

Virginia Marine Debris Reduction Plan REPORT



Abandoned & Derelict Vessels Work Group

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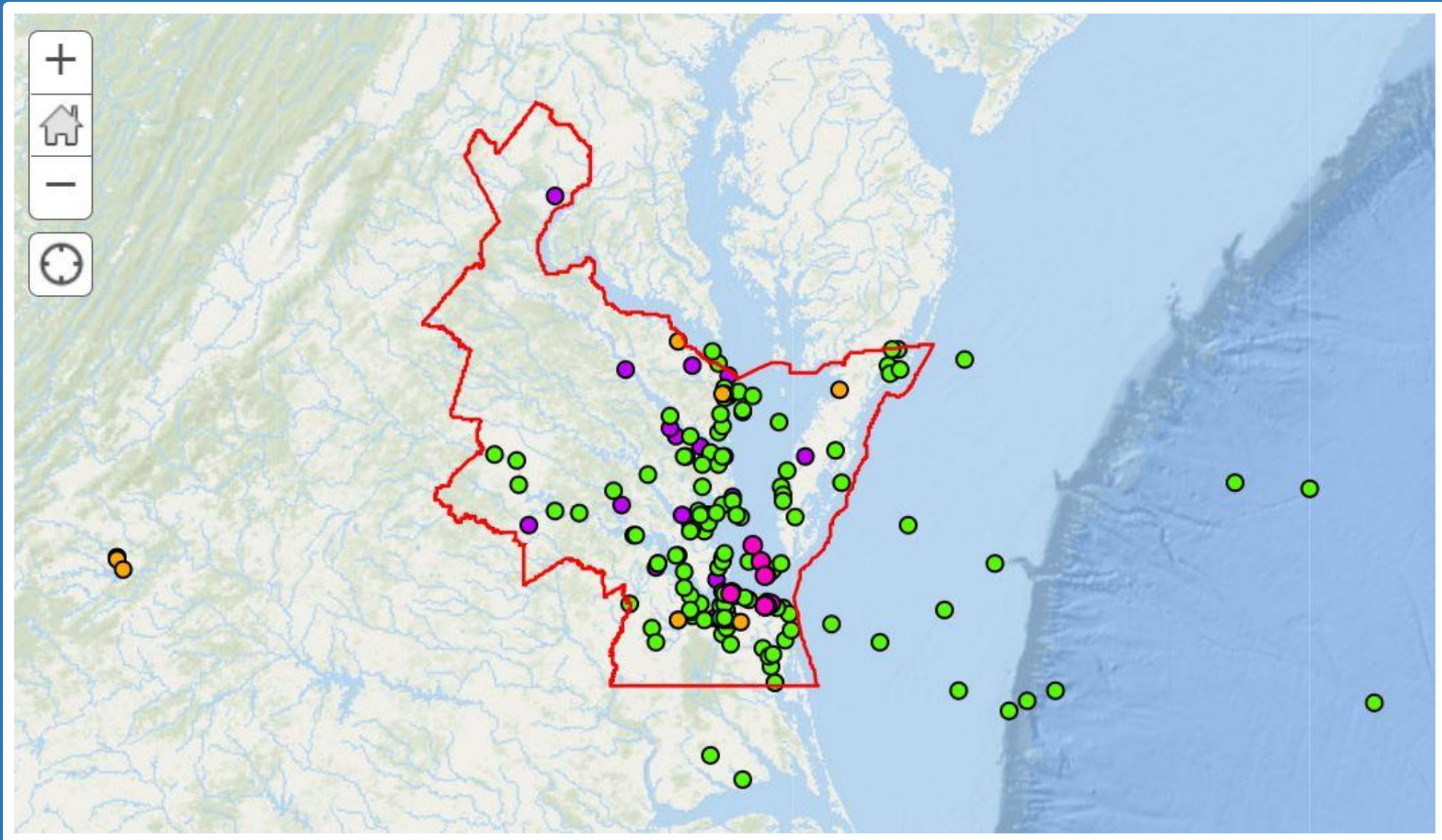


National
Marine Sanctuary
Foundation

Vision:

*To keep Virginia's coasts,
communities, habitats,
wildlife, and our ocean
free from marine debris.*

Reported Abandoned & Derelict Vessels (ADVs) in Virginia



Impacts of ADVs

- Navigational hazards
- Hazardous materials
- Environmental and habitat impacts
- Economic



Government Impacts of ADVs

- Resources
- Investigation time
- Towing, storage, disposal
- Vandalism
- Locating and compelling owners to remove ADV
- Law enforcement, state agencies, local governments



Virginia's Strategies

- Prevention, Behavior Change, Education, Outreach
- Research and Monitoring
- Proper Disposal and Infrastructure
- Removal
- Policy, Management, Legislation and Enforcement



ADV Policy Recommendations

\$3 million in FY2023 funding:

- To the existing Marine Habitat and Waterways Improvement Fund
- Database development
- Remove up to 100 high-priority ADVs
- Fund 1-2 new full-time VMRC staff



ADV Policy Recommendations

Establish a Stakeholder Advisory Council:

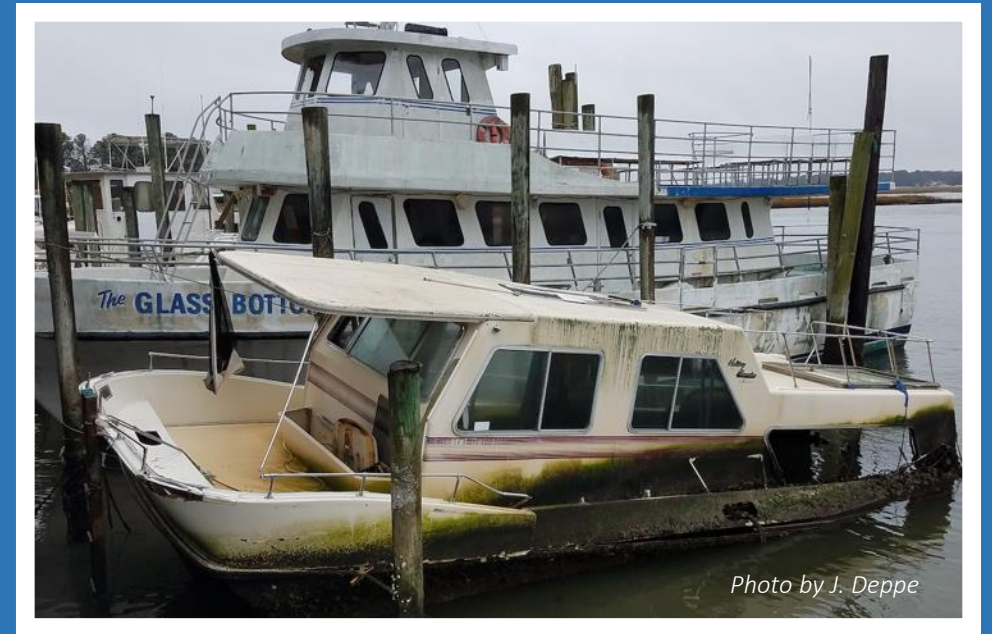
- Natural progression from plan workgroup
- Guide program creation
- Create stakeholder buy-in



ADV Policy Recommendations

Program to:

- Create a formal process to guide ADV removals
- Review solutions to liability during ADV removal
- Determine feasibility of a vessel turn-in program



ADV Policy Recommendations

Examine the challenges and possible solutions to:

- Abandoned commercial vessels
- Vessels that are abandoned on land
- Vessel material salvage and reuse



Discussion of Opportunities for Policy Action

FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Grant program development and initiation	FTE(s)	Additional funding if needed
Stakeholder Advisory Committee	Additional funding if needed	Prevention program
Database development	Liability solutions	Reuse investigation
Prioritization for removal	Long-term removal protocol	Commercial & land vessel program

Many thanks to...

