

Fairfax County Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP)

Public Feedback Session: Transportation, Development & Waste

Wednesday, February 25, 2021

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Held Electronically via WebEx



Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination

Welcome & Meeting Overview

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Agenda

Welcome and Meeting Overview

Meeting Purpose

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Getting to Know You

Preparing You to Provide Useful Feedback

CECAP Process Overview

Transportation, Development & Waste-Related Actions

Public Transportation & Other Transit

Connected and Sustainable Communities

Electric Vehicles & Mobility

Waste Reduction, Recycling & Composting

Green Spaces & Natural Resources

Open Discussion on the Public Engagement Process

What works & what could be improved

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Meeting Purpose

- **Educate and inform** you about our climate and energy action plan
- **Invite** your individual feedback via our community surveys
- **Understand** your opinions, preferences, and ideas about transportation, development, and waste-related strategies and activities the Fairfax County community could undertake to reduce our carbon footprint
- **Gather** information to improve outreach and community engagement efforts going forward

How Can You Give Feedback?

- **Community Surveys:**

- Surveys are available online here on the [CECAP Public Engagement webpage](#).
- Open until March 14
- Available in English, Spanish, Korean, and Vietnamese
- Please take 5 minutes to provide your feedback

Getting to Know You

- How did you hear about this meeting?
 - Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, NextDoor, Email (e.g, email from Fairfax County or from another organization), someone told me about it
- To what extent are you personally concerned about climate change?
 - Very concerned, slightly concerned, not concerned
- How familiar are you with the CECAP process?
 - Very familiar, somewhat familiar, not familiar at all
- Where do you live within the County?
 - Braddock, Lee, Springfield, Sully, Providence, Mount Vernon, Hunter Mill, Mason, or Dranesville
- In the future, how would you prefer to hear about CECAP?
 - Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, NextDoor, email, posters, flyers, etc.

CECAP Overview

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Community Engagement and Public Input

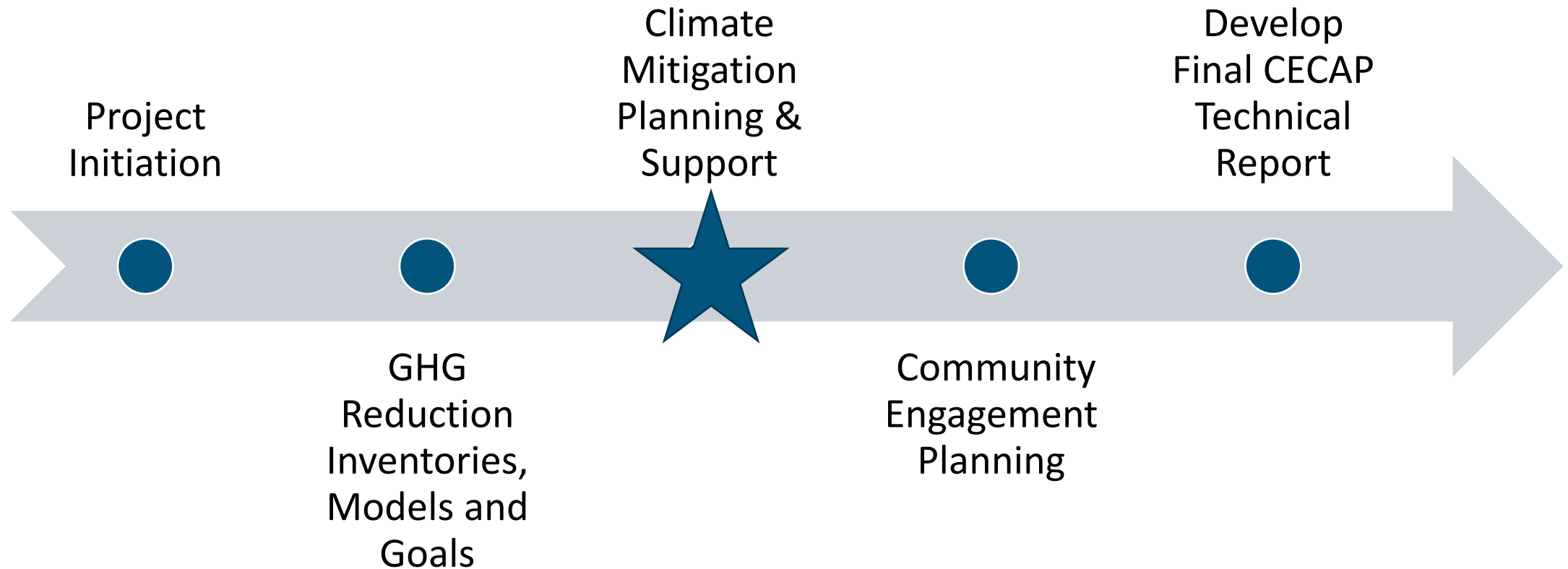
Public

- Input and implementation roles
- Online access
- Outreach
- Public feedback meetings
- Public comment periods

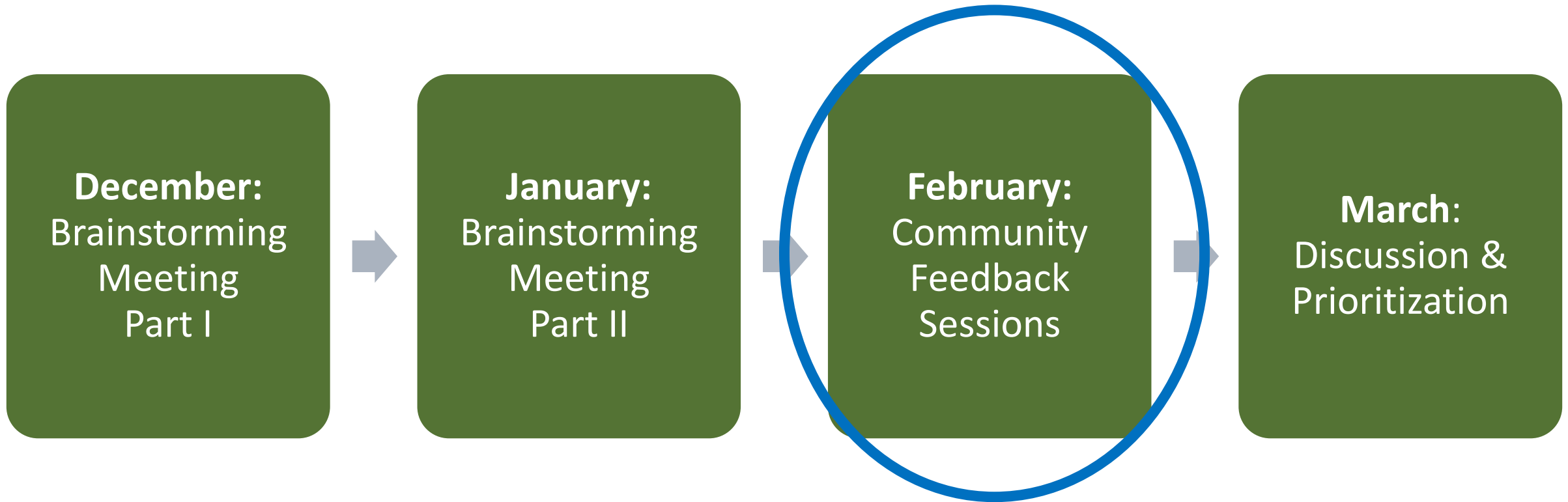
CECAP Working Group

- Decision-making role
- Recommends Plan to Board of Supervisors
- County-wide representation
- Meetings open to the public

CECAP Process



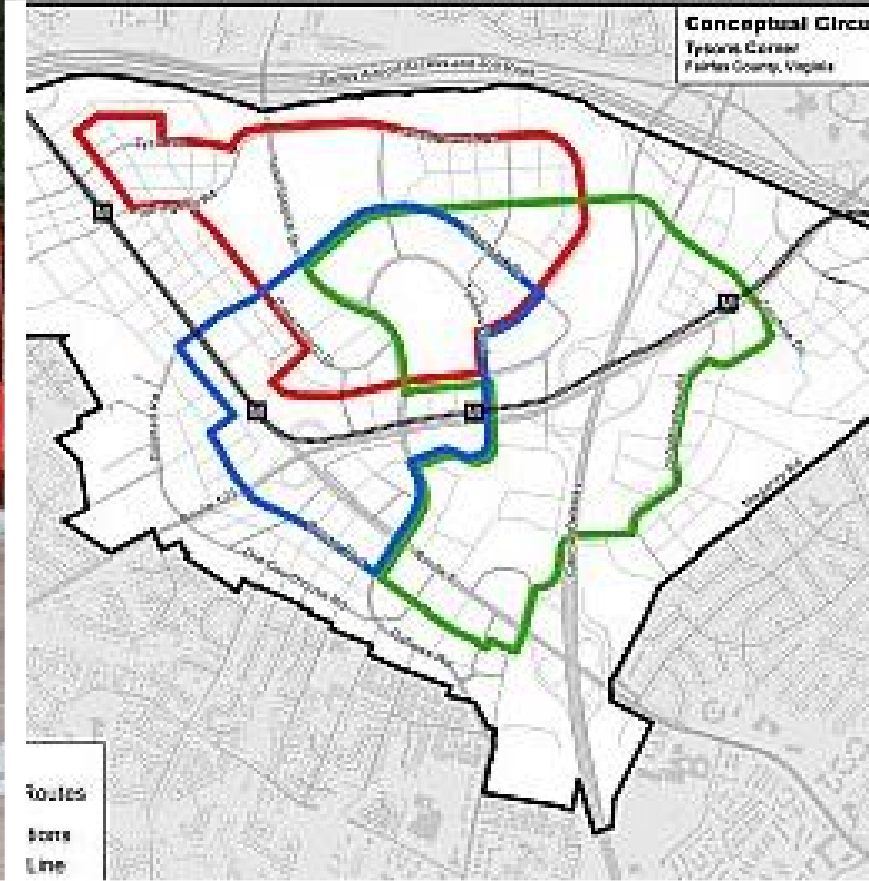
Timeline in this Current Phase



Transportation & Development- Related Actions

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Public Transportation and Other Transit Options (1 of 5)

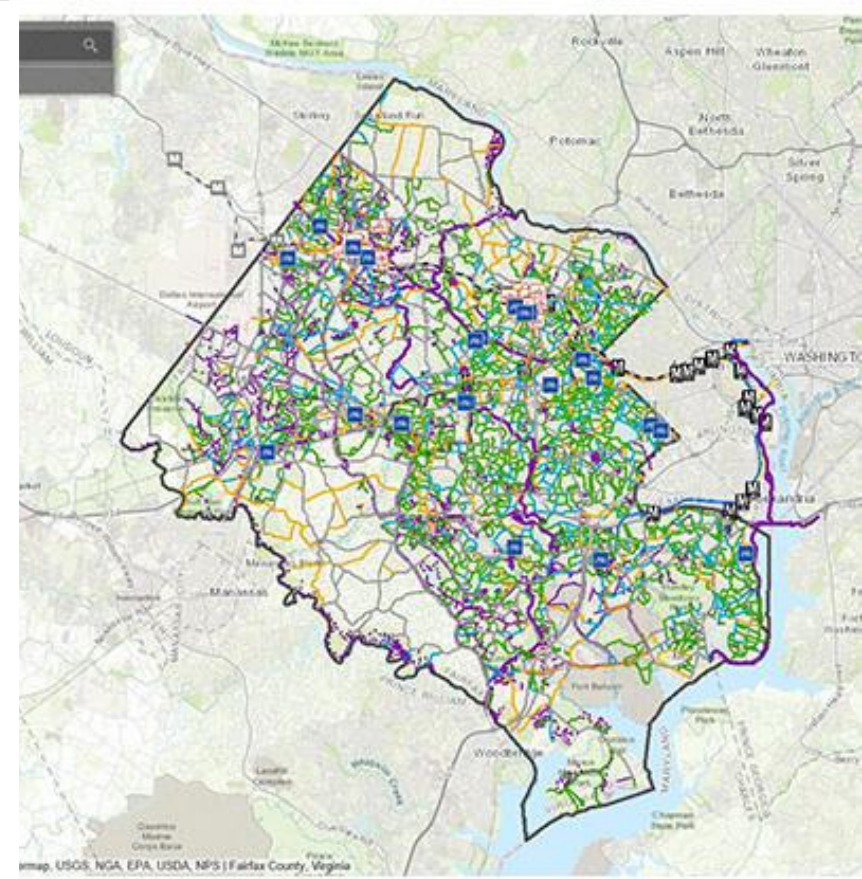
Public Transportation and Other Transit

What would encourage you?

- More frequent non-rush hour bus service
- Shorter commute, compared to car
- More frequent*
- First mile/last mile solutions
- Ease of access
- Reach more locations*
- Don't need to park!
- Shuttles where currently lack of service
- Better connections
- Electric buses
- Better, secure bike parking at metro stations
- Cleanliness

What would stop you?

- Lack of COVID safety procedures; general health safety
- Long transit time*
- Waiting in inclement weather/lack of bus shelter
- No service late at night
- Too infrequent
- Inefficient route
- Inconvenient for hauling groceries*
- Buses not on schedule
- Insufficient comfort for some
- Perception of safety issues



Connected and Sustainable Communities (2 of 5)

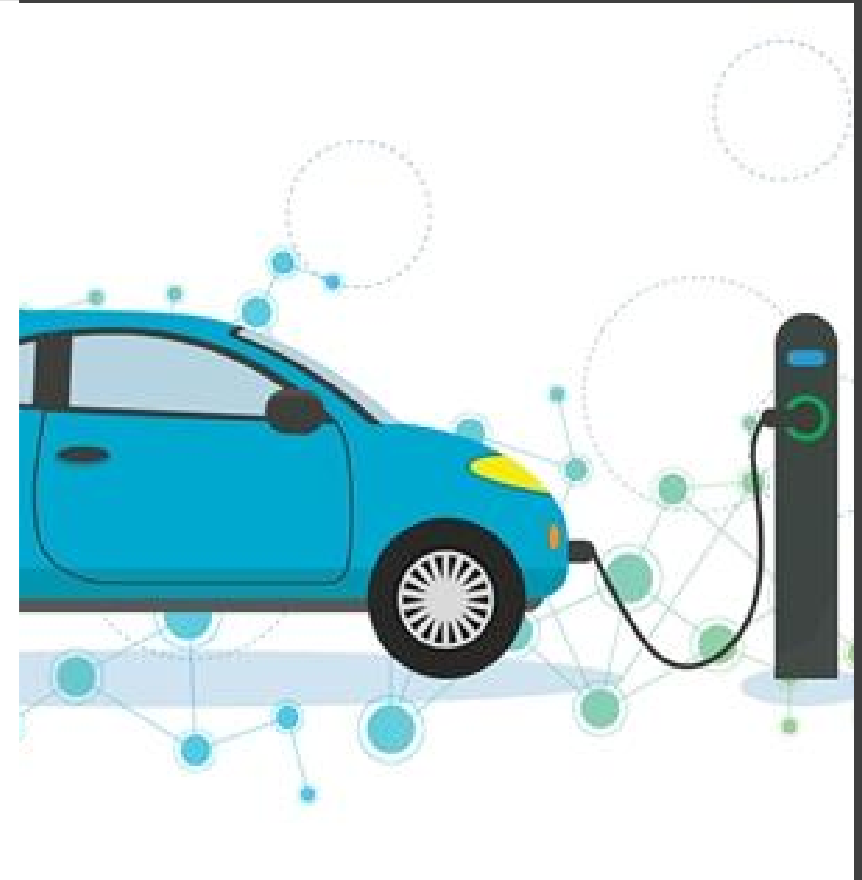
Connected and Sustainable Communities

What benefits do you see of these communities?

- Reduced energy consumption & greenhouse gas emissions
- Walking/biking in a safe manner
- Better health/well-being
- Traffic & pollution reduction
- Face-to-face opportunities/sense of community
 - For youth, specifically
- Quality of life/well-being/mental health
- Accessibility to amenities
- Youth self-sufficiency
- Opportunity for public art
- Saving money
- Encourages outdoor activities
- Benefits small businesses

What drawbacks do you see of these communities?

- Still need to travel outside community
- Inclement weather/safety on trails and walkways
- Potential loss of green space*
- Potential loss of feeling of connection to nature
- Hard to get to without transit
- Can be siloed*
- More expensive
- Overuse of concrete, stormwater runoff
- Less popular



Electric Vehicles & Mobility (3 of 5)

Electric Vehicles & Mobility

What would encourage you?

- Access to charging stations*
- Home charging in new construction, multi-family housing
- Non-car infrastructure
- Better performance, quality car features, low maintenance
- Shared mobility options
- More product options
- Easier/less costly permitting for home chargers
- Incentives/subsidies for purchases

What would stop you?

- High initial cost*
- Lack of charging infrastructure, locally & nationally
- Range anxiety*
- Long charge time
- High energy & greenhouse gas emissions from car production
- Non-universal chargers
- Lack of battery recycling infrastructure



Waste Reduction, Recycling, & Composting (4 of 5)

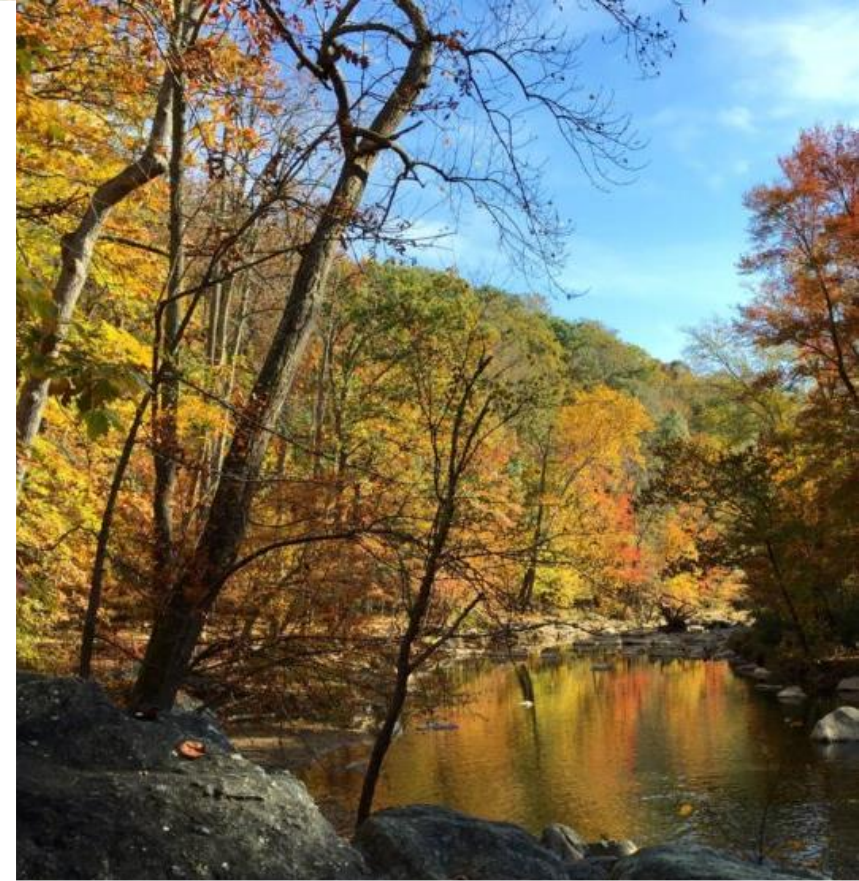
Waste Reduction, Recycling & Composting

What would encourage you?

- Price signals (pay more for plastics, e.g.)*
- Knew recycling actually got recycled
- Dedicated, accessible recycling bins & compost drop-offs
- Repair shops/more repair services
- Bottle deposits
- DIY-recycling assistance
- Lower contamination
- Policy change (e.g., plastic/Styrofoam bans)
- Packaging design for recyclability
- Better labeling

What would stop you?

- Lack of awareness/understanding of what can and cannot be recycled
- Ineffective experience with composting
- Changing rules of recycling
- Lack of recycling access (e.g., in office, grocery stores, etc.)
- Reuse containers not allowed
- Relative size of bins (trash container larger)
- Inconvenient to recycle electronics



Green Spaces & Natural Resources (5 of 5)

Green Spaces & Natural Resources

What benefits do you see of these spaces?

- Cleaner air & water*
- Physical & mental health
- Cooler ambient temperatures
- Quiet, calming
- Stormwater & habitat benefits
- Entertainment
- Preserve mature trees*
- Beauty
- Encourages walking/biking
- Carbon sequestration
- Ecosystem balance

What drawbacks do you see of these spaces?

- None*
- Leaves = noisy leaf blowers
- Increased cost of housing
- Natural vs. planned green space
- Requires maintenance (e.g., trees, invasive species)
- Crowded trails
- Less density --> more transportation
- Damage from fallen trees

Public Engagement Process

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Open Discussion on Public Engagement Process

- Given the County's constraints (COVID, budget):
 - What works well?
 - What could be improved?

Wrap Up and Next Steps

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Let's Hear From You

1. Do you intend to respond to one or both surveys (Transportation/Development, Energy)?
2. Will you share the surveys with at least 3 other people?
3. Is the next set of public meetings in May 2021?

Upcoming Dates

Online
survey
opens
Feb 22

Working
Group
reviews
public
feedback

Working Group
meetings held on a
~monthly basis; open
to the public

Online
survey
closes
March
14

Working
Group
meetings
on March
24 & 25;
open to
public

Public
feedback
sessions in
May 2021

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[Office of Environmental & Energy
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News Blog](#)

Twitter: @ffxgreen / #ffxCECAP

Follow for updates on the CECAP process, as well as information on climate and energy science, policy, and best practices.

Learn about the topics and trends driving the climate conversation in Fairfax County.

Get Involved

- **Take one or both short Community Surveys (Energy and Transportation & Development), [found here](#)**
 - Open until March 14
 - Available in English, Spanish, Korean, and Vietnamese
- **Follow or Like** the [Fairfax County Climate and Energy Facebook page](#), and join the online conversation.
- **Email cecapoutreach@fairfaxcounty.gov to become a CECAP Community Partner.** Help advocate for and enact changes in your community that will lower our collective greenhouse gas emissions.

Thank You!

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