



Update on Fairfax County's Plastic Bag Tax Ordinance

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Legislation Overview

- Legislation authorized Fairfax County to adopt an ordinance imposing a \$0.05 tax on most disposable plastic bags provided by grocery stores, convenience stores and drugstores.
- The state Tax Commissioner is “to collect, administer, and enforce” the tax in essentially the same manner that the retail sales and use tax is collected, administered, and enforced.
- Revenues are to be appropriated for (1) environmental clean-up, (2) mitigation of pollution and litter, (3) education, and (4) the provision of reusable bags to recipients of federal food support program (i.e., SNAP and WIC).

Adoption and Implementation

- County ordinance adopted 9/14/2021, effective 1/1/2022
- Revenue collected by Virginia Tax and disbursed monthly, with a two-month lag
- CY 2022 revenues from the bag tax will exceed \$2 million
 - \$2.116 million as of end of 11/2022



BE THE SOLUTION TO PLASTIC POLLUTION
SE LA SOLUCIÓN A LA CONTAMINACIÓN PLÁSTICA

SWITCH TO REUSABLE BAGS
to keep local waterways, roads and open space free of litter.

USE BOLSAS REUTILIZABLES
para mantener nuestros ríos, calles y espacios abiertos libres de basura.

5¢ PLASTIC BAG TAX TAKES EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2022

EL IMPUESTO DE 5¢ A LAS BOLSAS PLÁSTICAS ENTRA EN VIGENCIA EL 1 DE ENERO DE 2022.

Bring your own reusable bag to avoid this fee.

Traiga su propia bolsa reutilizable para evitar este impuesto.

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Project Identification and Selection

- Biannual solicitation and selection process
 - Projects to be funded at both 3rd Quarter and Carryover Reviews
- Evolving process modeled on Environmental Improvement Program
 - Solicit project proposals from interested agencies
 - Evaluate requests and supporting information
 - Consult with requesting agencies
 - Select and rank top projects
- Share ranked project recommendations with DMB and Board

Examples of Projects Funded at CY 2022 Carryover

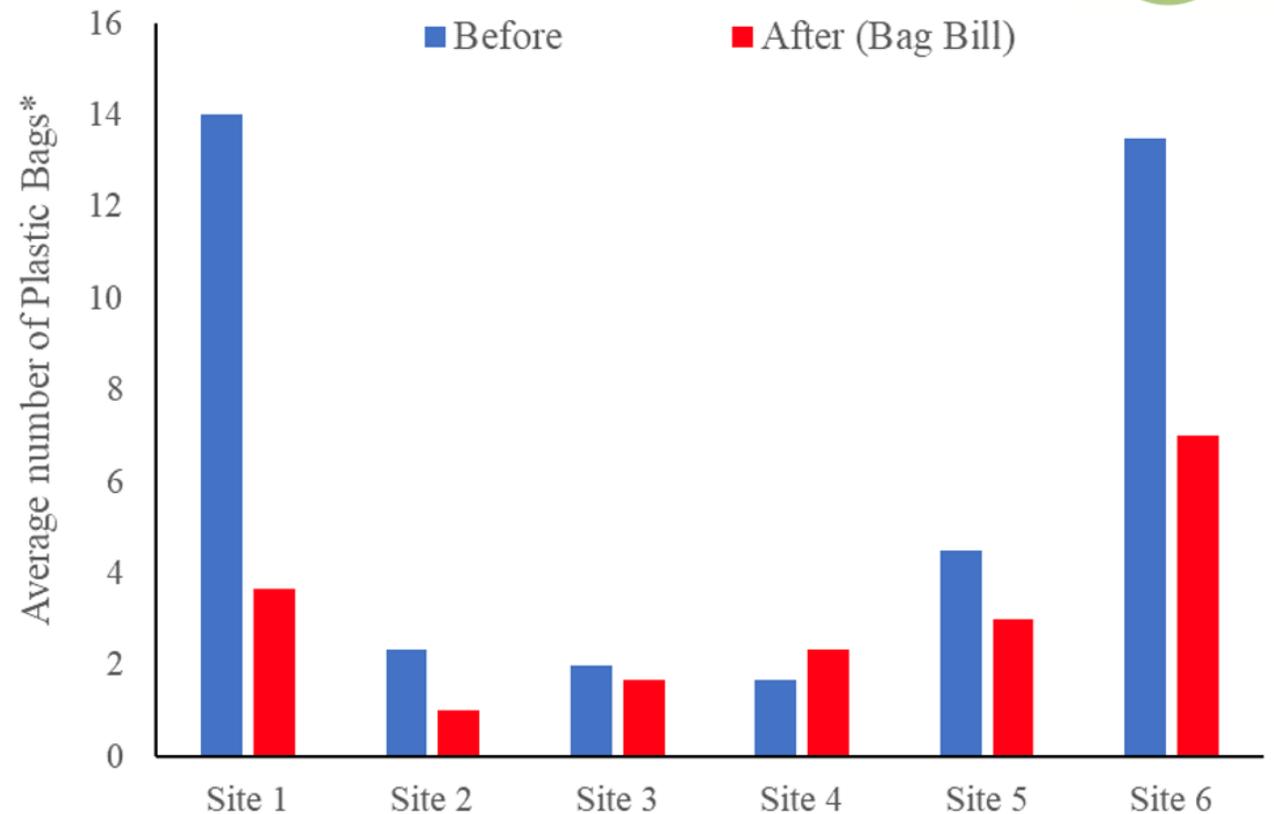
Project Name	Lead Agencies	Statutory Objectives	Funding
Operation Stream Shield	DPES, OPEH	Environmental clean-up, Pollution/litter mitigation	\$370,000
Waste Collection at Parking Lots and Bus Shelters/Stops	DPWES	Pollution/litter mitigation	\$102,960
Storm Drain Education and Labelling	DPWES, NVSWCD	Education programs, Pollution/litter mitigation	\$60,000
Waste Reduction and Recycling Campaigns at Housing Properties	DPWES, HCD	Education programs, Pollution/litter mitigation	\$50,000
Reusable Bag Purchase	DFS FCPA, NCS, VCE	Education programs, Pollution/litter mitigation, Bags to SNAP/WIC recipients	\$16,000
Bulk Purchases of Vehicle Fluids	DVS	Education programs, Pollution/liter mitigation	\$14,500
Volunteer Stream Cleanup	Clean Fairfax, FCPA, NVSWCD	Environmental clean-up, Pollution/litter mitigation	\$5,000

Key Findings by Clean Fairfax

- ▶ Preliminary data from stream monitoring shows reduction in plastic bag pollution
 - ▶ The two most polluted streams monitored had **47%** and **74%** less plastic bags after January 2022



Plastic Bags Observed in MS4 Compliance Monitoring in Fairfax County by Clean Fairfax



*Note: Clean Fairfax does not receive bag tax funds.

Questions?

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