

Exhibit 1

BOARD MATTER

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ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

20 Year Vision Plan

Madam Chairman, on June 21, 2004, the Board of Supervisors adopted our first ever Environmental Excellence 20-Year Vision Plan. The vote was unanimous, and established an achievable and workable plan that centered on two principles: 1) conservation of our limited natural resources must be interwoven into all government decisions, and 2) we must be committed to provide the necessary resources to protect our environment.

The Plan was organized into six areas: growth and land use, air quality and transportation, water quality, solid waste, parks/trails/open space, and environmental stewardship. At the time, we knew that none of the recommendations in the vision plan would be adopted overnight, and that some legislative changes, budgetary decisions, and how staff decisions are made or implemented, might be necessary. As I look back on that landmark moment, I am amazed at the significant shift our Vision Plan made, both in dialogue and the decisions we make in Fairfax County:

- Adoption of the stormwater ordinance and utility fee
- The Chairman's Private Energy Task Force
- The agreement with Covanta, operator of our waste-to-energy plant
- Partnering with the Park Authority on stewardship of our open spaces
- Incredible changes in the way we approach land use decisions

The list could go on and on. But, we are now 11 years into the 20 year vision, and it is time for us to examine that vision and determine if the plan needs to be updated. I am not suggesting another 20-year plan. What I would like to see is a county staff and community review of the elements of our plan and how it can be updated and improved, taking into account new techniques and opportunities, changed regulations, budget requirements, and the like. Therefore, I move that the Board direct the County Executive to review the existing plan and report back to the Board with suggestions and a timeline for community and Board involvement. The County Executive's report can be presented to the Board's Environment Committee in the spring of 2016.