

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 6949

To amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to reauthorize Delaware River Basin conservation programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2022

Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. DELGADO, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Delaware River Basin
5 Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. DELAWARE RIVER BASIN CONSERVATION REAU-**
2 **THORIZATION.**

3 (a) **COST SHARING.**—Section 3504(c)(1) of the
4 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act
5 (Public Law 114–322; 130 Stat. 1775) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “The Federal share” and insert-
7 ing the following:

8 “(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in
9 subparagraph (B), the Federal share”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(B) **SMALL, RURAL, AND DISADVANTAGED**
12 **COMMUNITIES.**—

13 “(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to clause
14 (ii), the Federal share of the cost of a
15 project funded under the grant program
16 that serves a small, rural, or disadvantaged
17 community shall be 90 percent of the total
18 cost of the project, as determined by the
19 Secretary.

20 “(ii) **WAIVER.**—The Secretary may in-
21 crease the Federal share under clause (i)
22 to 100 percent of the total cost of the
23 project if the Secretary determines that the
24 grant recipient is unable to pay, or would
25 experience significant financial hardship if
26 required to pay, the non-Federal share.”.

1 (b) REPEAL OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS
2 FOR FEDERAL ACQUISITION OF INTERESTS IN LAND.—
3 Section 3506 of the Water Infrastructure Improvements
4 for the Nation Act (Public Law 114–322; 130 Stat. 1775)
5 is repealed.

6 (c) SUNSET.—Section 3507 of the Water Infrastruc-
7 ture Improvements for the Nation Act (Public Law 114–
8 322; 130 Stat. 1775) is amended by striking “2023” and
9 inserting “2030”.

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