

WHAT STATE LAW REQUIRES

The paper describes a 2026 high-energy-use site-assessment law and flags codification for verification.

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100+ MW TRIGGER

The described requirement applies when expected electric demand reaches 100 MW.

2

SOUND STUDY

Review sound effects on homes and schools within 500 feet of the property boundary.

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OTHER RESOURCES

A locality may also examine water, agriculture, parks, history, and forestland.

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LOCAL POWER KEPT

The state process does not replace existing local zoning authority.

Because section numbering can change, the current official Code and chaptered act must be checked before citation.

VERIFY THE LAW. THEN USE IT.

STATE FLOOR, LOCAL CHOICE

The described state assessment creates a starting point; local rules can require more.

STATE FLOOR

- Sound review within 500 ft
- Optional resource studies
- Utility substation form
- Site assessment



LOCAL CHOICE

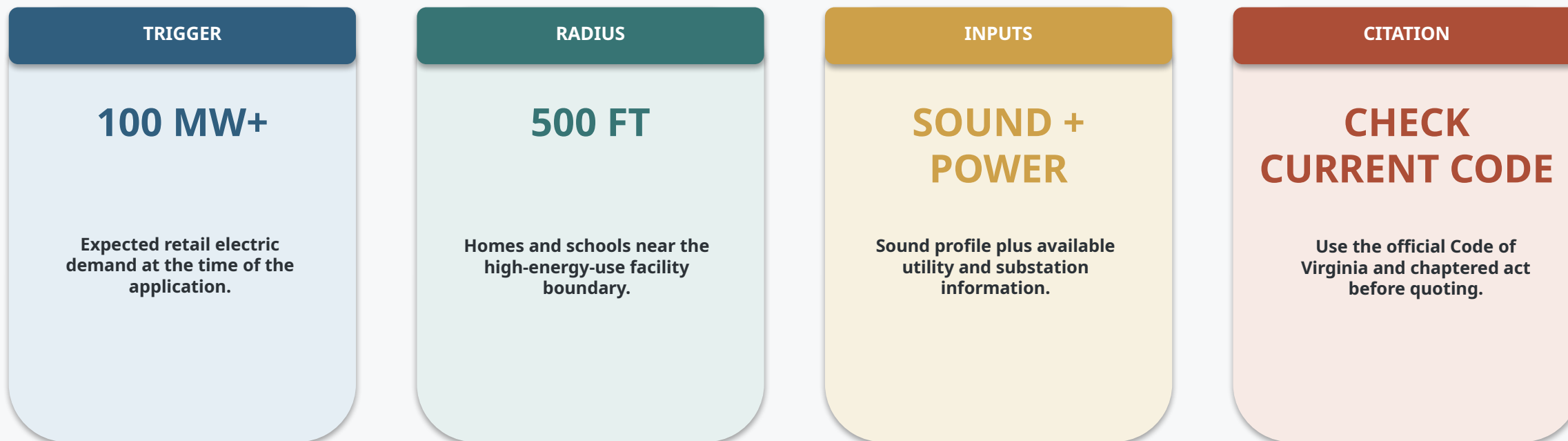
- Broader noise standards
- Make them local requirements
- Require a full power plan
- Apply CUP conditions

A required study informs the vote; it does not by itself set performance limits or guarantee approval.

A STUDY IS NOT A STANDARD.

FOUR DETAILS TO VERIFY

Use the official Virginia sources to confirm the trigger, scope, inputs, and current citation.



The issue paper itself cautions that numbering or placement may shift during codification.

CITE THE CURRENT OFFICIAL TEXT.

THE CITIZEN 4x4

Four steps turn a state procedural requirement into a stronger local review process.

- 01

VERIFY TEXT

Confirm the current statute and effective chapter through official Virginia sources.
- 02

USE THE FLOOR

Require the state sound assessment before any qualifying approval.
- 03

ADD LOCAL STUDIES

Include water, agriculture, parks, history, forestland, and cumulative impacts.
- 04

KEEP CUP CONTROL

Preserve public hearings, local standards, permit conditions, and enforcement.

State law can strengthen the application record without limiting New Kent's local land-use authority.

STATE LAW IS A FLOOR, NOT THE CEILING.