

Legislative Agenda Update:

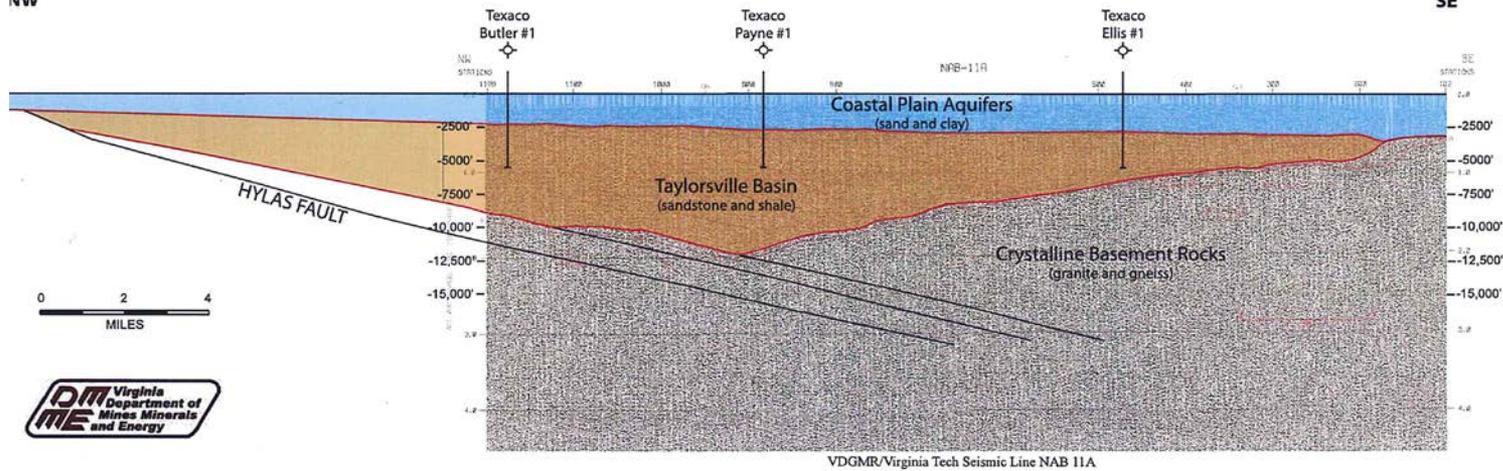
*Ban on drilling in Eastern Virginia
Groundwater Management Area*

Presented to Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
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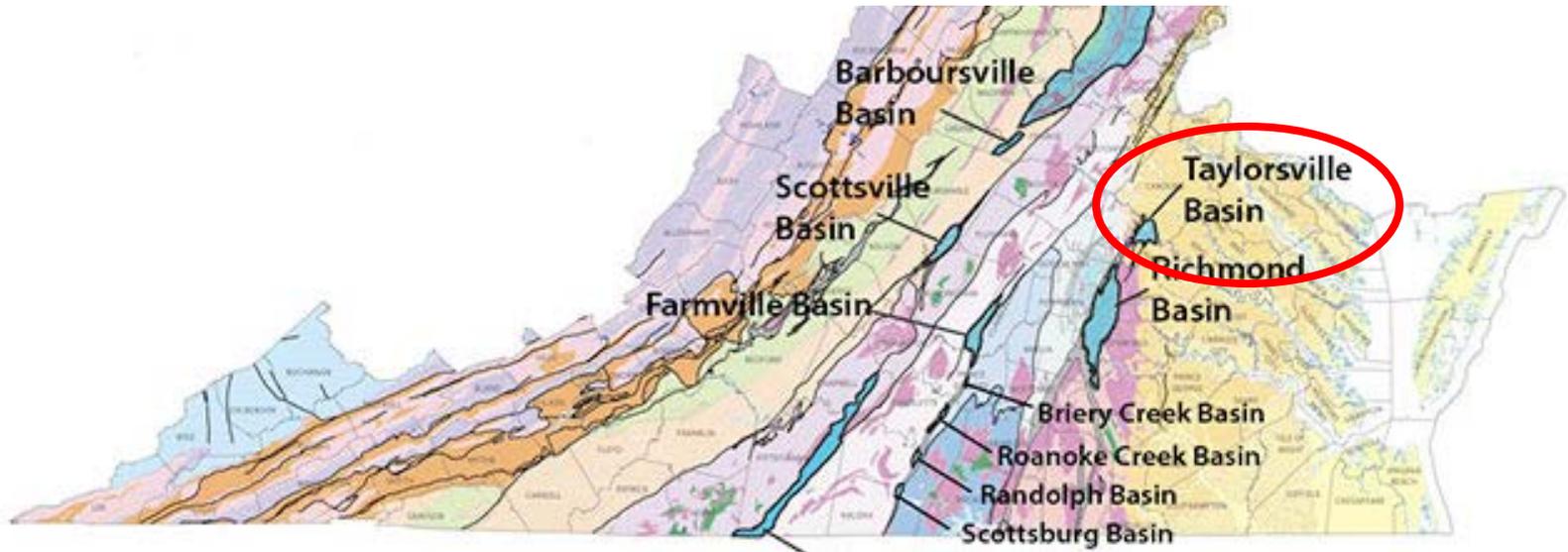


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Taylorsville Basin lies under the Coastal Plain aquifer system.



- All wells in Hampton Roads withdraw water from Coastal Plain aquifer system.
- Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area covers the entire aquifer system.

Proposed Action: Revise the HRPDC Legislative Agenda to include

The Hampton Roads region is dependent upon groundwater withdrawn from the Virginia Coastal Plain aquifer system. Drilling for oil or gas in basins that lie underneath the aquifer system creates a potential risk of groundwater contamination. HRPDC supports legislation that protects the aquifer system in the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Area by banning drilling or adding regulatory protections to ensure groundwater quality will not be degraded.