

**SOL 4.8 - VIRGINIA'S WATERSHEDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES**



Key concepts include:

- a. watersheds and water resources;
- b. animals and plants;
- c. minerals, rocks, ores, and energy sources;
- d. forests, soil, and land

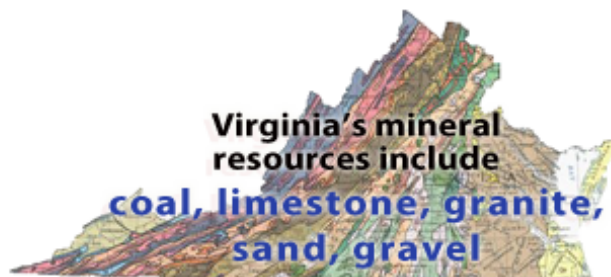


**WATERSHEDS**

- A watershed is an area over which surface water (and the materials it carries) flows to a single collection place.
- The Chesapeake Bay watershed covers approximately half of Virginia's land area.
- The other two major watershed systems are the Gulf of Mexico and the North Carolina Sounds.

**VIRGINIA'S NATURAL RESOURCES**

- Virginia is rich in a wide variety of natural resources, including forests, arable (farmable) land, coal, sand and aggregates (rocks), wildlife and aquatic organisms, clean water and air, and beautiful scenery.
- Virginia's water resources include groundwater, lakes, reservoirs, rivers, bays, and the Atlantic Ocean.



- Virginia has a great variety of plant and animal resources.
- Natural and cultivated forests are a widespread resource in Virginia.
- Virginia's soil and land support a great variety of life, provide space for many economic activities, and offer a variety of recreational opportunities.