
- New committee chairs in both chambers

# Environmental & Energy Policy

- **Water**

- Resilience
  - Chief Resilience Officer (HB1458), Resilient VA Revolving Loan Fund (HB 673)
- Chemicals
  - PFAS (SB 243 / HB 1085), Coal Tar (HB 985), Mineral Mining (HB 85)
- Trees and more trees

- **Land Conservation**

- Tax credits, invasive species

- **Land Use & Transportation**

- Data Centers (25+ bills)
- Clean Cars Repeal Bills (7 bills), Rural Charging (HB 107), and EV Ready Buildings (HB 405), Better Bus Stops (HB 285)

- **Energy**

- ARC Act (SB 230/HB 638), SAVE Act (HB 746/SB 565), Shared Solar (HB 106/HB 108/SB 253/SB 255), Interconnection (SB 346), Small Modular Reactors, Building Codes, and more!

# Reconvene (Veto) Session & Budget

- Historic veto count (~150 vetoes and counting)
- Numerous amendments
  - Some good, some tolerable, some bad...
- General Assembly adopted budget:
  - Significant investments in cleaner water, conservation, and resilience programs
  - Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Program
  - Gaps in energy and transportation support
    - WMATA \$\$
- Roughly 250 budget amendments across new and caboose budget, and now we're starting from scratch

# Session Dynamics

- Number of bills
  - Conflicting priorities
- Labor partners
- Turnover
- Leadership battle

Questions?