

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 December 8, 2020 are listed and summarized below for Board review and discussion, as needed:

Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan: Fifth Update (January 2021)

Development of the Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) depends on the input and involvement of community stakeholders from across Fairfax County. Three distinct phases of public outreach and engagement are included in the CECAP planning process. This memorandum describes the second phase of CECAP public outreach and engagement, slated for February, March and early April 2021.

The first phase of CECAP public outreach and engagement took place in August and September of 2020 and sought public input on a variety of potential emission reduction strategies. The second phase, which is described in detail in this memorandum, is focused on examining the gap between public awareness and public action on climate issues. This phase will include new and different educational and engagement elements designed to reach specific audiences and to draw out more detailed and focused feedback.

A final phase of public engagement will be conducted in May 2021 to assess public opinion of the final draft of the CECAP before it is presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval in July.

The Use of Stormwater Funds for Stormwater System Improvements Within Existing VDOT Right-of-Way (January 2021)

This memorandum examines how, as a result of a 2006 Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (Board) policy, Fairfax County (County) has not utilized funds from the Stormwater Service District Tax (Stormwater Tax) to improve existing stormwater management infrastructure within the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) right-of-way (ROW) or as a part of VDOT capital improvement or maintenance projects. In an October 8, 2019, presentation to the Board's Environmental Committee on the County's flood response strategy, the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) recommended revising the Board policy to allow stormwater funds to be used for stormwater system improvements within the VDOT ROW. A revised policy would support better collaboration between the County and VDOT to address public safety and community flooding, improve water quality, and protect the County's water resources.

Compost Pilot Program Update (January 2021)

The Solid Waste Management Program (SWMP) has prepared this memorandum to supplement the Compost Pilot Program Update presentation that will be provided on February 2, 2021, to the Environmental Committee. The memorandum, written in response to directives from the Board of Supervisors through Fairfax Green Initiatives #2, examines the resources, planning and options available to create a system to divert food waste from the waste stream.