

FoB Website Ban Gold Mining Page Updates/ Timeline in Brief

June 2022:

SELC and CBF have submitted their [comments to NASEM](#), including a [report by Dr Ann Maest](#).

State Agency work group meeting recording for June 23 is [here](#) – excellent! Includes Aaron Mintzes JD, Stu Levitt JD, Dr Ann Maest.

May 2022:

NASEM Town Hall: Wednesday May 25, at the Buckingham Community Center. Check out [this post](#) with videos of the event.

State Agency work group May 16 meeting [recording](#): [Password is Xk7yfPpq] At 30 minutes Dr. Steve Emerman & at 60 minutes Dr David Pellow give compelling arguments for why there's no place for industrial gold mining in VA.

February 2022:

HB250: House panel rejects metals mining study February 7, 2022. We asked to pause permitting for new metallic mines (gold, copper, lead and zinc) while the NASEM studies the impacts and makes recommendations for updating regulations to protect Virginia. See [fact sheet here](#). Thanks to bipartisan sponsorship by Delegate Shelly Simons and Delegate Edmunds. The Virginia Mercury article by Sarah Vogelsong [here](#).

January 2022:

Updated [map](#), Gold-pyrite belt and the Virginia House of Delegates. Thanks to our partners, the Southern Environmental Law Center ([SELC](#)).

December 2021: Check out the [new website](#) for **Press Pause Coalition**, the statewide coalition of partners which officially formed in 2021 and seeks to implement a pause on permitting new metals mining in Virginia. Join us!

October 2021:

FoB is partnering with the Virginia Community Rights Network ([VACRN](#)) to gather support for a proposed **commonsense local ordinance** to protect Buckingham County from the harm we know that would come from metallic mining. [See petition](#) (above) and [Communities page](#).

September 21, 2021:

Aston Bay is expanding their exploration in Buckingham to 3 target sites and also in South Central Virginia (Pittsylvania, Campbell Counties). Watch the YouTube [video](#) (3:00 minutes)