

Fairfax County Chair's Energy Efficiency Task Force

July 28, 2011

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Discussion Agenda

The overall question: What actions/policies should the Task Force recommend to the County Board of Supervisors?

Suggested Ground Rules:

- Recommendations that would increase the regulatory burden should be avoided.
- The objective of financial incentives should be a net increase in County revenues.

1. We have a tentative goal of 3 tons/capita by 2040.

What Task Force actions are desirable to validate (or revise) the goal?

a) Transportation update:

- Aviation developments
- Other developments

b) Building updates:

- Poll of developers
- Utility questions
- HC Yu Study

c) Existing buildings – Kathy Lawson; Davis, Carter, Scott will provide an overview

2. What incentives can we recommend to the County?

a) Streamlined process? What's involved?

b) Financial – if energy efficiency commands a higher market value, can a portion of the resultant increase in County revenue be used for tax incentives?...to fund a loan or guarantee program?...to fund an energy bank?

c) Other?

3. What are the barriers and what is the best way to eliminate or ameliorate or work within them, i.e. HOA rules, Zoning ordinances, State or federal code, other?

4. How can we help the utilities accelerate their initiatives?

- Support State approval of ACI?
- Promote ACI compatible building design and renovation?
- Zoning for local energy generation from solar to other forms of district energy?
- What else?

5. What policies would enable more cooperation between utilities, County and customers?

6. Education and promotion – what should we recommend?

- Visible “meters” in building lobbies?
- Promotion of homeowner incentives?
- The Kentucky school program?
- Existing regional programs, or would that be duplication?
- An annual award?

7. How can the recommendations help the County promote its economic development?

8. How will support for the recommendations be sustained? What process/promotion is required to maintain buy in and broad consensus for the goal and policy to be set up by the Board? It's a 30-year task!