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2. 15 percent to the Virginia Land Conservation Fund, evenly split among the Department of Wildlife Resources, Department of Forestry, State Parks Division, and Natural Heritage Division.
3. 2.5 percent to the Virginia Outdoors Foundation for grants to increase safe open space access.
4. 2.5 percent to the Virginia Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Historic Preservation Fund (DHR)
5. 2.5 percent to the Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund (DHR)
6. 2.5 percent to the Virginia Farmland and Forestland Preservation Fund (DOF)
7. 35 percent to the State Park Conservation Resources Fund (DCR)
8. 12.5 percent to the Department of Conservation and Recreation for a statewide trailsystem.
9. 12.5 percent to the Virginia Department of Transportation for regional multi-use trails.

According to the Department of Taxation, this bill would decrease the funds available for General Fund appropriation by an unknown amount, up to \$200 million from the remaining recordation tax revenues, beginning in FY 2027. In addition, the general fund revenues would increase by \$20 million each year as a result of the repeal of the allocation of the difference between the CPI-U adjusted \$100 million maximum amount of land preservation tax credits from CY 2008 and the cap of \$75 million in current law.

Budget amendments will be required in future years to comply with the provisions of this bill. Actions in the Appropriation Act override the Code of Virginia. Currently, in FY 2026, the Appropriation Act includes a general fund appropriation of \$437,500 for the Virginia Farmland and Forestland Preservation Fund, \$16.0 million for the Virginia Land Conservation Fund, and \$5.25 million for the Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund, in accordance with § [2.2-1509.4](#), Code of Virginia, which is repealed by this bill.

The bill states that distribution amounts may be utilized for expenses in distributing such funds by the authorized agencies only after approval from their respective Cabinet Secretary.

The bill also provides that no less than \$30 million of the proceeds of bonds issued by the Virginia Public Building Authority shall be made available for infrastructure improvements and other capital projects for state parks each year. Such authorization would also need to be provided in future budgets.

Finally, the bill repeals provisions requiring the Governor to include in the Budget Bill or in his amendments to the general appropriation act a recommended appropriation from the general fund, up to \$20 million, for land preservation.

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Other: None.