

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

Environment and energy-related NIPs distributed to the Board since the February 15, 2022, Environmental Committee meeting are listed and summarized below for Board review and discussion, as needed:

Board of Supervisors Environmental Committee Meeting Follow-up: February 15, 2022 (March 2022)

At the February 15, 2022, Board of Supervisors Environmental Committee meeting, members raised questions on both the Fairfax Green Initiatives update and the presentation on legislative concepts associated with implementation of the Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP). This memorandum responds to those questions.

CECAP Implementation Update (May 2022)

On September 14, 2021, the Board of Supervisors accepted the CECAP Report. CECAP, which was developed by the community, encourages action by community members including individuals, organizations, and government entities to reduce local greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. The CECAP Report describes strategies, actions, and conceptual recommendations to reduce GHG emissions across sectors including buildings and energy efficiency, energy supply, transportation, waste, and natural resources.

The Board Matter accepting CECAP directed staff to work with relevant county agencies to prepare a CECAP implementation road map, and to guide the short-term and long-term strategies, actions and recommendations described in the Report. Consistent with the Board Matter, at the Board's February 15, 2022, Environmental Committee meeting, the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination (OEEC) briefed the Board on OEEC's short-term actions to ensure progress on CECAP implementation while the long-term plan is under development. These short-term actions included education and outreach campaigns under the Carbon-Free Fairfax umbrella, the proposed development of legislative proposals for the 2023 legislative session, and work on community-based programs to support CECAP's interim and long-term goals. The NIP provides an update on short-term actions, additional implementation activities, and the long-term CECAP implementation plan.

Agency Responses to the Recommendations in EQAC's 2021 Annual Report on the Environment (May 2022)

In December 2021, Fairfax County's Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) released its 2021 Annual Report on the Environment. At its December 7, 2021, meeting, the Board directed the County Executive to charge the OEEC, with support from relevant county agencies, to prepare a response to the Annual Report on the Environment. The OEEC circulated EQAC's recommendations among appropriate agencies and coordinated a collaborative staff response to each of the recommendations for consideration by the Board. The NIP highlights those recommendations EQAC identified as priorities, providing a status update, and identifying the fiscal implications of each. Additional recommendations that have fiscal implications are also highlighted in the NIP. A complete set of staff responses to each of EQAC's recommendations is included as an attachment.