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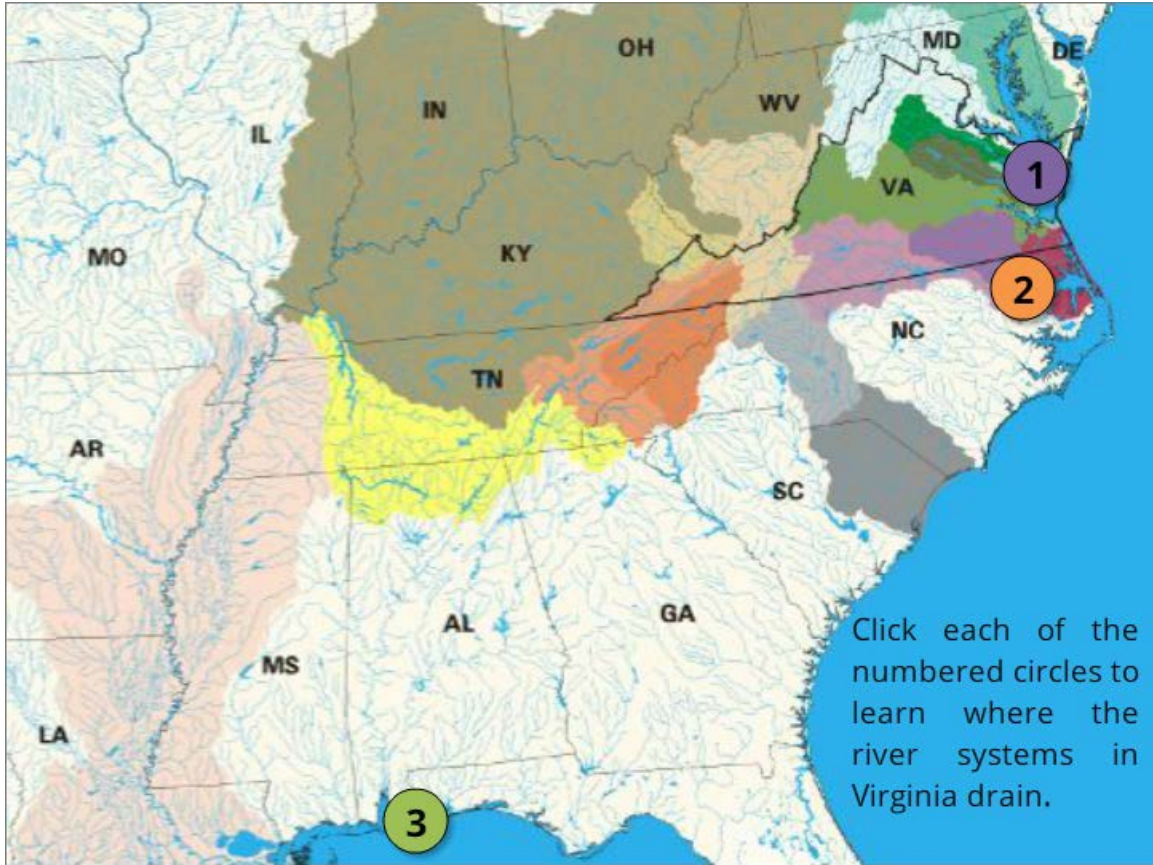
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Instructions



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Chesapeake Bay

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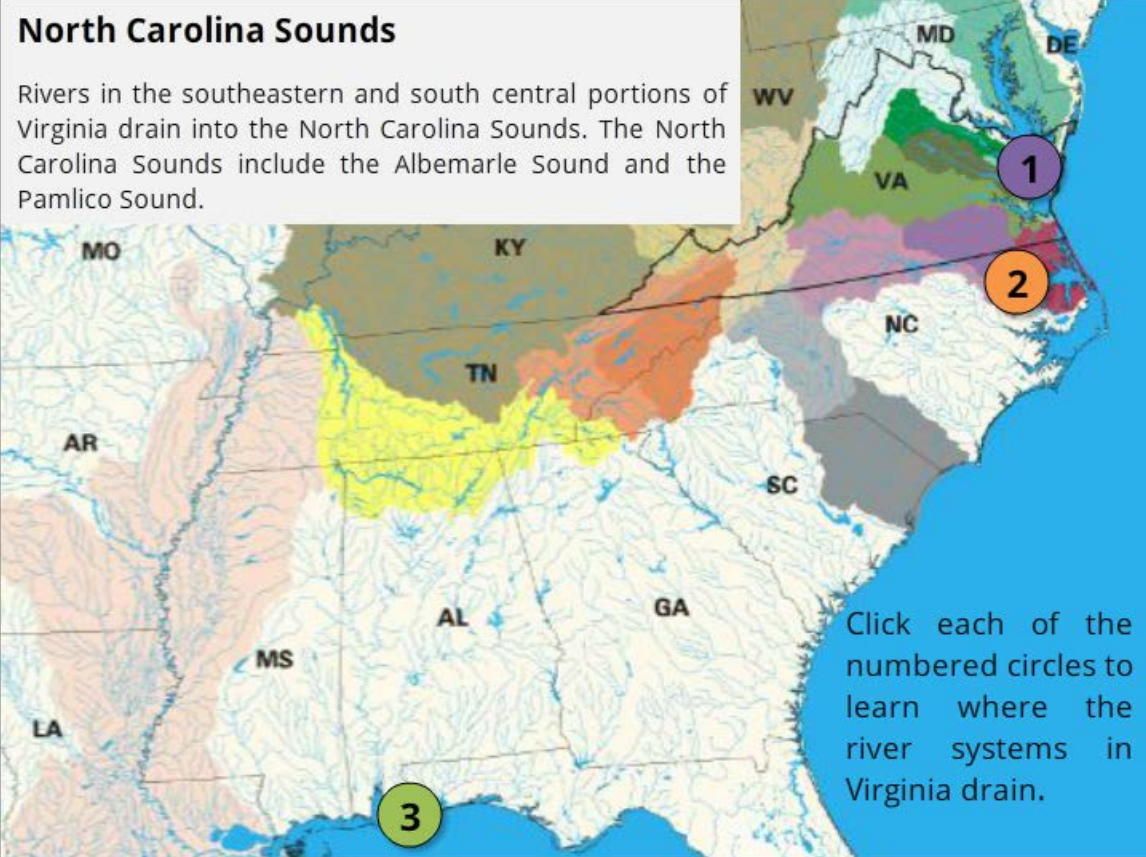
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North Carolina Sounds

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Rivers in the southeastern and south central portions of Virginia drain into the North Carolina Sounds. The North Carolina Sounds include the Albemarle Sound and the Pamlico Sound.



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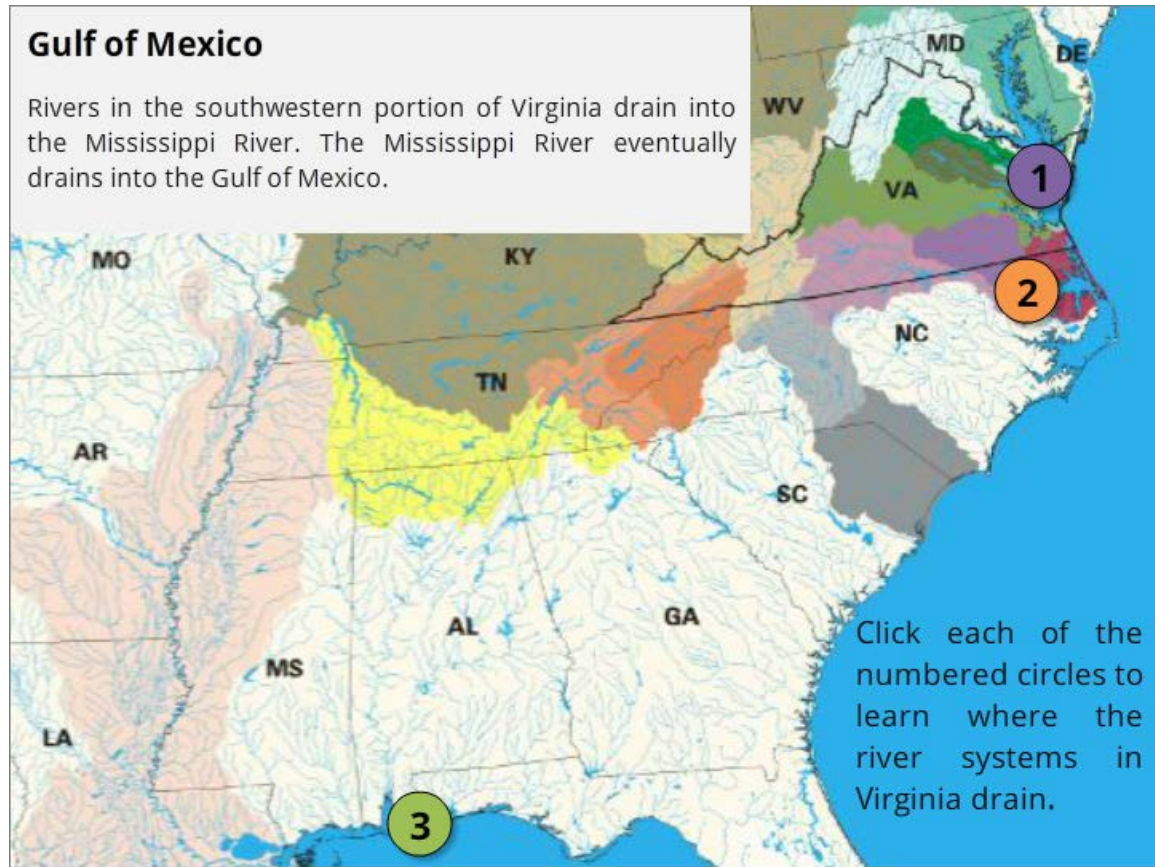
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Gulf of Mexico

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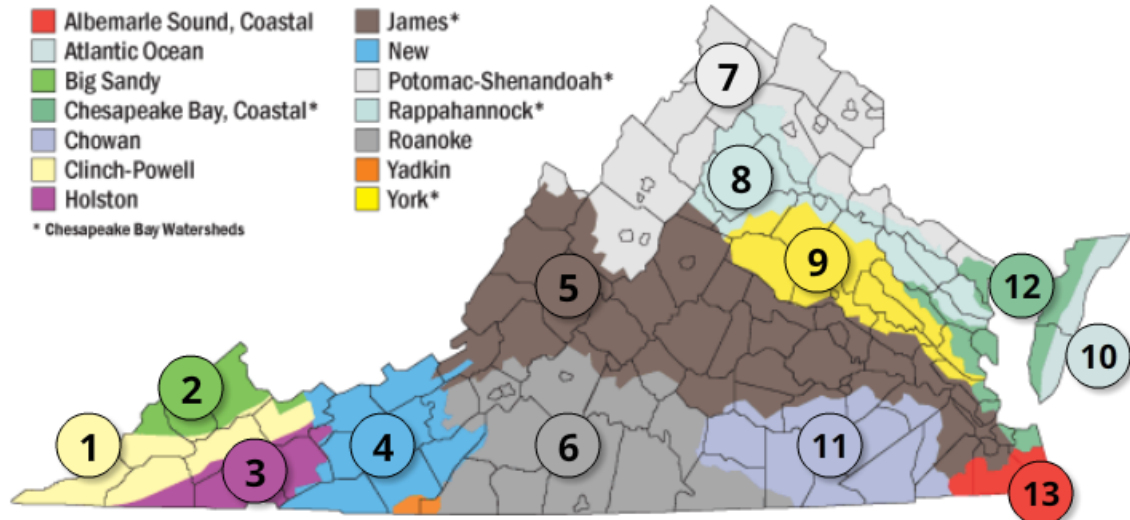
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Clinch-Powell

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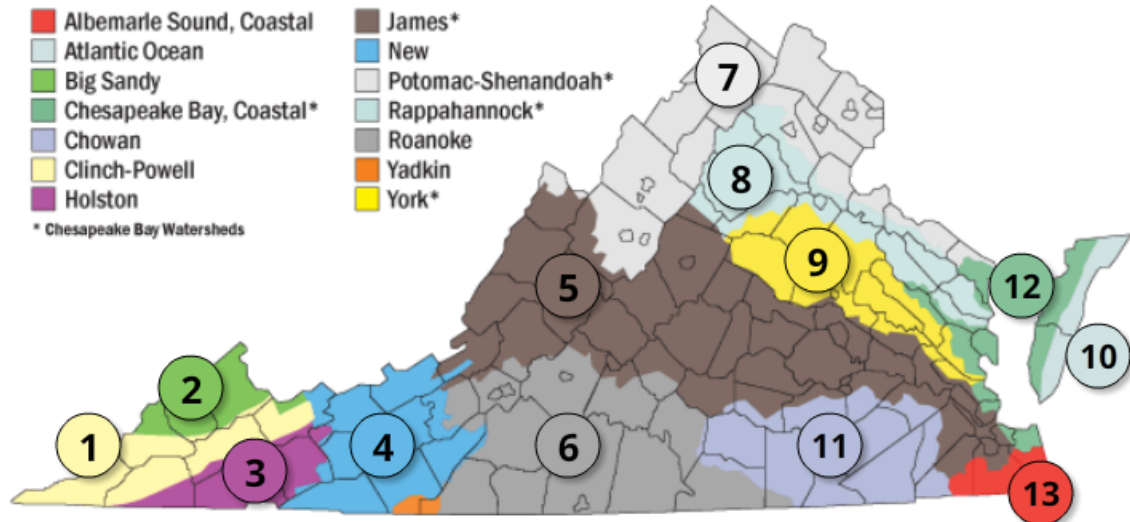
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Big Sandy

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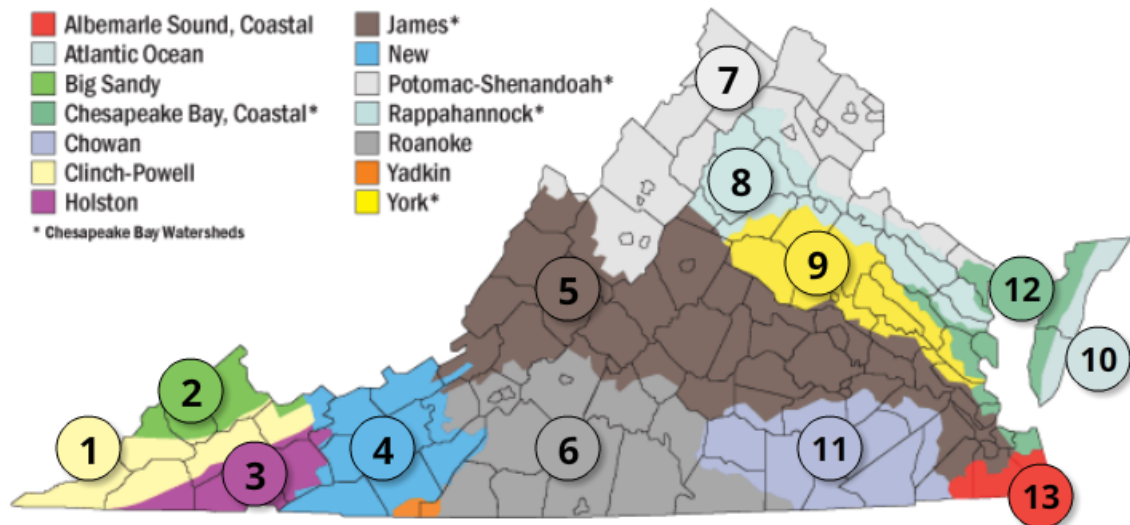
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Holston

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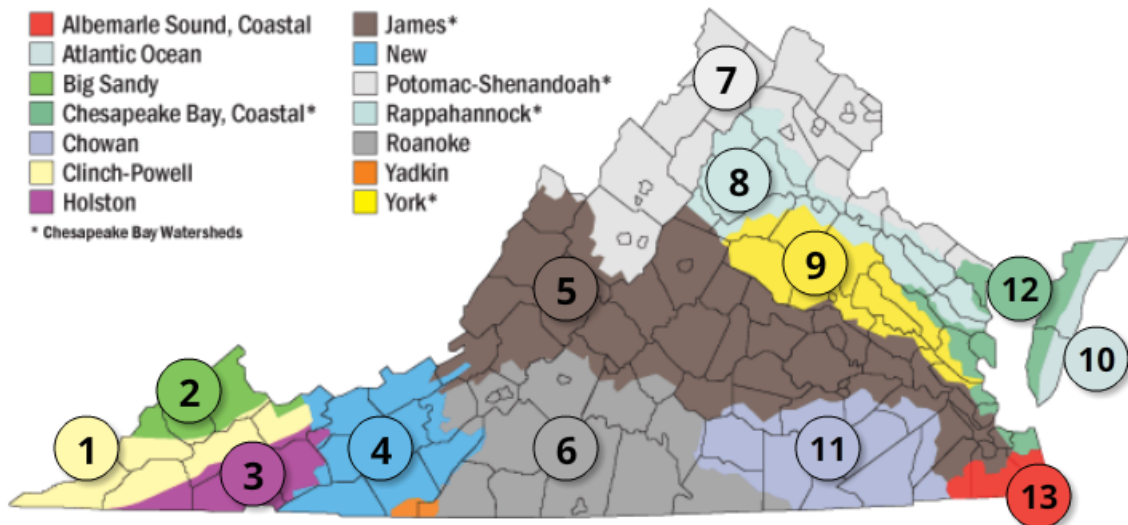
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New

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The New River is considered one of the oldest rivers in the world. This river runs south to north and empties into a tributary of the Ohio River. Eventually, water from the New River drains into the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico.



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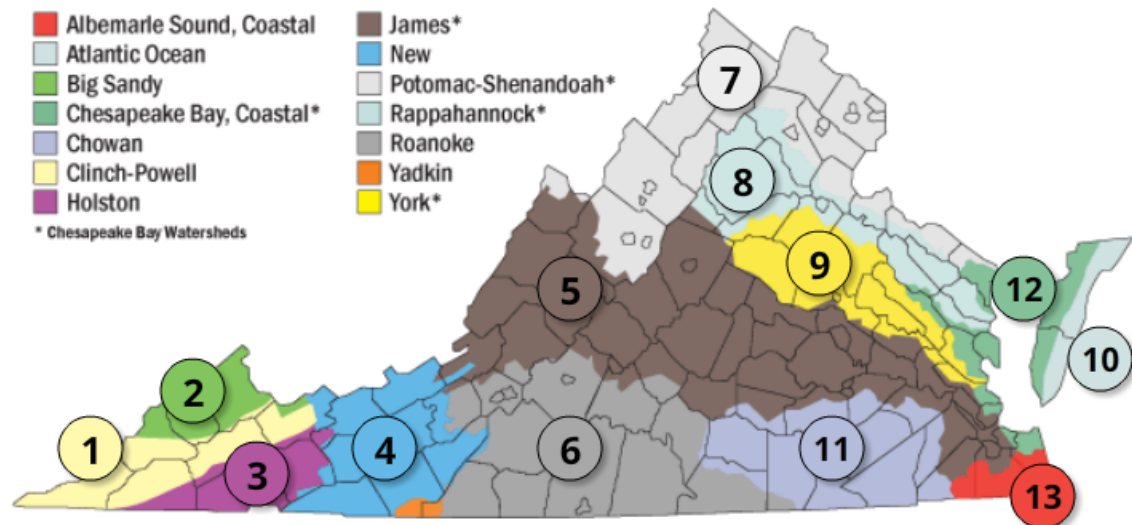
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James

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The James River is the longest running river in Virginia. The James River runs from west to east and drains into the Chesapeake Bay. The James River drains 10,432 square miles in Virginia.



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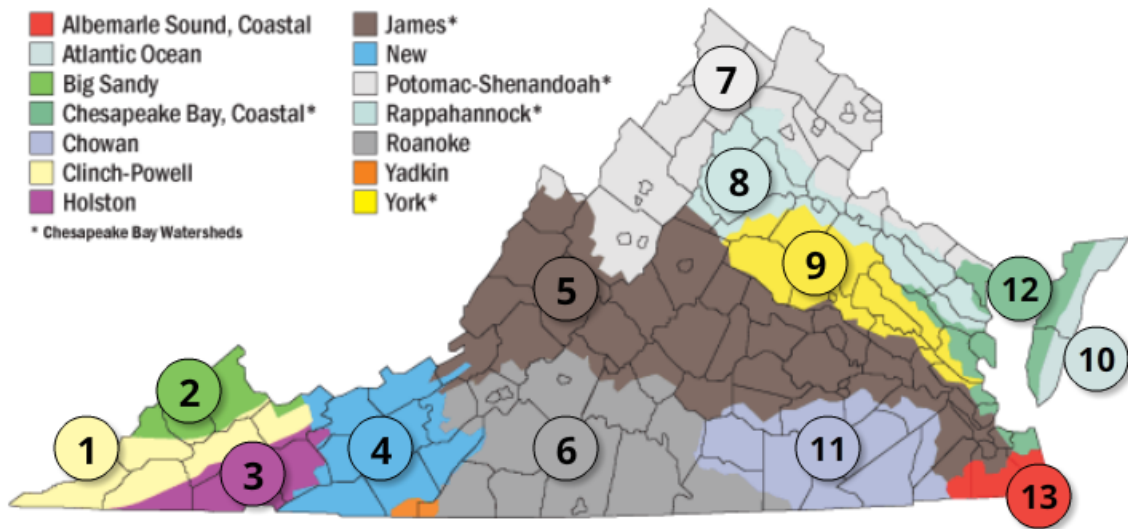
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Roanoke

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The Roanoke River runs west to east through Virginia and North Carolina. Eventually, the Roanoke River empties into the Albemarle Sound of North Carolina.



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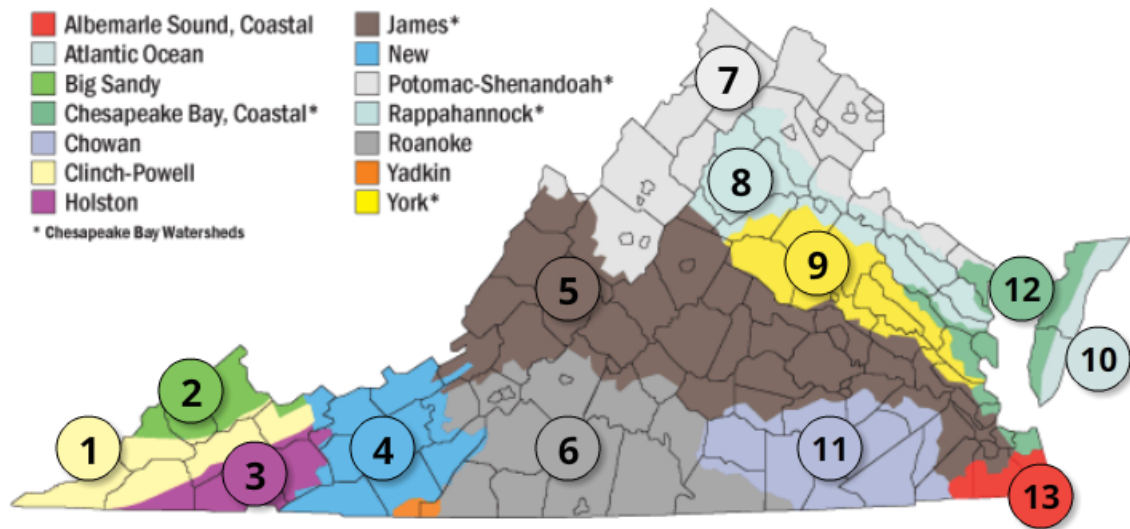
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Potomac-Shenandoah

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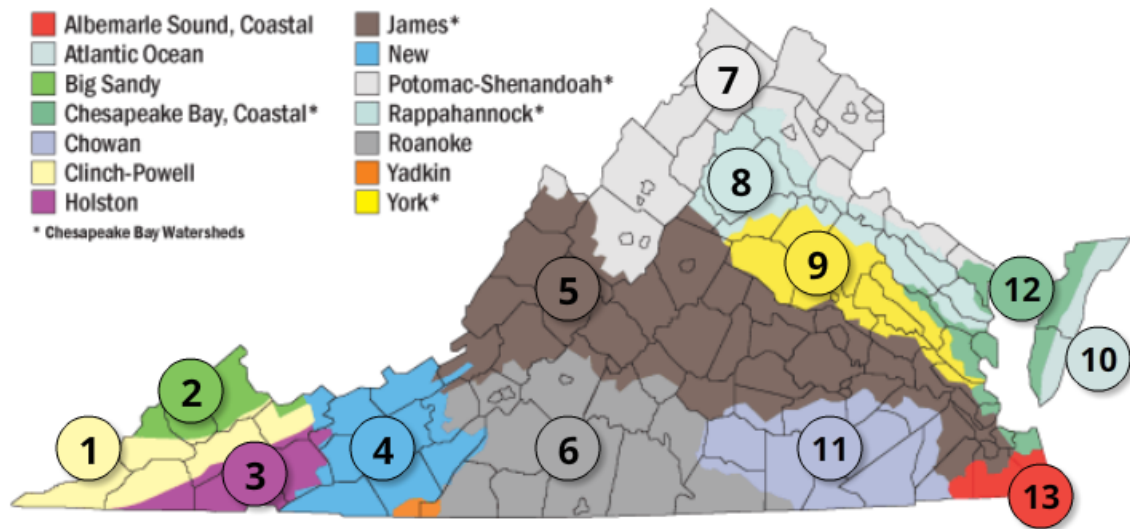
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Rappahannock

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The Rappahannock River drains into the Chesapeake Bay. This river experiences rapids as it crosses the Fall Line near Fredericksburg, Virginia. Kayaking and canoeing are popular on these rapids.



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York

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The York River flows into the Chesapeake Bay. The York River primarily drains water from the Coastal Plain.

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Atlantic Ocean

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Waterways on the Eastern Shore of Virginia drain directly into the Atlantic Ocean.

The map shows the state of Virginia divided into various watershed regions, each color-coded. Numbered circles (1-13) are placed over specific watersheds. A legend on the left lists the watershed names and their corresponding colors. Watersheds marked with asterisks (*) are Chesapeake Bay Watersheds.

Albemarle Sound, Coastal	James*
Atlantic Ocean	New
Big Sandy	Potomac-Shenandoah*
Chesapeake Bay, Coastal*	Rappahannock*
Chowan	Roanoke
Clinch-Powell	Yadkin
Holston	York*

* Chesapeake Bay Watersheds

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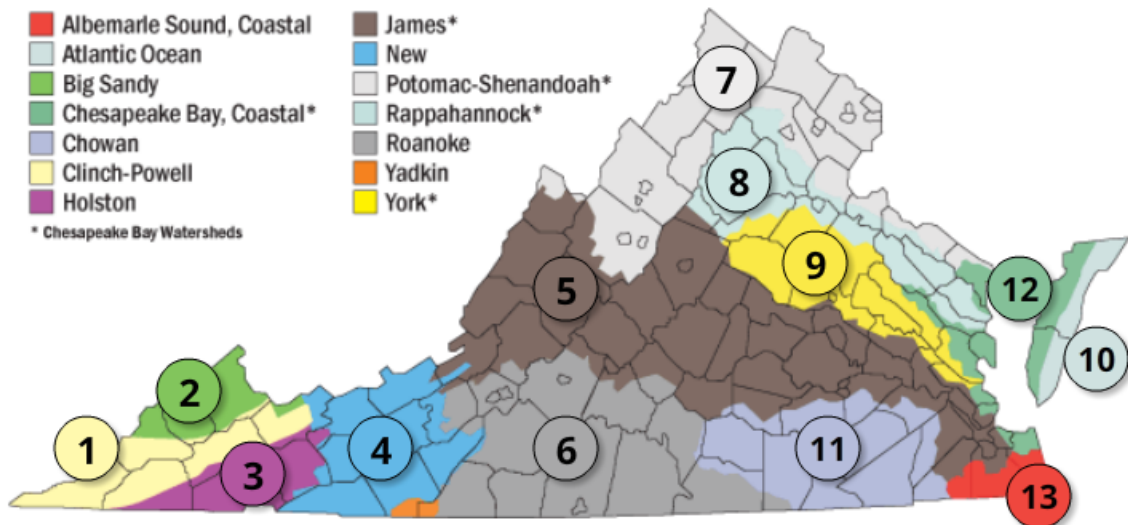
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Chowan

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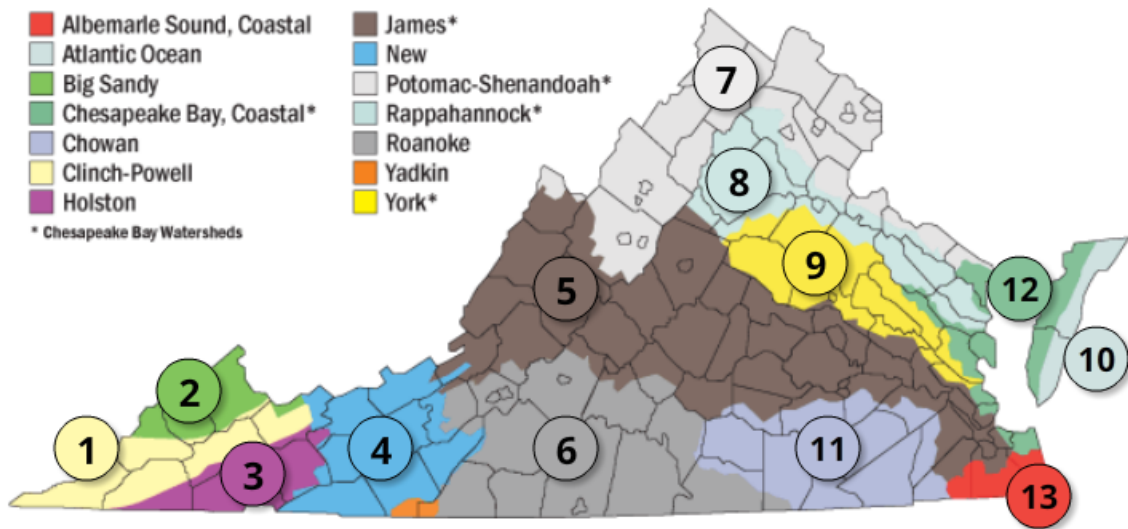
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Chesapeake Bay, Coastal

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Land areas surrounding the Chesapeake Bay drain directly into the bay without entering a river system.



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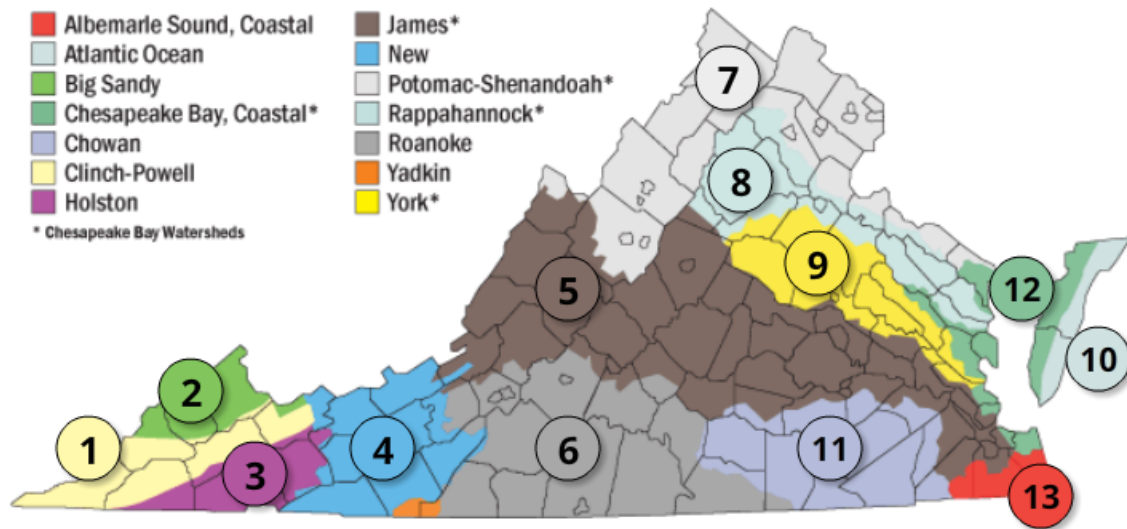
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Albemarle Sound, Coastal

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Land areas surrounding the Albemarle Sound drain directly into the sound without entering a river system.



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