

Re: Support HB0729, Vernal Pool Wetlands Protection Act of 2024

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Vice Chair Boyce

In the article “America Is Using Up Its Groundwater Like There’s no Tomorrow” published in the New York Times, Dec. 29, 2023, it was alarming to read that Eastern MD is one of the areas where groundwater has been depleted to an alarming degree and at an alarming rate. Given the hydrological evidence that vernal pools are an essential component of **replenishing** groundwater and filtering stormwater, I support passage of the Vernal Pools Wetlands Protection Act of 2024 HB0729.

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Uncharted Waters

A series on the causes and consequences of disappearing water.

America Is Using Up Its Groundwater Like There’s No Tomorrow

Unchecked overuse is draining and damaging aquifers nationwide, a data investigation by the New York Times revealed, threatening millions of people and America’s status as a food superpower.

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