



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 13, 2025

TO: Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Larry J. Zaragoza, DEnv, Chair *Larry J. Zaragoza*
Environmental Quality Advisory Council

SUBJECT: Comment on Resilient Trees Draft Ordinance

EQAC appreciates the opportunity to review the draft language to amend the Public Facilities Manual. Furthermore, EQAC notes that in addition to providing guidance for developers, this information will likely be helpful to Fairfax County communities and residents seeking to plant trees. We commend your catch phrase of “Planting the right tree in the right place.”

One comment that you heard during our meeting is a concern that the Public Facilities Manual recognize the heat island locations and that the county not provide credits for trees that are not appropriate to the location.

EQAC has also reviewed and support the comments of the Tree Commission, provided in their October 13 letter.

Again, we thank you for the opportunity to review this document and we welcome any questions.

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