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Planning Commission Will Hold Green Buildings Public Hearing Nov. 8

The Fairfax County Planning Commission's Environment Committee will hold a public hearing on Plan Amendment # S07-CW-3CP, an amendment to the Policy Plan: the Countywide Policy Element of the Comprehensive Plan for Fairfax County, Virginia. The Plan Amendment proposes to revise guidance and corresponding background text related to air quality issues and to add guidance addressing green building practices and energy and water efficiency. The hearing will be held on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 8:15 p.m. in the Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

The public hearing follows meetings of the commission's Environment Committee, which has held several public meetings on this topic. The committee began work in January 2007 to strengthen Comprehensive Plan guidance regarding air quality issues and incorporate support for green building practices into the Comprehensive Plan. The public participated in these meetings by listening and giving presentations, participating in the discussions, asking questions and providing written comments. In June, the committee recommended advertisement of public hearings for a proposed plan amendment, recognizing that the process should be flexible to accommodate further analysis and related revisions. A workshop was held Sept. 6. A public hearing on the proposed plan amendment will be held before the Board of Supervisors Dec. 3.

Copies of the proposed amendment staff report may be obtained two weeks prior to the Planning Commission public hearing from the Department of Planning and Zoning, 7th Floor, Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia or by visiting <http://fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/comprehensiveplan/planamendments.htm>

For more information, or to be placed on the list of speakers for the public hearing, call the Planning Commission at 703-324-2865, TTY 703-324-7951, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning.

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