

Review of Environment and Energy Staff Reports and Not in Board Packages (NIPs)

Environment and energy-related NIPs distributed to the Board since the May 17, 2022, Environmental Committee meeting are listed and summarized below for Board review and discussion, as needed. Moving forward, in most cases, staff reports will be produced instead of NIPs for items that will be discussed in the Environmental Committee. A summary of pertinent staff reports is also included below.

Staff Report on Fairfax Green Initiatives Update (July 2022)

This report provides an update on action items from the Fairfax Green Initiatives #1 and #2 Board Matters. The Board Matters include over 30 environmental and energy-related action items for county agencies. Regular updates are provided to the Board. This latest update summarizes progress made on five action items since February 2022.

NIP on Residential Tree Planting Pilot Project (July 2022)

This memorandum provides an update to the Board on the implementation of Fairfax Green Initiative #1, 5a, relating to low and no cost tree planting options for Fairfax County residents. Under this initiative, the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) reports on the results of a no cost residential tree planting pilot along the Route 1 Corridor.

NIP on Resilient Fairfax: Public Comment on Draft Plan (July 2022)

This memorandum provides a status update on the draft Resilient Fairfax Plan, which is scheduled to be presented to the Board in October 2022. The memorandum summarizes public comments received on the draft plan from May 16 to June 15, 2022, as well as other stakeholder comments received.

Staff Report on Fairfax Green Bank Update (July 2022)

This report summarizes a Fairfax Green Bank Gap and Feasibility Analysis, completed in June 2022, and presents a staff recommendation that the county continue toward creation of a not-for-profit clean energy financing entity to stimulate the use of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies throughout the community.

Staff Report on Climate and Energy Legislative Proposal for 2023 General Assembly Session (July 2022)

This report describes a legislative initiative to authorize energy benchmarking for large commercial buildings that the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination (OEEC) proposes be included in the county's legislative program for the 2023 Virginia General Assembly session. The proposal advances the goals of the Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) and Operational Energy Strategy.

NIP on Plastic Bag Tax Revenue (July 2022)

Effective January 1, 2022, Fairfax County established a five-cent tax on disposable plastic bags provided at grocery stores, convenience stores and drug stores. Revenue from the tax accrues

monthly and must be used to fund the provision of reusable shopping bags to low-income residents or to fund programs related to environmental cleanup and pollution prevention. The purpose of this memorandum is to present a proposed project selection process to fund applicable county programs and initiatives using revenue from the disposable plastic bag tax.