














	Land Use <i>Four Recommendations in 2023</i>	Status / EQAC Comments
1	<p><i>Recommendation: 1LU-2018.1</i></p> <p>Update the State of the Plan and Concept for Future Development map. EQAC recommends that the Board authorize an update to the State of the Plan document. The last State of the Plan covered 2000 to 2010. Since then, the county has seen significant growth and changes in process and technology. A review of the plan and the effects of the processes is timely.</p> <p>EQAC also recommends that the Board authorize the development of a Concept for Future Transportation, Development, and Green Infrastructure. The 1992 Concept for Future Development map has largely been realized and a future map that looks out 20 to 50 years is needed.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department This recommendation is being addressed. Work on the State of the Plan document is ongoing. The document was set to be published in 2022 but is delayed to include analysis of 2020-2022 and should be done in early 2024.</p> <p>The county is moving towards greater use of interactive mapping applications, rather than static maps, including the JADE mapping tool that allows users to display multiple layers of data and dynamically turn on and off information and data.</p>	<p>Making progress / Recommended since 2018</p>  <p>Recent discussions have noted the publication is being delayed to include analysis of 2020-2022 and is on track for 2024 completion.</p> <p>The Concept for Future Transportation, Development, and Green Infrastructure will provide a long-term vision for large investment projects and holistic rejuvenation of the county environmental infrastructure.</p>
2	<p><i>Recommendation: 1LU-2019.3—Could this also be related to Green communities?</i></p> <p>Improve processes to minimize ecological degradation from development pressure. As the county addresses build-out, it is important to prioritize environmental protection of increasingly valuable open space. EQAC recommends that the county adopt a policy that all development provides a net environmental benefit to the county. EQAC also recommends that the ecological function of existing land be a consideration when new development is proposed on open space. This establishes the value of land that can be applied consistently across all projects and fits into the multi-dimensional rubric that needs to be considered for future planning.</p>	<p>Making progress / Recommended since 2019</p>  <p>With the intense development pressure on natural space, this recommendation is increasingly important.</p>




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<p>This recommendation applies to development in mixed-use centers with dense growth potential, as well as infill development where fragile lands that are unsuitable for development are under development pressure.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department</p> <p>This recommendation is discussed through Comprehensive Plan policies, which address the identification, preservation, protection, and enhancement of plant and animal life and the creation of an integrated network of ecologically valuable land and surface waters. The county seeks to balance the protection and enhancement of these resources while planning for the orderly development and redevelopment of the county.</p> <p>These efforts have focused primarily on Environmental Quality Corridors (EQCs), Resource Protection Areas (RPAs), floodplains, and steep slopes and tree preservation and tree cover. These areas contain valuable ecological resources and help create an ecological network. Resources within these areas are considered on a site-by-site basis as land use applications are reviewed by staff and evaluated by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.</p>	<p>On December 6, 2022, the Board of Supervisors authorized consideration of a Comprehensive Plan amendment to update the Countywide Policy Plan.</p> <p>The environmental plan is the section to include these recommendations. The update needs to establish appropriate expectations for improved natural resource protection.</p> <p>There are many examples of inappropriate development, low environmental priority on land use decisions, and missed preservation opportunities of scarce natural lands.</p> <p>Examples: Auctioned Land along Accotink Creek near RPA and adjacent to the Cross County Trail, Road expansion along Route 7 in Great Falls.</p>


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3	<p>Recommendation: 1LU-2021.1</p> <p>Private sector green building standards EQAC commends the county for adopting strong green building standards for public facilities. With the recently accepted CECAP goal of net-zero energy by 2050, it is necessary to begin adopting Comprehensive Plan language and zoning regulations to encourage private sector land use to achieve the net-zero goals.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department This recommendation is in the process of being addressed. Actions are currently underway to review existing policies and identify areas for CECAP implementation. As part of a future Plan or Zoning Ordinance Amendment, research and study will be required to determine anticipated growth, estimated energy consumption, and what measures should be recommended to attain net-zero energy. All actions necessary to address EQAC’s recommendation would be conducted during a future Plan or Zoning Ordinance Amendment.</p>	<p>Making progress / Recommended since 2021</p>  <p>EQAC continues to encourage rapid adoption of policies to achieve the CECAP goals. The county has adopted exemplary public sector green building standards. Private sector standards need to follow.</p>
4	<p>Recommendation: 1LU-2023.1</p> <p>Tidal wetlands outreach. Conduct outreach to RPA and tidal wetlands property owners to convey the responsibility to protect these resources and obtain permits for modifications where required.</p>	<p>New in 2023</p> 
	Transportation <i>Three Recommendations in 2023</i>	Status / EQAC Comments
1	<p>Recommendation: 2TRANS-2021.1</p> <p>Develop a formal plan to increase light-duty electric vehicle (EV) registrations to at least 15% of total registrations by 2030.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department Efforts to address this recommendation are being implemented and/or coordinated by the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination (OEEC). For example, OEEC's Carbon-Free Fairfax program provides resources and campaigns promoting EV adoption including information on incentives. OEEC is working with the Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration to help</p>	<p>Making progress Recommended since 2021</p>  <p>Achieving the 15% goal will require further efforts than are currently in place.</p>



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	evaluate the number of EV registrations. Further, OEEC has made a Fairfax County Dashboard available to the public showing progress toward achieving the CECAP goal to have at least 15% of all light-duty vehicle registrations in Fairfax County be EVs.	
2	<p>Recommendation: 2TRANS-2021.2</p> <p>Develop a formal plan to increase transit and non-motorized commuting (including teleworking) to at least 30% by 2030, including setting interim target goals to be achieved by 2024 and 2027. Further, the BOS should provide the staff positions to implement the Safe Streets for All Program which the BOS unanimously endorsed on May 10, 2022.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department</p> <p>Efforts to address this recommendation are being implemented by the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT). That agency is leading the development of the Active Fairfax Transportation Plan which is focused on improving and expanding the pedestrian and bicycle networks throughout the county including public outreach for the planning effort. In May 2022, FCDOT completed Phase One which included the development of a vision statement with supporting goals and objectives. FCDOT is in the process of conducting Phase Two which includes the development of active transportation network recommendations and facility and an implementation approach that includes policy, program, and project prioritization strategies.</p>	<p>Making progress Recommended since 2021</p>  <p>FCDOT has had delays in completing Phase Two of the Active Fairfax Transportation Plan. Staff and resources should be budgeted to implement a Safe Streets for All program as well as for maintenance of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.</p>
3	<p>Recommendation: 2TRANS-2023.1</p> <p>Provide the resources and funding needed to complete and implement the Active Fairfax Transportation Plan in a timely manner, including the Safe Streets for All Program.</p> <p>The Active Fairfax Transportation Plan, once completed, is a framework to improve county residents' access to infrastructure needed for walking, biking, and other forms of non-motorized transportation. The Safe Streets for All Program is a critical component of such a plan however the Board of Supervisors has not budgeted any staff to implement it as a program. Adequate staffing and funding need to be provided by the Board to implement both the Active Fairfax Transportation Plan and Safe Streets for All. The Board also needs to provide the resources to address maintenance needs of non-motorized infrastructure.</p>	<p>New in 2023</p> 



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1	<p>Recommendation: 3A-W-2021.1 Continue and enhance the protection of the Occoquan Reservoir, as needed.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department</p> <p>Unlike the vastly larger Potomac Watershed, the Occoquan water supply is very susceptible to pollutants introduced by local jurisdictions.</p> <p>There has been an effort by the BOS to look at consequences of additional data centers.</p>	<p>Status: Making progress/ Recommended since 2021</p> 
2	<p>Recommendation: 3A-W-2021.2 Fund monitoring and modeling of emerging contaminants such as PFAS and of the rising sodium levels in the Occoquan Reservoir</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department</p> <p>The Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Lab budget was increased around 2019. However additional increased budget allocations will be needed for the lab to continue to look to adequately address emerging contaminants and salts.</p> <p>Included in this need are next-generation water quality modeling tools (e.g., real-time interactive models to provide rapid answers to “what if” scenarios and support strategic policy decisions.</p> <p>Dr Grant of OWML and Norm Goulet of NVRC have laid the foundational work for this work.</p>	<p>Status: Stalled/Recommended since 2021.</p> 
3	<p>Recommendation: 3B-W-2021.1 Set the fee rate collected for wastewater treatment to meet the documented needs of the necessary upgrades and maintenance requirements for all the plants that serve the county and their respective wastewater collection system. This may include the necessary increases to hire and retain adequate wastewater personnel.</p>	<p>Status: Stalled/Recommended since 2021</p> 



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	Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department Funding of the wastewater program by increasing sewer fees is essential to successful operation and maintenance of the sewer system.	
4	<i>Recommendation: 3B-W-2021.2</i> Continue aggressive public education and monitoring of the new alternate septic systems performance Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department Homeowners may not be aware of their responsibilities for maintaining these systems. Education from the private sector and government sector, including both Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and the Health Department, is essential to prevent a high failure rate of the new more complex systems.	Making progress/Recommended since 2021 
5	<i>Recommendation: 3B-W-2023.1</i> Wastewater operates as an enterprise fund and the department needs to be supported in creating a salary structure and pursuing benefit programs that will hire and keep adequate numbers of employees in these essential positions.	Status: New 
6	<i>Recommendation: 3C-W-2022.1</i> Increase funding for the stormwater program by either an increase in the Stormwater Service District rate in FY 2024 by at least one-quarter penny, from a rate of 3.25 cents per \$100 assessed real estate value to 3.50 cents per \$100 or fund the increase through a change in the tax rate. Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department The inventory of stormwater infrastructure continues to grow by approximately 500 stormwater management facilities and eight miles of pipe per year. In addition, much of the stormwater infrastructure in Fairfax County is reaching the end of its life cycle, and as the system ages it remains critical to maintain adequate inspection and rehabilitation programs to avoid infrastructure failures and ensure the functionality of stormwater treatment systems. and sustain current levels of service.	Status: Stalled/Recommended since 2022/ Recurring Yearly  The last rate increase from 3.00 cents to 3.25 per \$100 of assessed real estate value occurred in FY 2019.



	Waste <i>Six Recommendations in 2023</i>	Status / EQAC Comments
1	<p>Recommendation: 4WM-2023.1</p> <p>Budget and implement an accountable Zero Waste Plan for the public and private sector. Twenty percent of the schedule to achieve zero waste by 2030 is expended and the actual recycling rate has decreased since the BOS called for Zero Waste. A specific action plan with deadlines and realistic reduction targets for each action is needed. A re-evaluation of how waste is addressed is needed. Food waste diversion will be required on a large scale. Restaurants, commercial firms, and institutions will need to be required to implement specific actions. Practical means of recycling will be needed for multi-family residents. Haulers and recycling processors will need to be a part of the solution. Outreach alone will be insufficient to obtain the goal.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department N/A</p>	New in 2023 
2	<p><i>Recommendation: 4WM-2023.2</i></p> <p>Utilize existing County authority or obtain legislative authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the Zero Waste Plan for all public and private waste. • Efficiently enforce solid waste regulations and policy • Modify existing ordinances as practicable. • Collect Accurate Data Efficiently • Expand Sanitary Collection Districts or implement franchising that allows including Zero Waste Plan elements in hauling and recycling contracts. <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department N/A</p>	New in 2023 
3	<p><i>Recommendation: 4WM-2021.1</i></p> <p>Institute recycling data collection and reporting</p>	Making progress / Recommended since 2021 

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	<p>Data indicates that countywide residential curbside recycling is low. To obtain the cultural change needed to meet the Board’s goals, the county is encouraged to continue improving outreach, but to also require private haulers to report to their customers their annual percentage of curbside collection that is recycled. In addition, institute outreach requirements and accurate data reporting policies on private waste haulers that result in increased recycling.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department SWMP staff is implementing an alternate approach to accomplishing this recommendation based principally on outreach. The Four Touch Points initiative requires licensed collectors to deliver at least four specific pieces of waste reduction or recycling outreach and/or education to their customers every year. The county has provided guidelines to the collectors. County staff report that most of the collectors are complying and using county supplied contracts.</p>	<p>SWMP staff are commended for developing an approach to achieve the intent of the recommendation. However, outreach is at or nearing the limit of effectiveness. In addition, haulers have little or no “skin in the game” to increase recycling, and will need to be more engaged to accomplish the County’s zero-waste goal</p>
4	<p><i>Recommendation: 4WM-2021.2 (Revised)</i></p> <p>Institute litter control.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Virginia law changes for a container redemption fee (“bottle bill”) • Enforce litter control requirements on Waste Haulers (<i>Two year</i>) <p>County streams and public land continue to be impacted by illegal dumping and litter. Complaints about litter around dumpsters have increased substantially.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department. Complaints increased in 2022. County staff analysis indicates many complaints are due to delayed collection and due to insufficient collection containers at the property. Some properties have many more residents than the collection bins are designed for. While DPWES has the authority to enforce, it is cumbersome and difficult to apply. The “bottle bill” recommendation is stalled.</p>	<p>Making progress / Recommended since 2021</p>  <p>Concerns continue about enforcement to correct litter around collection times. Dumpster complaints have been increasing at an alarming rate. Consideration to pursue strong enforcement authority is suggested.</p>

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5	<p><i>Recommendation: 4WM-2021.3</i></p> <p>Establish environmental purchasing numeric targets. The county has expanded staff to improve environmental purchasing. However, without specific goals and reporting, it is difficult to assess how successful and worthwhile this investment is.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department No response to the recommendation this year. Based on this no targets have been developed.</p>	<p>Stalled / Recommended since 2021</p>  <p>Without numeric targets, success or failure of the program cannot be assessed by EQAC. It is of greater concern that Procurement and Material Management is now in charge of the Zero Waste Plan for County and School facilities. That program needs measurable targets as well.</p>
6	<p><i>Recommendation: 4WM-2021.5</i></p> <p>Consider environmental and safety benefits of sanitary collection districts petitions. There are many factors to consider in the establishment of Sanitary Collection Districts. One of the considerations is the impact on the environment and safety. There are environmental and safety benefits of having a single hauler for a neighborhood.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department Staff supports this recommendation.</p> <p>County staff report multiple petitions to provide County collection have been received. County staff report that the intention is to contract the collection services provided by the County rather than to attempt to increase staff. This is due in part to the difficulty in filling existing SMWP positions.</p>	<p>Making progress / Recommended since 2021</p>  <p>The vacancies in Solid Waste and throughout DPWES must be resolved, not only to provide for County Collection in Sanitary Districts, but also to protect the environment all over the county</p>


	Parks & Ecological Resources <i>Five Active Recommendations in 2023 (One Closed)</i>	Status / EQAC Comments
1	<p>Recommendation: 5PER-2023.1</p> <p>Ensure equitable investment in ecological restorations and corridors. As the county considers initiatives to invest in ecological restorations and/or improving ecological corridors, EQAC encourages the Board to direct staff to balance priorities of working to preserve ecologically important and sensitive habitats while at the same time making equitable investments to expand green space and ecological corridors using the One Fairfax lens. For example, FCPA’s Landscape Legacy and Sustainability Program may inadvertently be deprioritizing more urbanized areas, resulting in further divestment in areas previously neglected. For restorations, particularly those in urban areas such as White Gardens, without sustained funding to maintain these areas, invasive plants quickly take over. Similarly, the county’s current definition of Environmental Quality Corridors (EQCs) may be interpreted to be focused only on preserving currently healthy corridors which could similarly inadvertently deprioritize urbanized or channelized waterways given their low ecological value. EQAC encourages a stronger focus on examining which programs out there today may need to be adjusted to ensure equitable investments.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department N/A</p>	New in 2023 
2	<p>Recommendation: 5PER-2023.2</p> <p>Invest in authentic community connections to achieve a healthy, equitable tree canopy. Last year, one of EQAC’s recommendations was “Support additional staffing for Urban Forest Management Division (UFMD).” (5PER-2022.1). While some new staff have been hired, the Forest Conservation Branch’s move to Land Development Services (LDS) has meant that a small UFMD team remains. With a finalized Resilient Fairfax plan adopted in 2022 to complement CECAP and a focus on One Fairfax a key component of the plan, UFMD’s most significant capacity needs are to invest in authentic community connections as they pursue the goal of a healthy, equitable tree canopy. Authentic engagement doesn’t happen overnight or as a one-off initiative. UFMD will require further investment in this skillset and expertise to ensure trusted community connections are made in advance of tree plantings.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department</p>	New in 2023 




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	N/A	
3	<p>Recommendation: 5PER-2021.4</p> <p>Strengthen authority to address management of invasive species throughout the county. EQAC commends progress in this area and continues to encourage the county to explore what it can do to provide further support holistic and equitable solutions in the management of all invasive plant species. Ideas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue state support for authority to create a special tax district to assist with funding invasive removal on private property. • Seeking ways to work with developers to avoid the use of non-native invasive plants in landscaping and to include a ban on homeowner use of non-native invasive plants, similar to Reston Association, in initial covenants of new developments. • Seeking authority to fund matching grants through the Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District to treat invasive plants. • Supplementing any additional programmatic solutions with additional resources for public outreach and education about using native plants and avoiding non-native invasives. <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department The most significant progress made on this front was in 2022 when the Board of Supervisors adopted a new Running Bamboo ordinance, meant to help stop the spread of this invasive plant, which went into effect on January 1, 2023. There are no updates on other possible initiatives mentioned above.</p>	<p>Making progress / Recommended since 2021</p>  <p>While the implementation of the bamboo ordinance is a positive step forward, additional measures will be needed to combat the significant backlog of management of invasives and to preserve the ecological integrity of our natural lands. Some progress here may require additional state authority.</p>
4	<p>Recommendation: 5PER-2021.2</p> <p>Improve the land development process by prioritizing trees. While some progress has been made in this area, new recommendations this year reframe some of the recommendations from this initial ask. One outstanding and actionable next step is for the Board of Supervisors to direct staff to take next steps on the implementation of the Fall 2022 tree-related recommendations from the Mount Vernon Infill Development Task Force. Relatedly, EQAC supports the Tree Commission’s recommendations related to prioritizing trees during the</p>	<p>Closed / Recommended since 2021</p>  <p>There is more work to be done in this area,</p>




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	<p>land development process and will track progress through their efforts. EQAC will continue to monitor this and other Tree Commission comments and recommendations regarding land development concerns to determine if further EQAC’s support is appropriate.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department Staff’s 2022 responses to six recommendations included in the September 2, 2021 Tree Commission letter¹ to the Board of Supervisors indicate that some progress is being made on this front.</p>	<p>particularly with the Mount Vernon Infill Development Task Force recommendations, and EQAC is reframing some of the asks from this prior recommendation. EQAC will also monitor Tree Commission recommendations.</p>
5	<p><i>Recommendation: 5PER-2022.1</i></p> <p>Support additional staffing for Urban Forest Management Division (UFMD). As Fairfax County begins implementation of climate-focused initiatives related to natural resources, as identified by plans such as CECAP and Resilient Fairfax, UFMD’s role and leadership will no doubt also continue to grow. Full-time positions, rather than non-merit or contract positions, would provide the long-term sustainability needed to support these initiatives. An additional recommendation this year (via 5PER-2023.2 (Invest in authentic community connections to achieve a healthy, equitable tree canopy.)) builds on this ask from 2022.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department With funds from the FY23 budget, UFMD has brought on an Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator and also a Tree Planting Coordinator.</p>	<p>Making Progress / Recommended in 2022</p>  <p>This recommendation was new last year and while some new staff was brought on, more capacity is needed.</p>
6	<p><i>Recommendation: 5PER-2021.3</i></p> <p>Seek more stable funding sources for Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) initiatives. Budgeting challenges for FCPA result in instability over the long term, particularly in terms of maintenance for and management of the parks’ natural resources. EQAC is excited to see progress on this front and recommends the Board continue to work with staff and the FCPA Board to seek</p>	<p>Making progress / Recommended since 2021</p> 

¹ https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/sites/publicworks/files/assets/documents/20210902_tree_commission_policyrecommendations.pdf




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	<p>additional means of stable, long-term funding for FCPA’s natural resources maintenance activities.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department The Board of Supervisors have approved notable budget increases for natural resources each of the past two years including \$751,000 for The Landscape Legacy and Sustainability Program in FY23, one-time Third Quarter Review funds in FY23 of \$400,000 for bamboo removal on Park property and \$500,000 to better address the forest management backlog of tree-concerns on Park property, as well as FY24 funding for four additional full-time staff positions including one position to support bamboo mitigation (\$152,642) and three positions to support forestry operations (\$293,463).</p>	<p>Over the past two years, the Board of Supervisors have provided notable increases to FCPA’s funding, both in one-time and recurring funding. This is a positive step forward, but FCPA funding is still insufficient. Funding for FCPA cannot be cut without compromising service, staff, or both.</p>

	Climate & Energy <i>Six Recommendations in 2023</i>	Status / EQAC Comments
1	<p><i>Recommendation 6CE-2022.1</i></p> <p>Incorporate Adequate Funding for both CECAP Implementation and Resilient Fairfax in the annual operations and CIP Budget.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department EQAC thanks the Board for funding climate work in the budget. However, significant funding is needed to implement climate and energy projects.</p>	<p>Making Progress/Recommended since 2022</p>  <p>EQAC recognizes that much of the work being undertaken at this stage is in the beginning or pilot stages and that substantially more funding will be required in future years.</p>

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2	<p><i>Recommendation 6CE2022.2</i></p> <p>Adopt a Climate Plan for public consumption that shows how CECAP, Resilient Fairfax and other climate related efforts, such as VCEA, are being implemented and the progress being made towards achieving goals.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department The Resilient Fairfax Implementation Roadmaps and the CECAP Implementation Plan identify priority strategies and climate action programs for implementation. In addition, the county has developed a Climate Action Dashboard to track progress and plans to improve and regularly update the information and data on the dashboard.</p>	<p>Making Progress/Recommended since 2022</p> 
3	<p><i>Recommendation 6CE-2021.4</i></p> <p>Seek the ongoing advice of business leaders on climate and energy issues.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department While the county has relaunched the Green Business Partners program, the participation of businesses in the program is just beginning. Leadership from businesses that have successfully implemented programs to address climate and energy issues will be needed.</p>	<p>Making Progress/Recommended since 2021</p> 
4	<p><i>Recommendation 6CE-2021.5</i></p> <p>Plan and implement an EV charging network so that residents of buildings without EV charging and travelers will have options for charging their EVs</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department</p>	<p>Making Progress/Recommended since 2021</p> 

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	The County is seeking funds from transportation infrastructure funding working through the Metropolitan Council of Governments that will, if awarded, support EV charging stations and fueling for alternative fuels. This should be an effective method to achieve the desired goal.	
5	<p><i>Recommendation 6CE2023.1</i></p> <p>Collect energy consumption information on current and planned data centers in the county and determine the extent to which data centers obtain green energy in order meet the county's carbon neutrality targets.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department The Board has directed staff to review data centers and their impacts and provide recommendations by the end of calendar year 2023.</p>	<p>New in 2023</p> 
6	<p><i>Recommendation 6CE-2021.3</i></p> <p>Implement major Community Engagement and Educational campaign on the actions that businesses and residents can do to reduce GHG emissions.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department This recommendation was moved to a comment last year when EQAC understood that all climate information would be provided on the dashboard and other outreach. At this point, substantial outreach will be needed to implement county climate programs with community support.</p>	<p>Making Progress/Recommended since 2021</p> 
Air Quality <i>One Recommendation in 2023</i>		Status / EQAC Comments
1	<p><i>Recommendation: 7AQ-2021.1</i></p> <p>1. County officials should continue efforts to strongly encourage people to telework where possible, take public transit, and use alternative forms of transit.</p>	<p>Making progress/ Recommended since 2021</p> 

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	<p>Many air quality issues are tied to federal and state actions over which the county has little or no control. This is one area where the county can take an active role to reduce single vehicle trips within the county and thus enhance air quality through a decrease in vehicle emissions, which are a major contributor to ground-level ozone formation and greenhouse gas emissions in the county.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department</p> <p>County staff concurs with this recommendation and is taking steps to implement it.</p>	<p>This recommendation remains an important action in helping to achieve county goals.</p>

	Wildlife Management <i>Three Recommendations in 2023 (One Completed)</i>	Status / EQAC Comments
1	<p><i>Recommendation: 8WIL-2021.1</i></p> <p>Hiring of part-time wildlife assistant.</p> <p>Summary of Action Taken by Agency or Department</p> <p>Additional positions per the program’s request were granted and filled in FY23.</p>	<p>Completed / Recommended since 2021</p> 
2	<p><i>Recommendation: 8WIL-2023.1</i></p> <p>Expand survey methods for deer population data collection.</p> <p>EQAC supports the exploration of alternative survey methods such as drone surveys to establish humane methods of data collection that will be a key component in supporting any proposed recommendations to an updated Deer Management Plan or Comprehensive Wildlife Management Plan.</p>	<p>New in 2023</p> 
3	<p><i>Recommendation: 8WIL-2023.2</i></p> <p>Expand public outreach and education for the county’s deer management program through partnerships and offer more equitable opportunities for participation.</p> <p>EQAC supports the exploration of partnerships with state, federal, military, veteran, or sportsman agencies/organizations to determine opportunities for increasing hunter retention and recruitment and reaching underserved groups. This could include events such as novice deer hunter</p>	<p>New in 2023</p> 

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	workshops, hunter skills workshops, field to fork initiatives, Women in the Outdoors, disabled veteran hunts, etc.	
4	<i>Recommendation: 8WIL-2023.3</i> Make changes to zoning codes to grant exceptions for deer processing operations in Fairfax County to minimize impacts on participation to the deer management program. EQAC supports reexamining the county code and zoning requirements to determine if an exception can be granted for deer processing operations in Fairfax County to minimize impacts to deer management efforts while keeping complaint with the restrictions imposed due to the county's recent inclusion in a Chronic Wasting Disorder Disease Management Area.	New in 2023 