

**EQAC Support for Board of Supervisors Legislative Position  
on Reducing Environmental Contamination from Plastic and Paper Bags  
August 10, 2016**

The Board of Supervisors' adopted 2016 Fairfax County Legislative Program included the following position statement:

**Reducing Environmental Contamination from Plastic and Paper Bags**

Support legislation or other efforts which would encourage the use of reusable shopping bags, consistent with the County's waste reduction goals and environmental stewardship efforts. As in previous sessions, it is anticipated that legislation to ban plastic bags or impose a fee for their use may be introduced again in 2016. Such legislation would need to be examined by the County for efficacy, cost, and ease of administration.

*(Updates and reaffirms previous position.)*

At its August 10, 2016 meeting, EQAC, through a unanimous vote of members present, approved a motion to recommend that the Board of Supervisors retain this position in its next legislative program.