



Environmental and Energy Organization

Recommendation

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Review of Environmental and Energy support

- The County Executive initiated a review of the current structure of support for the Environment and Energy
 - 20+ year old model in place
 - Significant initiatives underway and anticipated
- Staff group reviewed options, incorporated input from stakeholders (EQAC white paper) and had discussions with community partners
- Maintain and elevate collaboration across County agencies
- FY 2020 Advertised budget will include recommendation

Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination

- Recommendation to create within the Office of the County Executive
 - Maintains high profile of cross-cutting, Countywide function
 - Direct reporting to Chief Financial Officer
- Focus on and expand support for currently identified priorities
- Combination of existing positions and identification of additional requirements
 - 7 staff / \$1,061,060 with a net General Fund impact of \$456,137 in FY 2020
 - 4 filled positions currently supporting Environmental and Energy functions
 - 3 new or existing positions added to Environmental and Energy functions

Responsibilities of office

- Policy Evaluation and Administration
 - Coordinate and oversee implementation of the County's environmental, energy and sustainability initiatives
 - Participate in regional environmental initiatives
 - Coordinate interaction with community partners
 - Participate in joint associations for energy procurement (e.g. VEPGA)
 - Promote County interests before federal and state legislative bodies and regulatory agencies

Responsibilities of office (continued)

- Internal County Operations Team
 - Operational Energy Strategy
 - Countywide Energy Analysis
 - Environmental Improvement Program (EIP)
 - Environmental Coordinating Committee
- Community Sustainability Team
 - EQAC
 - Energy Action Fairfax
 - C-Pace program
 - Green Business Partners Program
 - Community oriented initiatives (natural landscaping, community solar, circular/shared economy, etc.)

Other issues to advance environmental agenda

- Funding for operational energy strategy at Carryover/Third Quarter
- Increased support for the EIP in Annual budget
- Identifying opportunities for legislative action to improve options for environmental and energy programs (such as solar freedom)
- Clearly identifying resource requirements (to include consulting and staffing as appropriate) for other currently not identified initiatives such as a community climate action plan, to fully inform Board decisions
- Taking advantage of collaboration opportunities with regional partners and exploring internship options