

SUPPORT HB 49

Topic: Extension of the Middle James River Scenic River Designation

Bill Patron: Del. Matt Fariss

Overview: HB 49 seeks to add approximately 45 miles to the existing Middle James River designation as a Virginia Scenic River.

Reasons to Support HB 49:

- The intent of the Virginia Scenic Rivers Program is to identify, designate and help protect rivers and streams that possess outstanding scenic, recreational, historic, and natural characteristics of statewide significance for future generations.
- One of the program's strengths is the partnership forged among citizens, local governments, and the state. This partnership is initiated by the locality and runs from the evaluation phase through and after the designation process.
- A segment of the Middle James River was designated in 2020 as a Virginia Scenic River. This bill would increase the designation distance from 19 miles to approximately 64 miles.



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