

## VaLCV's anticipated legislative agenda for the 2025 General Assembly

Below is VaLCV's anticipated legislative agenda for the 2025 General Assembly. I'd also like to uplift the Virginia Conservation Network's briefing book, as it is shaped by the environmental community as a whole: <https://vcnva.org/our-common-agenda/>

### Offensive Priorities:

1. Expanding electric vehicle access via state dedicated support for charging infrastructure and point of sale rebates
  1. Particular focus re EV charging infrastructure on areas not targeted by the federal infrastructure \$\$\$ and the private market, such as rural communities.
  2. Virginia's codified EV rebate program is one of the most equitably designed programs in the country, but it remains unfunded.
  3. State support for charging infrastructure and incentives that lower the up-front purchase price of EVs are key items to support VA's participation in the Advanced Clean Cars Program, and would continue supporting increased EV sales in the wake of any potential litigation regarding Gov Youngkin's intent to withdraw VA from the Advanced Clean Cars Program.
2. Expanding the use of distributed generation in Virginia's clean energy transition
  1. Distributed generation can incorporate rooftop solar, solar on parking lots or previously disturbed lands, virtual power plants, residential scale battery deployment, etc.
3. Supporting the expansion of Virginia's Offshore Wind (OSW) industry via workforce development and supply chain components
4. Support concepts that push for a sustainable data center industry within the Commonwealth (clean energy, energy efficiency, water sustainability, etc)
5. Support for the [Virginia Forever coalition agenda](#), working to expand state funding for natural resources protection
  1. Includes defending against proposals to reduce existing funding for land preservation & conservation
6. Support for vehicles that expand local authority on issues like energy efficiency, solar ready building design, building electrification, etc
  1. VaLCV supports overhauling the currently gridlocked and antiquated building codes process that is being used to block clean energy deployment
7. Support for the Commonwealth to continue participating in the Chesapeake Bay agreements (should legislative vehicles be necessary, tbd)

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8. Support for Healthy Schools legislative concepts, such as indoor air quality standards, energy efficiency standards, and solar schools opportunities
9. Pushing for Virginia to rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) as the legal case is ongoing
  1. See RGGI budget amendments from the 2024 General Assembly for context
10. Defending against any rollbacks to Virginia's existing climate policy
  1. Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA):
    1. Oppose any efforts that inappropriately expand biomass, waste incineration, coal mine methane, or other polluting sources
    2. Oppose any efforts to add non renewable resources (nuclear, hydrogen) to the Renewable Portfolio Standard under the VCEA
    3. Oppose any efforts that undermine the energy efficiency requirements under the VCEA
  2. RGGI
    1. Oppose any efforts to strike the legislative mandate to participate in RGGI from Virginia's code (repeal bills)
  3. Advanced Clean Cars
    1. Oppose any efforts to strike the legislative mandate to participate in the Advanced Clean Cars Program from Virginia's code (repeal bills)
11. Defense against any efforts to restrict voting access in Virginia
12. Support for the potential Restoration of Rights constitutional amendment

This list above is based on my current understanding of what bills are coming during the 2025 legislative session, but it is certainly all subject to change depending on what bills show up.