

Quarterly Review of Environment and Energy Not in Board Packages (NIPs)

Environment and energy-related NIPs distributed to the Board since the last Environmental Committee meeting on October 27, 2020 are listed and summarized below for Board review and discussion, as needed:

Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan: Fourth Update (November 2020)

This memorandum provides a more detailed explanation of the Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) planning process change presented to the Board of Supervisors at the October 27, 2020 Environmental Committee meeting. It also responds to Board member inquiries regarding the process change and communications.

This memorandum addresses the framework of the Working Group model and sector-based workgroups, the updated CECAP communications plan and website, and the timeline and deliverables for the remainder of the CECAP process.

Fairfax Green Initiatives Update (November 2020)

On February 5, 2019, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the Fairfax Green Initiatives Board Matter, which outlines 19 energy-related action items for Board offices, three Board committees, the Tree Commission and the County Executive. In July 2020, the Board unanimously approved a follow-on motion, the Fairfax Green Initiatives #2 Board Matter, which includes 14 additional environment and energy-related action items for the County Executive, County Attorney, Land Use Policy Committee, and several county departments and agencies.

In June 2019, staff developed an Implementation Matrix to track progress on Fairfax Green Initiatives. The matrix, which is shared quarterly with the Board, tracks completed, ongoing and anticipated implementation on action items. The purpose of this memorandum is to describe progress made on ten action items under the second Fairfax Green Initiatives Board Matter since the last quarterly update.

Feasibility of Green Banks (November 2020)

On July 28, 2020, the Board of Supervisors (Board) unanimously adopted its Fairfax Green Initiatives #2 Board Matter, introduced by Supervisor Storeck. Fairfax Green Initiatives #2 includes 14 environment and energy-related action items. Item #7b directs the County Executive to report to the Environment Committee on the feasibility of creating a Fairfax Green Bank. The purpose of this memorandum is to discuss the findings of the County Attorney on whether the Board has the authority to establish a Green Bank.

Update on Development of a Plastic Bag Tax Ordinance (November 2020)

On July 28, 2020, the Board of Supervisors (Board) unanimously adopted its Fairfax Green Initiatives #2 Board Matter, introduced by Supervisor Storck. Fairfax Green Initiatives #2 includes 14 environment and energy-related action items. Item #4a directs the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination (OEEC) to provide a plan to the Environmental Committee regarding implementation of a \$0.05 plastic bag fee in 2021. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update to the Board on the development of a plastic bag tax ordinance in Fairfax County.

This memorandum provides an overview of the 2020 legislation that authorizes Fairfax County to adopt an ordinance imposing a \$0.05 tax on disposable plastic bags provided by grocery stores, convenience stores and drugstores, with some exemptions. It also discusses state guidance, revenue considerations, regional efforts, and anticipated county efforts with respect to community engagement and ordinance development.