

CAP 30-Day Public Comment Period Survey Responses

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I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I am delighted that this climate action plan contains sensible, feasible actions we can take immediately to put our county on a better trajectory and protect our health and wellbeing as climate change continues to unfold. While there will be additional steps that we will need to take in the future, we should get started right away with these priority recommendations. I whole-heartedly support adopting this Climate Action Plan. We need to start somewhere and we need to start now. This is a fine place to start. Let's get to work!

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? County operations: building capacity to implement the plan and changing decision-making processes to take greenhouse gas emissions and climate resilience into account

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? I hope that the county executive will take necessary steps to ensure that there are dedicated staff and leadership to implement the plan.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County. I am glad to see this vision spelled out in no uncertain terms. We need to take action and we need to get started now. It's not just about mitigating the worst impacts of climate change, it's also about finding the opportunities to improve the lives of our residents through new economic opportunities and improving the quality of life for people in most need.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends. I am glad to see the connections between climate impacts and health. We need climate action to protect the health and wellbeing of our residents, especially those in historically disadvantaged neighborhoods where there are few trees and too much impervious surface. We need to act now with emphasis on nature-based solutions to improve green infrastructure where it is needed most

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action. This section provides a very nice summary of the kinds of actions that need to be taken, both for decreasing greenhouse gases and for improving climate readiness. The five county operations recommendations, when implemented, will make it much easier to implement the mitigation and adaptation recommendations. The community engagement part is critical. Residents need the county to provide information and resources that make it easier to make necessary change. Building consensus on climate action through transparency and accountability is so important and new systems for collecting and sharing data can make this happen. Workforce development is crucial, especially for workers who currently work in fossil-fuel dependent jobs who will need to find new opportunities in the renewable-energy economy. We need climate literacy embedded in the

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curriculum for students at all levels, and for the general public as well as those in school. Professional development for county workers, building designers and contractors, landscapers, automotive workers, and so many other will help make sure that decision makers have the knowledge they need for climate-conscious decision making. The Land use recommendation is also critical for focusing on transit oriented development, decreasing vehicle miles traveled and conserving the natural places that sustain us. Thanks for including no-net-tree-loss policies and recommendations for protecting vulnerable populations from excess heat -- that is perhaps the most important piece for the health of our residents as climate change unfolds.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations. CO1 is crucial. We need that climate-ready leadership team in place ASAP to ensure that the other recommendations get implemented. The Resilience Authority is also crucial especially because we need to be positioned to make optimum use of federal funding opportunities. In mitigating GHG emissions from the transportation sector, we need more emphasis on decreasing vehicle miles traveled by encouraging alternative modes of transportation, including public transit, walking and biking. Electrification of vehicles is necessary but not sufficient.

Comments on Section: Appendices. Appendix A is really illuminating. We have to do better. We need decision-makers to use new criteria that put vehicle miles travelled and climate resilience front-and-center. We need to stop sacrificing our forested areas for new development and focus on redeveloping areas that are already built upon.

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flores, angel |

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I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. i have none

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? climate action plan

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? not really

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning. avoiding and reducing emissions of heat-trapping greenhouse gases into the atmosphere to prevent the planet from warming to more extreme temperatures.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations. I dont have any recommendation

Comments on Section: Appendices.

Attachment #1-Public Comments-Survey

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Simon, Marc | My home is in PG County

(R_3Qwz7QvnEQjV4Nr)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments. If the Prince Georges County Councilpersons continue to ignore very basic issues like deforestation, true smart growth, and climate change, there is no hope that the plan will be upheld and produce favorable results. The MNCPPC has likewise failed in this domain as is illustrated by the terrible planning in the Adelphi Road Sector Plan.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
everything that maintains existing forest canopy

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? any mechanism to guaranty that local officials (County Council) and local planning professionals (MNCPPC) actually adhere to the goals expressed in the plan as they have clearly demonstrated their repeated tendency not to do so.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County. Leadership at County council and planners at MNCPPC have failed to honestly address these issues

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action. same note as above

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations. same note as above

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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Lawson, James | Southern Maryland Fair Skies Coalition

(R_1LYx4N7b8twA8L6)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. My name is James Lawson, I live in Accokeek Maryland.

I strongly support the climate action plan.

The climate action plan is a professional, comprehensive, and thorough document. If this plan is implemented by Prince George's County, it will fulfill our obligation to prevent climate change. Some people believe that 1 million people in our county is a drop in the bucket of the 7.9 billion people in the world and we can have no real effect on climate change. A sizable part of our population believe that climate change is not the most important problem in their lives.

The climate action plan is the first step in a long journey. On November 10, 1942, Winston Churchill said this: "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." I believe this is where we are today.

The climate action plan is a complicated document. Most of our population will never read this document. Those of us who have the time to read the plan and the time to work to implement the plan will have to sell the plan.

We will have to convince the population that climate change is real and will have severe consequences for all our population. We will have to explain to our citizens, just because you cannot see climate change, it is real and will negatively affect the quality of life for most of us. All of us must work together to convince people that climate change is real and will threatened life as we know it.

The most important part of the climate action plan is the section on transportation. This part of the climate action plan does not require extreme sacrifice from the population. The transportation section of the plan will give the greatest payoff, since over 40% of Green House Gases' come from transportation.

The climate action plan recommends a transition to electric cars, trucks, and buses, and constructing electrical charging stations. The climate action plan encourages, the construction of light rail, metro and expanded bus routes, and replacing diesel buses with electric buses.

The government should educate people about the thousands of dollars available when buying an electric vehicle. We should start slowly, educate the population, and gradually, accelerate our pace of adopting climate change solutions.

Thank you for allowing me to speak.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Transportation

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Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? How do we sell the plan to the citizens of Prince George's County?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County. This section is well written with a wealth of information.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan. This explains the history of the climate change plan in Prince George County and provides information as to why we need to be concern about climate change.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps. Excellent information on how we should proceed.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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Canino, Richard | Resident of Hyattsville

(R_1XF9IVw7AEi6PpD)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I appreciate all of the hard work that went into developing this plan. At a high level, I really appreciate that the County may go on record supporting more climate related activities and goals. While there are a few areas that I think can be strengthened, I don't want the perfect to be the enemy of the good. I support what the County is doing, I encourage the County Council to support this plan, and to make any changes to the plan as circumstances on the ground change.

Thank you.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? The renewable energy components.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? I appreciate the holistic view that the County is taking to addressing climate change, particularly in less technical areas like communicating goals with the public. I don't think the plan is missing anything but I believe a few of the specific action items could be strengthened.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action. Recommendation M-11 recommends Enact and enforcing a "No Net Loss" tree conservation regulation. While I appreciate what the County is going for, I encourage the County to go a little further and draft stronger environmentally supportable county development ordinances. This recommendation isn't meant to be anti-development - I appreciate the need to support future development and have done so in my community. Rather, this is meant to increase the County's leverage with developers rather than working with each individual developer on each separate project to help meet this goal.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations. I appreciate Recommendation C0-4 on supporting Community Choice Aggregation. I know that the current state law only allows Montgomery County to implement this plan but recommend that the County begin very tentative discussions with the municipalities in the County to learn which ones may be interested in pursuing. I believe another institution would need to be created that would negotiate on behalf of interest municipalities with the power companies to negotiate more renewable energy projects and/or better prices into plans. To the

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extent that the County was aware of what areas are interested, it would be helpful to know that to allow us to hit the ground running with the power companies. I imagine that other counties would be interested in pursuing this as well and we may get better terms with the power companies if we are first out of the gate.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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**Fine, Maureen | private citizen, volunteer with Sierra Club,
Greenbelt Climate Action Network, and the Prince George' County
Audubon Wildlife Habitat Program** (R_87YH2Gekfv2ruZb)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. This is a fantastic CAP and it thrills me to think of it being adopted and implemented so we can beat the worst effects of Climate Change. I hope the Council and Executive, and County agencies undertake this bold plan with passion and commitment, and that we, the residents, will do everything in our power to live our lives as if the earth mattered. We need to build awareness that the health of our communities depends on the ecosystem services provided by our natural environment.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? nature based-solutions, Land-use and Development, No Net Loss of Forest, waterway protection, electrification

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? It's very detailed and a great start.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County. The CAP lays out a bold vision, but we need the County Council and Executive to be leaders and we need all citizens to work with our leaders to change the way we live, work, and play

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations. I think the recommendations to increase the climate related skills and knowledge of County elected officials and agency directors and staff, as well as appointing a Climate Ready Leadership Team in order to build internal capacity to plan and implement climate action is very important. More regarding County operations, the prohibition of tax funds or incentives for locating fossil fuel facilities within the County. and working with existing generating plants to replace with renewables are actions that must be taken. And also of utmost importance, land use regs must be strengthened to better align individual land use decisions with state County policies related to smart growth, natural resource conservation, and green infrastructure. i

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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Frazier, Christine |

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I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. Overall, I think its a good plan. As the plan moves forward, items not mentioned may come up and will have to be addressed at that point which can impede the plan. Any obstacles should be discussed with the RAG.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Flood mitigation plans and Community Engagement

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? How the plan will be implemented; specifically with municipalities

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action. If the County is committed to the plan then a timeline needs to be created to keep track of actions as well as note any obstacles/changes along the way. This includes the Community Engagement piece.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations. Issues that are affecting the County now should be top priority such as flooding and providing assistance to help homeowners with ways to make their homes more energy efficient and assist homeowners (especially older homes) with bringing their homes up to code.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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Doe, J |

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I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments. There is so much more that could be commented on, but the time for review and comment is too short. Comment period should have been 90 days to allow some real thought to go in and revisions and a second round of comments.

Much more needs to be put on the businesses that create waste, poor packaging or incentives to companies who come up with creative solutions.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Commitment to clean and renewable energy, but it needs to be done smart.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Real steps to meet the goals and it is heavy on economy and not the greater good.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Need to provide an alternative to single use plastics before banning. Otherwise reusable containers will just end up being the new product in the trash/recycling system. Need to find a way to prohibit/discourage sale of products in containers that cannot be recycled. It would be great if empty containers went back to the suppliers and they became responsible for their packaging cradle to grave. Need to ban removing farmland or forest for fields of solar for profit, there are plenty of impervious places to cover with solar panels (parking lots and roof tops).

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends. There needs to be a broader look at climate change. A majority of the focus in this plan is on flooding and heat. Other factors should be included to a greater extent. One idea would be to start putting money in to create a fund for storm damage since there will be more tornados, hurricanes, and floods. Start implementing additional funds to Recreation and Parks specifically for use to create shade especially at playgrounds and other communal gathering spots. And revise grading regulations to streamline parks departments ability to install these structures.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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Parry, Ben | CEO, Compost Crew

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I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. Compost Crew welcomes the opportunity to share our feedback on the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan. We haul a significant amount of food scraps to the County's Organic Waste Composting Facility and are grateful for this partnership. If there's any further input we can provide, please let us know.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Additional curbside and commercial composting, and the PAYT fee program.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Plans for additional distributed composting infrastructure to complement the primary Organic Waste Composting Facility

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions. As the County expands curbside food scrap collection to more homes, consider opening up opportunities to local haulers to bid for some portion of the work, given the desired goal of committing to green business development. Revenue contracts from municipalities enable small businesses to create jobs and invest in innovation. This would be preferable to the County investing in the equipment and personnel to do the collection work itself, and putting it in a position of competing with local business. Also, we would encourage the County to consider supporting on-farm and other distributed composting infrastructure that would allow food scraps to be composted closer to where they are generated and compost to be created closer to where it would be used. Even with the great work the County has done by developing the Prince George's County Organics Composting Facility, the region has a significant gap in capacity for processing food scraps into compost. These types of additional facilities should be seen as complementary to the County's existing facility and can help reduce traffic and emissions. We are supportive of the development of a Pay as you Throw (PAYT) fee program. Until County residents and businesses are required to pay the true costs of disposing their waste, it will be harder to change behavior to promote waste diversion. We have seen the costs of trash collection subsidized for too long, with little incentive for homes and businesses to reduce the quantity of waste they generate. According to the EPA, after implementing PAYT programs, communities typically see a reduction in waste of between 25 and 35 percent.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

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Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations. We are supportive of the idea that the County pass legislation that would be aligned with the State of Maryland's recently passed law (HB 264) to require large waste generators to compost their food scraps. Since the State's legislation will already apply to large waste generators in the County as of January 1, 2023, we would encourage the County to think about how it may be able to promote even greater commercial food scrap diversion.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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**RUPPERT, DAVID | UMD EMPLOYEE; RIVERDALE PARK
RESIDENT, BIKE COMMUTER**

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I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

encouragements to adopt electric cars and create net-0 homes and get jobs closer to homes

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? 1) bicycles are discussed minimally (only found mention of expanding capital bikeshare). Observations across the world indicate that bike ridership increases with safe access to bike lanes. Bike paths and lanes should be given priority in all new development and renovations. 2) reforestation effort seems too modest and emphasizes 'tree planting' but not maintenance. In parkland settings newly planted trees are overrun and killed by (usually non-native) invasive vines and brush. To absorb CO2 and provide ecosystem services newly planted trees need to be maintained and invasive species -- which attack and kill otherwise full-grown healthy trees too -- need to be brought under control in the county. MNCPPC appears to be doing virtually nothing about this. What good is parkland if it is overrun with a green carpet of vines? Mitigation of CO2 requires control of non-natives.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action. M5-7: no or little mention of bikes. Provide far reaching safe bicycle infrastructure. Its the only thing that is correlated worldwide to bike commuting. No mention of invasive species threats to existing parkland and privateland trees nor invasive species threats to newly planted trees; emphasis is on tree planting and not tree planting and maintenance.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations. no mention of invasive species threats to M-11. You cant sequester carbon if the tree is being killed by an invasive species. Invasive species are very widespread. very little appears to be being done. where is the county committment? at least have a weed warrior program as does montgomery county.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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**McCutchen, Susan | Bladensburg Citizens Against the SCMaglev,
Maryland Coalition for Responsible Transit**

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I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. Transportation is a major issue. It influences where and how we live and how we get to work. I am particularly concerned about the confluence of proposed major transportation projects--the Superconducting Magnetic Levitation train project, Beltway Managed Lanes, the Purple Line--and the lack of real communication and discussion with the public. Approving building the Bureau of Printing and Engraving was a fait accompli, set up by the time it was thrown out for public comment. By the time there is input requested, plans are being promoted and, in some cases, concrete steps are being taken. Transportation trends, needs of users--particularly in communities of color and for low-income individuals, and communities-wide--and cross-cutting projects generally addressed as discrete when they in fact must be considered in tandem and with a view toward unintended consequences. The issues of transportation and so many other issues are related to the overall issue of community outreach, which always falls short.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? #4 - Commit to smart growth and transportation, #6 - Commit to residential resilience, and #8 - Commit to public engagement.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? No. I think it is well-researched and thorough, hitting the various issues associated with climate change.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action. Area 2: Transportation (pp. 72-78)

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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Carlson, Rich | I work in PG County

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I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now.

Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030.

Somewhat disagree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Move to support solar projects and EV charging infrastructure

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Ways of actually achieving the nice goals you have written about.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Provide greater resources and requirements for an EV charging infrastructure. Provide incentives and requirements for sustainable energy projects

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action. All new developments (large housing projects, commercial building projects) should be required to submit a clean energy plan for the buildings to ensure a net zero energy consumption and carbon offset. This includes transportation infrastructure, such as community charging stations.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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Waterman, Chloe | Friends of the Earth, county resident, and co-chair of the Prince George's County Food equity Council

(R_2xE0sV2wAy8uGLv)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now.

Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030.

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? The food system-related aspects of the plan.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions. I think it's important for the CAP to be explicit about the fact that it is only describing scope 1 or direct GHG emissions. For most urban areas, the scope 3 or consumption-based emissions are around twice as high as the sector based emissions. It's fine for the county to say that it hasn't been able to conduct a consumption-based emissions inventory yet (though I would also suggest that this be added as one of the action items to get a more complete picture of the county's carbon footprint). All C40 cities will be required to conduct a CBEI by 2024 so this is something the County should plan for. See Multnomah County's CAP for a good discussion of scope 3 emissions inventories. It's important for folks to understand that there are major categories of emission that we are not currently tracking (e.g. building materials, clothing, food, etc)

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends. Another major threat of climate change in the county is its effect on food production - both for farmers within the county and for food produced outside the county that is consumed within the county. I suggest incorporating some discussion of that into this section.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action. Under strategy A-10, I suggest amending to read: Key steps include permanently preserving agricultural land for food production through zoning regulations and incentive programs, leveraging the county's food procurement to support climate goals, supporting urban farming, and eliminating food deserts.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations. Glad to see CO-2, Step 7 included. I suggest including support under that for a Default Veg policy, which would just mean that county-sponsored events would default to being plant-based and people could "opt in" to receiving meat options. It's non-controversial because anyone who wants meat can still have it but it takes advantage of the behavioral economics research that shows most people will go with what's default. In A-10 on page 222, I would

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replace the word "curb" with "shift." Also in that section on that page, the following sentence isn't accurate because transportation-related emissions are a tiny part of where food emissions come from and the number of miles matters less than the mode of transportation. So local food is good for climate resilience - but doesn't matter much for mitigation: "By reducing the distance that food travels from farm to plate, this recommendation helps to reduce transportation emissions." Love the procurement-related recs in this section - you might just note that the County's own food procurement is arguably its most direct point of leverage on the food system - make this explicit! In the measurement and tracking section for A-10, include "the carbon footprint associated with the county's food purchases" - this is consistent with the earlier rec to baseline and reduce those emissions by 25% by 2030. I also think the county would need a new position focused on shifting food purchases to be more climate-friendly per that policy and the GFPP adoption suggestion - so I would include that in the capacity and funding needs section.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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Lanier, Antoine | Environmental Ambassador!

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I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I hope as we start this we implement this program to be taught and talk about in our schools to educate the future generations to come ! We can all do something to change the climate every day in our daily lives.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? I was happy about all it ! Nothing is better than improving the Environment as whole we all play a part in it !

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? No

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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Gorlick, Anna | UMDCP Student

(R_vIGXW107EbIIIRT)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? I am excited to see community health implemented in PG county as health and wellness are not talked about enough in many low income areas.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? For the recycling program to use those materials to reuse in different ways or create new products

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions. This is specifically about UMD but the coal power plant is the campus main producer of carbon emissions and allowing these coal plants to continue on with their lease overturns any type of progress pertaining to the bill. There should be more emphasis to take out these power plants and then focus on the use of renewable energy.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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Ball, James |

(R_2rjRCrP1maDU6VH)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. Great work on this plan, lets get it done!

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
Residential Energy Efficiency

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? No - it is great!

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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Behrend, Dan |

(R_ZryZ5eqLxxUyyMV)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? It is important that the plan links land use policies to transportation and climate issues. Reducing sprawl and limiting development in agricultural and currently undeveloped areas, and focusing development in identified activity centers, will be essential

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? I recommend adding targets for shifting travel to more sustainable modes, like transit, walking and biking. The plan should include strategies to collect data on travel modes and set targets for shifting from motor vehicle travel, especially single-occupancy motor vehicle travel, to alternative modes transportation. The plan includes some goals to encourage alternative modes of transportation, and it would be good to include metrics related to those strategies and recommendations.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions. I recommend adding targets for shifting travel to more sustainable modes, like transit, walking and biking. The plan should include strategies to collect data on travel modes and set targets for shifting from motor vehicle travel, especially single-occupancy motor vehicle travel, to alternative modes transportation. The plan includes some goals to encourage alternative modes of transportation, and it would be good to include metrics related to those strategies and recommendations.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Mendelson, Lindsey |

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I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. The County should consider transitioning directly to electric buses and vehicles rather than purchasing LPG powered buses and hybrid vehicles. Hybrid electric buses are significant sources of pollutants—diesel exhaust contains more than 40 toxic air contaminants that in some cases can cause and/or worsen diseases such as asthma and cancer. Starting in 2023 the Maryland Transit Administration will only enter into contracts for the purchase of Zero Emission Buses. The County should consider doing the same for TheBus. In addition to expanding service for TheBus, the County should consider expanding MARC Camden Line service during weekends and evenings. Finally, I applaud that the County is seeking to focus on Transit Oriented Development, walking and biking infrastructure, Vision Zero, and bringing jobs and housing closer together. It is imperative that the County work with residents to make proactive efforts to make sure there is no displacement as a result of development.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
Transportation

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Transportation

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Griffin, Janet |

(R_3oGexC8uGk2zllf)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. Thank you for your work toward addressing this critical climate issue. The plan is excellent, and I value the approach of spotlight progress. Staying positive in community engagement and empowering our county residents, as well as developers who are working here, is critical to success.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? I think the plan to harness the public through very effective engagement in the issues is paramount and will drive the achievement in all the other areas.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? No, I think the plan is comprehensive, and I'm very pleased to see this excellent work.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Atkins-Jenkins, Rita |

(R_1eDgmuj04fMkhlp)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? All of the systems

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? I think they are working on the water system here in Clinton, MD I can see they are working on it at the end of our street. I praise God. I believe this water system should be fixed once and for all.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County. I believe their should be a vision for each county until all had reach a vision

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Batto, Sarah | Riverdale Park Sustainability Commission

(R_ytH0i2nw4lWVQ5)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I moved to Prince George's County because I saw wonderful developments happening here. If our county does not adopt the majority of these (ideally all) actions, I will be very disappointed that I chose to move to such a wonderful county! I think adopting this plan will only encourage more people to come to our county because we will be preserving what is important to people and communities. I urge our government not to delay enacting all of the suggestions in this plan because if we do not, our county is facing severe risks in the future and every year that we delay action, it will cost us more in reacting to climate problems. I do not want to have to move from our county because we do not choose environmentally-minded development and choose to prioritize development over protection of our people and our environment. Please do not hurt our communities by not prioritizing our climate resilience!

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? All of it is excellent! I am very excited about increasing and maintaining tree canopy coverage to 52% and would love even greater coverage; county-wide composting program; expanding solar and energy efficiency programs to more residential, commercial, an

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? There is a lot in this report. I would not advocate adding more to the report if it means it will be delayed in action, but I will add a note. As much as I want it all to happen right now, we could add an assessment of what is the highest priority actions to accomplish as soon as possible and also what impacts on GHG reductions actions have.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. plan needs to be followed not skirted around

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
sustainable development if the council follows citizens wishes instead of the developers that fund their campaigns

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? checks and balances on the county council following the plan

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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Smith, Angela | Resident

(R_ex5AgywfEcVdTih)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. Please increase the amount of money available as incentives for going solar. I went solar in 2018, however my County tax benefits will not be available until 2025.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? More push for reliance on solar/renewable energy sources

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Reducing or greater regulation of new development. Tree conservation and incentives to plant/maintain tree cover

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

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Comments on Section: Appendices.

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Benning, Aliyah | Pg County Public Schools

(R_1Fmi23raHMXR12H)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. You should install waste bins in front of frequently used places like bus stops.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Clean Transportation

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Installations of Waste bins in crowded areas.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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Dirisu, Blossom |

(R_OrJgBbLZSy4652h)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I do not have any comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? the community wellness.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? I hope we can reduce the use of plastic and replace with a durable but good for the environment.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

bick, bonnie | Friends of Oxon Hill

(R_ZLjTpMe8mmHZGpP)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. My name is Bonnie Bick, Oxon Hill, Maryland. Please place these comments on the Prince George's Climate Action Plan record for the Friends of Oxon Hill We strongly support the Climate Action Plan.

We encourage Prince George's County decision-makers to adopt and implement this plan. We feel that the county's obligation to protect citizens' health and safety, the value of their property, and the citizen's quality of life is included when addressing the issues in this plan. Climate change, due to the government's previous failure to recognize its impacts, make it all the more important, but also more difficult to address these issues now, but there should be no further delay.

Public Education: Before and during the implementation of this plan, there should be more intensive outreach with simplified documents to walk the layperson through the importance of the climate action plan to them personally and communally. The success of the plan is best when linked to general awareness in Prince Georges's population. Prince George's County should develop outreach material with the positive responses that will occur in local communities when the plan is in action. It is good for the communities to understand the reasons these plans are being implemented and that they are involved in the implementation as families. Trust:

In order to successfully involve Prince George's people, they must believe in their elected leadership and trust that their representatives are not being clouded by lack of awareness or personal self-interest, but that their elected officials are standing up and strongly in favor of addressing climate change on the local level here in Prince George's County for the well being of the present and future citizens.

Bonnie Bick 7601 Oxon Hill Road Oxon Hill, MD 20745301 752 9612

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? land use and transportation, water, air, & forest protection.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? for our group, there could be a stronger sense of urgency.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

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Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

CAP 30-Day Public Comment Period-Survey Responses
CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Zhang, Xiaodong | ZEST LLC

(R_3FXzfvOgfZwo6ht)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. In the taking action section, engineering solutions could be a stand-alone topic to mitigate the climate change.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Natural resources protection.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Engineering mitigation can be discussed with more details.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

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Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

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Comments on Section: Appendices.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Lindsay, M |

(R_11xHlrDMEw3cRrh)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. Much success is staying focused on this climate action mission and achieving every goal!

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? More trees. Rapid growth and development should not be implemented at the expense of the County's natural beauty and resources, which ultimately contribute to health and wellness of the entire population.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Renewable Energy jobs and resources must be a sustained priority.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

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Comments on Section: Appendices.

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Sapkota, Amy | University of Maryland School of Public Health

(R_3oFbdJOzBclKL4)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. We critically need climate action now.

This plan is an excellent start!

To all County Leaders and decision makers: This Climate Action Plan for Prince George's County must be adopted and implemented NOW!

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? The entire plan is a great start. It is urgently needed and critical for the future of the County.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Re: Priority Recommendation M-11: It is not enough to "maintain 52% tree cover through 2030." We should be actively INCREASING tree cover by 2030 (and not wait until 2050). In addition, it is not enough to be discussing % tree cover COUNTYWIDE. We should be aiming to increase tree cover IN EVERY ZIP CODE across the county. For example, it should not be acceptable to continue to allow the deforestation of our current remnant urban woods, "replacing" them with trees planted elsewhere in the county, equating to No Net Loss. Our existing trees need additional protections, particularly those in urban areas that will play a critical role in protecting communities from urban heat island effects.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Harcourt, Xander | District Heights Commissioner Ward 1

(R_O1DJffjQ2jL9SfL)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. The document is daunting. Thorough, but the average person will be overwhelmed. Is there a plan to package this in smaller bites; cut out redundancy and tailor it so that citizens, elderly, poor, limited education, etc. can pick it up and identify readily to these goals. More so, I was interested in funding sources (grants/low interest loans, etc) to help people pay for solar, geothermal and power upgrades to support electric cars. This may be in the document and I haven't gotten there yet. However, people want to know right away, "I know this is necessary to protect the planet, but how can I afford this tech when gas is nearly \$4 a gallon and child care is more than my rent or mortgage?"

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Expanding the tree canopy and solar/wind/geothermal

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? How these measures will be extended to municipalities and to lower income/apartment and multi-unit dwellings. When we talk about electric vehicles, how will that infrastructure be incorporated into older housing stock? How will people that are impacted the most by climate change, be supported and incentivized to switch if they can't afford it?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

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Comments on Section: Appendices.

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Bonner, Stacy |

(R_Rgl0tAQvFJDKg4p)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. Check Trees for removal ,trimmed or treated, Clean ramps off 202 to Glenarden Exit . Repair roads with pot holes in Landover ,Maryland

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Climate control , check our Grids and Inspect our building on a regular schedule .r

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Check and trim trees off electrical wires

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

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Barth, Carole | citizen

(R_1FDSzrl6ANjoCd8)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I support the priority recommendations, but have additional specifics to recommend.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Leading by example, no net loss of trees, net zero runoff, conservation landscaping, healthy local food system

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Not missing, but I'd like to see a cross-walk of the co-benefits. If we look at all the actions resulting in job creation, for example, it might reveal missing steps needed to get from here to there.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Boozer-Strother, Pamela | PGCPS Board of Education

(R_9HU9nJ3qaiFxPIR)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. Land use decisions for PGCPS made many decades ago has left the system with buildings that sit on land that should not have buildings and parking lots. In overcrowded areas, the land is all developed so it leaves communities in this difficult situation of schools vs. environment. We all must work together on solutions to combat the NIMBY push back on public schools.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? The demand on elected other leaders to be climate action knowledgeable in order to lead this plan (no longer can get away with no knowledge). The Resident Advisory Groups are a great idea. Consider structuring around the PGCPS neighborhood school boundary m

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations. Pg 136-Has PGCPS CIP Director and CEO reviewed the Climate score and development and review process.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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Warr, Sherrykay | None

(R_10BmfRrBXIMSxAZ)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. N/A

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Widespread solar panel, rooftop gardens, and community gardens.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Require all students participation towards a green environment.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

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Allen-Leventhal, Judith |

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I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. The plan tries to do many things, which is excellent; but there is concern for implementation plans to ensure realistic outcomes. For example, to realize the goals of the flood resilience plan, development in the County must be held accountable and more responsible for the outcomes. Regulations must be put in place that make the goals realistic and not simply empty rhetoric, well meaning as it may be.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? No net tree loss, energy resilient communities, green infrastructure, and healthy food systems

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? More clear outcome expectations and methods to insure and ensure those outcomes. In some cases this could require "enforcement" mechanisms with quantifiable measurement.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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Simasek, Ben | Resident, Councilmember (City of Hyattsville)

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I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? I think establishing a "Climate Score" for all development process is CRUCIAL and needs to be implemented ASAP. I like the focus on equity throughout the plan.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? I'd like to see community-owned solar projects cooperative ownership models specifically mentioned as a goal. I'd like to see increasing tree canopy, rather than just maintaining existing canopy be a goal.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations. We should aim to increase, not just maintain tree canopy. The county should specifically support community-owned energy projects (solar coops for example)

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Thomas, Patricia | citizen of prince george's county

(R_3CEgAsplEixCMW)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. The commission is an excellent idea. Their work is imperative. Climate problems have worsened over time.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Not sure.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Not sure.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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Imlay, Kathleen | Sierra Club Maryland Chapter

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I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. Page 129 Lead by example and ensure transparency in climate action

County fixing all the government things it can!!!

Page 132 very exciting! Will directly help our national build back better 30% of the country to be preserved by 2030

“Require all County-owned facilities and parks to identify opportunities and implement plans for reducing lawns and impervious surfaces, increasing conservation landscaping and naturalization, increasing tree planting, reducing parking area, improving water conservation measures, and protecting natural areas from unneeded mowing.”

Educating County workforce fabulous!

Page 137 educating our kids:

Make sure all the kids get to visit all the beautiful parks and forests and natural areas in the county and learn about natives vs non natives,

Page 197 no net tree loss

Page 192 Prioritize preservation of urban remnant forests and specimen trees. Redefine the definition of forest to include urban remnant forests (less than 10,000 sq. ft.). Reduce the threshold triggering Woodland Conservation regulations to include land disturbances starting at 3,000 sq. ft. for any subwatershed with more than 30% impervious land cover (40,000 sq. ft. of land disturbance activities is the existing land disturbance trigger).

All trees which are planted should be native to the area.

Planting a tree to replace one that was cut down is not sufficient. The services provided by replacement will not equal the services provided by the more mature tree. Additionally there is a great deal of upkeep to make sure the planted tree survives such as initial watering, removing invasive weeds from overtaking it, removing any protective trunk covers so if a tree doesn't survive to the size of the one it's supposed to have replaced, that should not count. The lost services while it's growing need to be added to the cost of cutting down the more mature tree. The planted tree should be the correct native species for the location and possibly planted in concert with other particular natives.

Well, just off hand... I think it's really really important to immediately stop all tree removals. We should not lose any more green areas. Our children need clean air, water, and access to nature. Replanting is NO substitute for taking down mature forests or biodiverse ecosystems. We should be making it easy

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for everyone to avoid driving. There should be a way to bike or walk from every house to public transit, to stores, to school, to work. Public transit should be free especially for our teenage kids for after school programs and for our seniors. Prince George's county should be a leader in green infrastructure, preservation of the natural environment for our families and our health. Every child should have easy access to nature. We should tear up parking lots and plant trees. Trees raise the value of the land and homes. There should be NO MORE EXCEPTIONS WHATSOEVER that allow developers to make money at tax payer expense where we have to pay for infrastructure, new schools, firestations, etc for INCOMING residents in new homes that developers have made a lot of money off. We need redevelopment, walkable communities, investment near metro stations. We should make sure every family can have internet access. Rich and poor should live interspersed in community. We should ALLOW multi families to live in one house. Towns should use goats and sheep to eat the lawns and we should get rid of gas powered lawnmowers. There should be door to door service for compost bin set up in your back yard, for composting toilets, for solar panels. No invasive non native plants should be sold in garden centers. All bottles should be reusable and have a deposit. The vendors should have to take back whatever they've sold after use and refurbish and resell it so as not to send potentially valuable materials to the landfill. All our streams and lakes and rivers should be swimable and fishable. The entire Potomac River in Prince George's county should be accessible to the public for recreation. You should be able to bike from Greenbelt to Washington DC to commute without being in danger. There should be small community gardens EVERYWHERE and programs to teach people how to plant. We should be encouraging small farms! Microgreen growers. Everyone should be able to have chickens in their back yards (maybe not roosters as that could be annoying.) Our kids should have gardens at school and woods they can play in during recess and trees around the soccer fields. They should have OUTDOOR classes and green houses. They should get to do art and music and our teachers should be paid a living wage. There should be NO YELLING in our schools, no shouting during lunch time and the curriculum should include learning about and consuming fresh fruit and vegetables. Dreams are good.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Page 129 Lead by example and ensure transparency in climate action County fixing all the government things it can!!! So great! Page 132 very exciting! Will directly help our national build back better 30% of the country to be preserved by 2030 "Require

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Regarding: Page 197 no net tree loss Page 192 "Prioritize preservation of urban remnant forests and specimen trees..." I don't know if it's in there but All trees which are planted should be native to the area. Also, Planting a tree to replace one that was cut down is not sufficient. The services provided by replacement will not equal the services provided by the more mature tree. Additionally there is a great deal of upkeep to make sure the planted tree survives such as initial watering, removing invasive weeds from overtaking it, removing any protective trunk covers so if a tree doesn't survive to the size of the one it's supposed to have replaced, that should not count. The lost services while it's growing need to be added to the cost of cutting down the more mature tree. The planted tree should be the correct native species for the location and possibly planted in concert with other particular natives. In regards to Page 187 Step 3. "Rollout of the countywide curbside composting program" ..That's nice, but we should additionally we should encourage people to compost at home if they have yards so all the organic materials don't have to be transported in order to become good dirt. We could also have support for on site home

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composting programs in addition to collection for composting sites. For instance we could support small businesses with staff who go to someone's house either to set up compost buckets, or provide a service to dump their compost, teach the kids how to plant a garden. |

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Zammuto, Lisa | PGCounty resident

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I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

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General Comments. Public engagement is probably the most important and most difficult part of the plan.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Transition to Renewable Energy, Clean Transportation #5 Green Business Developmentno

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? no

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Griffith, Carol |

(R_2ea2agur3b8HalH)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

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General Comments. an excellent plan

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? trash diversion

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? no

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Kash, Lesley | personal interest

(R_3iC5DSKqm5UdpvM)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

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General Comments. Anything to get many people informed, involved and "bought in."

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
Renewable/sustainable energy

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Looks good

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Rosenthal, Lore | Resident Advisory Group; Greenbelt Climate Action Network

(R_SAHYDPXDBWSbYRz)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments. I hope the County Council will quickly adopt and impliment the Climate Action Plan in 2022. They should allocate the money necessary to make it happen.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Building Electrification, Electric Vehicle Infrastructure, Solar PV, Community Engagement

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Some of the numbers are low (eg Solar and EV). They do not match with a 50% goal by 2030

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Skolnik, Steve | City of Greenbelt 'Green Team'

(R_pmgylhkQrCirZ97)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

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General Comments. Great overall framework, however specifics are needed especially in determining levels of funding and staffing needed for continuing implementation of the recommendations.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Energy transition from fossil fuels to electricity for vehicles and buildings

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? There are NO specific requests for increases in funding and staffing, though both are clearly needed. The report should give NUMBERS!

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Schweisguth, Melissa | individual

(R_2X1fxPMVEiqgU0g)

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General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Staking a leadership position, comprehensive mitigation scope, systemic changes such as land use policies, inclusion of waste reduction and food systems

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Scientific basis for 50% reduction target, disability status and homeowner/renter as diversity categories, specific roles of local (town, city) governments, increase focus on energy efficiency (with renewables), relative emphasis on biking and walking as transportation and streets/roads that are safe for walking and biking, relevance for renters, holistic food systems approach including non-local supply chains that make up the bulk of our food, budget/financial implications and needs, ecosystem restoration besides tree canopy

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Comments on Section 6: Taking Action. Very comprehensive but needs a few improvements: increase focus on/inclusion of renters, bike and ped safety/biking and walking as valid transportation, restoring ecosystems beyond tree canopy, disability inclusion, water use and quality. Explicitly state the role of local (city, town) gov't's and entities like SHA, MNCPPC

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Butner, Matt | Self

(R_31HHtVgU3jziVIY)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

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General Comments. Thanks for putting in the work!

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? CO-5!
CO-5 is the only priority recommendation that the county is uniquely situated to act on. A LOT can be done with land use if the county is committed to achieve its stated goals.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Other ways to reduce VMT!
Figure IV-7 greatly discounts the opportunities to reduce GHGs by reducing VMT. The county should be committed to prioritizing pedestrian/bicycle travel. I have never lived in a county whose infrastructure is more hostile to pedestrians. The lack of safe streets drives up VMT and drives up GHG.

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**Saunders, Alivia | University of Maryland, College Park /
MaryPIRG Students**

(R_2qwpigTTSNyHjlv)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

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General Comments. I'm really happy that the place I call home is leading such a well-thought out effort to help fight climate change and protect the most vulnerable people in our communities.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? I'm so excited about how community health is one of the main focuses of the climate action plan -- The recognition that controlling climate change is essential to better community health is exciting to see and I'm really looking forward to seeing better t

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? I think some of the language in the plan is a bit vague -- for example "Commit to Clean Energy" is rated as highly feasible, but what does this mean? Some of the following implementation steps are crystal clear, but others like "Remove incentives for fossil-fuel based industries" are still vague. What do non-quantitative phrases like this mean? I feel like it could be a bit clearer.

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Crigger, Megan |

(R_2chjjRe2LpHwBiw)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments. We live in Accokeek, MD in the Piscataway Watershed and have seen a degradation of the environment, specifically water quality, wetlands, and riparian buffer since we moved here in 2016.

Several topics were not addressed but should be included in the Climate Action Plan:

WSSC Sewage Overflow:

A few weeks after heavy rain, the Piscataway WSSC will regularly post yellow signs around Piscataway Creek stating that gallons of sewage has entered the water. Sometimes it seems they do not know how many gallons, sometimes it is upwards of a million gallons of raw sewage that has entered the waterway to head straight to the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay. Neighbors who have lived here for over 30 years have stated this has been happening since they've lived here. WSSC should not be allowed to regularly dump raw sewage in our waterways for decades. I would like to see this addressed with a plan to stop this from happening in the future.

Property Maintenance & Code Enforcement:

A few years ago, the Property Maintenance & Code Enforcement fined an older neighbor because part of her yard was a forest. She had to have a crew cut several large trees and remove the forest and replace it with grass. We all live close to the water and need a forest buffer to prevent pollution from reaching the waterways as well as prevent flooding and erosion. The enforcement of and mandatory need to have short lawns needs to be eliminated.

Erosion and Stream Restoration:

We have a stream in our backyard that is heavily eroded but we were told nothing could be done as there is a 7 year waiting list with the addition of 2 years for plan development. Is it possible for stream restoration to be completed with smaller projects that do not require a 7 year wait and 2 years for plan development? We're going to be seeing increased rainfall in the future and the budget for stream restoration needs to be increased. There also needs to be a holistic look at streams/erosion/stormwater practices instead of the work being siloed by different government agencies who do not always consider environmental impact.

My next comment relates to A-2:

Rain Check Rebate Program: I believe the marketing budget for this program should be expanded, not many people know about it. I also wonder if there can be partnerships made with landscaping companies where money is paid directly to the company instead of the homeowner waiting months for a rebate. Having the funds to initiate the project will prevent most homeowners from pursuing this program.

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My next comments relate to CO-5,M-11, A-1, A-2, A-3, A-5:

We live directly downstream from a stormwater management project that was just completed by DPW&T this fall on Farmington Creek Rd in Accokeek, MD. This project could have benefited from a holistic look at the whole situation through the lens of its environmental impact and an emphasis on nature-based solutions.

There is a culvert that allows the creek to pass under Farmington Creek Rd and flow through our backyard. Unfortunately, it seems like the culvert acts as a jet stream and the velocity of the water creates erosion. Before the project began, we had observed increased erosion after adjacent property owners removed trees and vegetation (riparian buffer) near the stream, converted that area into very short cut grass, and used construction equipment to create a new ditch to rush water into the stream. As I write this now, there is continued use of construction equipment that is destroying more trees and vegetation near the stream which will contribute to additional erosion.

After construction, DPW&T left the current problematic culvert and installed yet another culvert that allowed water from the neighbor's yard to quickly rush the stream. We asked about more bioretention areas to slow and filter the water before it enters the stream but they stated it was too close to the stream to make any difference. When we asked about installing bioretention areas where they thought it would make a difference we were told it was not something DPW&T did and DoE did not have a direct solution. We also asked about the installation of a bridge instead of a culvert and were directed to yet another government department, all of this brings attention to the problem of siloed government departments that do not have the same goals, vision, and focus on improving the environment.

The project is also an eyesore that does not look like it belongs in a heavily forested neighborhood, it looks like it belongs behind a Walmart because of how industrial the solutions were. Old growth trees and understory vegetation were removed during construction and replaced only with crop cover grass. There is a horse stable upstream and now when it rains the stream now smells like manure. Increased bacteria growth can be seen in the stream since it is receiving more sun.

I'm sure there are examples of similar situations happening in the county.

Please consider the following to prevent the degradation of water quality in our area:

- Prevent property owners from destroying vegetation near wetlands. Encourage property owners to plant native species that slow and filter rainwater.
- More holistic look at solutions. DPW&T is only focused on moving water away from roadways but their solutions still heavily impact the environment. Instead of making decisions based only on the preservation of roads it would be ideal if solutions would be made based on more environmental sustainability. How they can slow water and filter water further upstream before it reaches our waterways? Why was a bridge not considered for this project and why were culverts installed in other areas of the project when they were the cause of the erosion?
- Can DPW&T look at areas upstream from problematic areas and create solutions that slow and filter water?

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- If a county department destroys trees and vegetation, they need to replace it with native vegetation appropriate for that site.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Tree cover, More emphasis on environmental considerations for stormwater management

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? WSSC sewage pollution. Property Maintenance & Code Enforcement not considering environmental concerns. Erosion and stream restoration. Siloed departments that do not all consider environmental concerns (specifically DPW&T).

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Tomassoni, Mark |

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I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

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General Comments. 1) does the plan include elements to reduce CO2 emissions from county residential properties?

2) Is there a dash-board measuring tool to compare how PG county compares with other Maryland counties?

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

REductions in CO2 emissions from all county buildings and moving total county fleet to electric vehicles including police, fire, bus, maintenance.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Can you please address methods to measure residential CO2 emissions?

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Stakem, Terry |

(R_3EHj1ahpvjGrGkM)

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General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Tree conservation, expanding waste reduction and diversion

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? a chart of target dates for implementation of each item

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Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations. M-10-Expand waste reduction & diversion. Step 3-curbside composting needs to be expanded to the entire County, and before a pay-as-you-throw system is implemented. I am concerned that PAYT is not equitable for lower-income residents, and could lead to an increase in dumping. If curbside food scrap recycling cannot be implemented soon, please consider allowing residents to drop off food waste at collection centers, as some other jurisdictions do. Plastic bag and single-use plastics should be banned by the County - DC and other local counties have already acted on this source of pollution. There should be a target date for this action. The County should work toward a statewide bottle bill - plastic and glass bottles are a major source of litter in the region. There should also be a target date for a pilot project using reverse vending machines, which have been effective in other countries as a means of promoting recycling.

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General Comments. I do not have any details to say about this but I agree on what ks talked about currently.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? To see how we can improve.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Nothing that I know of currently.

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French, Jean |

(R_3kGNuwvqtCqsGqR)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

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General Comments. Thanks for working on this

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? It's all necessary, and needs to be put into effect now.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? There is no time to lose.

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Ahearn, Halcyon | Greenbelt Zero Waste Circle

(R_beCB1qHKYzXRaM1)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

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General Comments. I'm very proud to be a Prince Georgian, and sooo thrilled to see this county taking action like this.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? All of it!

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? The initiatives look good to me. I want to see the plan put into action.

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Appiah-Duffell, John | County resident

(R_864aC3avdZMkHSN)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I think the plan is very strong overall, but it's only as strong as its implementation. The county must move immediately and aggressively on all fronts; the more impact we make right now, the better off we'll be later. It will cost us a LOT more to try and ramp up these fixes later on. Many changes, like promoting electrical vehicles, are good but inadequate on their own. Substantive reforms to planning and land use will be absolutely essential. We need to change how we do business.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
Curbing sprawl/prioritizing denser development; establishing microgrids; protection of vulnerable communities

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Specifics on enforcement mechanisms for polluters/developers who skirt new legal provisions

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Bates, Richard |

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General Comments. The most important activity is identifying goals; this has been done in superb fashion. When resources are limited one must devise a good strategy for how to apportion resources; the data provided here for this purpose is inadequate. The most important inadequacy is in the ranking function Climate Action Ranking Matrix in appendix D; the plan does not adequately include the costs to the county in additional personnel & funds; its additive nature does not adequately express the nonlinear interplay between the goals. For example the amount of county control is multiplicative : if an action cannot be affected by the county its score should be multiplied by 0 not added to it. If the function is limited to being additive then one should assign importance weights to both columns and rows. For example one could have had a very high weight on the amount of county control so that a non-zero value would be more significant. Weights assigned to the rows (the actions themselves) could be scaled by ((DesirabilityWeight x Reward)-Cost); for instance I place a high DesirabilityWeight on reduction of greenhouse gas. The current ranking matrix is not as useful to decision makers as it could become. Having done the hard work of identifying the goals and the available actions, the next action with the highest reward is to first ascertain the rewards and costs for each action and then their DesirabilityWeights.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Greenhouse Gas Reduction

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? (1)Costs to the county for each recommendation in additional staff and other resources (2) A better ranking mechanism in the Climate Ranking Action Matrix (appendix D1)

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Loss, Jennifer | Life long Prince Georges resident

(R_1LYZ2RULXkxCD43)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. We need smart growth. No more razing forests for "progress." We absolutely need our tree canopy. Trees and natural settings reduce crime! Go figure. And increase mental well-being. They control greenhouse gases. And I can't say enough about more bike ways. We need more and safer biking routes.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Smart Growth and Transportation. MORE PROTECTED BIKE LANES, please!

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Not sure at the moment, but am glad we are moving in this direction, we cant waste anytime.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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**Taylor, Tom | Greenbelt Green Team, Greenbelt Zero Waste,
Greenbelt Homes Stormwater Management Subcommittee**

(R_5vYHRh69nlaqFOx)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I urge the County Council to adopt and implement the county Climate Action Plan. I also ask that the County Council authorize sufficient funding and staffing to fully implement this plan.

I think it is an excellent plan overall, and I ask that the County fully commit to its implementation. We are in a dire emergency, and we need this plan for Prince George's County to do its part to counteract climate change.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? All parts of the plan are essential and are interconnected, and need to be fully implemented as much as possible in order to respond sufficiently to the dire crisis that climate change presents.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Funding and staffing needs are not identified in the plan. The County must commit adequate funding and staffing if we are to fully support the implementation of this plan.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

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Bartolomeo, Kathy | GCAN

(R_10IX7EXzu1eDHiz)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. Please begin the implementation now. We need to start right away with this plan.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Electrification of buses, retrofitting of trucks, reducing waste, changing of streetlights, retrofitting buildings and much more. Glad to the number of people who had input.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? not at this time.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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Rich, Linda |

(R_1242vw99HKY87PR)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I support the Climate Action Plan and the commission who put it together. I hope it is adopted by the County Council.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Smart growth and assisting homeowners to make their homes more resilient

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? no

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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Lewis, Sylvia | retired. No specific affiliation.

(R_3iOUaUO8gTxDwm0)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. Terrific report. I am very impressed with the thought and hard work that went into developing it.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Strict compliance of future developments with goals and regulations with plan

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Plan to educate and encourage "buy in" from citizens. Including education of preschool through college of climate crisis and actions we can all do to help address it.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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Bonkosky, Laura | Sierra Club member

(R_UaoWRhLU5oMA2WZ)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. The need for action the climate is most urgent and long overdue. The Climate Action Commission is a good start, but the most important thing is to actually implement the changes.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? smart growth, tree conservation and reforestation, mitigation & resilience

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Will it actually be implemented?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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Diaz, Josw |

(R_2RPzawuzuSN320N)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. The goals for the Climate Action Coalition are great and effect many aspects of the county which can see change in notable departments such as the Parks and Recreation side.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Parks and Recreation efforts within the Division of Maintenance and Development towards shifting to electric equipment

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Deals and cooperation with businesses that can contribute to PG County's Plan

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

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Comments on Section: Appendices.

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Weber, Sarah | County resident

(R_vuTuBrtuYzmt4u5)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. The plan is a solid draft - I would have just liked to see more mention of incentives and enforcement, i.e. the carrots and sticks, to get more residents and businesses to feel the urgency to make behavior changes that will reduce our carbon footprint. It feels like it needs more teeth.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Shifting transportation fleet to EVs, shifting energy production to renewables, preservation of natural areas.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? More actions and recommendations around waste reduction. There is only one recommendation! Residents need to produce less waste but it feels like there is only passing mention of waste reduction in the plan and instead more emphasis on recycling. #2, there is only passing mention of the need to increase urban agriculture.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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Pluntke, Kurt | Municipal homeowner

(R_1H0Qg8eHKe7mhGO)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. Please be more aggressive in timber construction, less metal and cement.

Consider forestry management that maximizes carbon sequestration e.g. bamboo planting.

Increase fine for cars with illegal modified mufflers that promote behavior and pollution. Raise taxes on gasoline to disincentive large vehicles as people movers.

Remove limits on solar capacity; pay premium for excess kilowatts that homeowners can sell.

Limit household size to 4 persons. Levy tax on an additional vehicle owned per household.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Addressing transportation and clean energy/solar

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Deemphasize cars as an expression of individuality. Promote arts and recreation, not loud cars that disturb the peace and black SUVs that are obnoxious and inappropriate in our urban area.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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Shaw, Lindsey | Montgomery County DEP

(R_1rGLccJ6tyz1PHI)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. The Climate Action Plan is visually appealing, great pictures, and is a very readable plan. The breakdown of each priority action starting on page 111 is my favorite part -- I love that you've identified metrics, implementation actions, and equity considerations. Really nice job, team!

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Requiring energy and water benchmarking in the County, and increasing telecommuting and EV charging infrastructure!

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? I didn't see dedicated roles and responsibilities for completing these actions, but I may have missed it.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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Zoosman, Michael | Resident

(R_YXLKDMhqxaHEyXL)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? A just transition to clean, renewable energy.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? No.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

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D'Alonzo, Sophia |

(R_1r0Uta7Z2oYaMS)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? more sustainable public transportation

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? creating well-paying jobs in sustainable sectors

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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Hirtle, Alex | Citizen.

(R_11pk5xbEkb6nz8o)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Tree canopy increase, stormwater and flooding controls, GHG reduction.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? White/cool roofs, street, asphalt.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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Osborne, Wendy | none

(R_24NRclHpSox7wRO)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Community Health, Renewable Energy, Justice and Equity

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? no

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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Celdran, Dan | tax payer

(R_zTfg2QPYi0wqeat)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. Adopt and implement plan ASAP.

Thank you.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? adopt and implement plan ASAP

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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Ralbovsky, Carissa | None

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I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I request that the county adopt and implement the plan. Thank you!

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? More rooftop solar on gov't, business and residential homes, and support for EVs.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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Orrick, Nicholas | resident

(R_V57xXeb6I3kkzQd)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? All of it

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? I will let you know

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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Acosta López, Yoselin |

(R_3KUbUQXgiZseRVH)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? We can do it by parts

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? There anything important is that you missing your plans

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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Kole, Allison |

(R_SVocOxVEzECSdAl)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Transportation systems design that will also save lives

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? There isn't any mention of the rampant deforestation and development that will impact our emission, quality of life, and ability to adapt to flooding events. Until PG development approvals are changed this will be hard to address.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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Oates, Dan |

(R_27vTZuBIHKVsjqZ)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I am supportive of the Climate Action Plan, and excited to see it put into action!

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
Improved stormwater management, EV infrastructure, curbside food scrap collection

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Hernandez, Erica |

(R_3PtX0x0G8ewnfrz)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. Please adopt and implement the climate action plan as soon as possible!

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? I strongly support adopting and implementing the plan in January 2022.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

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McDowell, Tina |

(R_26mfjn9IRwb4HTi)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I sent them to the email address

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
Emission reduction and green space expansion

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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Allchin, Nancy Joy | Baha'i Community

(R_SN#FMCKVHZV#BL)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. We all need to make whatever lifestyle changes and sacrifices are necessary to assure that the earth supports human life for those that come after us. We must all participate, and join with everyone else on the planet. Leadership on every level is essential to guide us to make effective change, and to pull all our efforts together.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Leaders promoting care of the planet, keeping PG County on the cutting edge of efforts to save the planet.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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Adams, Stuart | Resident

(R_2f0wcbQbmUKlbsl)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
Climate resilience with better standards for hazard resistant construction.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Improve flood design requirements from 100-yr to 200-yr event.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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Furnkranz, Dustin | N/A

(R_2wsJ0aNHJcN6sk9)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? I'm excited to see reduced carbon emissions

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? no

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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Cohon, Annelise |

(R_3RvXGNjI2NkLEy6)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? I am most excited about the plans to safeguard the health and wellbeing of Prince George's County residents. Adaptation recommendations describe specific steps to reduce exposure of vulnerable populations to extreme heat, to establish resilience hubs for

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? How are schools being factored into this plan? I think having carbon neutral schools and green spaces around schools that are safe and accessible by paths and walkways are important.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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Herschbach, Elisabeth | District 22 resident

(R_3etx8BRuiWDrfGN)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. Passing a robust climate action plan in Prince George's County is a top priority for me. I strongly urge our County Council and County Executive to fully implement a plan to make sure that our county transitions to clean, renewable energy, achieves energy efficiency, reduces waste, prioritizes sustainable development, and practices responsible stewardship of our natural resources, tree canopy, and green spaces.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
Responsible stewardship of our natural resources and agricultural lands; Nature-based solutions to reduce impacts of excess heat and extreme precipitation; transition to clean, renewable energy; increased energy efficiency and reduced waste

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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McAlister, Karyn | PG resident

(R_3Wf5LU6a7tOEbu1)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Reducing vehicle miles

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? I didn't see any recommendations for protected bike lanes so anyone aged 8 to 80 could take a bike instead of a car for short trips that are a couple of miles. Right now there are zero protected bike lanes in PG so nobody is going to take a bike to the store for a couple of items or take their kids to school etc.

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McDonald, Dan | Resident - Riverdale Park

(R_2fkXINceX9gfDEd)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I believe this plan will make the county a national leader and ultimately attract investment in a way that is less likely to displace and disenfranchise longtime county residents.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? I'm enthusiastic about the ambition of the goal, and the emphasis on smart growth and resilience for homeowners.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

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konkobo, yousef |

(R_3KBHQ0awc4wwJf6)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
reducing carbon emissions

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? maintaining the changes to carbon emissions by 2030

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Brown, Hazel | 3012830747

(R_tM2lcKvuhjTbbGx)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I would like help with green programs

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Help with solar panels and green heating

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

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Kester, Rush | resident

(R_2Vg1YwOoHPBFs2t)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

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General Comments. Public parking & buildings should be covered with solar panels

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
#3,4,5, & 8 seem the most relevant and important

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

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Lynde, Alec | Resident

(R_3GjDKTRMGgucvwJ)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I strongly support the adoption of the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan. In addition, I encourage the County Council and County Executive to implement the plan as expediently as possible after its adoption. This cannot be a one-and-done action. The County needs to make a concerted effort to move the plan forward and improve the lives and resiliency of residents over the next nine years.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Priority Recommendation CO-5, which will improve how we develop the County by pushing development toward transit-accessible hubs

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

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Ramos, Christopher | Student

(R_zeRSivh5wSaQdTH)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? less trash around

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Taking out trash from the water

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Williams, Lee | Resident

(R_28SceWhUrB07PrX)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

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General Comments. Greywater is gently used water from your bathroom sinks, showers, tubs, and washing machines. It is not water that has come into contact with feces, either from the toilet or from washing diapers.

Greywater may contain traces of dirt, food, grease, hair, and certain household cleaning products. While greywater may look “dirty,” it is a safe and even beneficial source of irrigation water in a yard. Keep in mind that if greywater is released into rivers, lakes, or estuaries, its nutrients become pollutants, but to plants, they are valuable fertilizer. Aside from the obvious benefits of saving water (and money on your water bill), reusing your greywater keeps it out of the sewer or septic system, thereby reducing the chance that it will pollute local water bodies. Reusing greywater for irrigation reconnects urban residents and our backyard gardens to the natural water cycle.

The easiest way to use greywater is to pipe it directly outside and use it to water ornamental plants or fruit trees. Greywater can also be used to irrigate vegetable plants as long as it doesn't touch edible parts of the plants. In any greywater system, it is essential to use “plant friendly” products, those without lots of salt, boron, or chlorine bleach. The build-up of salts and boron in the soil can damage plants. While you're at it, watch out for your own health: “natural” body products often contain substances toxic to humans (see resource pages below for details).

Our philosophy

We believe that for residential greywater systems simple designs are best. With simple systems you are not able to send greywater into an existing drip irrigation system, but must shape your landscape to allow water to infiltrate into the soil. We recommend simple, low-tech systems that use gravity when ever possible, instead of pumps. We prefer irrigation systems that are designed to avoid clogging, rather than relying on filters and drip irrigation.

We promote greywater reuse as a way to increase the productivity of sustainable backyard ecosystems that produce food, clean water, and shelter wildlife. Such systems recover valuable “waste” products—greywater, household compost, and humanure—and reconnect their human inhabitants to ecological cycles. By modeling “appropriate technologies” for food production, water, and sanitation in the industrialized world, we hope to replace the cultural misconception of “wastewater” with the possibility of a life-generating water culture.

We believe more complex systems are best suited for multi-family, commercial, and industrial scale systems. These systems can treat and reuse large volumes of water, and play a role in water conservation in dense urban housing developments, food processing and manufacturing facilities, schools, universities, and public buildings. Because complex systems rely on pumps and filtration systems, they are often designed by an engineer, are expensive to install and may require regular maintenance.

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Basic Greywater Guidelines

Greywater is different from fresh water and requires different guidelines for it to be reused.

Don't store greywater (more than 24 hours). If you store greywater the nutrients in it will start to break down, creating bad odors.

Minimize contact with greywater. Greywater could potentially contain a pathogen if an infected person's feces got into the water, so your system should be designed for the water to soak into the ground and not be available for people or animals to drink.

Infiltrate greywater into the ground, don't allow it to pool up or run off (knowing how well water drains into your soil (or the soil percolation rate of your soil) will help with proper design. Pooling greywater can provide mosquito breeding grounds, as well as a place for human contact with greywater.

Keep your system as simple as possible, avoid pumps, avoid filters that need upkeep. Simple systems last longer, require less maintenance, require less energy and cost less money.

Install a 3-way valve for easy switching between the greywater system and the sewer/septic.

Match the amount of greywater your plants will receive with their irrigation needs.

Types of Simple Systems

From the Washing Machine

Washing machines are typically the easiest source of greywater to reuse because greywater can be diverted without cutting into existing plumbing. Each machine has an internal pump that automatically pumps out the water- you can use that to your advantage to pump the greywater directly to your plants.

Laundry Drum:

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"Laundry drum." Note: Drum should be strapped to the wall for safety.

If you don't want to invest much money the system (maybe you are a renter), or have a lot of hardscape (concrete/patio) between your house and the area to irrigate, we recommend a laundry drum system.

Wash water is pumped into a "drum," a large barrel or temporary storage called a surge tank. At the bottom of the drum the water drains out into a hose that is moved around the yard to irrigate. This is the cheapest and easiest system to install, but requires constant moving of the hose for it to be effective at irrigating

Laundry-to-Landscape:

Laundry-to-landscape system. Image credit: CleanWaterComponents

Laundry-to-landscape system. Image credit: CleanWaterComponents

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If you're looking for system that gives you flexibility in what plants you're able irrigate and takes very little maintenance, we recommend the laundry-to-landscape system. This system was invented by Art Ludwig.

This greywater system doesn't alter the household plumbing: the washing machine drain hose is attached directly to a diverter valve that allows you to switch the flow of greywater between the sewer/septic and the greywater irrigation system. The greywater irrigation system directs water through 1" tubing with 1/2" outlets directing water to specific plants. This system is low cost, easy to install, and gives flexibility for irrigation. In most situations this is the number one place to start when choosing a greywater system!

From the Shower:

Showers are a great source of greywater- they usually produce a lot of relatively clean water. To have a simple, effective shower system consider a gravity-based system (no pump). If your yard is located uphill from the house, then you'll need to have a pumped system.

Branched Drain:

BDsplittingflowpipes-180x135The branched drain system was also invented by Art Ludwig. Greywater in this system flows through standard (1 1/2" size) drainage pipe, by gravity, always sloping downward at 2% slope, or 1/4 inch drop for every foot traveled horizontally, and the water is divided up into smaller and smaller quantities using a plumbing fitting that splits the flow. The final outlet of each branch flows into a mulched basin, usually to irrigate the root zone of trees or other large perennials. Branched drain systems are time consuming to install, but once finished require very little maintenance and work well for the long term.

From the Sinks:

Kitchen sinks are the source of a fair amount of water, usually very high in organic matter (food, grease, etc.). Kitchen sinks are not allowed under many greywater codes, but are allowed in some states, like Washington, Oregon, Arizona, and Montana. This water will clog many kinds of systems. To avoid clogging, we recommend using a branched drain system with mulch basins, organic matter collects in the woodchips and decomposes. Since bathroom sinks don't typically generate much water, they can often combine flows with the shower water. Or, the sink water can be drained to a single large plant, or divided to irrigate two or three plants.

Constructed Wetlands:

wetland-bay-120x180Constructed wetlands are used to "ecologically dispose" of greywater. If you produce more greywater than you need for irrigation, a constructed wetland can help use up some extra greywater. Wetlands absorb nutrients and filter particles from greywater, enabling it to be stored for longer or sent through a properly designed drip irrigation system (though more filtration and pumping is also required). Greywater is also a good source of irrigation for beautiful, water loving wetland plants. If you live near a natural waterway and don't have anywhere else to direct greywater, a wetland can safely clean and soak-up greywater, protecting the creek. If you live in an arid climate,

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or are trying to reduce your fresh water use, we don't recommend incorporating wetlands into greywater systems as they use up a lot of the water which could otherwise be used for irrigation.

Pumped Systems:

Pumped system. Image credit: Leigh Jerrard

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If you can't use gravity to transport the greywater (your yard is sloped uphill, or it's flat and the plants are far away) you will need to pump greywater uphill. In a basic pumped system greywater flows into a large (usually 50 gallon) plastic barrel that is either buried or located at ground level. Inside the barrel an effluent pump pushes the water out through irrigation lines (no emitters) to the landscape. Pumps add cost, use electricity, and will break, so avoid this if you can.

Indoor Greywater Use

Sink Positive toilet lid

Sink Positive toilet lid

In most residential situations it is much simpler and more economical to utilize greywater outside, and not create a system that treats the water for indoor use. The exceptions are in houses that have high water use and minimal outdoor irrigation, and for larger buildings like apartments.

There are also very simple ways to reuse greywater inside that are not a "greywater system". Buckets can catch greywater and clear water, the water wasted while warming up a shower. These buckets can be used to "bucket flush" a toilet, or carried outside. There are also simple designs like Sink Positive, and more complicated systems like the Brac system. Earthships have an interesting system that reuse greywater inside with greenhouse wetlands.

Plants and Greywater

kiwis-179x180Low tech, simple greywater systems are best suited to specific, large plants. Use them to water trees, bushes, berry patches, shrubs, and large annuals. It's much more difficult to water lots of small plants that are spread out over a large area. (like a lawn or flower bed) |

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? I want to see elected officials championing this cause publicly. They should also lead by example. Using renewable energy, planting trees, saving existing green spaces.

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askins, charles |

(R_33BGbd9ySKX25C5)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

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General Comments. Please clarify how this climate action resolution will have the force of law.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Clarity on how this resolution is binding with the force of law. The Green Infrastructure Plan is routinely ignored by the County Council.

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Tomassoni, Mark | County resident

(R_xgADq53EJTiojL)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

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General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Large expansion in tree planting, reducing county CO2 emission footprint

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Need more emphasis on residential property owner education for County Climate improvements. Need more comparative metrics on how PG compares with Montgomery and Anne Arundel Counties..

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boyd, zoey |

(R_1nQ2kG9yheMubdl)

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General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? nature

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? no

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white, delante |

(R_xGeQsIkXDf9bFgl)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
looking at the climate.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? no

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Crider, Zachery |

(R_3CVhWYtbv3kAEDJ)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Not sure

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? No

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Corbin-beal, Walter |

(R_6JYgjwkcOOIE0xP)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? I am excited to see the cut-back on carbon.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? None currently spotted.

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Goldberg, Kenneth | Resident

(R_2wtPpSYbOQ3xtyO)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Equity issues

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? I apologize if I missed it.
Encourage telework

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Addison, Alveta | Howard University, Climate Parents of Prince George's County, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

(R_O3ifFuhdYFUe7Zv)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Relate climate issues to everyday life.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? I NEED TO READ MORE

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I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? stop climate change

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? no

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Marsh, Irenen | Many environmental organizations for many years.

(R_2VeI4H61oVftPA5)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? All need attention. Need to reduce building that impacts how we manage severe storms. Need to get out of fossil fuels. Stop overdevelopment.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? I think everything is on paper, but on paper is only on paper. | Developers find loopholes, we are faced with loss of mature trees, pollution of wetlands and waterways, air pollution, paving over of ground, etc. There is a need for much more urgency -we cannot delay, we are experiencing the dire effects of climate change right now.

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Orleans, Bill | Resident

(R_1iqcJxmK4pRW5LD)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Neither agree nor disagree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Changing from an unmitigated development approval process

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? A commitment from incumbent Executive, Council and Planning Board to change from an unmitigated development approval process each of the fore-mentioned has favored

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Pitts, Roman | William Hall Academy

(R_3q8AUkpZgGyhRee)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Neither agree nor disagree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? carbon emissions

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? I like the plan

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Pape, Kathleen |

(R_3L75hRgL4ZdMKTT)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Neither agree nor disagree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? a just transition to clean, renewable energy, nature-based solutions to mitigate effects of climate change (already here), clean transportation

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? unable to answer

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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(R_20M3sI0sbhKORQ9)

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The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Neither agree nor disagree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? I would like to see that the laws that people really don't break go down because if we dont break them we don't really need them then.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Not really because there is really no plan.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Ford, Wali |

(R_ufQiMo62WQxnlrX)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Neither agree nor disagree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? pgcps

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? no

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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Jakuta, Joseph | Member of the RAG, Prince George's resident

(R_1P7DsPla9BI5jay)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030.

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Building Energy Performance Standards

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Bicycling (especially E-bikes) and the energy side of New Building Standards

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

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Comments on Section: Appendices. I just had a few resources that I still believe should be included in the Blueprints. I would include the Plain Writing Act <https://www.plainlanguage.gov/about/definitions/> in CO-3, <https://www.energy.gov/eere/geothermal/geothermal> in M-1, <https://energy.maryland.gov/residential/Pages/incentives/CleanEnergyGrants.aspx> in M-2, <https://energy.maryland.gov/business/Pages/incentives.aspx> and <https://energy.maryland.gov/residential/Pages/incentives/default.aspx> in M-8, and <https://codes.iccsafe.org> in A-9.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

(R_1mtjhNZwTuiPXHD)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? the entire plan

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? there are always revisions needed in any plan, but this is a crisis and we must act now!

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

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Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Thompson, Ivy | M-NCPPC Planning Department Special Projects

(R_279II5N1Uoevp8V)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? All of it.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Specifically citing the siting of rooftop solar on multifamily buildings as an alternative to ground mounted solar and as a way to preserve agricultural lands.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Flynn, Joanne | Greater Baden Aquasco Citizens Association, Black Swamp Creek Land Trust

(R_3ssRe0berzFIFcl)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. The meaning of STEM should be given in Acronyms and suggest in general that the meaning be given the 1st time they are mentioned in plan. Street light replacement should go to "dark sky" design at the same time. All street and exterior lighting should be dark sky standard. Greater oversight, review of, and accountability for Stream Restoration projects and Woodland Conservation and Mitigation programs. The Stream Restoration projects should be based on need and not the financial incentives. Community should be included in monitoring, reviews and accountability for these projects. The County needs to develop a monitoring program for regulatory and conservation easements.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
stormwater management and complete streets / livable communities, a lot less fossil fuel burning

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Solomon, Nancy |

(R_2dualadlxqmlRaG)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I am excited to see it all implemented. It's critical that we have a Climate Action Plan in place. Thank you for getting this started.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? I am excited to see it all implemented. It's critical that we have a Climate Action Plan in place. Thank you for getting this started.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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Comments on Section: Appendices.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Shaw, Anne | citizen and VOTER living in Greenbelt MD

(R_1N9y4VGz1cXPqn6)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I urge the County Executive to strongly promote and encourage this implementation within the county.

I ask that the council to approve and implement this plan without delay.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
strongly want the Council to APPROVE and IMPLEMENT This entire plan

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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Comments on Section: Appendices.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Robbins, Patience |

(R_2arhkkx9nqz2Vm3s)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. So glad this plan has been drawn up and I hope it will be approved and implemented.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
renewable energy systems, low-carbon transportation, smart growth communities, and resilient water, energy, and transportation systems. It calls on the County to capture the benefits of the new green economy by ensuring that today's investments – in build

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

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Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Gingold, Sarah | None

(R_20HoHczlq6MLWPN)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I support this plan.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Zero waste, protecting natural spaces

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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(R_DLRAZVMmfmZLNm1)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? All parts

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Poirier, Mary Lynn |

(R_bE41ouWIKTFgkJb)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. Commit and implement the Climate Action Plan. Our county needs to commit to the climate measures, including environmental justice, reliable public transportation, and public health.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Kretzmann, Stephen |

(R_3ind2HyJBsVSTvZ)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Catalog of methane emissions from residential and commercial use of natural gas and a plan to eliminate gas and electrify everything

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

(R_2ToruHnb4io6D8z)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
Transportation

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Young, Jane | Green Team of the City of Greenbelt

(R_2WNIK5QTKNML7yR)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Equity & inclusion, county wide composting, disposable bag fee, pay as you throw, promote local & sustainable food systems, energy reduction in all areas

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

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Comments on Section: Appendices.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Smith, Angela | Resident

(R_2pPnfwD8HRW43Hg)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I strongly and unequivocally support all of this plan. The time to act must be NOW.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

SIMMONSBRIGHT, CAROLYN |

(R_5mwQsk1XavzOq9r)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
Emissions

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

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(R_0CyiR2cqGRg8R8d)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Yes. I need a paragraph box to sufficiently list.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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Comments on Section: Appendices.

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Scheller, Alissa |

(R_1joVLOs0PWZqlwe)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? I am most excited about the plan to implement smart growth and transportation. Reducing individual car trips and conserving our tree canopy and natural areas are very important to me.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

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Goldberg-Strassler, Robert | Greenbelt Climate Action Network

(R_3qpOD2fYpaqRZzr)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? to only have a goal of 50 % doesn't reflect the sense of urgency for action necessary to occur

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

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McKenzie, Eric |

(R_3Kromt6Y72kMAg3)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? I'm most excited about the efforts to promote renewable energy, as that seems like the fastest, most direct way to reduce carbon emissions. I'm also glad that equity and community health (which often go hand in hand) are important considerations.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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Butler, Nicole |

(R_WkQearVmaHNan97)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? How can communities help reduce our carbon emissions?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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bhargava, nancy | Tantallon Square Area Civic Association

(R_2dunRWwabVM5FBc)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. Let's get to work NOW.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Conrad, Trudy |

(R_1NISBeEktWhXBIC)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I strongly support the Climate Action Plan.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Oslik, Norman |

(R_2wvEFIXOtZ4BaDv)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. The urgency of action on climate change is now beyond doubt. This plan is an important step in that direction. | Please adopt the new Prince George's County Climate Action Plan. While the Glasgow climate summit helped the world inch forward in the fight to limit and mitigate the effects of climate change, so much of the hard work continues at the local level. The Prince George's County Climate Action Plan is a comprehensive set of recommendations that moves our county strongly forward to tackle the myriad challenges of climate change with major focus on the transportation and building sectors. Equity concerns are woven throughout the plan, helping assure that all will be protected as we move forward. In addition, many of the actions that reduce the use of fossil fuels have public health benefits, including improved air quality. The costs to make this transition to a future free of fossil are real and significant. The long-term costs in economic impact and human suffering of not making this transition are incalculable.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Hinds, Gareth | Resident

(R_3h0bgfY2Dk5FcZ)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments. I strongly support the adoption and implementation of a strong climate action plan. I only learned of this comment period today so I haven't been able to familiarize myself with all the details of this plan, but I definitely support the county taking strong action to do our part in the fight against climate change. Thank you!

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Fraser, Stanford |

(R_3hmB3I4WpoGI9zO)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? The multiple modes of transportation. More bike infrastructure, sidewalks, and tree canopies please

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

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Field, Anthony |

(R_25BMgTyaQTb5A73)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? New Construction Electrification!

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Gingold, Mark | Sierra club

(R_32Wr6F3dsID6o2X)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree
The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? tree coverage and county commitment for EV

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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McNeely, Larry |

(R_OAOvsmgzIVMZFKN)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Neither agree nor disagree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Mitigation efforts yo deal with flooding, particularly in low income communities

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

For, Dinna |

(R_3EmRoHP3tPcw8dl)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly disagree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Would like to see any plans regarding climate efforts

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Strong, Keith | retired

(R_rcJFmeUgmbIz5ND)

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General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Solar power

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? One solution to increased energy efficiency being used in hot climates it to paint roofs white. Its cheap and effective, reflecting away over 90% of the incoming sunlight. However, many HOAs do not allow it (mine for example). Suggest all new buildings not only have solar panels but that their roofs are white. Any roof replacement should be white.

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Abe, Mary | Resident: Resident-Mount Rainier

(R_3M4pzso7m7xcRNA)

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General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? all of it | Priority Recommendations-Adaptation

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Funding. How will we pay for it? | Scale of cost

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Terry, Beth |

(R_1hEkdhdLazQ0idD)

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General Comments. adopt and implement

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McNeil, Paula | Sierra Club

(R_12SHcmSx3yrtjrB)

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General Comments. I would like to see less development of townhouses that only bring more cars to already jam-packed roads and more greenhouse gasses.

I would like to have a moratorium of development in exchange for renovation of existing buildings and homes. There are a lot of giant buildings for example in Largo that are not filled and they keep building more and destroying habitat.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

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Snyder, William |

(R_3NJ271SW0u2NCww)

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General Comments. Adopt and implement

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(R_2rDvPfvBw4WFO8D)

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General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Forestation/protection of tree canopy through legislation. Study of public schools' waste, clean energy systems, electric buses. Composting programs and reduction in waste. Better planning for mass and multi-modal transit systems. Municipal transition

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Shade, Deborah |

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General Comments.

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Edwards, Dayna | Poor People's Campaign

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YOUNG, BECKI |

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Li, Andrew | UMD MaryPIRG

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Parameshwaran, Vijay |

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iyoha, eva |

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Galleher, Kathy |

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Support)

Campbell, Valencia |

(R_1OSSbLAZh8YMspk)

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Sanchez de Boado, Alexi | Resident

(R_1eEsAgc9sBjFu)

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DiGenno, Roni |

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daniel, deb |

(R_1pyszV2omBwVUDw)

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Strongly agree

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disagree

Neither agree nor

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(R_269ZcYEj1mg9Fgk)

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(R_315A1R805CQF1D)

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General Comments.

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(R_264Mi5vZV2qyBzh)

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General Comments. I am interested in reducing stranded assets and making better decisions in my private and public life.

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(R_Q06f7Zb29naarGF)

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General Comments. My concern is the council and County Executive will not implement the plan and will continue to approve development that causes climate change.

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Vaughn, Douglas | MD-Poor People's Campaign

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I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030.

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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CAP Draft Survey (Somewhat Support)

, | PG Resident

(R_3KJEWDbG1tpkeiM)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Somewhat agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments. Need to put more effort toward saving existing forested land by restricting developers from eradicating forested land and giving private land owners with forested properties significant carbon tax breaks for preserving. I am not seeing enough emphasis on this. I got the impression that the climate action plan put most attention on saving energy and becoming carbon neutral by encouraging developers to develop green friendly buildings and PG citizens to buy electric cars and become more prepared for weather disasters.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Carbon sequestration

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Efforts to protect existing forest tracts from development should be prioritized — I do not see specific examples that prevent destruction of forests. Forests are much more valuable in sequestering carbon and mitigating water runoffs than planted trees in developed areas. Planting trees will not help. Clusters of Mature trees in forest tracts are much more effective in sequestering carbon. This needs to be addressed clearly in the plan

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Comments on Section 6: Taking Action. Why is No Net Loss tree conservation regulation (M-11) the last item on the list? It should be on top of the list. A-3 is good.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

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CAP Draft Survey (Somewhat Support)

Khodai, Niki | UMD Student

(R_3P6r8w0OCAiyQTC)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Somewhat agree

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General Comments. Overall, I liked the plan but it has room for improvement.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
Reducing carbon emissions by 2030.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Solar energy, wind power etc.

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Heiligh, Denim | student

(R_1TtHV9oY6O6HnQR)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Somewhat agree

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General Comments. i think what they are doing is cool

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? least bad stuff in the air

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? i do not think so

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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Eldridge, Eamon | Student

(R_p9rhaDCctxO39M5)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Somewhat agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I like the idea, but maybe if we get more people in on it we could get it done quicker.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? The new busses.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Not in my opinion.

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Escobar, Sabrina |

(R_2YWhaZrGkB6EK0g)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Somewhat agree

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General Comments. PLEASE put more options in food and make the food taste GOOD

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? I am excited to see MD/PGCPS being green natural plus clean.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? The school foods are extremely bad and we need more food options.

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Bates, Dorrie | private citizen

(R_3EmXhUw7OM4UIH0)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now.

Somewhat agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030.

Somewhat agree

General Comments. As I read the report, there are already accepted Growth Management goals yet there is no indication these are being achieved (I can't tell whether this is through neglect or inadequate oversight.) Incentives need to be real/financially appealing and avoidance needs to have consequences. We need to adopt codes, standards and practices which support climate ready buildings and development without making those standards so expensive or rigid that no developer can afford to build nor any resident/tenant able occupy the structure. I think more needs to be done to offer significant grants for climate related/green/solar projects and publicize their existence. I am not as concerned that our County be seen as a leader; if we build it successfully and achieve some of the desired goals (reduction of emissions, efficiency etc) our leadership will be obvious. While I understand there needs to be some study as to how parts of this plan will actually be implemented, I am seriously concerned about spending a great deal of money, not to mention time, hiring more and more consultants for pages and pages of canned analysis. I applaud the Commission's commitment to transparency and appreciate the tremendous amount of work many have put in to produce this document. I hope it will not languish on the shelves but will rather lead to some concrete (ooops) action.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? 3

things: The focus on transitioning county vehicles to electric/zero emission; making energy retrofits of county owned facilities as well as encouraging new facilities, both county and commercial, to be green or closer to net zero energy standard; and e

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? There seems to be a general lack of any indication of how much some of the proposed actions will cost.

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Mrstik, Christopher | Future worker in PG County

(R_2bTx6z28cqt6pUB)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Somewhat agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments. As noted about the "what's lacking" - one of the major sources of greenhouse gas emissions that the county can influence to some degree is transportation. What other DC area localities have done is made explicit their goals to not only electrify vehicles, but to reduce car trips. Failure to do so is a miss opportunity.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
Modest improvements assumed in electricity generation (outside of the county's control)

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Lack of a significant vision, goal, or commitment to shifting travel modes to more sustainable options. Sharrows painted on highways will not convince people to bike a mile to the store for a quick errand; it's those types of short trips that can be done w/o a car that need to be facilitated.

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LeaMond, Beth | community composting volunteer in City of Greenbelt

(R_315Bus0HVI4xLe9)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Somewhat agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Neither agree nor disagree

General Comments. Waste reduction is only a minor part of the Priority recommendations, it should be a larger part of it.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
Expand County waste reduction and diversion efforts

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Community scale and/or farm scale composting is missing from the plan (there are many ways that this can be manifested and it would the need to transport material around the county). Also missing is the concept of "carbon sequestration that is part of adding compost to soil regularly (also improving soil). Also missing from the plan is a bottle deposit law.

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(R_u54z5LpCqub2TpD)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Somewhat agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Neither agree nor disagree

General Comments. None at all.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? I do not really know.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? No not really.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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Escobar, Luis | Luis Escobar

(R_OxpLPDAPZIXmmkx)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Somewhat agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? To see what they do.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? nope looks good

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Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

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Brown, Nicholas | Prince George's County Memorial Library System

(R_1gh9QfeO4Rik2zn)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Somewhat agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? EV chargers

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Libraries, schools, and other public facilities should all be required to have EV charging stations installed. Without a vast public network of charging stations, incentives are limited for residents to switch to electric vehicles

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CAP Draft Survey (Somewhat Support)

Brooks, Christian | Maryland.

(R_2TMid7urh6LsqOP)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Somewhat agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Help people that has a disability and that it will be most effected to them.

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Wilson, Anthonia | N/A

(R_2TQSwIVFWLWUatX)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Somewhat agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? The part of plan that I'm most excited to see implemented on is building a community that reduce carbon emissions.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? I don't think there is anything important that feels missing from the plan.

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Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

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Brooks, Leslie | live in Colmar Manor

(R_VHWKdfAXL44xIxD)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Somewhat agree

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General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Yes, how to make sure private companies do not take advantage of individual households who want to contribute to a sustainable community, but don't understand the agreements they are getting into financially when agreeing to lease solar panels. There needs to be oversight and regulation, or at least some sort of outreach to families so they fully understand their financial situation and making informed decisions when deciding which solar company to go with.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Please provide either a section or at least thought input on helping community members (individuals/families), especially those most vulnerable in being able to fully understand what they are agreeing to when deciding to switch to solar. Some of the solar companies only lease the solar panels and once that lease up, they either take the panels back, or the residents have to continue paying the lease, which could increase over time. While residents may be told that their energy bills will go down (which they will), they are misled to believe this means their total costs will eventually go down, which they won't, as they will have to continue paying the lease for the panels year after year. This essentially zeros out any savings they may accrue from energy costs, makes it harder to sell their home, and increases the debt they owe. The city should fully vet any private company offering panels, and if necessary, the city should also draft safe partnerships/protocols with these company to ensure residents do not get taken advantage of or misled. Furthermore, residents should fully understand their personal financial situation and not feel pressured to switch to solar. An alternative would be prioritizing all businesses and major buildings to go solar and providing a way for residential homes to receive renewable energy indirectly. There are private companies taking full advantage of this situation for profit, and this must be addressed head on in these climate action plans.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

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(R_2aySFpOO9oI9SgX)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Somewhat agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? I'm excited to notice the changes in the community.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Nope.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning.

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(R_3RekEsQgxniVxB5)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Somewhat agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Helping the community

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? No

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Hill, Rasheed |

(R_3dE9Z1eg6ru3d0r)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Somewhat agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? ...

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

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White, Makayla | Taking action

(R_2WIK079F5Y0ZE0K)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Somewhat agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat disagree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? The police and government change

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? No.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

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(R_3EKBfZiFox5X77d)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Somewhat agree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. none

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

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(R_1jUKvNseOYBqARU)

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General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

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General Comments.

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(R_1rriQy2bDghQWFk)

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General Comments.

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(R_06vbOf2mKLDdhap)

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General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

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General Comments.

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(R_116LJy6iwCCnKzK)

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Canales, Elena | I don't know what this is.

(R_29uDUTV42FK44W3)

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Somewhat agree

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General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

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(R_3PSwsL09baOpBPi)

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General Comments.

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(R_31tJ8DfGqxKxply)

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(R_2fEBI1S1HS30oPM)

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CAP Draft Survey (Somewhat Support)

(R_ZI5pFaPeM976y7n)

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Comments on Section: Appendices.

CAP 30-Day Public Comment Period-Survey Responses
CAP Draft Survey (Neutral)

muhammed, muhammad |

(R_25MEjZ2PvfcxEy1)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now.
disagree

Neither agree nor

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030.
disagree

Neither agree nor

General Comments. A general comment is a treaty body's interpretation of human rights treaty provisions, thematic issues or its methods of work. General comments often seek to clarify the reporting duties of State parties with respect to certain provisions and suggest approaches to implementing treaty provisions.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Prince George's County is home to: National Harbor, the Gaylord National Resort, MGM National Harbor, The Capital Wheel, NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center, FedEx Field and the Washington Redskins, Joint Base Andrews & the President's Air Force One aircraft

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Saudade, (Portuguese: "yearning"), overtone of melancholy and brooding loneliness and an almost mystical reverence for nature that permeates Portuguese and Brazilian lyric poetry. Saudade was a characteristic of the earliest Portuguese folk poetry and has been cultivated by sophisticated writers of later generations.

Comments on Section 1: Vision for Prince George's County.

Comments on Section 2: Understanding the Climate Plan.

Comments on Section 3: Context for Climate Action Planning. Developing a climate action plan is an iterative process that sets preliminary goals, evaluates specific measures, calculates financial impact, and then revises the goals.

Comments on Section 4: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Comments on Section 5: Climate Hazards and Trends.

Comments on Section 6: Taking Action.

Comments on Section 7: Next Steps.

Comments on Section 8: Priority Recommendations. The Housing Choice Voucher program, the nation's largest rental assistance program, helps 2.2 million low-income households, including about 1 million families with children, rent modest units of their choice in the private market.

Comments on Section: Appendices.

CAP 30-Day Public Comment Period-Survey Responses
CAP Draft Survey (Neutral)

Fortin, Christine | Not your business

(R_3dXroeSeNvoifxF)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now.
disagree

Neither agree nor

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030.
disagree

Neither agree nor

General Comments. Trust is a hard to win and quick to be lost. PG leadership has lost its credibility so long ago that it is a pity to see how the CAP feels just like more empty words. I mean, really? Leading by example as a goal on the CAP?

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? I have not seen our leaders "lead by example" yet, and so the all CAP seems like a dream pipe

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Integrity from our leaders. For instance, they were ready to approve the cutting down of Guilford Woods, and so the increase of floor area, run-offs, and their related flooding and solid waste contamination. Shame on them. How to believe this Plan when their actions show a different agenda?

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Comments on Section: Appendices.

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CAP Draft Survey (Neutral)

Oppelt, Janis | Sierra Club, Maryland chapter, Prince George's group

(R_2rwML3ltQcW99gB)

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disagree

Neither agree nor

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Strongly agree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?

Recommendations 3, 4 and 8

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Comments on Section: Appendices.

CAP 30-Day Public Comment Period-Survey Responses
CAP Draft Survey (Neutral)

gomez, lily |

(R_2atStgdb8c3tGwb)

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disagree

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disagree

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CAP Draft Survey (Neutral)

(R_29v0Av1rRBEoXSd)

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disagree

Neither agree nor

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CAP Draft Survey (Neutral)

Barrera Argueta, Jennifer |

(R_SluCF8ekdEdzn59)

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disagree

Neither agree nor

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CAP Draft Survey (Neutral)

Hamm, Anthony |

(R_2B3URwMLSoeA1O4)

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disagree

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CAP Draft Survey (Somewhat Oppose)

(R_DHwopLZhkHpLjkl)

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The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Somewhat agree

General Comments. we should do more to help the climate because some people talk about it online but never do anything

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County?
helping the climate change even if its not alot

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? not a lot of people here about this

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CAP Draft Survey (Somewhat Oppose)

Bennafield, Geraldine |

(R_3j7JKo1mmooJdmn)

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Somewhat disagree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030.

Strongly disagree

General Comments. The plan would seem more realistic if I saw a clean PG County. How can the climate change plan come to fruition if we don't keep what's right in front of our eyes clean?

I know exactly when I leave or enter into PG County, by the landscape change. Ours is drab and dirty, theirs isn't!!!!

My concern to going all electric is the possibility of GRID failure. Then what if we have banned all our other natural resources, oil, natural gas, coal and the like. Seemingly that question is being ignored!

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? Not excited, reality doesn't seem to be a part of the plan.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? How is the plan going to be paid for, more taxes

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CAP 30-Day Public Comment Period-Survey Responses
CAP Draft Survey (Somewhat Oppose)

Dorsch, David | human race

(R_2rO9vUBdp3jcx2)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Somewhat disagree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly disagree

General Comments. The distance between the earth, sun and moon have far more to do with climate on earth than anything else!

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CAP Draft Survey (Somewhat Oppose)

(R_3MLPwZUFT6IWm4x)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now.	Somewhat disagree
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CAP Draft Survey (Somewhat Oppose)

(R_2Uit6DkzN1y29SI)

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Somewhat disagree

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CAP 30-Day Public Comment Period-Survey Responses
CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Oppose)

Alejniov, Robert | PG County homeowner & resident

(R_1PRFlkGmm7pnQM)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly disagree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly agree

General Comments. I think that focusing on carbon emissions when the scientific community agrees that we're past the point of no return on permanent unsustainable climate change is irresponsible. We should be focused on immediate quality of life issues like pollution--both noise and physical--as well as intelligent, tax-positive development. Even if climate change still were preventable, the quality of life issues I mentioned are much more important in the immediate future.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? None.

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

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CAP 30-Day Public Comment Period-Survey Responses
CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Oppose)

Anonymous, Anonymous |

(R_1pVHc33LNQ17SUX)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now.

Strongly disagree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030.

Strongly disagree

General Comments. • CO-5 pages 133-137 (65% of all new housing in activity center near transit vs. 25% now will stifle new housing opportunities in the county, particularly at a time when remote work is thriving and people look for more space and privacy.

- No more grandfathering will hamper the county's lot supply and lots available to come to market in a time when lot supply is greatly constrained
- Climate scores for each new development will add another hurdle to an already lengthy process that's getting longer and longer.
- Severely limited water and sewer category changes will hamper growth in suburban areas already zoned for the density
- M-11 pages 178-182- (Example issues, No net loss based on gross tract area, requirement to inventory every tree 4" -12" or greater. Removing all exemptions disincentivizing redevelopment, removing variance including specimen trees, preserving forest less than 10,000 SF, requiring min 52% tree canopy on all sites. All of these things will reduce available housing and driving prices higher for buyers. Not to mention it will require more cluster and dense development with less single

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? The idea of leading climate action is commendable. However, the content of this bill needs to be vetted further to determine the adverse impacts on development and growth within the county

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan?

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CAP Draft Survey (Strongly Oppose)

Lopresti, Guy | Resident

(R_2v6QzFRHTJiOnrW)

I support Prince George's County leading on Climate Action Now. Strongly disagree

The CAP effectively communicates the County's goal to build community resilience and reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. Strongly disagree

General Comments.

Which parts of the plan are you most excited to see implemented in Prince George's County? None of it

Is there anything important that feels like it is missing from the plan? Reality

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Subject: Support for Draft Climate Action Plan

From: [REDACTED]

To: Climate Action <climateaction@co.pg.md.us>

Date Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:16:05 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:16:45 PM GMT-05:00

As a resident of Mount Rainier and Prince George's County, I support the full adoption and immediate implementation of the Draft Prince George's County Climate Action Plan. This plan is an urgent call to action for our County's leaders to lead by example through the adoption of this community-wide climate action plan.

For the youth of today, we can not delay. For the most vulnerable and weak within our communities, both here and around the world, we must build resilient communities and ensure an equitable transition to renewable energy. For the natural world, for so long without a voice at the table, that will suffer mass extinction without our immediate action to advert climate change, we must become humble and embrace that we are also part of the natural world.

When we harm nature, we only harm ourselves.

As a society, we have a moral imperative to make the necessary transformative changes to advert the impending impacts of climate change caused by the burning of fossil fuels and unbridled land development. And it's not all bad. Actually, it is the greatest generational economic opportunity of our lifetime. A chance to reenvision how we live, work, and play that results in cleaner air, water, equity, and a future without limits.

As so aptly discussed by author Mike Berners-Lee, these changes we must make are really just common sense because there is no Planet B.

We can do better.
We must do better.
We must start now.

Respectfully, Mary Abe
A resident of Mount Rainier, Maryland

Subject: Comments on climate action plan

From: Susan Barnett [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us

Date Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 4:20:30 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 4:20:55 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Prince George's County Council,

I am very pleased that there is a newly developed thorough Climate Action Plan for the county, and I sincerely hope that you will take it seriously and adopt and implement it in the near future.

Many of us in Greenbelt have been working hard to implement many of the areas of focus that this Climate Action Plan proposes, including energy efficiency and renewable energy in our building sector, electric vehicles (EV) and associated EV charging infrastructure, recycling and composting, tree canopy maintenance and growth, sustainable land care, and stormwater management.

Greenbelt does not have the resources, and often not the authority to implement improvements, since this resides within the purview of Prince George's County government. We hope you will be more flexible in allowing local governments to press ahead in mitigating the effects of climate change and make it easier for us by listening to our concerns. For example, we have many gas stations lining Greenbelt Road. We fought against another one proposed by Royal Farms; the county ignored requests from many Greenbelters and the Greenbelt City Council to not approve this development. We need more EV infrastructure, not more developments that will soon be stranded assets and eyesores in our community.

As I mentioned at a previous town hall meeting discussing the CAP, Prince George's County needs to beef up and improve its code department to make it easier for us citizens and local governments to get county approval to move ahead with sustainable projects, such as solar projects, and not have to wait long periods to receive county approval.

And as the CAP states, we need to take bold actions. Technologies, processes, and programs are constantly changing and improving, and Prince George's County should empower groups, universities, and local governments to test pilot programs and technologies that are at the forefront of sustainability and that offer tremendous potential to help us reign in climate change.

I urge you all to adopt and implement this Climate Action Plan as soon as possible, and allocate sufficient funds to undertake what is needed before the adverse effects of climate change become uncontrollable and irreversible.

Sincerely, Susan Barnett

[REDACTED]
Greenbelt, MD 20770

[REDACTED]

Subject: Comments on Climate Plan

From: Carole Barth [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us

Date Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 10:37:55 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 10:38:38 PM GMT-05:00

I attempted to enter these comments online, but the input site did not give me the expected space for detailed comments, nor would it let me go back to enter them in the general comment box. Instead it thanked me for my input.

I support the plan, but have some additional specific recommendations.

CO-1 Building internal capacity

The County should recruit and train youth "Climate Keepers" modeled after the Philadelphia Treekeepers, the Richmond "Throwing Shade" program and the CBLP Associate training program to engage at-risk communities and assist with implementing nature-based solutions. This would be longer-term and more robust than a summer youth program. Youth assigned to a community would be paired with an elder / long-time resident and trusted voice from that community. This would jump-start workforce development and community engagement at the same time.

The County should convene a task force composed of educators (both College and Trade schools), entrepreneurs, and tech experts to forecast what skills will be needed for green jobs that don't yet exist as well as to identify existing labor shortages. (e.g. vertical farming plumber or micro windmill installer).

CO-2 Lead by example

I support the requirement for an Environmental Assessment Panel. It's important that these assessments be based on local data (air pollution, temperature, access to natural resources). While the plan calls for Countywide air quality data, it needs to clearly specify granular data that can assess the environmental burden a community faces.

I support requiring all County-owned facilities to implement plans for reducing lawns and impervious surfaces, increase conservation landscaping, tree planting, and protecting natural areas from mowing. DoE should establish minimum requirements for these plans. Plans should also include food production (make food available to workers and also support local food banks), composting, shading parking lots to reduce VOC emissions as well as heat gain, and providing pollinator habitat.

Each location should also invite residents of nearby communities to see these practices in action and provide information on residential / community versions of the practices.

CO3 Community engagement

It takes more than messaging to encourage use of transit. Safe paths to transit are needed, and walksheds need to be analyzed. Some communities are cut off from transit even if it is close to them. There is also the problem of the last mile (when transit stops are more than 1/4 to 1/2 mile away) and the fact that most trips involve multiple destinations rather than simple commutes.

Fixed-route transit does not meet these needs; the County needs to make on-demand microtransit available throughout the County.

The County also needs to communicate that EVs have a much lower operating cost (cheaper to fuel and radically less maintenance needed) compared to gas cars. We need a local app identifying charging stations across platforms. We need to have a plan for how residents without driveways can charge their cars. (80% of EV owners charge at home on household current.) MOCO is looking at chargers on utility poles, and Takoma Park has a curbside charger that can accommodate 4 cars. A row of Smartflowers could work in multi-family settings.

CO5 Strengthen land use regulations

In addition to step 12, prohibit all waivers of stormwater requirements and tree conservation requirements.

M-7 Activity Centers

Smart growth strategies need an overhaul. They are largely based on wishful notions that increasing density, upzoning and shoe-horning cookie-cutter mixed use development everywhere will magically improve the environment, create communities and bring equity. Too often these notions are imposed on existing diverse communities which planners fail to even recognize as communities because they do not fit the current "placemaking" fad.

It is time to come clean on the actual impact of these plans and policies. Does everybody really have access to "Live work and play" in activity centers? Do they want to? Or is it merely a waystation for young people before they start their families and empty-nesters down-sizing on the way to assisted living?

Or is it really just a way to service and enable developers looking to make a sale and move on? We need a real-world assessment of the impacts of smart growth as it is actually practiced. What are the environmental benefits and environmental losses? Who wins and who loses?

We also need to assess the cumulative impact of proposed developments on existing communities. Each development is considered independently, with the result that ecosystem services die by a thousand cuts.

Similarly, we cannot ignore the environmental impacts of transporting resources (food, water, electricity) long distances and exporting waste (sewage, trash, recycling) long distances in order to make high density living possible. Manhattan is often cited as a smart growth ideal, but it is the opposite of self-sufficient. Its resource consumption and pollution shadows are immense. Is that really better for the environment? It's certainly not helping New Jersey's environment.

When it comes to equity, we would do well to learn from Minneapolis' experiment with banning single family zoning. <https://www.vox.mn/post/minneapolis-s-residential-upzoning-risks-unintended-consequences-alissa-luepke-pier>. Alissa Luepke Pier spoke to the Montgomery County Civic Federation in October and detailed how the Near North Side of Minneapolis is now worse off after the upzoning. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ork670n1XJQ>.

I am glad the CAP calls for prioritizing needed infrastructure in smart growth areas. However, it is naive to assume that infrastructure growth capacity is infinite. Before the pandemic, the Metro system was at capacity. I do not mean they didn't have enough cars or drivers, I mean it had reached the physical limits of how many people can be moved off a platform between trains. It doesn't help to add trains if you can't clear the platform fast enough. So unless we get Star Trek transporter technology, Metro has

reached its finite growth potential. Yet planners assume that squishing more development in proximity to Metro means more people will ride Metro ad infinitum.

The blind pursuit of density also tends to favor high-rise development. However, mid to low-rise development (garden apartments or duplexes) can achieve similar densities without exacerbating nighttime temperatures as high-rises do when they trap latent heat from walls.

I would propose a new approach--resilient, self-sufficient community design norms. Require projects to add functioning natural spaces back into the community. Incentivize projects that include onsite renewable energy generation that can go to a community microgrid. Incentivize projects that include an urban agriculture & composting component.

M-11 No net loss of trees Support -- this is extremely important.

A-5 Require green infrastructure

County should also require carbon sink replacement for land-disturbing activities. In other words, developers would need to plant trees, establish meadows, conduct low-carbon soil restoration, or create community composting centers to offset the carbon released by land disturbance. Or they would pay a fee in lieu.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment and I am happy to provide additional information on any of these points.

Carole Ann Barth

Subject: Comments on Prince George's County Climate Action Plan

From: Jeannie Bellina [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us

Date Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:48:39 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:48:50 PM GMT-05:00

Attachments: Climate_Action_Plan_Prince_Georges_County.docx

Dear County Representative:

As a resident of Prince George's County, attached please find my comments on the County Climate Action Plan. I'd like to finish looking at your final Priority Recommendations, but wish to call it a night. Hope that you don't mind accepting any more changes sometime tomorrow or Friday. Thanks in advance for understanding.

Kind regards,
Jeannie Bellina

**Prince George's County Climate Action Commission
Comments from Jeannie Bellina, County Resident**

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/38462/PGC-draft-Climate-Action-Plan-2021-REVISED-111021->

Climate Action Plan itself

- High-quality Climate Action Plan. Great job!!
- Too long, as 252 pages long. Most people won't read this long document. So I went straight to the Priority Recommendations, which is basically your Action Steps.

Changes to Climate Action Plan

Priority Recommendation A-1

Questions:

- What other training resources besides COG and UMD are there? Should probably involve some trainings from specialist groups.
- Will climate resilience actions and goal measurements be implemented into employees' annual performance reviews? What if there are missed opportunities that people just aren't aware of?
- What measurement tools will be used? ICLEI? There are lots, but which are the best to use?
- What year did the baseline measurements start for tree canopy (deforestation), wetlands, floodplains, % of cool surfaces, roads installed with solar reflectivity, square feet of impervious surfaces, etc.? Comparisons then start from the baseline.
- What alternatives are there to deforestation? Is Maryland part of the Forest Stewardship Council: <https://www.rainforest-alliance.org/insights/what-is-sustainable-forestry/>
- On page 185, why would "By 2024" come before "By 2023"?
- Where will you be placing solar PV panels? Have you heard of agrivoltaics? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgZBID-TCFE>
- How about solar panels as windows? <https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/30/tech/solar-windows-ubiquitous-energy-california/index.html>

Comments:

- In Maryland, I understand that 4 trees will now replace 1 tree taken down. However, I learned from a friend that often these trees are clumped close together. This means that invariably (and more likely), the tree(s) that get the most sun will then overshadow those that won't. How is the tree replacement being enforced so that all the trees grow properly (or as best they can)?
- There are certain trees that capture carbon better than others. Will these be the new trees that will replace those torn down?
- If trees do replace others, then these need to be a biodiverse mix of native trees. Often where there are mass plantings, it is only one type of tree. We need to avoid planting any monocultures.
- Here is a very good article on planting trees as solutions for climate change: https://standfortrees.org/blog/planting-trees-climate-change/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_term=carbon%20capture%20trees&u

[tm_campaign=targeted-topics&gclid=Cj0KCOiAkZKNBhDiARIsAPsk0WgpPJK_S5PbZblx-7_cKt5Iv_KeSob19obQcR0beEpawuJHjGmw0VcaAomYEALw_wcB](https://www.policylink.org/our-work/community/infrastructure-topics&gclid=Cj0KCOiAkZKNBhDiARIsAPsk0WgpPJK_S5PbZblx-7_cKt5Iv_KeSob19obQcR0beEpawuJHjGmw0VcaAomYEALw_wcB)

- Equity Considerations on page 186 sounds like business as usual. Consider more specifics:
 - <https://www.policylink.org/our-work/community/infrastructure>
 - https://community-wealth.org/sites/clone.community-wealth.org/files/downloads/paper-rubin_1.pdf
 - <https://www.rand.org/blog/2021/06/promoting-social-equity-in-infrastructure-planning.html>
 - <https://medium.com/resilience/urban-parks-as-critical-infrastructure-equity-and-access-during-covid-19-4a86f9776e5e>
 - <https://americanprogress.org/article/building-infrastructure-supports-opportunity-equity-sustainability/>
 - <https://mceachin.house.gov/media/in-the-news/infrastructure-must-emphasize-equity>
- All new buildings and homes as well as any renovated public buildings should have electric vehicle charging stations for cars and buses.

Priority Recommendation A-2

Questions:

- What about treatment trains to reduce stormwater runoff volume:
 - https://stormwater.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/Using_the_treatment_train_approach_to_BMP_selection
 - <https://www.conteches.com/stormwater-article/article/89/eight-benefits-of-stormwater-treatment-trains>
 - <https://ctstormwatermanual.nemo.uconn.edu/6-stormwater-treatment-practices/>
- Do all resident homes have rain gutters? Are all rain gutter spouts at least 10 feet away from resident home foundations? Otherwise, there's the risk of potential mold buildup in basements.

Priority Recommendation A-3

Comments:

- Connect with Joan Maloof of the Old Growth Forest Network on how best to preserve mature trees. She can be reached at Joan@oldgrowthforest.net.
- Connect with Dan Murphy at dan_murphy@fws.gov to preserve green habitat corridors.
- What is the County policy on infill development, adaptive reuse, density bonuses, zombie subdivisions, Purchase of Development Rights (PDR), Transfer of Development Rights (TDR), land trusts, conservation easements, etc.?
 - Zombie developments
 - <https://ggwash.org/view/39439/prince-georges-zombie-subdivisions-need-to-die>
 - <https://blog.lotnetwork.com/a-builders-guide-to-reviving-zombie-developments/>
- Prohibition of development shouldn't just be within floodplains, but elsewhere too, including inland. See the recommendations just above in alternatives to development in green spaces.

- The National Flood Insurance Program policies and costs are currently being reviewed as they are billions in debt. Imagine they are seeking to increase their costs, thus will most likely pass those costs onto residents.

Priority Recommendation A-4

Questions:

- In case of evacuation, does the County plan to open the alternate driving lane so that the lanes are doubled for traffic exit purposes? Florida has learned to have one incoming lane, while all the others are evacuation exit lanes.
- Do you have a backup plan for low-income, elderly, disabled, etc. people without transportation modes to evacuate safely out of town or have a hardened emergency shelter available? How will they get to the shelter? What about nursing homes?

Comments:

- High hazard dams and/or levees with emergency action plans – ensure that these action plans are reviewed annually for updated contact information, safety protocols, etc. For the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, there was outdated contact information, technologies, safety protocols, etc., thus the large delay in getting the help needed to stop the oil spill. Plus, what is the backup plan if the original plan doesn't work? Will staff be trained annually on the safety protocols to ensure steadfast response should an actual emergency occur?
 - https://www.nola.com/news/environment/article_80c27be8-e3e7-11ea-bbf9-1731ebdd9171.html
 - <https://rh.gatech.edu/features/10-years-after-katrina-lessons-learned-lessons-learn>
- Measurements and tracking need to be revised if more action steps are added.

Priority Recommendation A-5

Questions:

Comments:

- Permeable pavers require vacuuming annually, plus weeds can grow between the cracks. My SWM professors, one who was an engineer and the other a landscape architect, recommended pervious pavers, which allow greater infiltration of stormwater into groundwater aquifer. Pervious pavers just need to be 10' away from building foundations.

Subject: County's past stormwater standards, guides are NOT equal to surrounding Counties

From: David Brace [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us

Date Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 9:35:23 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 9:36:13 AM GMT-05:00

Attachments: 15-7-23 Brace Bhagya Village Opposition Letter to Planning Board.docx, Bhagya Village Artist Rendering Plus MAP MNCPPC 6711 Cipriano Rd Lanham MD Plus Landscape Plan Plus Negotiating Points Plus Talking Points (1).pdf, 7100 Block Presley Road June 27 2015 II.pdf, 7100 Block Presley Road July 03 2015 I.pdf, Rear of 8810 Magnolia Drive Lanham MD June 27 2015 I.pdf, Rear of 8810 Magnolia Drive Lanham MD July 03 2015 I.pdf, 20211121_154158.jpg, 20211128_133822.jpg

Re-evaluation of the County's stormwater standards, guides, and code to include climate but mainly to address Infill development, a case presented as follows:

Letter of opposition to the proposed Bhagya Village development
6711 Cipriano Road, Lanham, Maryland 20706, Case Nos. SE-4749 and DDS-627

This example of a typical 1966 vintage PG modest single family neighborhood pales in comparison to a similar vintage Montgomery County neighborhood built to a more environmental standard where sewer and watershed right of ways were managed together,

Subject: Re: County's past stormwater standards, guides are NOT equal to surrounding Counties

From: David Brace [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us

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As per our Telephone conversation, Nov. 22
ATTN: Mary Abe

Prince George's County Department of the Environment, Climate Action Plan - 1801 McCormick Drive,
Suite 500, Largo, MD 20774

Part of the Watershed comparison was Montgomery County's Cabin John Trail which Washington Suburban Sanitary and Maryland Park and Planning pieced together a greenway from abandoned Stone Quarries and Construction sites I once played in during 1970s with Regional Parkland.

[CabinJohnSVU_p1 \(vhtrc.org\)](http://vhtrc.org)

Subject: The 800lb Elephant never addressed by PG COUNTY CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION

From: David Brace [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us

Cc: MAbe@co.pg.md.us

Date Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 11:35:15 AM GMT-05:00

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[Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant | The EPA Blog](#)

[Blue Plains](#) is the largest treatment plant of its kind in the world. It's known globally for its innovative research.

The tour starts at the point where 1,800 miles of pipes bring both raw sewage and stormwater into the plant from D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. The first step screens and removes grit. Then the wastewater moves through primary and secondary treatment. Primary treatment is a physical process that removes floating materials, while secondary treatment is a biological process that removes organic matter. And while [most treatment plants](#) stop after primary and secondary treatment, the advanced system at Blue Plains continues the process to remove nitrogen and phosphorous that can hurt local waterways. The treated water then passes through filters and is disinfected before flowing into the Potomac River.

Blue Plains in 2014 began constructing an anaerobic digestion facility and a thermal hydrolysis process to further treat the solids that are removed in the treatment process. The digesters will produce Methane gas which is typically burned off to lower its environmental Greenhouse gas potential 75% to the level of CO₂.

The potential exists to produce enough biogas to generate 10 megawatts of electricity: enough to provide one-third of the plant's own power requirements. The thermal hydrolysis process will create "Class A" biosolids that can be safely applied to land as a fertilizer.

[DC Water](#) is also working to improve treatment of its "combined sewer system," meaning that storm water and wastewater come together when it rains. A massive tunneling project called "the Clean Rivers Project" will capture excess flows.

Currently, many of these combined sewers become overloaded during storms and raw sewage overflows into local rivers. When the tunnel system is complete in 2025, most of these excess flows will be captured and conveyed to Blue Plains for treatment. As a result, DC Water expects to reduce overflows by 96 percent.

Unfortunately this huge sewage storage reservoir will also function as a low grade anaerobic digestion facility which will require venting of a low grade methane laden gas not combustible without support fuels.

I have extensive engineering work in Central Power Plants and the surrounding Federal Government agencies that border this sewage plant. The odors from Blue Plains have in the past been bad and I choose to avoid working near it.

Subject: FW: For those who don't believe in global warming®
From: Leo Brusco [REDACTED]
To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us
Cc: MAbe@co.pg.md.us
Date Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 10:26:28 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 10:26:39 PM GMT-05:00

Have Many Great Years. Leo Brusco, SIOR [REDACTED] LandCommercial.com SINCE 1974
WARNING! A MUST READ

The Arctic Ocean is warming up, icebergs are growing scarcer and in some places, the seals are finding the water too hot according to a report to the Commerce Department yesterday from the Consulate at Bergen, Norway.

Reports from fishermen, seal hunters, and explorers all point to a radical change in climate conditions and hitherto unheard of temperatures in the Arctic zone.

Exploration expeditions report that scarcely any ice has been met as far north as 81 degrees 29 minutes.

Soundings to a depth of 3,100 meters showed the gulf stream still very warm. Great masses of ice have been replaced by moraines of earth and stones, the report continued, while at many points well known glaciers have entirely disappeared.

Very few seals and no white fish are found in the eastern Arctic, while vast shoals of herring and smelts which have never before ventured so far north are being encountered in the old seal fishing grounds.

Within a few years, it is predicted that due to the ice melt the sea will rise and make most coast cities uninhabitable.

I must apologize. I neglected to mention that this report was from November 2, 1922, as reported by the AP and published in The Washington Post about 99 years ago. This must have been caused by the Model T Ford's emissions or possibly from horse and cattle farts.

"Spend 80% of your time focusing on the opportunities of tomorrow rather than the problems of yesterday.

Subject: Suggestion: Climate Action Plan Meeting

From: Evette Conwell [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us

Date Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 7:56:27 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 7:56:39 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Madam/Sir,

Here are some suggestions for Climate Action Plan.

- 1) Mandate all new homes in 2023 have electrical pack to support an electric vehicle.
- 2) Concerted effort to rework existing communities with safe areas for walking, jogging, and conversing outside. Ball fields or other types depending on community needs.
- 3) Plan to reduce residential taxes in exchange that the community is kept clean for 1 year and no litter pickup are required. Pass the savings back to the community. If this work, this would be a win-win for all.
- 4) Provide solar panel educational sessions.
 - a. All school should be equipped with solar panels to help reduce cost.
 - b. Solar panel installation and maintenance should be a curriculum in schools, at least in trade schools.
 - c. All county building should be equipped with solar panels.
 - d. Mandate all new homes offer solar panels as an option in 2023 and by 2025 mandatory.
 - e. All apartment complexes given incentive to get solar panels.
 - f. Extend solar panel incentives for homeowners.
- 5) 3 type of refuge:
 - a. Trash
 - b. Recycle
 - c. Garage –food scraps and yard waste
- 6) Offer more classes on composting and gardening.
- 7) Charge for plastic bags, encourage reusable bags.
- 8) Bring back the Milk man or something similar. Food deliveries are a part of our community. Encourage restaurant to use reusable containers. Patrons would have to bring them back clean.
- 9) Start paying for returned cleaned glassware /bottles.
- 10) Kids should be able to walk to school safely. Put in the infrastructure to make this happen. There will be less buses. Kids get exercise. Hire more crossing guards or safety monitors.

Kind regards,
Evette Conwell

Subject: PG County Climate Action Plan
From: Christine Frazier [REDACTED]
To: Abe, Mary <MAbe@co.pg.md.us>
Date Sent: Sunday, November 28, 2021 6:12 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 9:24:39 PM GMT-05:00

Good Evening Mary,

I hope you and yours had a happy and safe Thanksgiving. As I was reading the Climate Action Plan and was preparing my comments, I referred to my notes taken at last Tuesday's virtual meeting.

I noticed there were a few things I did not see in the plan that was mentioned on the call:

1. Will the County provide resources to residents who are looking to mitigate floods on their property? There are local jurisdictions that are providing grants to assist with this and the County Rain Check Rebate Program through the Chesapeake Bay Trust is not an option for everyone to resolve flooding.
2. Does the County have a repository of contractors that know of this proposed plan that can assist residents with their unique challenges? Will the County provide a listing of contractors that residents can use to make their homes more green (electrical, plumbing, siding, windows, roofing, etc); contractors that are "green" certified?
3. Will the RAG (Resident Advisory Group) take place in the implementation of the Plan? As mentioned on the call, some municipalities are lacking in enforcement.
4. Are there any incentives to homeowners to take part in the plan?
5. Will there be a change to the permitting process as the new changes are adopted?

If you have responses, I would appreciate it. If not, I will include these in my comments.

Thank you,

Christine Frazier

Sent from Mail for Windows

Subject: Adopt the climate action plan
From: John Mason [REDACTED]
To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us
Date Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 6:10:31 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Monday, November 29, 2021 6:10:50 PM GMT-05:00

County Council,

We (John Mason & Elizabeth Gaines) reside at [REDACTED] Greenbelt, MD. 20770.

We want the County Executive and the County Council to adopt and implement the climate action plan.

Thank you.
John Mason & Elizabeth Gaines

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Mobile - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: Please accept my endorsement for the Climate Action Plan

From: Denise Hamler [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us

Date Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 8:56:56 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 8:57:14 PM GMT-05:00

Dear staff and members of committee,

It is past time to address the impacts of climate change and to immediately implement polices and procedures that move us in Prince George's County - Maryland - planet Earth to a more sustainable future.

I support the plan and look forward to working in the county to bring us to a better future.

All the best in your work,

Denise Hamler

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Cottage City

Subject: Climate Action Plan

From: X Harcourt [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us

Date Sent: Thursday, November 25, 2021 10:12:01 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Thursday, November 25, 2021 10:12:10 AM GMT-05:00

Good morning,

I would ask that the Council adopt the Climate Action Plan to ensure our County is ahead of this issue by incorporating innovative ideas and solutions to this pressing matter.

All my best,

Commissioner Xander Harcourt
City of District Heights

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Response to PGC Draft Climate Action Plan
From: Ruth Ann Hess [REDACTED]
To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us
Date Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 8:42:00 PM GMT-04:00
Date Received: Thursday, November 4, 2021 8:42:16 PM GMT-04:00

Greetings all,

I am excited to see this vision for PGC to become a role model in transitioning to a low carbon resilient future. Natural habitat loss/destruction has long been a concern for me and at times overwhelms me with grief. It gives me hope to know that there are those in the county who take this seriously and want to make it a priority. The quote from Nithin Gudderra on page 2 really, eloquently, says it all. We truly are on the brink of reaching a point of no return when it comes to the consequences of climate change, with devastating consequences for future generations. Yes, Nithin, I do care.

At this time, my comments are primarily related to stated goals to increase energy efficiency and to reduce automobile dependency. I have not owned a car for 20+ years. Most of that time I lived in DC where, granted, it is easier to live car-free. My transition to PGC three years ago opened my eyes to things I took for granted. It has been more challenging to remain car-free, but I am committed to my one-less-car contribution to the environment. I believe my experiences can provide some insights for you from one county resident trying to live, work, and enjoy our county with less of a carbon footprint. Likewise, some of my observations may help your efforts to reduce carbon emissions 50% below 2005 levels by 2030 in ways that are both feasible and actionable.

Three years ago I moved to the Kendal Collington senior community located on Lottsford Road in Mitchellville, MD. At that time, they offered hourly shuttle service runs to the Metro. That service and the beautiful setting with ample woods and trails were the primary reason I chose to move there. During the pandemic, shuttle service was cut and drivers let go. I was forced to increase use of both my bike and The Bus. Some shuttle service has resumed now, but not nearly as frequent as before, and I get the feeling they will never go back to that. I rely on my bike or The Bus to commute to Metro to get to work and to run errands.

Some of the roads I travel have bike lanes, which are great! Thank you! It is more comfortable for me and for the cars passing by. Other times I am on streets without bike lanes and despite signs or pavement markings cautioning drivers to "share the road with bikes," it's not uncommon to hear obscenities shouted at me, angry "Get off the road!" commands, or even get buzzed by cars purposefully passing in close proximity to scare me. I marvel that streets in DC were much busier, but I felt safer. Maybe bikes were more of a presence there and drivers were more used to them. I don't know, but my experience in the suburbs has been much less friendly. It feels like bikes on the road are still demonized around here. In keeping with page 75 in the Part VI, Taking Action section, I strongly encourage you to push for more bike lanes on both existing and new roads. I have biked for many years and have thick skin, so I can blow off some of the ignorant behaviors, but the lack of separate lanes could be a big barrier for people who might otherwise consider reducing their carbon footprint with more bike travel.

A couple of other barriers I've faced connected to bike travel are related to traffic light sensitivity and a lack of places to lock my bike in shopping areas. I often notice that if I arrive at a stoplight and there are no cars present going the direction I want to go, I will sit through cycle after cycle of light changes

without ever getting the green for the direction I want to go. At that point, I either take my chances and run the red or limp my way over to an adjacent sidewalk to push for a pedestrian crossing signal. My guess is that bikes don't trigger something in the system. It would be safer and more convenient to have that threshold adjusted to capture the presence of bikes. Another issue I face when erranding, is a lack of bike racks to secure my bike in public shopping areas. (Kettering is an example.) I end up locking my bike to a sign post or railing, neither of which is intended for that purpose and can create other safety issues. Again, when investing in infrastructure to encourage non-motorized travel, these are simple fix considerations that can make a big difference.

Your report mentions continued expansion of bus service, and I applaud this. In my experience, I've found long waits between buses and frustration when buses are unexpectedly pulled out of service with no way for the consumer to know. I haven't had success using PG Connect to get live status updates. Last time, after waiting an extended time for a bus that didn't show, I called to check on the status. They told me it wasn't running and that the only way for people to know that is to call them. This is inefficient and maddening. At many stops there isn't any place to even sit down and extended waits are difficult. Likewise, the bus I rely on only runs during the week.

Weekend service is non-existent. Infrastructure improvements to physical bus stops, online tracking/updates, service reliability and expansion could all encourage more people to consider taking the bus instead of driving.

One big factor that made it possible for me to even consider going car-less years ago was a strong presence of car sharing options in the District. I seldom had to go more than a few blocks to find access to Zip Car or other car-share options when I needed access to a car. I've found some of that in PGC, but options are few and far between. Whether you use existing programs or initiate your own green car sharing fleet as part of the county infrastructure, greater access to car sharing options could encourage more people to move away from the mindset of dependence on a personal car for everything. Having access to wheels when you need to haul big loads or go longer distances gives peace-of-mind and makes that transition easier. Moreover, when multiple people share a vehicle it reduces the number of cars on the road.

Another area I want to address is related to Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions, as mentioned on page 63 of the draft report. I see lots of attention given to decarbonizing the electricity grid and expanding the use of electric vehicles for the county, which is wonderful. All of that is huge. However, I don't see any mention of reducing emissions from gas powered lawn equipment.

Mowers, blowers and other lawn equipment are less efficient and create proportionately more pollution than cars. Sadly, in the community where I live, the blowers and mowers are going all the time, creating both noise and air pollution. PGC could lead by example by transitioning to non-gas options for their own offices. Ultimately, requiring this transition for everyone in the community can make a huge difference in gas emissions and bring the county closer to reaching their overall carbon reduction goals. The District and Montgomery County have both already taken action to ban gas powered blowers and I hope PGC will likewise consider the benefits of transitioning away from gas powered lawn equipment in their planning.

I love your vision for reducing sprawl, for creating walkable/bikeable communities, and making the Plan 2035 growth management goals a reality. It can't come too soon. Close to where I live, I see recent wholesale clearing of vast swaths of trees and vegetation near Woodmore Town Center for new

development. There doesn't appear to be any consideration given for how that affects area wildlife or toxic storm runoff into the watershed, or even basic community aesthetics. In our senior community there are plans underway to build more housing which will reduce the natural habitat that attracted so many of us to move here in the first place. I wish I had confidence that they would incorporate green building practices, but I don't. Whatever you can do to incentivize environmentally conscious development and bring real world practices into closer alignment with county policy will be critical to the long term success of this entire vision.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on your draft report. I look forward to seeing the vision become reality.

Ruth Ann Hess [REDACTED] Lottsford Road

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Mitchellville, MD 20721

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Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Subject: Comments for Climate Action Plan

From: Alex Hirtle [REDACTED]

To: "climateaction@co.pg.md.us" <climateaction@co.pg.md.us>

Date Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 2:24:12 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 2:24:18 PM GMT-05:00

As the proposed Climate Action Plan stands, it is a good document for GHG reduction and mitigating environmental concerns like stormwater management and flooding. I would like to propose, though, that the Plan needs to have more emphasis on shorter term, more practical working items that can be accomplished within the next few years to reduce the urban heat effect that occurs in so many urban areas of the County.

One policy that needs to be emphasized either through requirements or incentives is white or cool impervious surface implementation. For example, most roofs, streets, parking lots, and other impervious surfaces are of a dark color, often black asphalt or a dark tar/petroleum material. This attracts heats and adds to the heat island effect that occurs on too many days during the warm months of the year.

The County could put into place incentives and requirements for builders, remodelers, and construction companies to install or convert these current surfaces to white or cool surfaces. For example: black asphalt streets could be converted to white asphalt streets when they are re-paved; if feasible, asphalt streets replaced with concrete streets; black roofs converted to cool white roofs; black asphalt parking lots and surfaces replaced by cool white asphalt surfaces; black asphalt sidewalks and pedestrian paths converted to cool white concrete surfaces.

Thanks for your consideration.

Alex Hirtle
Riverdale Park, MD.

Subject: PG Climate Action

From: Douglas Igelsrud [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us

Date Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:55:58 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:56:06 AM GMT-05:00

Please adopt and implement PG county's Climate Action Plan,

This is a critical moment,

Douglas Igelsrud

Subject: PG Co Climate Action Plan

From: [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us **Cc:** 'Gary Allen' via Prince George's Environment Forum" <prince-georges-environment-forum@googlegroups.com>, [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 11:58:02 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Monday, November 15, 2021 11:58:31 AM GMT-05:00

Please adopt the plan as a basis for county action and implementation.

Thanks

Marc and Laurel Imlay

[REDACTED]

Hyattsville MD.

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Subject: Recommendations regarding climate shift
From: [REDACTED]
To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us
Date Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 8:12:03 AM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Monday, November 15, 2021 8:12:17 AM GMT-05:00

1. The requirement of a comprehensive EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) by developers and county on all construction projects that exceeds more than 30,000 square ft.
2. Elimination of the tree credits when deforesting land and making it a requirement to replace as many trees as possible within in a 1 mile radius
3. Replacement of all school diesel school buses with electric by 2026.
4. Requirement by the county to inspect and clean out sewer systems once every three (3) years
5. More county solar installation incentives for homeowners

Herbert Jones
Member of the Alliance for Greater County Transparency and President of the Tantallon North Area Civic Association

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Re: Recommendations regarding climate shift
From: [REDACTED]
To: Climate Action <climateaction@co.pg.md.us>
Date Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 4:40:42 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Monday, November 15, 2021 4:41:10 PM GMT-05:00

I'm in full support of the CAP recommendations, but I wanted to make sure the issues that are important to the community I represent are included .

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Need for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
From: [REDACTED]
To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us
Cc: Janet Gingold [REDACTED]
Date Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:54:53 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:55:06 PM GMT-05:00

Based on decades of over Development and the impact it has had on residential homeowners and small business I'm requesting the need to have it made mandatory for any development both private and county sponsored that exceeds 2 million dollars cost, be required to provide an EIS, subject to at least two public hearing held jointly by the appropriate PG County Council Oversight Committee in conjunction with the office of the Environment.

There seems not to be a very comprehensive review required by the County and as a result there has been several catastrophic issues dealing with homes sliding down hills, flooding, major road erosions and communities have to fight Amazon Corporations proposal to build a warehouse the size of four football fields in a residential community.

Herbert H. Jones
Member of the Alliance for Greater County Transparency

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Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Climate Change Plan Review.

From: Antoine Lanier [REDACTED]

To: Crooms, Andrea L <ACrooms@co.pg.md.us> **Cc:** Abe, Mary <MAbe@co.pg.md.us>

Date Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:40 AM GMT-05:00

Goodevening Mrs . Crooms, I have taken the time to take a look at the (Climate Change Plan). I would like to first (Thank) all the individual who work on putting this plan together for our county and most importantly for our Environment as a whole. I think it is a very good plan with a lot of potential to be something positive we must have a all hands on deck with our individual agencies within the county well as getting our residents involved with this plan. I will be mentioning a few things that will be a big help to this plan as some personal recommendations I think will help as well that stand out to me .

1.) Organics: I think as a county we do a great job with our (Yard Waste and Organics) program. I would love to see us continue to pull more (Food Waste) out of our landfill with is a big contributor to Climate Change). We must in the near future get our business involved with our (Organics) programs we have some big facilities in this County who produce a lot of organic such as hospitals, produce companies, grocery stores, etc. We must continue to keep (Yard Waste) out of the landfill as well and that start with continue educating our residents and businesses and most importantly (holding our contractors) accountable as well!

LEEDS Program: I think we should start getting our business involved such as given them a grade on how much materials they recycle while building there businesses in the County building all environmental friendly buildings. I think maybe that would encourage them to do more recycling well give them some type of incentive for building a (LEED Building). I think such things as green roofs and encourage businesses to do better on how they manage there waste and other things that affect our climate.

Green Infrastructure: I know as we continue to grow as a county we must look to plant more trees within our county instead of chopping them down trees help us a lot with climate change they clean the air and most importantly they look so nice when they are maintained properly. The planting of trees which the county does already in residential neighborhoods, we need to encourage that more within the county! Green Roof Tops within the county as well.

Trash and recycling: I hope as we now start this climate change plan we look at our ability to recycle more than throw away which lands in our landfill. I hope as a county we continue to educate and promote recycling programs. I think so much of what we throw away can be recycled. We must continue to reach our residents and our business to play there part in making our climate better for everyone. We all can do one thing that will makes things better for us as whole. Giving waste a second chance !

Clean Transportation: I see within the County several agencies have now gotten some (Electric Vehicles) such as our county bus services (The Bus) and other agencies such as (DPIE) . We even have some facilities maintenance trucks who use (Propane) whic is at two County fueling site such as Darcy rd fuel pad and North Forest edge fuel site. I think going to cleaner fuel will help a very big way I know we will not be able to do the whole fleet in all the agencies, but it is great start and it is nice we have started in that direction.

Flooding: I think we all know in this county we have several area that flood when we have substantial rain storms . I think we must invest in the infrastructure to address these issues soon we are washing a lot of soil and brush and trash down our streams and drainage systems we all know about (Upper

Marlboro Area (Western Branch Creek Area) by the County Court House) and other area of flooding. Our streams and drainage system must be addressed because this affect our (Climate Change) as well.

Solar Panels: I think we should look into more (Solar Panels) at County own building such as the new County executive office has them outside where they park there cars .

I hope something that was mention maybe something to bring a thought to the people involved with making the climate change plan . We must remember we can all make an effect on (Climate Change) every day in our daily lives.

Sincerely, Mr. Lanier. Environmental Ambassador.

Sent from my iPhone

[An Action Plan for Solving Our Climate Crisis Now \(Attachment\)](#)

Subject: Comments on Climate Action Plan 2021 Priority Recommendation M-10

From: Beth LeaMond [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us

Date Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 2:00:14 PM GMT-05:00

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I read the sections about Priority Recommendations to Expand County Waste Reduction and Diversion Efforts.

I support residential curbside food scrap collection, and commercial food scrap collection, however this is extremely expensive and not always appropriate. It should be combined with other more community based collection efforts and local composting efforts that don't involve transporting material to the County Organics Composting Facility (costs of transport and carbon emissions involved with transport) and that remove the resource from the community. There are many options that could be explored and developed and incorporated into a plan that supplements the curbside pickup plan. I realize that not everyone wants to get out there and turn compost and that is completely understandable - but there are opportunities for mechanized (not requiring wielding a pitchfork, using a loader or skid steer) composting using "in-vessel" compost systems that would create local jobs and that do not produce odor or attract rodents, and that would be operated by trained and licensed personnel. Also, you should consider voluntary drop off options (to supplement curbside collection) in neighborhoods so that the waste stream is cleaner than it would be for curbside pickup (only organics and no diapers or other mistake material) and cost of curbside pick up is reduced. Many people WANT an easy option for composting, they understand the idea and it is intuitive, and they WANT to participate, so a voluntary option would be adopted by many people and it creates a community feeling. For example - voluntary drop off locations in a "trash room" of a community center (or a shed), or at a farmers market, or at the end of a neighborhood block, or at the mall can be a great option (this is done in Italy for example). This would be a secure large container that was emptied on a schedule where people drop off their compostable material every week as part of their shopping routine or as part of their daily walk around the neighborhood. This would be controlled and would not be allowed to be a vessel that would become contaminated with other trash. Since it would be voluntary, it would be people who are interested in disposing of their trash correctly and the waste stream would be cleaner. Examples of drop-offs at farmers markets in DC show that this is a good option. this is low cost low hanging fruit and it should be incorporated into the plan.

Thinking of food waste and other compostables as trash that goes to the large facility is thinking of it the same way as we think of trash that goes to the landfill. Compostable material needs to be thought of as a resource that can be transformed to a product that is valuable to communities. Gardeners and farmers go nuts when they see good compost. Buying the charred low quality compost that comes from the County Organics Recycling Facility (in plastic bags) is better than nothing but there are other options that need to be explored and developed. This plan has not explored those options at all. We need a task force to look at a complete Organics Recycling Plan that includes a distributed network of composting scales and systems, including local scale in- vessel composting, on-farm composting, and including voluntary drop off points for compostable material.

I support passing extended producer responsibility legislation.

I support a "bottle bill", it has been shown to be the most effective way to control certain parts of the waste stream.

Thank you for considering my comments, Sincerely,
Carolyn (Beth) LeaMond
Greenbelt, MD

Subject: Comment on the Climate Action Plan

From: Danny Lewis [REDACTED]

To: ClimateAction@co.pg.md.us

Date Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 10:07:09 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 10:07:28 PM GMT-05:00

I am pleased to see that in Area 2, recommendation M-10 involves expanding county waste reduction and diversion efforts, including composting. However, composting takes place at many scales, and M-10 concentrates on the County Organics Composting Facility (OCF) almost to exclusion of more local options. Smaller-scale composting reduces the distance material must be hauled to the composting site and from that site to where it will be used, reducing the greenhouse gas production associated with those movements. Smaller-scale composting also produces fewer of the negative effects identified in the Equity Considerations section of M-10.

One type of smaller-scale composting takes place on farms, where waste products such as manure are converted to a valuable resource that can often be used right where it is produced. Priority recommendation A-10 in the Land Use appendix is to “Promote a healthy food system supported by low-carbon, regenerative agricultural practices” but composting is rarely mentioned. Implementation step 1 of A-10 is to develop partnerships aimed at several goals, including carbon sequestration. Supporting farmers’ use of composting would promote carbon sequestration. Implementation 3b recommends revising Prince George’s county ordinances and it does mention composting, but mainly in the context of community gardens. Another useful revision would be to revise the way nitrogen in organic sources, such as compost, is incorporated into a farm’s nitrogen budget. Nitrogen in compost is released much more slowly than that in chemical fertilizers, and produces much less nitrogen runoff, so it contributes much less to nitrogen pollution to the Chesapeake Bay and other waterways.

Thank you,

Danny Lewis

[REDACTED]
Greenbelt, MD 20770
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Subject: Adopt and Implement the Climate Action Plan

From: [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us

Date Sent: Thursday, November 25, 2021 6:55:57 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Thursday, November 25, 2021 6:56:04 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Prince George's County Council,

I am very pleased that there is a newly developed thorough Climate Action Plan for the county, and I sincerely hope that you will take it seriously and adopt and implement it in the near future.

Many of us in Greenbelt have been working hard to implement many of the areas of focus that this Climate Action Plan proposes, including energy efficiency and renewable energy in our building sector, electric vehicles (EV) and associated EV charging infrastructure, recycling and composting, tree canopy maintenance and growth, sustainable land care, and stormwater management.

Greenbelt does not have the resources, and often not the authority to implement improvements, since this resides within the purview of Prince George's County government. We hope you will be more flexible in allowing local governments to press ahead in mitigating the effects of climate change and make it easier for us by listening to our concerns. For example, we have many gas stations lining Greenbelt Road. We fought against another one proposed by Royal Farms; the county ignored requests from many Greenbelters and the Greenbelt City Council to not approve this development. We need more EV infrastructure, not more developments that will soon be stranded assets and eyesores in our community.

As I mentioned at a previous town hall meeting discussing the CAP, Prince George's County needs to beef up and improve its code department to make it easier for us citizens and local governments to get county approval to move ahead with sustainable projects, such as solar projects, and not have to wait long periods to receive county approval.

And as the CAP states, we need to take bold actions. Technologies, processes, and programs are constantly changing and improving, and Prince George's County should empower groups, universities, and local governments to test pilot programs and technologies that are at the forefront of sustainability and that offer tremendous potential to help us reign in climate change.

I urge you all to adopt and implement this Climate Action Plan as soon as possible, and allocate sufficient funds to undertake what is needed before the adverse effects of climate change become uncontrollable and irreversible.

Sincerely,

John R. Lippert

Chair, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES) Chair,
Greenbelt Green Team Member,
Greenbelt Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Planning Group Member,
Electric Vehicle Association of Greater Washington, DC (EVADC) 30 Ridge Road, Unit A
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Subject: Climate Action Plan (CAP) Comments

From: [REDACTED]

To: "climateaction@co.pg.md.us" <climateaction@co.pg.md.us>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Friday, November 26, 2021 5:06:48 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Friday, November 26, 2021 5:07:01 PM GMT-05:00

Greetings:

I am a longtime County resident and voter. I have participated in several ZOOM-type meetings and at the recent public review at Surrattsville High School. (Your staff was very knowledgeable and allowed everyone to speak and ask questions. Thank you.)

I am representing both the Fort Washington Forest/Forest Knolls Neighborhood Association and my church "Green Team" in Oxon Hill, Maryland. Note: This year, Pope Francis requested each church/parish to organize "Green Teams" to make quantifiable 5-year improvements to reduce our impact on the environment, thus to "Act Local, Think Global."

The following are the three (3) comments/concerns that I made at the public review. (They requested that I also send comments.)

(1) County Inspections with Bad Consequences: I know that our County has resources to help individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations to inspect and provide recommendations with both safety and environmental improvements. Thank you. People are concerned that if they invite your inspectors to assist with one issue that is funded (for example, storm-water runoff and erosion reduction) that the inspectors will discover something totally unrelated, which must be upgraded before the original plan is approved. Our church has had bad experience. The inspectors came for the final inspection of our new bathrooms. In the process, they found that our outdoor handicapped parking spaces (which met earlier requirements) were no longer "up to code." We had to make changes outside before the County would come back to inspect both the bathrooms and parking. As a result of this "unexpected problem" and Time of the Virus personnel issues, the use of these much needed bathrooms were delayed several months, and increased cost. I know of other people who have had similar experiences. PLEASE: Be reasonable. If people hear more about these unintended cost/time delays, they will not volunteer.

(2) Good Intension Actions have Consequences: As people install renewable energy and food production projects, let us take caution to not become the Daniel Synders' of the County. In other words, strip cutting down many 50-foot trees to accommodate solar panels and replacing them with 5-foot trees kind of defeats the purpose of clean-air programs. PLEASE: Use common sense.

(3) Development Mixed with Public Transportation: Our County is the last "affordable" County in the DVM. (Some people think that is bad and racially motivated. Whatever the reason, middle-class families can still afford to buy a single-family or townhouse here, not in Virginia or Montgomery which are double the price for the same square feet.) However, as the County develops corridors such as Indian Head, Route 301, and Pennsylvania Avenue, allowing mega-townhouse complexes to be built, we must consider public transportation to reduce overall traffic. This may mean paying to expand METRO (or County alternative) and creating "bus lanes" to encourage use to at least get them to a METRO RAIL

Station. The expansion of homes with cars (even hybrid) will be counter-productive to clean air and congestion. PLEASE: Include public transportation before massive expansion.

(3A) METRO RAIL Expansion on the GREEN LINE: In a related comment, the GREEN LINE must be expanded further south several miles (south of the Beltway) to accommodate expansion and ease traffic congestion. It made no sense to have final METRO stops inside the Beltway in our County, yet, it is outside the BELTWAY in VA and Montgomery...ever notice this? Discriminatory.

Thank you for your consideration. Hope to continue to be part of your public Team as we move forward on this critical journey.

V/R,

Gregory D. Mathis

[REDACTED]

Fort Washington, MARYland 20744-2966

[REDACTED] home

Subject: PG CAP comments

From: Ken McCaughey [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us

Date Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 2:29:20 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 2:29:41 PM GMT-05:00

Attachments: PG_CAP_comments KenMcCaughey_20211130.pdf,bikepark.pdf,bikerackstandards.pdf,EssentialsofBikeParking_FINAL.pdf

ATTN: Mary Abe,

Attached are my comments to the Climate Action Plan (CAP). There are a lot of good things in the plan and overall it is a good plan. I strongly believe there are some significant missing pieces.

File PG_CAP_comments KenMcCaughey_20211130.pdf contains my comments. The remaining documents are supporting documents on how to improve bicycle parking to help reduce VMT.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. Feel free to reach out to me for any clarifications.

Respectfully,

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Ken McCaughey
Bowie, MD

To: Prince George's County Department of the Environment
ATTN: Mary Abe

Subject: Comments to the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan, November 1, 2021 Draft

The Prince George's County Climate Action Plan (CAP) has a good set of goals but is lacking in places. As the report states, a significant portion of the County's greenhouse gas emissions are from the transportation sector. While it is good to be going electric with regards to cars or teleworking, that is insufficient. In a number of places the report includes language regarding the reduction of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). Nearly half of all car trips are on the order of two miles. This is within the range of walking and bicycling. I think there are many ways the County can increase the mode share of walking and biking and reduce VMT by automobiles. On Page 75 mentions a lot of good strategies, including walking and biking. The document fails to adequately incorporate them into this plan.

My wife and I do not choose a car first for every trip. We will walk or bicycle depending on a number of factors. (In fact, Page vi of the CAP shows my bike trailer at Bowie Green Expo 2018.) Over many years this has exposed a number of barriers to making walking or bicycling more desirable than driving. People need to see they have viable options from which to choose and hopefully give them a try. Overcoming barriers may help foster the desired effects within the County to reduce VMT. Below I will highlight some issues we have observed and offer some recommendations on what the County could do to be more effective in reducing VMT.

In general, the barriers to walking and biking in order of importance are; safe access (walking and biking), safe and secure place to park a bike, distance, the ability to carry stuff, weather and terrain. The County cannot address all of these, but I believe they can impact the first two, and most important, barriers. The CAP as written does little to identify and address these barriers.

Safely moving around on foot is very important. Sidewalks help, but are often missing in key locations, or are undersized. For example in Bowie, how do you walk from the sidewalk on MD197 into Bowie Plaza to the storefronts? The answer is through the landscaping, jumping over the drainage ditch, or walking in the driveways with the cars. I have personally witnessed a motorized wheel chair navigate the driveway with car traffic present. This is just one example I am most familiar with. If you build only for cars, you only get cars. This could be fixed with 20 feet of sidewalk. This plan needs to be thinking about how to address things like this so people can choose not to drive.

There are challenges in crossing major roads leading to commercial locations. For example in Bowie, walking from Free State to Market Place requires crossing MD450. This involves crossing three signalized crosswalks and a total of 12 lanes of traffic. This is slow and has unnecessary exposure to a safety risk (# of lanes). If you have to press a "beg button" to get a rather short walk cycle light (much shorter than for cars) the inconvenience is amplified. This is what leads to jaywalking and other unsafe behavior, or driving instead. One should be able to cross at one light. In areas near commercial destinations there should be an automatic walk cycle and it should be as long as possible. I realize the County does not control all of these traffic control devices, but the plan should call out these changes.

Bicycling can be part of a VMT reduction plan. Safely moving around by bicycle is a different matter. It takes some training and experience to feel confident and safe riding on the road. Bicycling needs to be treated as a valid mode of transportation. The County could sponsor safe biking programs, perhaps with some collaboration with the Washington Area Bicycle Association (WABA). The County, at a minimum, could have links on its web page to safe bicycling resources. Participation in Bike to Work Day (week and month) are other opportunities to promote safety for bicyclists and drivers.

Bicycling infrastructure also needs to be addressed. There are many unconnected trail segments throughout the county. These need to be connected to facilitate using a bicycle as transportation to be able to somewhere. These are not always big high dollar projects. This plan does not address this.

Bicycling for transportation only works if there is bicycle parking at your destination. To quote the Bicycle Parking Guidelines, 2nd Edition, A Set of Recommendations from the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP), Page 1-1:

One of the most common obstacles for bicyclists is the lack of bicycle parking at their destination. At the most basic level, bicycle parking encourages people to ride, but it also has some specific benefits, even for non-cyclists:

- *Bicycle parking is good for business. Bicycle racks provide additional parking spaces which customers can use to patronize local businesses. Bicycle racks not only invite cyclists in, but they announce to potential cyclist and non-cyclist customers alike that the business supports sustainable values, an increasingly important factor for many consumers.*
- *Designated, well-designed parking promotes a more orderly streetscape and preserves the pedestrian right of way:*
 - *It presents a more orderly appearance for buildings.*
 - *It prevents damage to trees and street furniture.*
 - *It keeps bicycles from falling over and blocking the sidewalk.*
- *Bicycle parking helps legitimize cycling as a transportation mode by providing parking opportunities equal to motorized modes.*

Why would I bike to a store where there is no place to park? Bike parking is sporadic and inconsistent in the County. Let me illustrate this with my experiences in Bowie. There is good, “nice try”, bad, and non-existent flavors of bike parking in Bowie. There is good bike parking at Hilltop Plaza (i.e. outside MOMS). There is “nice try” parking at Harris Teeter (bike rack is positioned too close the cart rack to use properly). There is bad parking at Free State at Giant (“wheel bender” rack sized for children’s bikes, uncovered, moves around, sometimes access to it is blocked, and currently placed where the employees take a smoke break). Bike parking is non-existent at Bowie Plaza. We grocery shop by bike every week. Do you want to guess where we spend our grocery dollars?

There are good standards and guides readily available to improve this situation. There are also good, cost effective sources of supply. It is not enough to ask a business to install a bike rack. Too often the people who install these, with the best of intentions, do it wrong because they don’t use bike parking. The County could achieve better results by providing good information and promote examples of what we would like to see. Along these lines the County should have good examples at County properties. The CAP should include a bike parking plan of action.

The county police department should also be leveraged to help make things safer for vulnerable users. Why do parents drive their kids to school? Because it is so unsafe due to all the cars. Some additional priority by the police needs to be applied to bad driving behavior within the County. Especially speeding, which continues to be a significant problem in the County. The police should collect data identifying sections with recurring problems that may be addressed. Perhaps there are infrastructure or engineering changes that may be applied instead of recurring police enforcement.

To summarize, here are the main issues and specific recommendations to be considered for the CAP report.

1. Issue: There is no overall comprehensive VMT reduction strategy. Mitigation M-6 calls out telework. This is too limited in scope to reduce VMT. Walking and biking are mentioned in places (page 75). I don't sense a coherent plan or that there is an entity focused on this in a meaningful manner.

Recommended County Actions:

- 1.a) Need an integrated approach to address barriers to walking and biking.
 - 1.b) Implement Complete Streets where and when it can. The various cities and state also have Complete Street policies that should be carried out in a manner that breaks down barriers to alternative modes of transportation.
 - 1.c) Encourage commercial developments to make small scale infrastructure improvements to make connections to the public infrastructure, or for safety.
 - 1.d) Push for better and safer signaled crosswalks. Have crosswalks on all four crossings, without "beg buttons", and more generous walk times.
 - 1.e) Develop a robust checklist for the desired features for safe access by foot and bicycle to use for any redevelopment or new development. This should include sidewalks, paths, crossings, and access to storefronts. This should include an understanding where bicyclist are likely to enter the property and make appropriate accommodations for safe access. County Council and Staff needs to speak up for these.
 - 1.f) Conduct surveys to "grade" selected infrastructure or get input from citizen on safety issues to identify problems to be prioritized and addressed.
 - 1.g) Work with the M-NCPPC Active Transportation Advisory Group (ATAG) <https://www.mncppc.org/1163/The-Active-Transportation-Advisory-Group>
2. Issue: Poor land use policies and implementation has created a built environment that is hostile to alternative modes of transportation. Mitigation M-7 tries to address this. More can be done. Recommended County Actions:
 - 2.a) Consolidate the infill development with a clear goal of developing what are know as 15 or 20 minute cities. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/15-minute_city The idea is that one's basic needs (grocery, drug store, restaurants, schools, park, etc.) can be met by walking or bicycling to stores and business that are within a 15 to 20 minute radius. A Walk Score can be used as a guide to measure progress.
 - 2.b) M-7, Step 1, calls for reduced parking in places. This should be complimented with increases in bicycle parking.
 - 2.c) Need an proactive mechanism to increase multi-use trail connectivity. There are many neighbors that do not connect to nearby trails. Sometimes just 50 of path are missing. There needs to be a mechanism to locate these missing segments and make the connections. Any infill development needs to require businesses to connect to the public infrastructure, such as sidewalks and paths.
 - 2.d) Pedestrian and bicycling facilities need to to be planned in up front and not an after thought or things that are added at a later time. Too often these are the last things that get added or get dropped.
 - 2.e) Too many neighborhoods are not interconnected. Just as cars are pushed out onto arterial roads, so are pedestrians and bicyclist. These arterial based road networks create both unsafe and unnecessarily longer routes for alternative modes of transportation. This is why people will choose to drive. Sometimes only short trails segments are needed to facilitate this. Unfortunately these are very difficult to retro fit.

3. Issue: Lack of bicycle parking does not support a reduction of VMT by bicycling. Good safe and secure bicycling parking is needed at all commercial locations. These need to be done correctly to be effective. Bike racks are only mentioned in the report once on Page 73.

Recommended County Actions:

- 3.a) Encourage commercial developments to follow good standards, by recommending said standards and possible sources of supply. In other words, help them to do it right so there is some consistency with implementation within the city.
- 3.b) Develop a robust checklist for the desired features for safe bike parking to use for any redevelopment or new development. County Council and Staff needs to speak up for these. The County needs to follow up and make sure parking was installed as agreed to.
- 3.c) Lead by example and have proper bike parking at County facilities. Each should be a model to showcase what the County would like others to follow.
- 3.d) Develop an inventory of bike parking within the city. Each installation should be qualified with a grade for safety, accessibility, number of spaces, and whether it is covered or not.
- 3.e) Consider a bike parking ordinance. This should help ensure that usable facilities are implemented and that they proliferate the county. Washington D.C. has had one since 2007. The County needs to catch up here, then maybe lead at some point.
- 3.f) Reference bicycle parking guidelines from the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals.

4. Issue: Need better promotion of alternative modes of transportation.

Recommended County Actions:

- 4.a) Better utilize its web page to promote awareness of alternative transportation modes within the county. There could be links to trails and trail maps, safe biking, a self reporting portal to safety issues, and also to public transportation. Make it easy to find from the main page (one click to get there!). If this is a real priority, it should be more prominent.
- 4.b) Plan for, accommodate, and promote arrival by foot or bicycle to county sponsored events.
- 4.c) Promote the notion of “walk/bike local, buy local”. There might be ways to reward people who walk/bike to local retail businesses. Why not help local businesses at the same time? This would help build 15 minute cities.
- 4.d) Measure progress and barriers.
- 4.e) Stronger promotion Bike to Work Day in May and operate more rest stops within the County.
- 4.f) Stronger promotion World Car Free Day every September 22nd.
- 4.g) Stronger promotion of Safe Routes to School.
- 4.h) Participate in the MDOT Walktober activities to promote walking.
(<https://mdot.maryland.gov/tso/pages/Index.aspx?PageId=136>)
- 4.i) Promote the League of American Bicyclists “Drive Less, Bike More Campaign”
(<https://www.lovetoride.net/usa>).

5. CAP Process Comments:

- 5.a) *“The CAP will officially post for public comment from November 1 to November 30 of 2021. A public forum will provide additional opportunities.”* This report was posted with a very short public review period that overlaps a major national holiday. This process seems unnecessarily rushed.
- 5.b) *“In January of 2022, DoE, in the capacity of CAC support staff, will submit the official CAP with the Supplemental Public Comments Report to the County Council and County Executive.”* The products given to the County Council will ***NOT*** include any changes based on public input. It seems it will be up to the County Council to decide if any changes are to be made. I am not confident that they will recognize the importance of various comments. I am very worried that opportunities to improve this will be jettisoned in the interests of approving something rather than have one update cycle to make it better. This would be tantamount to rejecting public input. One update cycle is not unreasonable.
- 5.c) I may be wrong, but after reviewing the Acknowledgements list, I get the sense that there was limited expertise in walking and bicycling guiding input to this report. I would suggest that such expertise be sought out to expand the mitigation utilizing alternative modes of transportation. This seems to be a significant oversight if the goal is to claim this is somehow a ground breaking plan. See previous comments.

6. Editorial Comments:

- 6.a) Appendix D spreadsheet pages need headers to be repeated at the top of each page to facilitate readability. Can't follow the content.
- 6.b) Not all Appendix D boxes are showing all of their content. Examples are Item #1, #17, #32, #37, and #66.
- 6.c) Page 73 refers to Prince George's County's Plan 3035. Should that be 2035 or will it take a thousand years to get "...vibrant, transit-oriented activity centers, strong residential neighborhoods, protected natural areas, and rural communities that continue to support farms and forests..."? Sometimes it feels that is the case. I am guessing this is a typo.

I appreciate the work that went into this by the County and the opportunity to provide comments.

Respectfully,

Ken McCaughey
Bowie, MD

Attachments:

- 1) Bicycle Parking Guidelines, A set of recommendations from the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals [apbp], (File bikepark.pdf)
- 2) District Department of Transportation, Bicycle Facility Design Guide, Bicycle Parking Rack Placement (File: bikerackstandards.pdf)
- 3) Essentials Of Bike Parking, Selecting and installing bicycle parking that works, Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals, bikeparking@apbp.org, www.apbp.org (File EssentialsofBikeParking_FINAL.pdf)

[REDACTED]
Greenbelt MD 20770

Nov. 21, 2021

Prince Georges Co. Dept of the Environment
Climate Action Plan - Attn: Mary Abe
1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 500
Largo MD 20774

Dear friends:

This is feedback on the Prince Georges County
draft Climate Action Plan.

Please adopt and implement this plan!

I am dismayed that a previous plan
was not put into action. Now that the situation
with the natural environment is growing dire,
we need every effort we can get to address
this very grave problem.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary M. Down
[REDACTED]

Subject: In support

From: Angela Miotto [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us

Date Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 10:14:11 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Monday, November 22, 2021 10:14:39 AM GMT-05:00

I support adopting the Climate Action Plan for Prince George's County.

Angela Miotto
Beltsville

Subject: Climate Action Plan

From: Alice [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us

Date Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 5:07:56 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Monday, November 29, 2021 5:08:12 PM GMT-05:00

It is our understanding that Prince George's County is looking at developing a Climate Action Plan. It is our hope that the county will be forward thinking and will develop and implement such a plan in January. Certainly we have seen the effects world-wide of climate changes. We cannot be passive about this issue and leave it to somebody else to solve. We need to step up to the plate and be a leader on this issue. Can we count on you?

Thanks very much.

Joseph and Alice Murray

[REDACTED]

Silver Spring, MD 20904 (Prince George's County)

Subject: Climate Plan Comments

From: [REDACTED]

To: "climateaction@co.pg.md.us" <climateaction@co.pg.md.us>

Date Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:36:07 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:36:16 AM GMT-05:00

Attachments: PG-Climate Comment prep.pdf

Date: December 1, 2021

TO: Prince George's County Climate Action Commission

FR: Mrs. Terry M. Nuriddin – [REDACTED] Johnstone Lane, Bowie, MD 20721

RE: Nuriddin Family Comments on Climate Action Commission's Draft Climate Action Plan

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2. As a family who will be included in the 1 million people impacted by what the County leadership decides to do with the Commission's findings, our comments focus on climate conditions—as living, not legislated, realities.
3. We believe as vicegerent on Earth, humankind has the responsibility to care for all biomes, all creatures, i.e., the environment and all that live within it. We have the capacity to do so; we have free will.
4. We know, one might find centuries old paintings of the flight formation of geese similar to that of our contemporary geese. Humanity's mode of travel, however, has significantly evolved since, let's say, the 14th century. The geese nature is created to fly that way because it saves energy and keeps them safe. Human nature, however, is created with intelligence and free will. Our intelligence enables us to discover better ways to save energy; keep each other safe; and protect all biomes, all creatures, including our geese and their migration paths and sites.
5. Presently, Prince George's County's Land Use Policy and Climate Action Plan exist separate and apart in the structural scaffold of one governing body. Why is that? Humanity has learned to exit our solar system to explore exoplanets by generating energy from the gravitational pull of orbital objects, since no battery or gas tank will do so. Humanity has learned to project the trajectory and impact of asteroids on a planet in our solar system. Yet the County refuses to merge and overlay, economic development and geospatial data. And who will suffer the most because leadership will not rise to a unity of purpose to keep us safe and protect our environment?
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Subject: CAP adoption

From: Bill Orleans [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us

Date Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 5:04:13 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 5:04:21 PM GMT-05:00

I support it's adoption and look forward to the Executive, Council and Planning Board adhering to it.

Good luck to us.

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: CAP Survey

From: Wendy Osborne [REDACTED]

To: "climateaction@co.pg.md.us" <climateaction@co.pg.md.us>

Date Sent: Sunday, November 28, 2021 10:33:37 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Sunday, November 28, 2021 10:33:43 AM GMT-05:00

Madam, Sir ~

I filled out the survey just now but failed to add the general comment, which, for me, is Adopt and Implement!

I intend to read the plan and today to encourage friends to at least read the areas of commitment and to complete the survey by 11/30.

"Late to the party," but grateful to be here.

Wendy Osborne
Greenbelt

Subject: Comments

From: Kurt [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us

Date Sent: Thursday, November 25, 2021 11:44:09 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Thursday, November 25, 2021 11:44:25 PM GMT-05:00

I have been living in zip code 20722 for over 10 years and am contributing comments to the climate action plan. I would like to emphasize enforcement and political will to carry out any action.

My municipality, Colmar Manor, is very dysfunctional. The mayor is well meaning but does little to nothing to address chronic issues. From my yard I can see many code violations. One is siding missing from a house and has been that way for as long as I have lived here.

I have noticed new residents who move into rental homes or have temporary housing. Most are immigrants of latino origin. The families will let their dog run at large, have a size that is not compatible with sustainability, and trash a wooded area that I have cleaned up some years ago. They can be noisy with stereos and parties with disco lights in the back yard and don't care for their neighbors. The families drive large cars, or fuel inefficient card and some are intentionally loud. If i approach an idling SUV, they are not receptive to shutting off the engine but do the opposite. Gas powered leaf blowers are used mindlessly.

The mindset of unlimited growth, inviting unlimited families to live in tight spaces with large cars who are largely ignorant of our environmental crisis needs to stop. A measure of this can be sampled with a noise meter on Bladensburg Rd as cars with modified mufflers (inefficient use of gasoline) emit noise and noxious fumes in a casual, self-excitable manner. This is an insult to quality of life and a livable future.

Given this testimony, the County and its leadership needs to communicate visibly the plan and put political pressure on municipal officials to simply enforce code and levy fine on violators. If this is not done, nothing will change and I will see missing siding from a house for another 10 years while we head into a climate catastrophe.

The district can be used as a model for sustainability with policies in place for some 15 years. PG County needs to catch up and take bold, decisive action to clamp down on nuisance issues and code violations.

Kurt Pluntke
Colmar Manor

Subject: Adopt and Implement the Climate Action Plan Please
From: Luisa Robles [REDACTED]
To: "climateaction@co.pg.md.us" <climateaction@co.pg.md.us>
Date Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 2:20:23 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Monday, November 29, 2021 2:20:43 PM GMT-05:00

Dear Prince George's County Council,

I am very pleased that there is a newly developed thorough Climate Action Plan for Prince George's County. I hope that you will adopt and implement it as soon as possible.

Many of us in Greenbelt have been working hard to implement many of the areas of focus that this Climate Action Plan proposes, including energy efficiency and renewable energy in our building sector, electric vehicles (EV) and associated EV charging infrastructure, recycling and composting, tree canopy maintenance and growth, sustainable land care, and stormwater management.

Greenbelt does not have the resources, and often not the authority to implement improvements, since this resides within the purview of Prince George's County government. We hope you will be more flexible in allowing local governments to press ahead in mitigating the effects of climate change and make it easier for us by listening to our concerns. For example, we have many gas stations lining Greenbelt Road. We fought against another one proposed by Royal Farms; the county ignored requests from many Greenbelters and the Greenbelt City Council to not approve this development. We need more EV infrastructure, not more developments that will soon be stranded assets and eyesores in our community.

Prince George's County needs to beef up and improve its code department to make it easier for us citizens and local governments to get county approval to move ahead with sustainable projects, such as solar projects, and not have to wait long periods to receive county approval.

And as the CAP states, we need to take bold actions. Technologies, processes, and programs are constantly changing and improving, and Prince George's County should empower groups, universities, and local governments to test pilot programs and technologies that are at the forefront of sustainability and that offer tremendous potential to help us reign in climate change.

I urge you all to adopt and implement this Climate Action Plan as soon as possible, and allocate sufficient funds to undertake what is needed before the adverse effects of climate change become uncontrollable and irreversible.

Sincerely,
Luisa Robles

Luisa F. Robles, PhD. Sustainability Coordinator
City of Greenbelt, Public Works
[REDACTED]
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Subject: Comments on the Climate Action Plan, section on "Community Engagement"

From: "Lore Rosenthal (GCAN)" [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us

Cc: "Lore Rosenthal (GCAN)" [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 1:02:45 PM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 1:03:04 PM GMT-05:00

I am submitting my comments as the Program Coordinator of the Greenbelt Climate Action Network and as a member of the Resident Advisory Group (RAG). I have also been an adult environmental educator for over twenty years.

I would like to address the section on Pages 57 - 62: Community Engagement

Whereas reaching underserved communities is very important, I think it is important to reach out to all parts of PG County. If you implement educational programs (similar to Rain Check Rebate), you want to be sure everyone knows about them.

I also do not think that the most important information is DATA (Citizen Science) or CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS. Research shows they do not motivate people into action. Staff training, teacher training, and public education should focus on CLIMATE SOLUTIONS. Those solutions should cover all of the SECTORS, such as Buildings, Energy, Transportation, Waste, and Nature-based solutions. Your examples should not only talk about compost, gardening, and native plants (all "nature-based solutions"), but should include examples from all sectors.

I hope you will develop specific educational programs (or "modules") around areas like (a) buying an electric vehicle, (b) installing solar or purchasing community solar, (c) planning a rain garden, to coincide with specific Mitigation Priorities You should hire Energy Coaches to work with individuals or better yet, pull together people in the same area to work together over a series of weeks, to help support one another in making decisions and taking actions.

I don't have any specific suggestions on CO-3 (text on pages 122-127), Ensure meaningful, equitable community engagement. It looks good and has a different focus than what I mentioned above.

Thank you,

Lore Rosenthal,
Greenbelt, MD

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[REDACTED]

(landline)

Subject: Comments on the Climate Action Plan, section on "Building Electrification" (M-8 and A-9)

From: "Lore Rosenthal (GCAN)" [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us,"Lore Rosenthal (GCAN)" [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Friday, November 19, 2021 10:40:13 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Friday, November 19, 2021 10:40:29 AM GMT-05:00

I am submitting my comments as the Program Coordinator of the Greenbelt Climate Action Network and as a member of the Resident Advisory Group (RAG). I have also been an adult environmental educator for over twenty years.

I would like to address two sections on Building Electrification, M-8 and A-9

M-8 (pages 165-168) This blueprint was very well written!

P. 165, I am not sure exactly what completion of building electrification processes is referring to, but I hope it means switching over a building's heat, hot water, and cooking from gas to electric. Better spelled out on page 166, Require electrification of heating and hot water equipment during significant renovations of commercial and multifamily housing.

This should include gas cooking as well, so no "gas hookups" are needed in the building at all.

P. 165, will upgrade at least 60 more buildings over the next ten years. This is much too small of a number.

P 165, I like this mention of "energy coaches". I suggest it be included in more sections.

By leveraging connections within the community and with energy coaches, the County can engage and educate community members on the available incentives and resources.

P. 166, this is excellent. I suggest it be incorporated into other priority blueprints Step 2. Support community education and outreach related to deep energy retrofits. Hold listening sessions to better understand how to implement retrofit programming in a way that could be widely accepted throughout the County. Develop and distribute additional educational materials about deep energy retrofits, including information about incentives and financing options.

Train contractors on efficient and electric technologies, in particular those from the CTE program, and make information on energy-savvy contractors easily available to the public (or encourage MEA to implement such a database).

Arrange community meetings to encourage peer learning and connections with energy coaches to advise and support households and businesses for the duration of their retrofit processes.

(This is excellent!)

A-9 (pages 218-221) There is not enough mention of "Building Electrification" in the new building codes.

Pg 219: Here is the only mention Embed consideration of climate-change in site design, requiring inclusion of nature-based solutions and green infrastructure. Include green building techniques and green neighborhood design practices to reduce energy use, accelerate electrification, manage stormwater runoff and minimize the heat island effect.

There should be specific requirements built into the new building codes, requiring “all-electric” buildings, including heating, hot water, and cooking. There should be no “gas-hookups” allowed in new construction. Similar Maryland legislation is being introduced this session in Annapolis.

Thank you,

Lore Rosenthal,
Greenbelt, MD

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(landline)

Subject: Comments on the Climate Action Plan, section on "Electricity Generation" (Solar), M-1 and M-2

From: "Lore Rosenthal (GCAN)" [REDACTED]

To: Climate Action <climateaction@co.pg.md.us>,"Lore Rosenthal (GCAN)" [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 9:21:49 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 9:22:08 AM GMT-05:00

I am submitting my comments as the Program Coordinator of the Greenbelt Climate Action Network and as a member of the Resident Advisory Group (RAG). I have also been an adult environmental educator for over twenty years.

I would like to address the section on P64-71: Electricity Generation

Page 65 says “immediately urge the state to adopt a more aggressive goal of 100% RPS by 2030”, whereas page 67 says “our County should urge the state of Maryland to achieve 100% renewable electricity by 2040.” I prefer the former.

On Page 25 you say 80,000 PV Solar Installations, but then as the document continues, on pages 68, 70, and 143, you say 60,000. The numbers should be consistent. I prefer the higher number if not even higher.

[Do the math] On page 65, you say “The County plans to install an additional 4 MW of solar on its properties over the next 5 years.” That is not enough.

On page 141, you indicate “Prince George’s County owns approximately 118 buildings that use an estimated 83,000 MWh of electricity per year”.

The solution needs to be to the scale of the usage. $1 \text{ MW} \times 365 \text{ days} \times 24 \text{ hours} \times 0.25 = 2,190 \text{ MWh}$. The county needs to install or purchase 37.89 MW to cover all of its energy needs (and a bit more to cover street and traffic lights). This is the only way “the County will switch to 100% renewable energy sources by 2025” (page 140) [I like this statement on page 68: “The County should evaluate opportunities to host large-scale solar projects on County-owned properties.”]

On page 68, you mention “more than 10MW of community-scale solar projects is currently proposed.19”. However, you make no mention of the four community solar projects that have already been built in PG County and currently have subscribers.

<https://neighborhoodsun.solar/solarfarms/simba/>
<https://neighborhoodsun.solar/solarfarms/kirby-road/>
<https://neighborhoodsun.solar/solarfarms/panorama-landfill/>
<https://neighborhoodsun.solar/solarfarms/oxon-hill/>

M-1 (140-142)

Pages 140 and 141 - see comments above.

On page 142, under Tracking, this is excellent “Number of fossil-fuel powered heating systems converted to electrical systems”. However, this is not mentioned on the prior page under Implimentation.

M-2 (143-146)

Page 143, again the number 60,000 homes is not enough.

Page 145, this is excellent. “Provide energy coaches to work with residents”. This should not just be for LMI residents, but for all. You could adapt similar language from page 166:

Step 2. Support community education and outreach related to deep energy retrofits. Hold listening sessions to better understand how to implement retrofit programming in a way that could be widely accepted throughout the County. Develop and distribute additional educational materials about deep energy retrofits, including information about incentives and financing options. Train contractors on efficient and electric technologies, in particular those from the CTE program, and make information on energy-savvy contractors easily available to the public (or encourage MEA to implement such a database).

Arrange community meetings to encourage peer learning and connections with energy coaches to advise and support households and businesses for the duration of their retrofit processes. (This is excellent!)

P145, add to this statement, “Conduct outreach to help residents and business owners identify sources of funding and navigate through the process of PV solar installation” and/or subscription to a Community Solar Project. [80% of homes are not eligible for PV installation, due to poor roofs, shading, not south-facing, etc.]

Page 146 regarding MD Solar United Neighbors, Description: Nonprofit helping people go solar through their community driven bulk discount solar cooperative initiative. They also educate consumers about subscribing to Community Solar Project in their utility area.

<https://cs.solarunitedneighbors.org/states/MD/programs/md-general/providers>

Thank you,

Lore Rosenthal,
Greenbelt, MD

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Subject: Comments on the Climate Action Plan, section on Electric Vehicles and Charging Stations: M-4 and M-5

From: "Lore Rosenthal (GCAN)" [REDACTED]

To: Climate Action <climateaction@co.pg.md.us>,"Lore Rosenthal (GCAN)" [REDACTED]

Date Sent: Friday, November 26, 2021 2:51:22 PM GMT-05:00

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I am submitting my comments as the Program Coordinator of the Greenbelt Climate Action Network and as a member of the Resident Advisory Group (RAG). I have also been an adult environmental educator for over twenty years.

I would like to address two sections on ELECTRIC VEHICLES (EVs) and CHARGING STATIONS (EVSEs), M-4 and M-5

This is overall a good plan however, the numbers are confusing. In general, the numbers should be larger and the time frame specified.

Transportation

P72-78 - This section is supposed to be an overview of M-4 and M-5. However, many items mentioned below are not repeated in the actual blueprint.

P 72, The County should also facilitate the transition to electric vehicles by requiring all new developments to install charging stations and build safe infrastructure for pedestrians and bicyclists. Excellent!

P 73 County operations has adopted a Green Fleet Policy that establishes a goal of 50% of all applicable vehicle purchases be zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) or partial zero-emission vehicles (PZEVs) by 2025. Excellent!

P 73, I have concern over this: The Office of Central Services Fleet Division has purchased liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) powered vehicles.

This should not be one of the options. It is a fossil fuel product.

Wikipedia: LPG is prepared by refining petroleum or "wet" natural gas, and is almost entirely derived from fossil fuel sources, being manufactured during the refining of petroleum (crude oil), or extracted from petroleum or natural gas streams as they emerge from the ground

P74, goal of 100% of new MHDV sales to zero emissions by 2050 and an interim goal of 30% by 2030. Change the interim goal to 50% and by 2025? That is what it says above on page 73. Numbers are not consistent.

P77, the County should install at least 54 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at XX locations (27, on page 151) by 2026. Electric vehicles or charging stations? Later on you use a different abbreviation: EVSE.

P77, the County should revisit its Green Fleet Policy in order to add additional EVs,- no numbers given. Please specify a time frame. I think the numbers should be larger.

P 77, To achieve our emissions reductions target and to align with Maryland's goal of 600,000 registered EVs statewide by 2030, Prince George's County should aim for 15% of vehicles registered in our county to be electric by 2030. - this percentage should be higher

P 77, conducting outreach to support residents as they consider investing in EVs. - yes, this is a very important component, and is repeated on page 154.

M-4

P151-153 P 152, The County should continue to work collaboratively to install 31 additional EVSE at County-owned facilities.

Please specify a time frame. I think the number should be larger.

Numbers thrown around are confusing, regarding EVSE (charging stations) vs ZEV (electric vehicles). How many currently and how many projected. You could also buy used EVs, which would be cheaper and might have sufficient range for county usage.

P152, Prioritize TheBus fleet and collaborate with WAMATA to advocate for the transition of regional buses to ZEVs to ensure equitable access to the benefits of the EV transition.

This is good but too vague. It does not specify a number of buses, nor a time frame.

M-5

P154-157 P154. To support the goal of 50% emissions reduction by 2030, the County aims to have at least 15% of those vehicles (approximately 100,000) powered by electricity. If the time frame is 2030, the percentage should be much higher, such as 50%.

P155, Step 3. Improve community education and outreach. The County will develop educational materials and conduct community outreach - This is very good. However, it can be expanded similar to what was written on page 145 (below). It needs to be more than "outreach" but also engagement, small group meetings where residents support one another in following through on an EV purchase.

Step 2. Support community education and outreach related to deep energy retrofits. Hold listening sessions to better understand how to implement retrofit programming in a way that could be widely accepted throughout the County. Develop and distribute additional educational materials about deep energy retrofits, including information about incentives and financing options. Train contractors on efficient and electric technologies, in particular those from the CTE program, and make information on energy-savvy contractors easily available to the public (or encourage MEA to implement such a database).

Arrange community meetings to encourage peer learning and connections with energy coaches to advise and support households and businesses for the duration of their retrofit processes.
(This is excellent!)

P156, Lower-income residents and renters are less likely to afford an EV - encourage purchase of "used" EVs that are much cheaper and may have sufficient range for commuting within the county.

Thank you,
Lore Rosenthal,
Greenbelt, MD

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Subject: Comments on the Climate Action Plan, section on Regenerative Agriculture (A-10 & more)
From: "Lore Rosenthal (GCAN)" [REDACTED]
To: Climate Action <climateaction@co.pg.md.us>
Cc: "Lore Rosenthal (GCAN)" [REDACTED]
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I am submitting my comments as the Program Coordinator of the Greenbelt Climate Action Network and as a member of the Resident Advisory Group (RAG). I have also been an adult environmental educator for over twenty years.

I would like to address multiple sections on Regenerative Agriculture (A-10)

It is good how regenerative agriculture has been woven into a number of the blueprints, including CO-3, A-3, A-6, as well as A-10. I am very impressed with these sections, with only minor comments.

P 97, Our County's current and future land-use zoning laws and code, as defined by the County Code of Ordinance and Zoning ReWrite, do not sufficiently discourage the development of greenfields and farms. - I think you mean "encourage"?

P 102 vs 104 and again on page 222 The wording changes. I prefer the first. I do not see them as identical

A-10 Promote a healthy food system supported by low-carbon, regenerative agricultural practices
A-10 PROMOTE A HEALTHY FOOD SYSTEM SUPPORTED BY LOW-CARBON, CONSERVATIONIST AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES.

P 222 PRIORITY RECOMMENDATION A-10 Promote a healthy food system supported by low-carbon, conservationist agricultural practices

A-10 Promote a healthy food system supported by low-carbon, regenerative agricultural practices

P. 124 (as part of CO-3) - this is excellent

Require school counselors and career counselors have necessary knowledge and resources to provide students with information about career paths and opportunities in renewable energy, green product

design, new automotive technology, transportation, regenerative and conservation agriculture, building retrofits, urban planning, forest stewardship, and waste management.

P. 195 (as part of A-3, Equity Considerations) - this is excellent
Urban farm plots using regenerative agriculture practice and square foot gardening.

P. 207 (as part of A-6) - this is excellent
Expand workforce development programs to prepare residents for jobs in renewable energy, building energy-efficiency retrofits, floodproofing, regenerative agriculture, low-carbon landscaping, natural resource stewardship, and waste management.

P. 222 and following (all as part of A-10) - confusing wording of “conservation” and “regenerative”. This part is excellent. It is good that you don’t limit mention of regenerative agriculture to small urban farms, but include large rural farms. Regenerative agriculture should be practiced by all farms, replacing traditional mono-crop farming.

Regenerative agriculture on rural and urban farms will improve soil health, increase carbon sequestration, increase water retention, and decrease the emission of nitrous oxide, a greenhouse gas associated with the use of synthetic nitrogen fertilizer. By reducing the distance that food travels from farm to plate, this recommendation helps to reduce transportation emissions.

P.224 - this is excellent but should not be limited to farms under 5 acres. All farmers should adopt these practices. The scale of the solution must match with the scale of the problem.

<https://drawdown.org/solutions/regenerative-annual-cropping>

Increase local food production by providing financial incentives and technical assistance for urban and traditional county farmers to implement climate-friendly practices that promote soil health and improved water quality. Create additional incentives for conservation practices such as no-till, cover crop, mulching, etc. for agricultural operations under 5 acres

Explore ways to utilize COVID relief and infrastructure funding to support generative agriculture and nutrition assistance.

P. 225 - excellent
Pursue enhancement of community college courses about regenerative agriculture and conservation agriculture.

P. 226 - this is an excellent resource Organization: Project Drawdown Description: Solutions to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and/ or sequester carbon dioxide with benefit-cost data. Includes conservation agriculture, farm irrigation efficiency, nutrient management, plant-rich diets, reduced food waste, regenerative annual cropping. Each solution with Technical Assessment References resources

Thank you,

Lore Rosenthal,
Greenbelt, MD

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Subject: Comments on the Climate Action Plan, section on Zero Waste & Compost (M-10) - my last one, please confirm

From: "Lore Rosenthal (GCAN)" [REDACTED]

To: Climate Action <climateaction@co.pg.md.us>,"Lore Rosenthal (GCAN)" [REDACTED]

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I am submitting my comments as the Program Coordinator of the Greenbelt Climate Action Network and as a member of the Resident Advisory Group (RAG). I have also been an adult environmental educator for over twenty years.

I would like to address, various components of Zero Waste and Compost (M-10)
This is my last submission.

P 85, The County's curbside collection pilot of food scraps was implemented from December 2017 to January 2019 with approximately 200 households from four diverse communities. An estimated 112,000 pounds or 56 tons of food scraps were collected and diverted from the landfill in 14 months. The program is expanding to 3,000 households and plans county-wide deployment by July of 2022. Is this on track?

P. 84-87 PAYT - I do not think it is realistic to have this be the central focus. (It is not the focus on pages 173-177. Not consistent)

P 85 AND 86: Are they on track for county-wide by July 2022?

This is not a sentence: "By prioritizing the strategic expansion of the County's residential and commercial waste reduction and diversion efforts in tandem with community-wide education to promote waste reduction and reuse to reduce waste-related emissions.. "

M-10 P. 173-177

P. 173, Good (prescriptive): "New legislation will address the growing problem of single-use plastics" Different date, be consistent (p173): expanding residential curbside food scrap collection countywide no later than 2023,

P 173, Maryland State Law (GET NUMBER) which requires mandatory composting for entities producing more than two tons of food scrap per week, starting in 2023.

HB264 and SB483

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/HB0264?ys=2021RS>

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/SB0483?ys=2021RS>

P. 173, Excellent. (other sections of the CAP don't recommend legislation, but this one does!)

The Prince George's County Council should pass a ban on plastic bags and other single-use plastics, and it should pass Extended Producer Responsibility legislation to ensure businesses are minimizing waste. The County's business recycling law needs to be strengthened considerably, to remove loopholes

P. 174, Excellent recommendations for eliminating leaks and minimizing the landfill's overall methane footprint. As part of analysis of impacts for new Area C of the landfill, perform assessment to identify more efficient repurposing of excess methane for Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) or biogas as may be generated by future operations in tandem with improving current repurposing operations.

P174 Residential curbside collection of food scraps will be expanded Countywide by end of June in 2022. (June or July?)

P175, this is a farce: Advertise and ensure citizens know to take back plastic bags to the grocery stores for recycling or, better yet, don't utilize plastic bags.

P 176, please explain, under equity: Increased waste diversion and repurposing operations may negatively impact the community's adjacent new satellite (ReUse or Convenience Drop-off) locations and communities near the existing landfill.

P176, concern about PFAs in plastic containers.

There is a proposed MD law to ban PFAs from plastic food containers. Until this is passed, I would not recommend the use of de-packaging machines.: Allocate an additional budget for de-packaging equipment for OCF.

No mention of food recovery. This should be added. It can be a partnership with PG Food Equity Council. <http://pgcfec.org/2-uncategorised/30-prince-george-s-county-food-rescue.html>

No mention of plastic and climate change (GHG emissions of plastic). This should be one of the driving forces, not just litter or decreasing the landfill.

As part of CO-2

P. 119 - excellent

Develop a checklist of green event practices for use throughout the County.

P 120 - excellent

Establish zero waste guidelines for County events (e.g., ban single-use beverage containers and disposable packaging, dishes, and utensils). › Eliminate plastic marketing materials or giveaways by the County.

As part of A-1

P. 224, Encourage the adaptation of vacant and unwooded lots for agricultural production by allowing Land Trust first choice for all available government surplus land transfers.

This should apply to distributive compost sites too. Surplus land should be considered for small scale composting throughout the county.

Thank you,

Lore Rosenthal,
Greenbelt, MD

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Subject: Support for the Prince George's Climate Action Plan
From: Danny Schaible [REDACTED]
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Great work putting this comprehensive document together in record time! I thought that it was well put together with realistic and actionable goals.

I was happy to learn that the County will be deploying universal compost pick up by 2022! I would like to have heard more about how we can create an economy for our "recyclable" materials like glass and types of plastic which in many if not most cases are not getting recycled even when placed in recyclable receptacles by consumers.

I loved the inclusion and support for Pay As You Throw (PAYT)

For EV adoption, I would like to see new zoning requirements to mandate reasonable percentages of EV parking spots for grocery stores, parking garages, multifamily parking, and gas stations etc. As an EV owner this is important, and necessary to get more folks comfortable to drive them, particularly the mandate for those who rent in multifamily buildings (without this, renters will almost never choose an EV).

Aside from this, a few typos I found and wanted to point out:

Page 18: Pie chart not right, size of "some high school" is not proportional to 22%. This figure should likely be smaller.

Page 50: Bullet CO-5 has a typo "state County policies" should read "state policies" I think. Great work!

Danny Schaible

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Hyattsville MD 20781

Subject: Candidate Eve Shuman: Comment on County Climate Action Plan
From: Eve Shuman [REDACTED]
To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us
Date Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 3:07:26 PM GMT-05:00
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Attachments: Climate Action Plan Statement 11.30.21 [F].docx

Hello,

Please see the attached comment regarding the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan. Kindly confirm receipt of this email and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

-Eve

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Eve T. Shuman, Esq.
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November 30, 2021

Eve Shuman: Public Comment on Proposed Climate Action Plan

As a candidate running on making Prince George's climate resilient, I'm thrilled that the County is engaging with residents to tackle the climate crisis through this plan. The eight goals outlined in the platform promote robust solutions to contemporary issues in our community, and I fully support the adoption and implementation of the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan. Climate justice is not just an environmental issue. It's a racial justice issue. It's an economic justice issue. It's a youth justice issue.

In a County that's 86% nonwhite, we will inevitably feel the pain of the climate crisis before other communities, no matter how affluent our County may be. According to the American Public Health Association in 2018, Black and Latinx communities face harsher health complications due to climate change compared to other racial groups. People of color face high rates of pre-existing conditions and a lack of adequate healthcare coverage, which is compounded by environmental health complications.

We should remember that issues relating to Prince George's County inequity are rooted in a historical context. The County was once extremely redlined and segregated, and our infrastructure and public institutions continue to reflect that reality. MIT researchers found that historically redlined and racially segregated communities are more likely to face extreme temperatures due to lacking green spaces that help dissipate heat. Similarly, local governments continuously expose people of color to toxic environments by disproportionately placing hazardous waste sites near low-income and minority communities. If you're starting to notice an intersectional pattern between climate change, race, and income status, you're beginning to understand why this is so relevant to Prince George's.

Our County, as affluent as it is, has major class divides as well. Inside the beltway, there are hundreds of census tracts with a household median income of less than \$60,000, compared to outside the beltway in more suburban and rural areas. This is an indicator of how these communities, who are living in more condensed spaces facing higher temperatures, may struggle to afford things like healthcare to avoid or treat pre-existing conditions, air conditioning, nutritional food, or the ability to physically prevent the effects of climate change by moving into resilient spaces.

Lastly, we must understand that the damage done to our planet may not be felt immediately, but it will devastate our youngest generations, who have no control over the decisions made by our government and large corporations today. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to provide them the opportunity to flourish without environmental, economic, and social barriers. We possess the political and financial capacity to lower the burden we pass on to young Prince Georgians with this proposal, and delaying initiative any further will add unneeded stress on our future prosperity.

As the leading candidate for the District 3 seat on the County Council, who put the issue of tackling climate change and building a resilient County as a top policy priority from the start of this campaign, I am happy to see the County understand its potential to enact meaningful change. I plan to follow through on this agenda as the Councilmember for this district and deliver on the promises made to our communities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eve Shuman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eve Shuman
Candidate for Prince George's County Council
District 3

Subject: Comments on the draft PGCO Climate Action Plan

From: Steve Skolnik [REDACTED]

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us

Date Sent: Saturday, November 27, 2021 11:14:18 AM GMT-05:00

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Congratulations and recognition for the hard work the Climate Action Commission has done, resulting in the publishing of your draft report. In general the report is very thorough, however I strongly encourage that specific levels of required funding and staffing be identified in the various recommendation items. It will fall to County Council, of course, to figure out how to provide funding, but without real numbers the politicians may struggle -- the danger being that funding may fall far short of what is needed to assure successful implementation of critically important programs.

Having done so much work, please don't stop here. Give clear direction to Council as to what funding and staffing goals MUST BE ACHIEVED.

Thank you, and with respect,

Steve Skolnik
Chair, Greenbelt Board of Appeals
Green Team, City of Greenbelt

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Subject: Support for the Climate Action Plan

From: "Angela M. Smith" <[REDACTED]>

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Hello,

I was unable to attend the session today, but please allow me to state my unequivocal support for the Hyattsville Vlinste Action Plan.

NOW is the time to avert climate disaster. Please take this issue seriously and adopt this plan!

Sincerely.,

Angela Smith

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Subject: Adopt and Implement the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan

From: Tom Taylor <[REDACTED]>

To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us

Date Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 3:17:46 PM GMT-05:00

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I urge the Prince George's County Council to adopt and implement the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan as soon as possible, and allocate sufficient funds and staffing to fully support implementation of this plan.

I think this draft is an excellent plan overall. All parts of the plan are essential and are interconnected, and need to be fully implemented as much as possible in order to respond sufficiently to the dire crisis that climate change presents.

I also ask that, in forthcoming budget decisions, the County Council prioritize sufficient funding and staffing to fully implement this plan.

We are in a climate emergency, and we need this plan for Prince George's County to do its part to counteract climate change and protect our communities from the consequential threats that climate change poses.

Sincerely,

Tom Taylor

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Greenbelt, MD 20770

Volunteer, Greenbelt Green Team

Volunteer, Greenbelt Zero Waste Committee

Member, Greenbelt Homes Stormwater Management Subcommittee

Subject: Draft Climate Action Plan comments

From: Steve <[REDACTED]>

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Date Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 10:40:34 PM GMT-05:00

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Overview: The County is hard-pressed to mitigate development pressures, the level of services expected by existing communities and the deficiencies of existing infrastructure under existing conditions. The effects of climate change are already evident, and the pace of change will only increase. Adoption and implementation of the draft Climate Action Plan is warranted to preserve important natural, cultural and built characteristics of Prince George's County, and to protect and enhance the quality of life and prosperity of residents.

Thank you for soliciting public comment on the Draft Prince George's County Climate Action Plan. I appreciate the work of the members of the Prince George's County Climate Commission. Further, I would like to acknowledge and compliment the work of personnel from the University of Maryland that supported development of the draft and facilitated discussions among members of the Resident Expert's Advisory Group and during virtual public comment sessions.

The Draft Action Plan (or, the Plan) requests commitments from County leaders and the broader public to eight principles or approaches to foster improved outcomes in the face of environmental and climate-relevant challenges described later in the document. The Action Plan sets out strategies to achieve these improved outcomes, offers recommendations that address those strategies and outlines the actions that are required to implement the recommendations. Along the way, the plan advocates transparency and accountability, and references the benefits of adaptive management approaches. The plan provides a sound foundation and fitting stepping off point for meeting the coming challenges. That said, please consider the following:

1. Some of the County actions described may deliver benefits almost immediately following implementation. Others are projected to deliver dividends on a multi-decadal scale. Particularly for the latter case, it is essential that science, public policy and social implications of climate change are fortified in school curricula throughout the County. While there are partitions between county and school system governance, there is a clear confluence of interests here and greater integration of today's public policy and tomorrow's leaders is essential. The County's actions to mitigate the effects of climate change and to build resilient, prosperous, and environmentally sound communities must be shared with and made relevant to the youth that will one day make their own decisions on these matters in the years to come.
2. It is timely, fitting and appropriate for the further iterations of the plan-- including any plan adopted by the Council based on the current Draft-- to include a land acknowledgement statement recognizing the first residents of these lands. As today's community reflects on the changes wrought on the environment by a growing population and supporting infrastructure, the plan should note its place and the place of future actions on the arc of local history. Specifically, the longstanding and continued stewardship of natural resources by indigenous people and the presence of both historic tribal settlements and present day state-recognized tribal organizations warrant acknowledgement.

3. The Plan needs to be integrated into, and serve as concrete guidance for, future economic development within the County. Given the density of development in the periphery of Washington D.C., Prince George's County has an opportunity to knit together cultural, environmental, and economic development strategies and to leverage a "Green Premium", elevating home values, enticing businesses to site in the County and garnering revenue from visitors to the area. To do this, the County needs to further develop and share the story of these lands, to frame the history of the county by integrating the role and value of the various Federal, state and county parks, museums and micro-sites forming a comprehensible network of natural and cultural destinations.
4. Most importantly, the Plan makes prolific reference to steps that have already been taken to mitigate environmental degradation. However, it leaves the obvious question unanswered- how have conservation targets been missed by such wide margins, sprawling residential and commercial growth proceeded seemingly unfettered and infrastructure that has not been upgraded to keep pace with growing demands. The backlog of work resulting from poor decision making in the halls of government, have left today's residents and the next generations with a need to make monumental investments to get back to a reasonable baseline of infrastructure and environmental services.
5. The county estimates 52% tree canopy coverage. This coverage is widely variable, large areas are denuded of canopy and already exacerbate and compound health impacts- areas of high particulate and pollutant emissions, high-heat areas, with roadways that are already at failing levels of service and subject to extreme hazards for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians alike. In intermediary areas, new developments currently clear and grade undisturbed areas in advance of full permit review, and individual homeowners convert forested or partially forested private lands to lawns. Further action must be taken to recover illegally removed canopy area, to protect important areas. Benchmark mapping and imagery must be established and monitoring and enforcement of unpermitted degradation must be improved. If the county is to protect what is left, or to gain ground previously lost, the bar must be raised for both large developments and for staff-level application of environmental regulations and safeguards, including wetland protections, alteration of forest areas and protection of the Chesapeake Critical Area. The impacts of individual homeowner decisions must be managed, including unincorporated areas, by improving oversight of public and private lands and including not just clearing and built structures- but lawn and gardens as regulated features under lot coverage specifications.
6. In this context one maxim rings true- a broken tool can't be used to fix itself. The County has previously adopted regulations and plans and launched initiatives predicated on sound approaches. Many of these efforts did not yield the intended results, were not carried through to a logical endpoint, and were not monitored and assessed for effectiveness- or for the impediments that undermined the desired outcomes. There is a deep and abiding need to invite third party independent analysis of the current government decision making framework, to conduct forensics on the frequency and impacts of exceptions, exclusions, text amendments, and related decisions that thwart existing environmental safeguards. The County needs to assess the use of such tools, and to catalog the impacts that result. Further, the county must identify the changes that need to occur to ensure adherence to publicly vetted public policy and regulation, and to maintain proper separation of representative/legislative and professional/administrative functions.

7. Integral to the success of a final Action Plan, is the development of a readily accessible, well maintained dashboard that tracks both administrative actions and project implementation in the field. This is essential to re-engage disenfranchised residents and to restore good faith with the large segment of county residents that are disillusioned and disappointed by the lack of adherence to previous resource management, development planning and environmental protection initiatives. Several websites exist (DPIE "Permit Status Tracking", MNPPC "Development Activity Monitoring System", PGAtlas, etc) to provide access to development and permitting information. Unfortunately, the data being populated into the systems is often missing --and when present-- is truncated and thereby difficult to interpret. More needs to be done to standardize the use and application of these tools. In addition, the County needs to take the next step to relate actions taken by agencies and the Council on development proposals to the broader goals and outcomes set out in the Climate Action Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Climate Action Plan. It outlines a pathway to a better future for County residents, and should be adopted, resourced, and implemented.

S. Tucker
Fort Washington, Prince George's County MD.

Subject: Comment

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President Biden issued an executive order to tackle the climate crisis domestically and abroad. In it, he established a national goal to conserve at least 30 percent of U.S. lands and freshwater and 30 percent of U.S. ocean areas by 2030, in a "30x30" initiative. This initiative seeks to reverse the negative impacts of biodiversity decline and climate change by protecting more natural areas, and to increase access to nature for communities that lack it.

Knowing this, and with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing choosing between improving the existing building in D.C. vs. moving to a new 5-story, 1 million square foot building in the last large open green space between Washington and Baltimore, we believe Prince George's County should take a stand against the build in Beltsville and should encourage the reconsideration of the no-build or choose another site not located in the middle of open space and farmland. There were hundreds of comments to the proposal. I was one of them. I know this site very well. Few people know of its benefits as open space as I took over the site in 1994 from Dr. Lawrence Zeleny, often considered the father of the songbird nest box movement and founder of the North American Bluebird Society. It's not often travelled as there is no way to drive through the far end and you need a permit to enter the area.

Though our trail encompasses much of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, this Poultry Road site is extremely productive because of its exceptional characteristics in the middle of suburban Prince George's county where more sites like this are needed. We never have vacancies in any of our 20 nest boxes, as this is ideal and rare for this area: acres of grassland, dotted with native trees, along forest edge the perfect habitat for songbirds, rabbits, foxes, amphibians, etc.

I understand that there are many fewer workers at BARC than in the past. Having more workers return would be fine, but this a very large structure like nothing BARC has seen. The Environmental Impact Statement has been criticized as not having been comprehensive. I know that this large building and its 24/7,1600 employee activity, means this green space cannot help fulfill President Biden's 30x30 goal. This existing open green space with its abundance of old native trees, birds, and animals, is an important portion of the BARC site.

In fact, if ever sold, Maryland would like to keep all of BARC "agricultural open space":

Md. Code, Land Use § 25-211 states: If the United States Department of Agriculture sells any portion of the property known as the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, the district council shall place and permanently maintain the land in a zoning classification of agricultural open space immediately after the transfer of the land to the buyer.

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I know NEPA has recently finished and I understand the recommendation is that they proceed at BARC, but, in light of our need for open space to meet new climate goals (and this is also an ideal site because

grassland is a better carbon sink than forest), would P.G. county take another look at the proposal and comments before the final decision is made, now that we have a new administration in office with much needed new focus?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marcia and Robert Van Horn
Beltsville, MD

Subject: Fw: Climate Action Input

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Greywater is gently used water from your bathroom sinks, showers, tubs, and washing machines. It is not water that has come into contact with feces, either from the toilet or from washing diapers.

Greywater may contain traces of dirt, food, grease, hair, and certain household cleaning products. While greywater may look “dirty,” it is a safe and even beneficial source of irrigation water in a yard. Keep in mind that if greywater is released into rivers, lakes, or estuaries, its nutrients become pollutants, but to plants, they are valuable fertilizer. Aside from the obvious benefits of saving water (and money on your water bill), reusing your greywater keeps it out of the sewer or septic system, thereby reducing the chance that it will pollute local water bodies. Reusing greywater for irrigation reconnects urban residents and our backyard gardens to the natural water cycle.

The easiest way to use greywater is to pipe it directly outside and use it to water ornamental plants or fruit trees. Greywater can also be used to irrigate vegetable plants as long as it doesn’t touch edible parts of the plants. In any greywater system, it is essential to use “plant friendly” products, those without lots of salt, boron, or chlorine bleach. The build-up of salts and boron in the soil can damage plants. While you’re at it, watch out for your own health: “natural” body products often contain substances toxic to humans (see resource pages below for details).

Our philosophy

We believe that for residential greywater systems simple designs are best. With simple systems you are not able to send greywater into an existing drip irrigation system, but must shape your landscape to allow water to infiltrate into the soil. We recommend simple, low-tech systems that use gravity when ever possible, instead of pumps. We prefer irrigation systems that are designed to avoid clogging, rather than relying on filters and drip irrigation.

We promote greywater reuse as a way to increase the productivity of sustainable backyard ecosystems that produce food, clean water, and shelter wildlife. Such systems recover valuable “waste” products—greywater, household compost, and humanure—and reconnect their human inhabitants to ecological cycles. By modeling “appropriate technologies” for food production, water, and sanitation in the industrialized world, we hope to replace the cultural misconception of “wastewater” with the possibility of a life-generating water culture.

We believe more complex systems are best suited for multi-family, commercial, and industrial scale systems. These systems can treat and reuse large volumes of water, and play a role in water conservation in dense urban housing developments, food processing and manufacturing facilities, schools, universities, and public buildings. Because complex systems rely on pumps and filtration systems, they are often designed by an engineer, are expensive to install and may require regular maintenance.

Basic Greywater Guidelines

Greywater is different from fresh water and requires different guidelines for it to be reused.

1. Don't store greywater (more than 24 hours). If you store greywater the nutrients in it will start to break down, creating bad odors.
2. Minimize contact with greywater. Greywater could potentially contain a pathogen if an infected person's feces got into the water, so your system should be designed for the water to soak into the ground and not be available for people or animals to drink.
3. Infiltrate greywater into the ground, don't allow it to pool up or run off (knowing how well water drains into your soil (or the soil percolation rate of your soil) will help with proper design. Pooling greywater can provide mosquito breeding grounds, as well as a place for human contact with greywater.
4. Keep your system as simple as possible, avoid pumps, avoid filters that need upkeep. Simple systems last longer, require less maintenance, require less energy and cost less money.
5. Install a 3-way valve for easy switching between the greywater system and the sewer/septic.
6. Match the amount of greywater your plants will receive with their irrigation needs.

Types of Simple Systems

From the Washing Machine

Washing machines are typically the easiest source of greywater to reuse because greywater can be diverted without cutting into existing plumbing. Each machine has an internal pump that automatically pumps out the water- you can use that to your advantage to pump the greywater directly to your plants.

Laundry Drum:

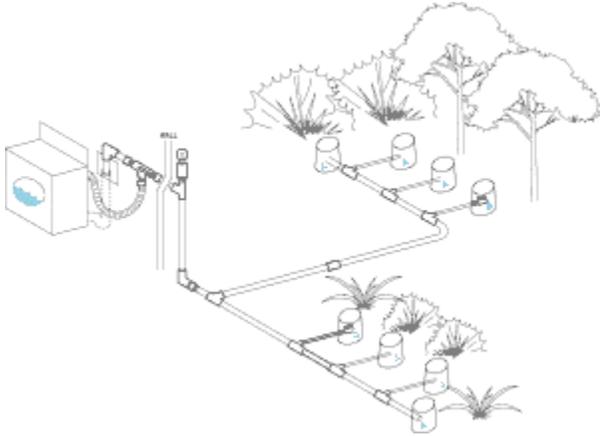


"Laundry drum." Note: Drum should be strapped to the wall for safety.

If you don't want to invest much money the system (maybe you are a renter), or have a lot of hardscape (concrete/patio) between your house and the area to irrigate, we recommend a laundry drum system.

Wash water is pumped into a "drum," a large barrel or temporary storage called a surge tank. At the bottom of the drum the water drains out into a hose that is moved around the yard to irrigate. This is the cheapest and easiest system to install, but requires constant moving of the hose for it to be effective at irrigating

Laundry-to-Landscape:



Laundry-to-landscape system. Image credit: CleanWaterComponents

If you're looking for a system that gives you flexibility in what plants you're able to irrigate and takes very little maintenance, we recommend the laundry-to-landscape system. This system was invented by Art Ludwig.

This greywater system doesn't alter the household plumbing: the washing machine drain hose is attached directly to a diverter valve that allows you to switch the flow of greywater between the sewer/septic and the greywater irrigation system. The greywater irrigation system directs water through 1" tubing with 1/2" outlets directing water to specific plants. This system is low cost, easy to install, and gives flexibility for irrigation. In most situations this is the number one place to start when choosing a greywater system!

From the Shower:

Showers are a great source of greywater- they usually produce a lot of relatively clean water. To have a simple, effective shower system consider a gravity-based system (no pump). If your yard is located uphill from the house, then you'll need to have a pumped system.

Branched Drain:



The branched drain system was also invented by Art Ludwig. Greywater in this system flows through standard (1 1/2" size) drainage pipe, by gravity, always sloping downward at 2% slope, or 1/4 inch drop for every foot traveled horizontally, and the water is divided up into smaller and smaller quantities using a plumbing fitting that splits the flow. The final outlet of each branch flows into a mulched basin, usually to irrigate the root zone of trees or other large perennials. Branched drain systems are time consuming to install, but once finished require very little maintenance and work well for the long term.

From the Sinks:

Kitchen sinks are the source of a fair amount of water, usually very high in organic matter (food, grease, etc.). Kitchen sinks are not allowed under many greywater codes, but are allowed in some states, like Washington, Oregon, Arizona, and Montana. This water will clog many kinds of systems. To avoid clogging, we recommend using a branched drain system with mulch basins, organic matter collects in the woodchips and decomposes. Since bathroom sinks don't typically generate much water, they can often combine flows with the shower water. Or, the sink water can be drained to a single large plant, or divided to irrigate two or three plants.

Constructed Wetlands:



Constructed wetlands are used to “ecologically dispose” of greywater. If you produce more greywater than you need for irrigation, a constructed wetland can help use up some extra greywater. Wetlands absorb nutrients and filter particles from greywater, enabling it to be stored for longer or sent through a properly designed drip irrigation system (though more filtration and pumping is also required). Greywater is also a good source of irrigation for beautiful, water loving wetland plants. If you live near a natural waterway and don't have anywhere else to direct greywater, a wetland can safely clean and soak-up greywater, protecting the creek. If you live in an arid climate, or are trying to reduce your fresh water use, we don't recommend incorporating wetlands into greywater systems as they use up a lot of the water which could otherwise be used for irrigation.

Pumped Systems:



Pumped system. Image credit: Leigh Jerrard

If you can't use gravity to transport the greywater (your yard is sloped uphill, or it's flat and the plants are far away) you will need to pump greywater uphill. In a basic pumped system greywater flows into a large (usually 50 gallon) plastic barrel that is either buried or located at ground level. Inside the barrel an effluent pump pushes the water out through irrigation lines (no emitters) to the landscape. Pumps add cost, use electricity, and will break, so avoid this if you can.

Indoor Greywater Use



Sink Positive toilet lid

In most residential situations it is much simpler and more economical to utilize greywater outside, and not create a system that treats the water for indoor use. The exceptions are in houses that have high water use and minimal outdoor irrigation, and for larger buildings like apartments.

There are also very simple ways to reuse greywater inside that are not a “greywater system”. Buckets can catch greywater and clear water, the water wasted while warming up a shower. These buckets can be used to “bucket flush” a toilet, or carried outside. There are also simple designs like Sink Positive, and more complicated systems like the Brac system. Earthships have an interesting system that reuse greywater inside with greenhouse wetlands.

Plants and Greywater



Low tech, simple greywater systems are best suited to specific, large plants. Use them to water trees, bushes, berry patches, shrubs, and large annuals. It's much more difficult to water lots of small plants that are spread out over a large area. (like a lawn or flower bed)

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Please adopt the Climate Action Plan

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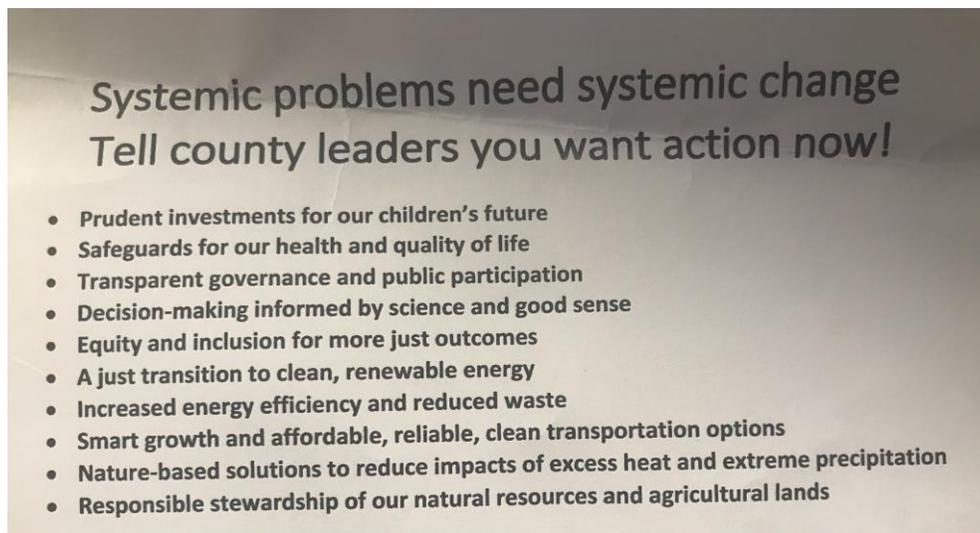
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Dear Friends,

I am writing as a resident of PG County. I reside with my wife and two young daughters in College Park.

Respectfully, these are the actions we would like our county leaders to take:

Thank you very much for your time and may we all be safe and healthy as we move forward!



L'shalom, For Peace,
Chaplain Michael Zoosman

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Cantor Michael Zoosman,
Board Certified Chaplain (NAJC)
(Pronouns: he, him, his)

"Death is not the answer."

"With every cell of my being and with every fiber of my memory I oppose the death penalty in all forms. I do not believe any civilized society should be at the service of death. I don't think it's human to become an agent of the angel of death."

- Holocaust Survivor and Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel (1928-2016)

"Whoever destroys a life, it is considered as if he destroyed an entire world. And whoever saves a life, it is considered as if he saved an entire world." - The Talmud (Jewish Oral Law) Sanhendrin 4:5

<http://deathpenaltyaction.org/jewish-action>

Please join the 1,100+ members of our group on Facebook at “L’chaim: Jews Against the Death Penalty”
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/996205437512710/?ref=share>

CAP 30-Day Public Comment Period Email and Mail from Organizations

Attachment #3: Public Comments-Organizations- Email and Mail

CAP 30-Day Public Comment Period-Email and Mail from Organizations

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Subject: AWS comment letter on Climate Action Plan
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Please find attached our comment letter on the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan.

Thank you,
Chris Williams

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Re: Comments on Prince George’s County Climate Action Plan

Dear Ms. Abe:

Kathryn Petrillo-
Smith
Treasurer

On behalf of the thousands of members, volunteers and supporters of the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS), I am writing to comment on the Prince George’s County Climate Action Plan. Founded in 1989, AWS is dedicated to the conservation and restoration of the Anacostia River and its watershed. We do this by promoting and implementing field restoration projects, ensuring strong laws and policies are in place to protect water quality and promote restoration, and field- and classroom-based education programs for adults and students in partnership with DC and Maryland schools. As a conservation group committed to the health of the Anacostia watershed, and as an organization headquartered and operating largely in Prince George’s County, AWS applauds the County government for its commitment to acting on climate change with an ambitious integrated plan.

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*Founder and
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Robert E. Boone

The 176 square mile Anacostia watershed, home to over 1 million people in Prince George’s County, Montgomery County, and the District of Columbia, stretches from Olney in its northwest corner to Capitol Heights in the southeast. The primary tributaries of the Anacostia, the Northwest and Northeast Branches, Paint Branch, Sligo Creek, and Beaverdam and Lower Beaverdam Creeks, rise in Maryland and form the mainstem of the river in Bladensburg before it flows into the District of Columbia and on to the Potomac. The watershed provides streamside amenities and recreational opportunities to tens of thousands of Marylanders every year. The park systems in lower Prince George’s and Montgomery counties are largely built around the streams of the Anacostia watershed. The Anacostia watershed is no less vulnerable than any river system to the effects of climate change, and the tremendous progress made over the last 20 years to improve water quality, restore habitat, and control flooding in the watershed is jeopardized by rising temperatures and increased frequency of severe rainfall events. The resulting stormwater run-off erodes streambanks, increases sediment loads and washes pollution and trash downstream and into the mainstem.

The Climate Plan promotes many of the right elements of climate mitigation and adaptation including improving alignment of land use regulations to integrate smart growth, natural resource conservation and green infrastructure strategies; pushing the



county towards renewable energy and energy conservation; planning aimed at taking cars off the roads; preserving and expanding the county's tree canopy; and implementing climate resilient stormwater and flood management. But, however well thought out and drafted (and the Climate Plan is both), a plan is only as good as the political will and determination to see it and its component parts implemented. On this score, past performance is not entirely encouraging. A couple of examples:

The Climate Plan calls for enactment of "regulation and policy to maintain and expand street tree canopy and forest and land cover"¹ and "preserv[e] and restor[e] natural resource areas and agricultural open space to reduce flood risk" through smart growth and other development controls. However, the Plan itself describes how earlier efforts to do so largely failed. It declares that the rampant "practice of granting waivers, special exceptions, and grandfathering development approvals" that undermines growth controls "must end," but provides little guidance on how this major change in "business as usual" is to occur. Guilford Woods, a 15-acre residual forest adjacent to the University of Maryland campus currently threatened by development, has thus far been saved from the bulldozer not by a protective county but by student action. Yet, if the aspirations of the Plan are to be met, the County will need to be much more willing to energetically enforce its regulations to preserve forests, wetlands, and open space like Guilford Woods, one of the most effective bulwarks against the impacts of climate change. Language in the Climate Plan for just how this sea change is to occur would increase confidence that the Plan will produce results.

Similarly, that Climate Plan calls for "implement[ation of] climate resilient stormwater management and expand[ed] flood mitigation programs." Yet, the County has in the past had difficulty meeting comparatively modest stormwater management goals under its existing MS4 permit, which does not go nearly far enough in addressing climate change. The County's next MS4 permit is now out in draft form and subject to public comment. For the Climate Plan is to have impact, its authors must work to ensure that the final MS4 permit has strong language addressing climate change impacts and how they will be mitigated through regulation, green infrastructure, nature-based solutions, effective monitoring, and robust enforcement.²

AWS is very supportive of the Climate Action Plan, and we greatly appreciate the obvious thought, work, and creativity that have gone into it. We want the implementation of the Plan to be equal to that effort, and that will require an unprecedented, determined, whole-of-government approach. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan.

Sincerely,



Christopher E. Williams
President and CEO

¹ The standard the Climate Plan sets for tree conservation is "No Net Loss." The history of no net loss approaches to natural resources is fraught with examples of "loss" without the corresponding "net." If no net loss is to be the policy, the County must ensure that efforts to mitigate loss result in compensatory quantity *and quality* of tree cover. It must ensure that biologically diverse and robust forested areas are not destroyed and replaced with relatively barren monocultures.

² The recent passage of legislation expanding the county's Rain Check Rebate Program, increasing the lifetime cap per property from \$4,000 to \$6,000, is a positive example of changes to law and policy that support the goals of the Climate Plan.

Subject: Prince George's County Climate Action Plan (CAP) Comments
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Hello,

We are hereby providing you comments regarding the draft CAP as follows:

Overall, the Prince George's County CAP is well conceived, is comprehensive, very well presented, timely and should receive overwhelming public support.

The plan states upfront that the goal is to "reduce" GHG emissions and then much deeper into the document defined the specific goals as reduction of 50% by 2030 and to achieve "carbon neutrality" by 2050. We recommend you state these specific goals more upfront in the plan to avoid any misconceptions. The goals as stated, is consistent with those for other neighboring jurisdictions who have completed a similar planning effort.

We recommend having a definitive and more deliberate "Communications Plan" to engage the community, conduct necessary outreach and education to the public on the impact of climate change and the objectives of the CAP. This will garner essential public understanding, trust and support for the implementation of the plan.

The draft plan does an excellent job at articulating the issues surrounding environmental justice (page 8). We would encourage the county to further ensure the specific actions that clearly demonstrate how this will be addressed be clearly stated and highlighted – include education and healthcare needs in the list of factors to improve. Also, provide a linkage and understanding of how the plan will synchronize with the requirements outlined in Biden's Executive Order - Justice 40 and how they will identify the specific disadvantage or at-risk communities.

We would encourage the county to clearly identify funding sources and apply realistic timing that take into consideration the challenges of the funding/budgetary process which could potentially hamper implementation timeframe for some actions. This is especially applicable to actions identified with a 0- 3 year timeframe. Also, consider and outline the ways in which the current Biden Administration's "Infrastructure Plan" and the "Build Back Better" Bill will be incorporated and used to help the implementation efforts.

We would encourage the county to seek additional assistance in developing key GIS layers to clearly identify disadvantage and at-risk communities based on factors or metrics nationally recognized as best defining these communities.

The county is encouraged to develop a robust tracking system and/or model to evaluate different scenarios that produces different degrees of progress that could also enhance public information, assist with funding prioritization and instill transparency. Other communities across the US and Canada with Atkins assistance, are implementing models and utilizing tools which could serve as examples.

Some impacts like GHG generated by the transportation sector are a regional issue, as such, it would have been appropriate to see an increased effort (beyond the MCOG's role) to coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions, especially those who already have Climate Action Plans – i.e. Montgomery County, Arlington County, Fairfax County and DC (currently in progress).

We appreciate this opportunity to provide comments on this vital endeavor by the county and fully supports the plan's adoption. We are readily available to assist you in whatever capacity you might deemed necessary as we have the capabilities and experience from helping other communities address the issues relating to Climate Change and Resiliency . Please feel free to contact us as needed.

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Subject: Audubon Naturalist Society (ANS) - Written Comments for Prince George's Draft Climate Action Plan

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Dear Prince George's County Department of the Environment,

Audubon Naturalist Society (ANS) provides the following written comments (attached) on the Prince George's County Draft Climate Action Plan (CAP). Our comments list a series of recommendations based on our history of climate change work in the region, with a focus on equitable, natural solutions as well as sustainable transportation and land use matters. On behalf of ANS and our 28,000 members and supporters, we thank the Prince George's County Department of the Environment for considering our comments and suggestions into the final version of the PGC CAP. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Denisse Guitarra

CC: Prince George's County Council

Denisse Guitarra
She/Ella
MD Conservation Advocate Audubon Naturalist Society
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ANS has received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for the 3rd consecutive year indicating that we are accountable, transparent and adhere to financial best practices.

In an effort to help contain the spread of Covid-19, ANS's offices are closed to the public. Email is the best way to reach me. For information about our current status please visit anshome.org/covid-19-updates/

November 29, 2021

Written Comments for Prince George's Draft Climate Action Plan¹

Submitted by Denisse Guitarra

Maryland Conservation Advocate, Audubon Naturalist Society (ANS)

Dear Prince George's County Department of the Environment,

For 124 years, Audubon Naturalist Society (ANS) has inspired people in the Washington, DC region to enjoy, learn about and protect nature. We thank the Prince George's County Department of the Environment for the opportunity to provide written comments on the Prince George's County Draft Climate Action Plan (PGC CAP). We provide a list of comments of areas we support and areas we recommend being amended as follows. We have divided our comments into four areas which are: general comments, and priority recommendation areas 1, 2, and 3 (these last three follow the same organizational pattern as the CAP itself).

Our comments are based on our history of climate change work in the region, with a focus on natural solutions as well as sustainable transportation and land use matters. We have previously been contributors to and commentors on the Montgomery County Climate Action Plan², Fairfax County-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan, Resilient Fairfax Plan, and implementation strategies for the Clean Energy DC Act³, and we attended the summer community outreach meetings on the PGC CAP. We hope the PGC CAP Climate Commission will take our comments and recommendations into consideration in the final version of the PGC CAP.

¹ Prince George's Draft Climate Action Plan. Original released Nov 1, 2021 – Revised version released on Nov 10, 2021. Available from: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/38462/PGC-draft-Climate-Action-Plan-2021-REVISED-111021->

² ANS's Montgomery County's Climate Action Plan. February 2021. Available from: <http://conservationblog.anshome.org/blog/ans-submits-written-comments-on-montgomery-countys-climate-action-plan/>

³ ANS's DC Clean Energy DC Act. February 2020. Available from: <http://conservationblog.anshome.org/author/ari-eisenstadt/page/2/>

I. **General PGC CAP comments**

Overall, the PGC CAP lays out a strong foundation from which there is room for expansion and improvement. The vision and the actions listed are in many cases unique to Prince George’s County from among the plans we have reviewed region wide. Its first highlight is around its trees and forest protection (action M-11) which recommends achieving “no net loss” of tree/forest protection, if implemented well, would set a strong example for other Maryland counties. Its second highlight is the CAP’s ability to be considered as a “living document” that “should be revisited and updated every 18 months.”⁴ This is a strategically well-suited action item. On the other hand, one of its major weaknesses lies around the outreach and engagement action items of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) as it remains unclear how these actions would be carried out meaningfully and effectively.

A. **Lack of Implementation and financial responsibility**

We have some significant concerns with the document’s ability to be implemented, financed, and acted upon. The PGC CAP lists numerous recommended actions but does not contain a set of plans for turning those recommendations into actionable policies. Nor does it describe how those policies might then be implemented, enforced, or financed. The final PGC CAP should contain real teeth in the form of proposed concrete legislative language for all actions (not just some actions), identifying financing mechanisms, recommending enforcement strategies, etc. Without this type of actionable planning ahead of time, even an excellent document, does not mitigate or adapt to our very real, very urgent, climate crisis.

B. **Community outreach and engagement shortfalls**

In addition, the PGC CAP Climate Commission did not do enough outreach to BIPOC stakeholders during the PGC CAP’s drafting process. For example, little or no notices were given ahead of community meetings held during the spring/summer 2021. It was also unclear if the participants’ feedback that was given at these meetings was integrated into the CAP as no follow ups were ever distributed after each meeting. Also during the community meetings, on multiple occasions, the zoom Spanish interpretation channel had technical difficulties, so it is unclear if Spanish speakers were able to properly participate in these meetings. The US Census shows Latinx make

⁴ Prince George’s Draft Climate Action Plan. Nov 1, 2021. Revised version released on Nov 10, 2021. Next steps section – page 108. Available from: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/38462/PGC-draft-Climate-Action-Plan-2021-REVISED-111021->

up 19.5% and Black /African Americans make up 64.4% of the county's residential population⁵. The CAP states that 41.2% of the population age 5 years of older speaks a language other than English⁶. **It is therefore concerning that in a language and culturally diverse county, the CAP outreach and materials were not made available in multiple languages and formats.**

In a close inspection of the draft CAP⁷ released on Nov 1st and the revised CAP⁸ released on Nov 10th, Action Area 1 changed its name to "Equitable Community Engagement, Education and Outreach" from the original "Operational Actions to Bring About Transformational Change." Any changes made between the first and second PGC CAP should have been clearly stated for transparency and a genuine goal of creating meaningful community engagement opportunities for CAP planning. **Furthermore, if any additional changes were made with in the 30-day open commenting period, then the commenting period should have been extended to allow and give ample time for community members to review the plan.**

Consequently, it is unclear how the county's wider and more diverse stakeholders' unique concerns and vulnerabilities will be incorporated into the final plan, nor how BIPOC community stakeholders will be included in the decision-making and implementation processes. The final PGC CAP should call out those communities and vulnerabilities and specify how they will be incorporated into implementation and decision-making.

II. Priority Recommendations - Action Area 1: Operational Actions to Bring About Transformational Change / Equitable Community Engagement, Education and Outreach.⁹

ANS supports the PGC CAP's intent to increase transparency and capacity within climate action planning (CO-1 & CO-2), ensuring that communities are co-creators of climate action policies (CO-

⁵ US Census. Prince George's County. Accessed on November 19, 2021. Available from:

<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/princegeorgescountymaryland>

⁶ Prince George's Draft Climate Action Plan. Revised version released on Nov 10, 2021. Demographics -page 17.

Available from: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/38462/PGC-draft-Climate-Action-Plan-2021-REVISED-111021->

⁷ Prince George's Draft Climate Action Plan. Original released Nov 1, 2021, 2021. Page XI. Available from:

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/38220/PGC-draft-Climate-Action-Plan--2021>

⁸ Prince George's Draft Climate Action Plan. Revised version released on Nov 10, 2021. Page XI. Available from:

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/38462/PGC-draft-Climate-Action-Plan-2021-REVISED-111021->

⁹ Prince George's Climate Action Plan. Revised version released on November 10th. Priority Recommendations - Action Area 1: Operational Actions to Bring About Transformational Change / Equitable Community Engagement, Education and Outreach. Pages: 110- 138. Available from:

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/38462/PGC-draft-Climate-Action-Plan-2021-REVISED-111021->

3). The communities most impacted by the effects of climate change in the county need to have more decision-making power in the policies that will have a direct impact on their long-term health and wellbeing. We also support and applaud the PGC CAP's commitment to finding a balance between climate actions with sustainable land use development within the county's existing main plan – Plan 2035 (CO-5). In Montgomery County, a number of land-use related climate actions have fallen through the cracks between the new General Plan Thrive 2050 and the Montgomery County CAP. We are pleased that the PGC CAP addresses this issue head-on.

A. Community outreach strategies leave room for improvement

The action steps listed in action CO-3 are a good start but there is room for improvement. The county needs to ensure that the actions listed in the CAP prioritize, diversify, and actively include more BIPOC communities into the climate action plan's policy, actions, and decision-making processes.

Recommendations:

- **Funds must be allocated towards creating meaningful and culturally relevant engagement opportunities for each of these groups and individuals to participate in climate action planning.**
- **Organize relevant, meaningful, and engaging activities (live and in person) to include a wide range of audiences into the CAP's feedback and decision-making processes.**
- **Create multiple mechanisms for community members to provide feedback, apart from formal written or oral testimony formats, such as listening sessions, walks, and one to one conversations.**
- **The plan must also include mechanisms to expand green jobs and green economy options especially for BIPOC.**
- **The plan should direct funds directly to grassroots groups in these communities to ensure that solutions come from, and benefits stay within the most impacted communities.**
- **Diversify the PGC Climate Commission to reflect and represent the wide range of diverse individuals and communities that live and work in Prince George's County.**
- **Prepare short summaries in multiple languages summarizing the draft CAP main highlights.**
- **Continue to do outreach on the CAP by attending community meetings, events, and meeting up with community members where they are at.**
- **Partner up with local grassroots groups and non-profit organizations to help deliver and spread the information, and obtain feedback from the community on the CAP.**
- **Ensure that county staff or partner organizations speak the language of the targeted audiences/public.**

B. Smart from the Start on Renewable Energy Development

We support the actions listed on renewable energy (CO-4) but believe clearer policy guidelines around renewable energy are needed. The PGC CAP should provide more guidance on where local renewable energy generation projects can be sited.

Recommendations:

- **The final PGC CAP should specify a prioritization process for ensuring smart siting of renewable energy in the county, including identifying any needed changes to planning and zoning.**
- **For solar arrays, ANS recommends “smart from the start” solar siting to include putting solar panels in already disturbed lands, landfills, brownfields, parking lots, rooftops, utility corridors, and other low-conflict lands.¹⁰**

III. Priority Recommendations - Action Area 2: Mitigating the Cause of Climate Change by Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions¹¹

ANS is pleased to see the actions listed in area 2. Specifically, we support the actions around increasing residential solar projects (M-2), increasing telecommuting policies (M-6), increasing community-based retrofits and weatherization efforts (M-8) as well as community EVs (Electric Vehicles) (M-4), investment in activity centers (M-7), and reducing waste efforts (M-10). **Most importantly, ANS is excited to see that the PGC CAP has a clear action item highlighting the importance of achieving “no net loss” of trees and forests (M-11).**

A. Increase transit alternatives

ANS supports Prince George’s county’s commitment to increase its EV charging capacity and overall transition into electrical systems to cut back on emissions and dependency of fossil fuels. We support action M-7 which will provide much needed investment around transit-oriented activity centers which are a key step towards reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and GHG emissions.

Recommendations:

¹⁰ ANS written comments on Solar Collection Systems in Montgomery County. March 2020. Available from: <http://cleanstreams.anshome.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ANS-Testimony-ZTA-20-01-Solar-Collections-System-Final.pdf>

¹¹ Prince George’s Climate Action Plan. Revised version released on November 10, 2021. Priority Recommendations - Action Area 2: Mitigating the Cause of Climate Change by Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Pages: 139-182. Available from: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/38462/PGC-draft-Climate-Action-Plan-2021-REVISED-111021->

- **Disincentivize people’s car dependency as a solution to reduce GHG emissions from the transportation sector. Transitioning to EVs and electrifying the transportation system, will not help reduce traffic congestion, because EVs still take up space on roads.**
- **Prioritize investing in more transit alternatives (Metro, BRTs, MARC train) and transit-oriented activity centers to cut back VMT and consequently reduce GHG emissions. These key activity centers must also remain affordable and attainable to people of all income levels to reduce displacement.**
- **Include a prohibition to the expansion or building of new roads.**

B. Increase protections for Trees and Forests:

ANS is delighted to support all action steps listed in M-11 around no net loss and net gain of trees/forests. We also support the stricter standards around protection of trees around watersheds and sub watersheds.

Recommendations (for M-11):

- **Add protection of trees near ephemeral streams in the environmental technical manual.**
- **Increase the replanting ratio to 2:1 (currently it’s listed at a 1:1 replanting ratio).**
- **Prioritize forests ecosystems protections for their wide range of ecosystem services like carbon sequestration, habitat for wildlife, reduction of urban heat islands, stormwater management, air, and water purification.**

These tree/forest protection measures, if implemented and enforced, could really add an important natural based solution to the climate crisis and make this action item the strongest action in the PGC CAP, and even stronger than Montgomery County's Climate Action Plan and new general master plan - Thrive 2050.

IV. Priority Recommendations - Action Area 3: Adapting to coming Climate Impacts¹²

ANS is pleased to support the action area 3’s priority recommendation actions A-1 through A-10. The highlight of this section shows a true commitment ensuring climate adaptation benefits are equally distributed across all county residents. In particular, actions A-2 and A-3 which seek to strengthen community-based green-infrastructure and stormwater practices, are a plus.

¹² Prince George’s Climate Action Plan. Revised version released on November 10, 2021. Priority Recommendations - Action Area 3: Adapting to coming Climate Impacts. Pages: 183-225. Available from: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/38462/PGC-draft-Climate-Action-Plan-2021-REVISED-111021->

Similarly, the emphasis to focus on and respond on the impact of heat on vulnerable communities (A-7), creation of resilience hubs (A-8), and over all climate programs information dissemination (A-6) are well planned-out actions. Although the action items listed in A-1 through A-3 are a great start to build climate resilience and adaptation around stormwater management, more can be done as Prince George's County is already experiencing the increased frequency and volume of rainstorms due to climate change.

Recommendations:

- **Clearly define how Action Area 3 items will be implemented and financed.**
- **Address how the county will replace and finance already aging stormwater infrastructure.**
- **Direct that any time infrastructure is opened for repairs or reconstructions, it is enhanced to meet or exceed current stormwater management standards, with green infrastructure (i.e. the addition of bioswales, grass swales, and tree boxes, etc.) taking first priority. Nature-based solutions like green infrastructure are a more efficient cost saving climate change adaptation solution.**
- **A-1 and A-2 actions should be bold and take the opportunity commit to exceed the current MS4 permit requirements and that local requirements overall should codify stricter stormwater management requirements than those the state has proposed.**

V. Conclusion

ANS supports and recommends continued protection of our green spaces and emphasizes sustainable, equitable, transit-oriented development that enhances quality of life, lowers upfront costs, and builds resilient communities with infrastructure that mitigates the worst effects of climate change. **In conclusion, ANS seeks that the following top priorities are included as part of the final PGC CAP:**

- **Clearly define policies for all actions listed in the CAP with an attached implementation and financial plan.**
- **Actively diversify and increase meaningful and genuine community engagement and outreach of BIPOC stakeholders and include their voices, ideas, and concerns in the final CAP and overall climate action planning process.**
- **Be smart about renewable siting and opt in for transit focused, sustainable land use planning which reduces GHG emission and cuts down on car use.**
- **Implement a no net loss and a net gain of forest and tree canopy policies from a well-rounded ecological perspective.**
- **Address the county's urgent stormwater needs and plan for future, larger, and more frequent rainstorms, and flooding events.**

We look forward to continuing to contribute to the PGC CAP as it evolves and is implemented. On behalf of ANS and our 28,000 members and supporters, we recommend that the Prince George's County DEP includes our proposed comments and recommendations into the final version of the Prince George's Climate Action Plan.

Sincerely,
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Audubon Naturalist Society

Subject: Bowie State letter of support for Climate Action Plan

From: Jabari S. Walker <jswalker@bowiestate.edu>

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Date Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 11:53 AM GMT-05:00

Good Morning Ladies,

Good news! Please see attached letter of support from Bowie State University for the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan. I will also have the original mailed to you. Please let me know the best mailing address.

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December 10, 2021

RE: Support for the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan

Dear County Council Member:

The Administration of Bowie State University (BSU) is in full support of the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan. Bowie State University recognizes the need to reduce the worst impacts of climate change. Our institution represents over 6,000 students and employees who live in, attend school and/or work in the County and will benefit from the Climate Action Plan's implementation.

Bowie State University is Maryland's first historically black university and has been a vital part of the County for well over 100 years. BSU supports Maryland's workforce and economy by engaging in strategic partnerships, research, and public service to benefit our local, state, national, and global communities. Entrepreneurship and leadership are two values that we instill in our students and community. Therefore, taking leadership over our environment is critical for all of us and for future generations. Climate leadership is vital to ensuring that all of our communities remain a desirable place to live, work and play. We applaud Prince George's County for taking necessary and immediate steps to protect our county against the effects of climate change on our infrastructure and social, economic, and natural systems.

The University has already supported the County's efforts by recording a preview video during our Earth Week 2021 celebration with the Prince George's County Department of the Environment on the County Climate Action Plan process. The video- which can be accessed on YouTube- includes segments from our students, UMD College Park students, BSU President Aminta H. Breaux and comments from BSU alumni Michelle Russell, Acting Director of the Prince George's County Department of the Environment, and the Honorable Calvin Hawkins (Chair, County Council). Furthermore, we have representation on the Prince George's County Climate Action Commission in our own esteemed faculty member- Dr. Alan Anderson, Associate Professor in our Natural Sciences Department.

Our institution is continuing to take active measures to address the climate crisis, and looks forward to partnering with the County to broaden support for the Plan, coordinate local efforts, and share best practices. A few actions our University has already taken include:

- Developed a Climate Action Plan
- Installed a network of solar panels
- Purchased electric/hybrid vehicles

- Provided representation and support to local, state, and national agencies fighting climate change (Second Nature, Climate Commitment Agreement, White House Act on Climate)
- Signed a multi-year Energy Performance Contract

The future of our communities depends upon aggressive reduction of greenhouse gas emissions at all levels of government. We urge the County Council to swiftly adopt the draft Climate Action Plan and begin implementation of the measures that have been outlined in the 26 Priority Recommendations.

Thank you for recognizing the need to take bold action to address the most urgent issue of our lifetimes. We stand ready to assist in the effort to forge a new path to a climate-friendly future.

Sincerely,



Anthony P. Savia

Vice President for Administration & Finance

Subject: Casey Trees Comments on Prince George's County Climate Action Plan
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Date Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 4:15:05 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Monday, November 29, 2021 4:15:19 PM GMT-05:00

To whom it may concern:

Casey Trees applauds Prince George's County Climate Action Plan, and we thank you for the opportunity to provide comment, as follows:

No Net Loss Canopy Goal

Casey Trees applauds the County's goal to maintain and grow its current canopy identified at 52% (page 52). Accomplishing this goal in the face of continual population growth with its resultant intense development pressures will be extremely challenging. However, given the right mix of Tree Preservation via well thought-out laws/ordinances and a robust planting strategy this goal for a large land mass like Prince George's County is achievable.

Focus on Soil for Long Term Success

While maintaining 52% canopy is doable, where it is and where it will be maintained is a different question requiring planning and much forethought. In particular, maintaining a robust tree canopy in the more urbanized areas of the County will be problematic. Clear planning guidelines that preserve soil will be key to long-term success. An example of this would be to ensure that roadway improvements allow for wide street tree strips 6' or greater in width that are continuous – meaning that trees are not planted in "pits" surrounded by concrete on all four sides. Soil is the key element to the preservation and perpetuation of trees, and it must be preserved if the County wishes to attain this ambitious goal.

Tree Preservation and Protection

Tree preservation laws/ordinances in most jurisdictions typically only apply during the development process. Except during soil disturbance and/or the development process, most jurisdictions do not regulate tree removals, which runs contrary to the reality that trees provide benefit not just where they are located, but to the community and County as a whole.

Casey Trees therefore urges the County to adopt a regulatory framework to protect trees on all lands at all times – similar to the Urban Forest Preservation Act and its predecessors, enacted in the District of Columbia in 2002 and again in 2016. Laws such as DC's and others like it do not prevent landowners from removing trees that are dead, dying or hazardous, but they do impose fees for removing healthy, stable trees of a certain size or greater in all cases even if they are located on private property not undergoing development. Laws such as this will be critical if Prince George's County is to achieve its no-net-loss goal simply because of the fact that most canopy in most jurisdictions is located not on public, but rather private, lands.

Use of the fees and fines resulting from tree removals as they occur are gathered in a special fund, separate from any general funds and not useable for any other purpose than planting replacement trees again back on private lands. These types of planting programs funded by tree removal fees are quite popular and have a secondary benefit of allowing the County to focus in areas of need, not just in terms

of canopy deficit, but in areas where most homeowners would not typically think of planting trees given the financial barrier of doing so.

Tree Planting

Robust tree planting efforts form the cornerstone of any successful tree goal establishment and attainment strategy, and these efforts may be bifurcated into two distinct efforts – public and private lands (see page 91). Tree planting on County Lands should follow a plan devised and followed to achieve goals that should be set for them. For example – street tree spaces in all cases should be planted whenever they become available with a species appropriate for the location/constraints, prioritized by those neighborhoods where there is excessive heat build-up and where residents are requesting them, but not excluding those that do not. The County is currently planting approximately 10,000 street trees per year, but with additional funding it could easily expand that.

To ensure green, shaded and cool streets throughout its land base, the County should commit itself to achieve 100% street tree stocking at some point in the future – perhaps 10 – 20 years. This goal is noted on page 89 but no goal for the ultimate planting of these trees has been set. The same planning and goal setting process should be undertaken for all the County’s parks, open spaces, stormwater management ponds and outflows, and any other spaces falling under its jurisdiction that could benefit from additional trees for any number of reasons (soil stabilization, heat island mitigation, etc.)

Tree planting on private lands is more difficult to execute and takes more time because it requires outreach and connection to the landowner where the tree(s) will be planted. However, there are several examples of this work occurring in the region, including in Prince George’s County itself. Expansion of this effort would go a long way toward allowing the County to meet its canopy goals, while creating “buy in” from local residents to care for trees not just on their properties but in parks and other public spaces as well.

Permanent Protection of Lands for Canopy Preservation (page 91)

As noted in the report on page 29, between 1987 and 2021 the County has lost a significant amount of forests, wetlands and agricultural lands to development and related uses. This fact is a good reason to focus on preserving more land in perpetuity to act as environmental buffers for the future. Some low-hanging fruit in this instance is placing under conservation easement those lands that are currently now unbuildable and owned by the County as surplus land. There are many non-profits that hold easements that may act as partners to the County in this endeavor, based on their missions and the cost of conducting this type of work.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to provide comments to this plan.

Regards,

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Date Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:48:59 AM GMT-05:00

Date Received: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 7:49:05 AM GMT-05:00

Good morning.

The Greenbelt City Council feels the County Council should accept the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan and then adopt and implement it. The Greenbelt City Council has further comments which it will send at a later date.

Greenbelt City Council

Subject: CAP Statement - Hyattsville, MD
From: Sean Corcoran <scorcoran@hyattsville.org>
To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us
Date Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021, 10:08 AM GMT-05:00

Good morning. Please see the attached statement on behalf of the Hyattsville City Council regarding Prince George's County's Climate Action Plan.

Thank you.

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December 9, 2021

Mary Abe
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RE: Prince George's County Climate Action Plan

Dear Ms. Abe,

The City of Hyattsville is very appreciative of the opportunity to provide a formal statement regarding the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan. The Hyattsville Environment Committee, City staff, and Council have reviewed the plan and fully support the initiatives and goals set forth in this vital proposition.

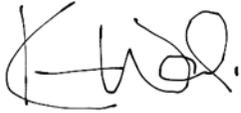
The document clearly summarizes the extensive threats to our region due to climate change and the actionable steps proposed in the plan provide critical direction and guidance detailing the ways in which each community can reduce and repel its negative impacts. There are many challenges to be navigated in this endeavor, specifically ensuring that there is no net loss associated with the existing tree canopy while municipalities actively further development to strengthen economic stability; finding balance will be imperative.

As the City has established its position of support for the plan, Hyattsville is also in strong support of updating the Prince George's Environmental Technical Manual and Landscape Manual. Changes to the language of the manuals that coincide with sound, progressive, policies will offer explicit parameters to dictate the procedures and behaviors that will be most beneficial to repairing our environment.

The City greatly endorses the requirement to preserve and restore natural resource areas through changes in land use and zoning and while banning any development in the floodplain is an ecological necessity, it is equally important to exclude the ability to waive that regulation. Additionally, many jurisdictions within the County have conducted mapping of the tree canopy cover, including thermal mapping, which should serve as a foundation for an effective and useful County-wide assessment.

We look forward to being a partner in the undertaking of these ambitious goals to restore and preserve the environment and we are prepared to work together to improve the plan as it progresses. We understand that this is a feat that will not be accomplished without communion and alliance, and we are eager to contribute to this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KW", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Kevin Ward
Mayor

cc: City Council
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Lesley Riddle, Director of the Department of Public Works

Subject: Climate change Action plan

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On behalf of the City of Mount Rainier I'm submitting the letter of support for the Climate Change Action Plan .

Celina R. Benitez

Mayor

Mount Rainier, MD

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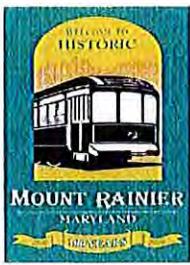
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RE: Support for Prince George's County Climate Action Plan

Dear Chair Hawkins, Vice-Chair Taveras, and Councilmember Franklin,

The City of Mount Rainier is fully supportive of Prince George's County leading on climate action. We urge the County Council to swiftly adopt the draft Climate Action Plan and begin implementation of the measures that have been outlined in the 26 Priority Recommendations.

The climate crisis is existential threat, and Prince George's County must take immediate steps to protect our county against the effects of climate change impacts on our built, social, economic, and natural systems. Recent scientific reports indicate that action must be taken now to have an impact. The future of our communities depends upon aggressive reduction of greenhouse gas emissions at all levels of government, establishing adaptation measures that build community resilience, and implementing equitable climate solutions that protect our most vulnerable populations. The County must prioritize climate-friendly measures and policies, and back up its commitments with adequate funding and staffing. There can be no half-measures when it comes to equitable climate outcomes for all County residents.

The City of Mount Rainier represents over 8,000 County residents who will benefit, and whose children and grandchildren will benefit, from the Climate Action Plan's implementation. Climate protection measures are not only about sustaining our environment, but our economy, our health and our communities as well. Climate leadership is vital to ensuring that all of our communities remain a desirable place to live, work and play.

Our town is already taking active measures to address the climate crisis and looks forward to partnering with the County to broaden support for the Plan, coordinate local efforts, and share best practices. Some actions our community has taken already include:

- Adopting a resolution calling for fossil fuel use to be phased out of municipal operations by;
- Conducting a municipal carbon footprint analysis with assistance from the University of Maryland;
- Purchased an electric vehicle for use by code enforcement staff;
- Replaced city-owned street lights and many indoor lights in city buildings with high efficiency LEDs;
- Installed solar panels on our city hall and conducted events in the community to promote solar energy among residents and businesses;

- Signed a contract to purchase all renewable energy for municipal operations;
- Adopted a green infrastructure plan for the city in order to begin planning for increased resiliency against flooding; and
- Adopted bicycle master plan for the city in order to increase active transportation and decrease single occupancy vehicle use.

However, as much as we have done and continue to do in our community, we need the County to take bold action too. Building codes, transportation networks, smart growth, electric vehicle charging networks, among others will not be successful without this County Climate Action Plan being implemented.

The health, safety, and economic well-being of our community is at risk. Thank you for recognizing the need to take bold action to address the most urgent issue of our lifetimes. We stand ready to assist you as together we forge a new path to a climate-friendly future.

The Mayor and City Council unanimously voted at the Legislative Meeting on December 07, 2021, in support of the letter.

Sincerely,



Celina R. Benitez
Mayor, City of Mount Rainier

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November 18, 2021

Prince George's County Department of the Environment
Climate Action Plan
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Attention: Ms. Mary Abe

RE: Support for Prince George's County Climate Action Plan

Dear Ms. Abe,

The City of New Carrollton is supportive of Prince George's County leading on climate action. We urge the Prince George's County Council to swiftly adopt the draft Climate Action Plan and begin implementation of the measures that are outlined in the 26 Priority Recommendations.

The climate crisis is existential threat, and Prince George's County Council must take immediate steps to protect our county against the effects of climate change impacts on our built, social, economic, and natural systems. Recent scientific reports indicate that we must take action now to have an impact. The future of our communities depends upon aggressive reduction of greenhouse gas emissions at all levels of government, establishing adaptation measures that build community resilience, and implementing equitable climate solutions that protect our most vulnerable populations. The County must prioritize climate-friendly measures and policies, and back up its commitments with adequate funding and staffing. There can be no half-measures when it comes to equitable climate outcomes for all County residents.

The City of New Carrollton represents over 13,715 County residents who will benefit, and whose children and grandchildren that will benefit, from the Climate Action Plan's implementation. Climate protection measures are not only about sustaining our environment, but our economy, our health and our communities as well. Climate leadership is vital to ensuring that all of our communities remain a desirable place to live, work and play.

Our City is already taking active measures to address the climate crisis, and looks forward to collaborating with the County to broaden support for the Plan, coordinate local efforts, and share best practices. Some actions our community has taken already include:

- Actively increasing tree canopy
- Purchasing electric vehicles
- Outreach and Education to residents
- Participation in Sustainable Maryland
- Passing resolutions in support of energy efficiency and renewable energy
- Forming a Green Team
- Pursing solar panel grants for the City Municipal Center

The health, safety, and well-being of our community is at risk. Thank you for recognizing the need to take bold action to address the most urgent issue of our lifetimes. We stand ready to assist you as together we forge a new path to a climate-friendly future.

Sincerely,



Phelecia E. Nembhard
Mayor
City of New Carrollton

c: Prince George's County Council

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Please find our comments on the Prince George's County Draft Climate Action Plan attached. Thank you.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Prince George's County Climate Action Commission

From: Bill Pugh and Cheryl Cort, Coalition for Smarter Growth

Cc: Mary Abe, Section Head, Prince George's County Department of the Environment

Date: December 1, 2021

Re: Comments on Draft Climate Action Plan

The Coalition for Smarter Growth submits the following comments on the Prince George's County draft Climate Action Plan released at the start of November:

Draft Plan has several commendable features:

- Acknowledges and explains well the adverse role of sprawling land use patterns, which have hurt the County's climate resilience and efforts to lower greenhouse gas emissions. In particular, it explains how County land use and transportation decisions influence Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT).
- Shows how climate change is already impacting Prince George's County, how the most socially vulnerable citizens will be most adversely affected, and how certain climate solutions have more co-benefits than others.
- Focuses on actions that can be implemented within five years and provides specific, timebound, measurable, and accountable steps for the actions.
- Seeks to put the County back on track to fulfill the Plan 2035 growth management goals and create innovative mechanisms to preserve green infrastructure and outlying open space areas.
- Calls for developing an "inclusive EV Deployment Strategy" (page 155) that prioritizes other electric modes (transit, bikes, carshare, etc.) and helps lower-income households and those in multi-family housing also benefit from EV adoption.

Further Work and Revisions Needed:

1. **Strengthen goals and actions for reducing VMT and increasing EV adoption to help meet the County's 50% by 2030 target in accordance with regional and national best practices.** The plan fails to meet the 50% reduction by 2030 overall target in large part because the County does not take sufficient actions to address its largest source of emissions, Transportation.
 - [Rocky Mountain Institute has shown](#) that to adequately reduce climate pollution from transportation, the United States must make sure 25% of cars on the road are electric vehicles (EVs) by 2030 and also cut per capita VMT of light duty vehicles by 20% from 2019 levels.
 - In contrast, the Prince George's climate plan falls short on both accounts: it calls for only 15% of cars in the county to be electric by 2030 and seeks a meager 3.6% reduction in how much families and workers in the County have to drive.
 - The County should use the TPB Climate Change Mitigation Study to inform and set a target in the CAP for per capita VMT reduction, strengthen the EV adoption target, and

incorporate stronger action steps. The TPB study has already [provided important findings to the region](#) that it must do more to reduce VMT as well as adopt EVs.

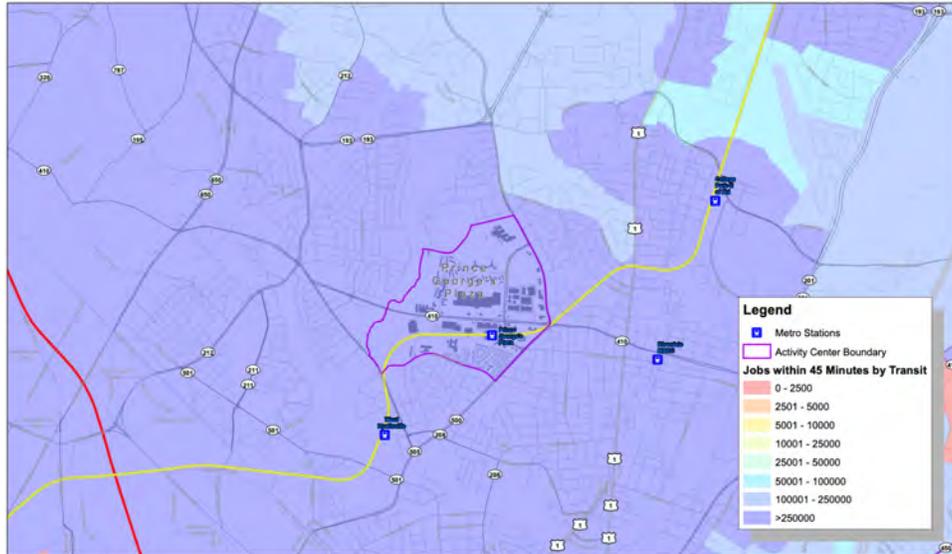
2. Provide implementation steps in Chapter VIII to “Invest in Infrastructure that Increases Transit, Carpooling, and Non-Motorized Travel” (p. 75) and shift funding from planned infrastructure projects that would increase auto-dependence and emissions.

- Page 75 lists several good ideas to improve transit, walking and biking, but the plan provides no steps to implement these on pages 77-78 or in Chapter VIII Priority Recommendations.
- The plan is silent on the billions of dollars planned in highway and roadway expansion in the County, most of which would support development outside the Beltway and far from good transit. CSG analysis using the [RMI SHIFT calculator](#) of induced travel demand from roadway expansion shows that these investments in Prince George’s would induce up to 230 million *additional* miles of driving per year by 2030 and up to 400 million by 2045.
- The County and MDOT should not be spending billions to expand highways and arterials in particular when there is insufficient investment in the County’s existing roads and infrastructure to handle the effects of climate change.
- While the County has adopted Complete and Green Streets and Urban Street Design Standards, and implemented several projects, officials in DPIE and to some extent DPWT, have still resisted implementing bicycle facilities as guided by adopted policies. Further assessment of the potential to systematically implement walk and bicycle improvements should be an action step to ensure walk/bike facilities are achieving greater CO₂ emissions reductions.
- The CAP should provide guidance to the update of the *Countywide Master Plan of Transportation* that is to begin soon. The CAP needs to set targets to reduce VMT and increase non-auto mode share consistent with the findings of the TPB climate change study so that these inform the County’s Transportation plan update.

3. Align the activity center recommendations in M-7 with the Plan 2035 priority centers (Regional Transit Districts, Local Transit Centers) used in CO-5 rather than the COG-designated Activity Centers. Recommendations CO-5 and M-7 include welcome steps to prioritize investment in transit-served activity centers versus outlying areas. However, M-7 uses the COG-defined activity centers, which do not align with the County’s Plan 2035 growth management goals¹ used in CO-5 or with the County’s Economic Development Platform, which focus on transit-oriented development. The COG Activity Centers treat all centers equally regardless of whether they are walkable, have good transit,² and good regional accessibility or not. The maps below and in the Addendum of this memo show why the CAP needs to consistently emphasize the transit-served, accessible activity centers that support the County’s vision.

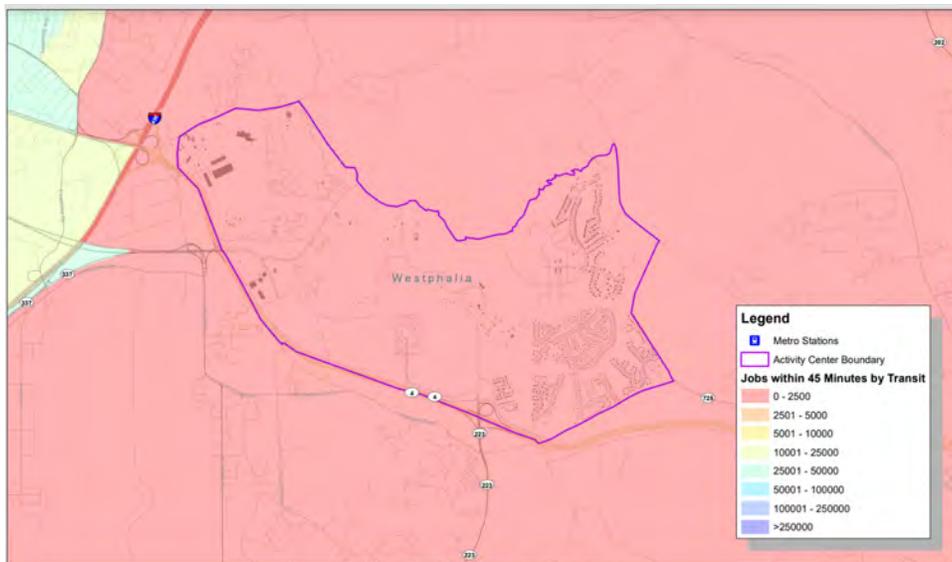
¹ Plan 2035 Land Use Policy 1: “Direct a majority of projected new residential and employment growth to the Regional Transit Districts”

² COG and TPB recently adopted a policy to focus public investment and commercial and residential development in High-Capacity Transit Station Areas.



Jobs Accessible by Transit
Prince George's Plaza

0.6 0.3 0 0.6 Miles
Source: CNT Housing and Transportation Affordability Index



Jobs Accessible by Transit
Westphalia

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Source: CNT Housing and Transportation Affordability Index

4. **Ensure that VMT is a key component of the proposed “Climate Score” evaluation system.** The proposed climate score for land use decisions and Capital Improvement Program investments must evaluate their effects in generating or reducing automobile [Vehicle Miles Traveled \(VMT\)](#) as one of its key measures.
5. **Expand transportation demand management and mode shift actions to serve all residents, employers and workers rather than only focusing on County employee teleworking measures.**
 - In addition to telework, Priority Recommendation M-6 should be expanded to address other TDM measures and other employment centers throughout the county.
 - Other TDM measures include:

- Expanding employee transit benefits and free/reduced fare programs; and
- Ensuring benefits are provided to employees based on other commute modes (bicycling, walking/housing proximity to work) and/or allow parking cash-out.
- TDM can be implemented relatively quickly and has been shown to provide [significant regional benefits](#) for greenhouse gas emissions and mobility.

6. Advocate for regional cooperation and policies to address the east-west jobs/housing imbalance, including by increasing economic development at underutilized Metro stations.

- The CAP focuses on local action; however, it should still loudly advocate for regional efforts to shift more employment growth to underutilized Metro station areas in the eastern side of the region combined with building more affordable housing near good transit throughout the region. This is Prince George's opportunity to speak up that other localities need to do their part in solving the east-west divide, which drives up greenhouse gas emissions and transportation and housing costs for everyone while dampening economic prosperity.
- The CAP should reference the County's Economic Development Platform as providing the transit-oriented development vision consistent with the CAP.

7. Simplify document organization.

- Organization is somewhat duplicative, with separate chapters for actions and implementation steps, making it confusing for the reader. Perhaps these could be consolidated, or at a minimum these should have clear cross-references and hyperlinks.
- County operational actions in many cases overlapped with other actions. For example, priority actions on land use CO-5 and M-7 have redundancies and some inconsistencies. Suggest consolidating these actions further and/or providing clear cross-referencing.
- Plan needs an executive summary or stand-alone summary document.

8. Improve Public Outreach for Rest of Plan. The virtual public meetings with break-out groups have functioned well and the County provided many sessions in November for the public to learn about and provide input on the draft plan. However, improvements to the remainder of the process and implementation should be made going forward. Areas that can be improved:

- People who participated in community meetings were either not notified of the draft plan release or received an email 8 days into the public comment period.
- County maintained four parallel websites with inconsistent content. Various County notices directed the public to one of four websites for information on the plan:
 - <https://pgccouncil.us/810/Climate-Action-Commission>
 - <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/3748/Climate-Change>
 - [Prince George's CAP Virtual Open House | art.spaces | KUNSTMATRIX](#)
 - <https://climatepartners.org/initiatives/local/prince-georges-county/>
- Video feeds of Climate Action Commission meetings were blurry, and viewers were unable to read presentation materials.

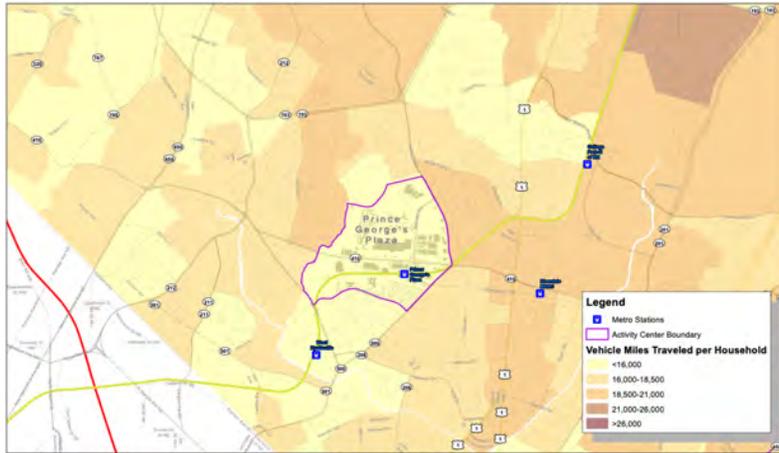
9. Other Comments:

- A. Plan needs a technical appendix to detail assumptions in 2030 scenario wedge analysis.
- B. Emissions baselines and reduction targets on pages 21 and 25 give different numbers.



- C. Define up front for reader what the terms resilient/resilience/resiliency mean in this document. Use of this term sometimes refers to disaster response and recovery, sometimes to climate change adaptation, and sometimes to greenhouse gas mitigation.
- D. “Co-Benefits” concept needs to be explained in the beginning.
- E. GHG Reduction needs to be included as a “Co-Benefit” in the table on page 133, consistent with other actions.

Addendum: Activity Center Comparison: Prince George's Plaza and Westphalia



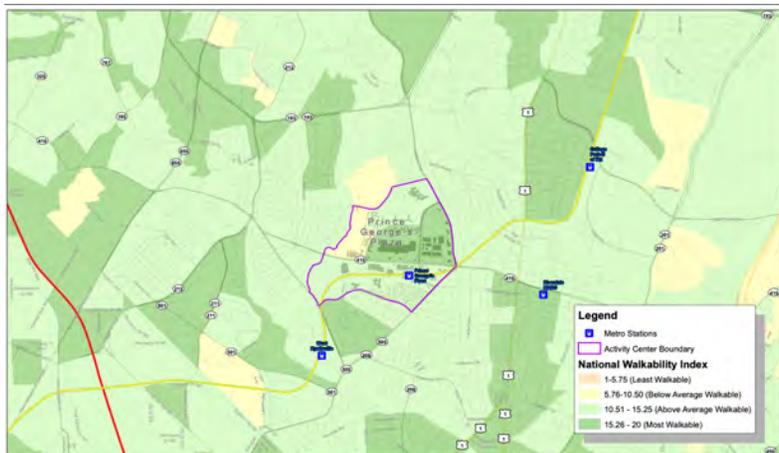
VMT per Household
Prince George's Plaza

0.6 0.3 0 0.6 Miles
Source: CNT Housing and Transportation Affordability Index



VMT per Household
Westphalia

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Walkability Index
Prince George's Plaza

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Source: US EPA National Walkability Index



Walkability Index
Westphalia

0.6 0.3 0 0.6 Miles
Source: US EPA National Walkability Index

Subject: Friends of Oxon Hill strongly support the Climate Action Plan.
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My name is Bonnie Bick, Oxon Hill, Maryland.

Please place these comments on the Prince George's Climate Action Plan record for the Friends of Oxon Hill

We strongly support the Climate Action Plan.

We encourage Prince George's County decision-makers to adopt and implement this plan.

We feel that the county's obligation to protect citizens' health and safety, the value of their property, and the citizen's quality of life is included when addressing the issues in this plan.

Climate change, due to the government's previous failure to recognize its impacts, make it all the more important, but also more difficult to address these issues now, but there should be no further delay.

Public Education:

Before and during the implementation of this plan, there should be more intensive outreach with simplified documents to walk the layperson through the importance of the climate action plan to them personally and communally.

The success of the plan is best when linked to general awareness in Prince Georges's population.

Prince George's County should develop outreach material with the positive responses that will occur in local communities when the plan is in action. It is good for the communities to understand the reasons these plans are being implemented and that they are involved in the implementation as families.

Trust:

In order to successfully involve Prince George's people, they must believe in their elected leadership and trust that their representatives are not being clouded by lack of awareness or personal self-interest, but that their elected officials are standing up and strongly in favor of addressing climate change on the local level here in Prince George's County for the well being of the present and future citizens.

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Good Afternoon,

I was reaching out to see if it would be possible to submit some additional comments on the Climate Action Plan draft. I apologize for the late request, we had some additional feedback from expert stakeholders and would really appreciate the commission including having this feedback. The plan is very well done, and we commend the work of the work of the committee in drafting this plan.

Thank you,
Griffin Benton

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December 14, 2021

Department of the Environment
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Attn: Mary Abe

Re: MBIA Comments – Prince Georges County Climate Action Plan

We would first like to thank the Climate Action Team and the Department of the Environment for their outstanding effort and dedication in drafting this plan and we appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the county's Climate Action Plan, and look forward to working with the county and other stakeholders in aiding the county in reaching its climate goals. However, it was unfortunate that the Building Industry was not apart the drafting of this plan as a resource given a large portion of the plan focuses directly residential infrastructure. The timeline for which these 26 priority recommendations taking is over the next 3-5 years. This seems quite aspirational given the uncertainty in regards to the continued effects from COIVD-19, which could subsequently result in unintended consequences for stakeholders because they are being asked to evaluate broad strokes proposals without any clarity regarding what on the ground implementation of the program could/would entail or result in.

Another point that the industry and other stakeholders have asked for further explanation on is regarding the counties role in the financing of certain recommendations. Does or has the county created plans to incentivize versus mandating these proposals through tax credits, reimbursements etc. There must be a partnership between the public and private sector to achieve these goals.

Comments/Feedback:

- Phasing out of all coal plants and cheaper energy sources to produce electricity – cost of alternative measures, geo – thermal and other practices are not commonly used and prices are high
- Increasing tree canopy requirements for carbon sequestration – with increase, with their be offsetting benefits – more density, tax exemptions
 - We do not support a removal of grandfathering. Approvals take several years or more to obtain and are based on laws in pace at the time of approval. Removing grandfathering would result in divestment on the county of development could be subject to future regulators
- Line – “In 1987, 67,000 acres and in 2012, less than 32,00 acres – this is due to smart growth and development over a 25 year period and exponential resident growth
- Critical to incentivize protection and monetize the benefits
- Implement land use plans that limit such development in regards to suburban sprawl

- Already have increased forest conservation requirements, restrictions on septic development, areas planned vs. not planned to for water and sewer, zoning, etc. Need to acknowledge all the laws already in place
 - No Net Loss Tree Conservation Program –
 - Specific recommendation with regards to a net zero regulation. Must be based on the actual problem based on projected forest loss estimated using existing GIS info and projected development pattern based on County codes and ordinances. Mitigation requirements must be kept simple to reduce uncertainty. The afforestation provision must either be removed if a 1:1 replacement requirement is initiated which would require a change to state regs or afforestation needs to be balanced based on the conservation threshold and mitigation ratios. Credit should be awarded for quality improvements in addition to quantity. No net loss should take into account existing quality of forest being saved and credit should be given if quality is improved. Quality improvements should be allowed via an optional method with quantity being the standard method
 - CO-5 pages 133-137 (65% of all new housing in activity center near transit vs. 25% now, no more grandfathering, climate scores for each new development, new developments must be in compliance with climate action plan, shorter validity periods for suburban development projects, severely limit water and sewer category changes for S5, W5)
 - M-11 pages 178-182- (Example issues, No net loss based on gross tract area, requirement to inventory every tree 4"-12" or greater. Removing all exemptions dis-incentivizing redevelopment, removing variance including specimen trees?, preserving forest less than 10,000 SF, requiring min 52% tree canopy on all sites.)
 - Recommendation M-9 prompts the County to develop building benchmarking requirements and standards across the County for both the public and private sectors
 - Starting 2023 the law will extend to all buildings greater than 25,000 sq feet
 - No county currently has this type of program, currently in NYC, Washington State, St. Louis, Washington DC
 - Potential to loose commercial and larger multifamily development
 - A-5: REQUIRE COMMUNITY-WIDE CLIMATE RESILIENT GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE. Green infrastructure should become the primary storm water management practice for all site development in Prince George's County.
 - SWM practices seem to be low hanging fruit, current thresholds are already extremely restrictive and obtaining waivers in cases is a necessary practice to allow projects to move through
 - Page 194 restrict development in a flood plain with no consideration given to compensatory mitigation
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Additional comments/questions

- Job creation claims in the plan. Are trades jobs really created or just shifted from the natural gas related trades to electrician/electrical appliance related trades?

- Increasing energy efficiency of building as a prerequisite to electrification does not necessarily address that in residential buildings how they are operated by owners/tenants can have as much of an impact on the success of energy efficiency as how they are designed/built.
- What plans has the county developed for the development, roll-out and introduction of these new code structures?
- Has the county explored the need for developing education programs to ensure builders and contractors are trained properly on the needs and requirements of the code?
- Will ongoing training be supported by the County to ensure that costs are not prohibitive as multiple new codes are put in place over a relatively short period of time?

- Will training programs be designed to ensure that builders and contractors are updated routinely on evolving technology, proper installation requirements and how to integrate them to work properly alongside conventional building practices?
- If the county does not prepare industries across sectors to work together and align programs there may be unintended consequences that hinder program implementation.
- Will there be sufficient supply of equipment and technicians to install it to support concurrent changes in both retrofits and new construction?
- Are utilities being leveraged to manage incentive or rebate programs? If so are they developing materials that educations builders/contractors on the requirements/return on investment for the customer? Will customer education be implemented to reinforce the need/value of the change?
- Have adjustors and banks been involved to develop ways of integrating the required change in to the value of the property to ensure access to upfront financing, transparency and a reasonable return on investment.

MBIA appreciates the opportunity to offer our comments and feedback on the Prince Georges County Climate Plan, we look forward to working the PGDEP, the County Executive and the County Council on crafting a plan that works best for all.

If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Griffin Benton, gbenton@marylandbuilders.org or 202-815-4239.

Thank you,

Griffin Benton, VP Government Affairs

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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**RE: Pepco Response Comments on the Prince George's County Climate Action
Commission Plan**

On behalf of Potomac Electric Power Company ("Pepco" or the "Company"), I want to thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed Prince George's County Climate Action Commission Plan ("Prince George's County CAC plan"). Pepco supports Prince George's County's leadership in addressing climate change with a strategic focus on sustainability, resiliency, and equity. We value the open and constructive approach of the County Executive and Prince George's County Council through the Prince George's County Climate Action Commission's work in soliciting public comments to inform this critical action plan. Pepco looks forward to being an active partner with the County in reducing greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions and investing in the infrastructure and technology necessary to help withstand the worst impacts of climate change on our system and for all our customers. As the electric utility that serves the majority of Prince George's County, Pepco recognizes that we have a unique role in helping to make this transition to a decarbonized future more equitably, inclusively and affordably, through our platform – the electric grid – which we are making smarter, stronger and cleaner. It is in this spirit that Pepco provides the below comments on the proposed Prince George's County CAC plan, which are organized as follows:

1. Background
2. Introduction
3. Electricity Generation
4. Transportation
5. Commercial and Residential Buildings
6. Carbon Sequestration on Natural and Working Lands
7. Adapting to Coming Climate Impacts
8. Enabling Equity in a Clean Energy Economy
9. Conclusion

1. Background

The 16-member Prince George’s County Climate Action Commission (“Prince George’s County CAC”) was created and tasked in 2020 by Prince George’s County Council resolution (**CR-07-2020**) to develop a Climate Action Plan for the County to prepare for and build resilience to regional climate change impacts and to set and achieve climate stabilization goals. The overarching goal of this Commission has been to provide actionable County strategies to both mitigate climate change through reduced greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and to help protect the County’s communities, including the County’s natural resources, from the increasing likelihood of significant climate change impacts. More specifically, the plan will set the County on a path to reduce its carbon emissions by 50% by 2030 (compared with 2005 levels). The goal aligns with the state's projection for 50% emission reduction by 2030 through the implementation of the Maryland 2030 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's goals for the region. The plan also will guide the County toward wise investments in the infrastructure that will serve the County well. This includes a new economy comprised of renewable energy systems, low-carbon transportation and smart growth communities. Pepco is committed to partnering and coordinating with the County, and other key stakeholders, to address the resiliency of critical energy infrastructure that advances the grid as a “platform,” where Pepco is the “connector” to provide programs and opportunities for customers and communities to access and enable climate solutions equitably, inclusively, and affordably.

2. Introduction

Maryland is a national leader in combating climate change and advancing energy efficiency and affordable clean energy solutions. In its 2020 Annual Report, the Maryland Commission on Climate Change recommended that Maryland upgrade the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Act of 2016 and adopt a more ambitious goal of a 50% reduction from 2006 levels by 2030 as opposed to the previously established 40% reduction goal. The state of Maryland has taken significant steps to increase the amount of renewable energy developed and delivered to Maryland’s electric customers. Additional actions undertaken include reducing energy consumption, electrifying transportation, and increasing awareness regarding the impact of climate change.

Prince George’s County has taken the opportunity, through the important work of the Climate Action Commission, to evaluate and propose solutions on all of these critical actions and in line with the work of the state of Maryland. We look forward to working with others, convened by the County, including subject matter experts and interested stakeholders, to collaborate on recommendations to combat climate change and advance policies to achieve climate actions to advance a clean, carbon-neutral future for Prince George’s County and its residents. Pepco is committed to working with the Prince George’s County government, including the Prince George’s County Office of Sustainability, Prince George’s County Department of the Environment and community partners to make the necessary system enhancements to enable this future and deliver on our promise to provide safe, reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy to all customers today and into the future.

Pepco provides the transmission and distribution delivery platform for electric energy to approximately 894,000 customers in Maryland and the District of Columbia. The Pepco service

area in Maryland includes 582,434 residential, commercial, and industrial customers in Prince George's and Montgomery counties. Pepco is committed to "powering a cleaner and brighter future for our customers and communities." The comments provided in this document are in that spirit. Through the Prince George's County CAC plan, Pepco will build on its role as a trusted community partner by providing affordable, sustainable, smart and clean energy solutions and options for all customers, enabling understanding and sharing of best practices and improving reliability and resiliency. Toward this end, Pepco's objectives include:

1. Enhancing the security, reliability, and resiliency of Pepco's electric system.
2. Facilitating the deployment of new energy technologies on the electric grid.
3. Enabling decarbonization efforts in the County, including in transportation and the built environment; and
4. Supporting the County and our customers in meeting their climate change goals and objectives.

At Pepco, we are advancing the ongoing transformation of the energy transmission and delivery system to exceed the expectations of our customers and communities. Historically, our customers expected us to deliver safe, reliable, and affordable power. While that has not changed, our customers expect that we will enable a cleaner energy future, while providing equitable access to new energy services and enabling more resilient and decarbonized choices.

Pepco's Climate Change Commitment – As the largest electric utility in Prince George's County, with significant assets and critical energy infrastructure, and as a major employer, we have a responsibility to address our own greenhouse gas footprint while working to provide customers with safe, reliable, affordable and sustainable energy through innovative and inclusive solutions. Pepco's Climate Change Commitment sets out a plan to reduce our own GHG emissions from operations on a trajectory that meets or exceeds the state's reduction goals and to work to inform and advocate for policies and processes that enable further decarbonization as well as support our customers and the larger community by providing the tools, programs and resources needed to enable the transition to a more equitable and inclusive clean energy future and greater resilience in the face of a changing climate.

Some of the steps we have taken to reduce our own GHG footprint includes installing LED lighting at all of our substations and local service centers. More specifically, we have started and continue to replace our existing lights with LED lights, and we are changing out all of the lights at our major warehouse facility in Forestville, Maryland. To date, we also have completed the conversion to LED lighting in 23 of our substations throughout Pepco's service territory in Prince George's County, Montgomery County and the District of Columbia, and we currently have three additional substation lighting upgrades in progress in Prince George's County for 2021 year-end completion. This initiative alone will reduce our energy consumption by 30% at our buildings. Also, the state has set a goal of 50% of electric power sold in the state be renewable by 2030, and we are accelerating the transition to renewable energy use to exceed the state goal by reaching a 50% target for our own buildings including our Forestville Service Center in Prince George's County by 2025.

We also have taken additional actions, to date, to advance a clean energy future with more product offerings for customers. For example, Pepco's EVSmart Program can accelerate the County's goal of significantly reducing GHG emissions in the transportation sector. This can be achieved by enabling individuals to install charging stations at their homes and by deploying more publicly available charging stations throughout the County, at no additional cost to the County. In addition, Pepco continues to invest in grid modernization to facilitate the integration of increased private and community-solar installations in the County, offer energy efficiency and demand response programs, and integrate more distributed energy resources (DER) like solar and wind. These investments are critical to maintaining operational excellence for the energy grid in the County, while enhancing reliability, security, and resilience.

Pepco also recognizes that the transition to a clean energy future can and must be done in a manner that addresses systemic issues related to environmental injustice and inequity and provides opportunities for all customers to benefit from the new opportunities and technologies that this transition will support. Pepco supports the Prince George's County CAC plan's focus on measuring diversity, equity and inclusivity related outcomes to ensure that low to moderate-income (LMI) residents and environmental justice (EJ) communities both benefit from and are a key focus of this plan. LMI consumers use a higher portion of their income for energy than other consumers, and many LMI communities will be the most impacted by climate change. Unfortunately, by having limited financial means, LMI customers confront barriers in accessing new, clean energy technologies and building resilience for themselves and their families.

The final Prince George's County CAC plan should include policies that prioritize LMI residents and EJ communities by including targeted efforts to increase transportation electrification, energy efficiency, community solar, and energy storage for and in communities that have a higher propensity to be impacted by climate change. Pepco is well-positioned to further such policies and to help ensure that historically under-resourced communities receive direct benefits from new technologies and programs to combat climate change. For example, our existing programs, such as the EVSmart Public Charging Program, can strategically deploy charging stations on County locations to ensure EJ communities' benefit from this transformation, including reducing local air pollutants, while offering affordable transportation options. In addition, our energy efficiency programs will continue to target our most vulnerable customers, helping them save money and helping businesses in identified opportunity zones increase the revenue generated to reinvest in the County as well as creating jobs and enhancing economic opportunities.

Pepco and Exelon's Path to Clean – As part of the Exelon family of companies, Pepco joined Exelon's ongoing commitment to protect the environment and take action to address climate change, when, in 2018, Exelon announced a goal to reduce GHG emissions from its internal operations by 15 percent by 2022. This marked the third in a series of GHG commitments Exelon has undertaken with the first two programs resulting in the avoidance of more than 67.8 million metric tons of GHG emissions – the equivalent of taking 14.5 million vehicles off the road for a year. In 2021, Pepco/Exelon announced a new goal to target a reduction in GHG emissions of at least 50 percent below 2015 levels by 2030, and net zero emissions by 2050. Pepco is on track to meet this GHG reduction target and is doing so by activities such as minimizing losses of sulfur hexafluoride or SF₆ from gas-insulated electrical equipment, investing in vehicle electrification and improving the energy efficiency of our buildings and other facilities.

Pepco and Exelon are committed to advancing transportation electrification to benefit customers and communities by taking major steps to electrify its fleet of vehicles. Exelon's utilities will electrify 30 percent of their vehicle fleet by 2025, increasing to 50 percent by 2030. This transition will be achieved through a combination of fully electric vehicles, vehicles with plug-in idle mitigation units and plug-in hybrids. Electrifying 50 percent of the fleet could reduce annual emissions by 12,000-15,000 metric tons by 2030, potentially avoiding more than 65,000 metric tons cumulatively from 2020-2030. That's the equivalent of the carbon removed by one million trees planted and grown for 10 years.

In 2019, the Exelon Foundation, the company's nonprofit philanthropic organization, also launched the Climate Change Investment Initiative, or 2c2i, to provide \$20 million in direct monetary and in-kind support over 10 years to develop new technologies to mitigate GHG emissions and build resiliency to the impact of climate change within the areas served by Exelon's utility companies, including Pepco.

3. Electricity Generation

The Prince George's County CAC plan establishes that the grid is the foundational platform for the more connected, distributed, and decarbonized future that the County envisions. A strong and modern grid provides value to customers by enabling a broader set of clean energy and climate solutions, while also building resilience in the face of more extreme and frequent weather events. The clean energy actions proposed in the Prince George's County CAC plan also calls for the County to install an additional 4 MW of solar on its properties over the next five years and a 100% Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) by 2030. To enable this future, Pepco will continue to design, engineer, and construct a well-planned delivery platform and customer-facing tools to enable additional solar and other distributed energy resources to be connected to the grid, safely, reliably, equitably and inclusively. Pepco has made significant investments in streamlining its interconnection processes for DERs, increasing the transparency of its interconnection approval processes, and preparing for greater amounts of DER deployment.

To integrate the increasing amounts of renewables and local solar, Pepco is investing in tools and communications necessary to connect and optimize clean energy resources. This will help Pepco streamline its interconnection processes for DERs, increasing the transparency of its interconnection approval processes, and preparing for greater amounts of DER deployment. For example, Pepco continues to upgrade and enhance its solar interconnection hosting capacity maps, which helps solar developers more efficiently and cost effectively site solar. At this time, there are nine community solar projects with 11.6 MW of capacity located in the Prince George's County's portion of Pepco's service territory. Approximately 2,500 Maryland Pepco customers have subscribed to these community solar projects and receive monthly Pepco bill credits based upon their subscriptions to the energy output of the projects. Pepco also provides a Digital Solar Toolkit, which offers a solar calculator to help customers understand their solar potential and estimate savings of "going solar" through a personalized evaluation. Also, Pepco provides resources to help customers select qualified solar contractors and offers a Community Solar Portal, which gives subscriber organizations the ability to manage their subscribers.

In addition, in January 2020, Pepco deployed a new system - *Connect The Grid* - to better support customers and contractors in submitting, processing and tracking their solar interconnection projects. The company is committed to enhancing this tool and the overall interconnection process. We will continue to engage our customers, Maryland stakeholders and the broader solar developer community and customers to seek feedback on process improvements. To help facilitate the interconnection of community solar in Maryland, Pepco has implemented processes and systems to enable solar developers to interconnect community solar projects to the electric grid and provide customers with savings from these projects. Pepco also closely monitors our distribution system and capacity limits to effectively manage the growth of renewable energy generation to support a diverse and decarbonized energy mix.

As investments in solar photovoltaic systems increase and evolve, Pepco will need to continue to invest in and add facilities in the County, including feeders and substations, to reliably manage the electric distribution grid. Our continued collaboration with both private sector entities and Prince George's County on system capabilities will be important in increasing installed DERs in the County.

4. Transportation

Pepco supports the Prince George's County CAC plan's goal of accelerating the deployment of electric vehicle ("EV") charging infrastructure in the County by 2026. Electrification of the transportation sector is a key strategy in driving large scale decarbonization efforts. Pepco is well-positioned to support the programs, policies and infrastructure for mass transit electrification and increased electric vehicle use in the County through its EVSmart program, which was approved by the Maryland Public Service Commission ("MD PSC") in 2019. Electrification of private vehicles is another crucial step in reaching the zero GHG emissions goal outlined in the Prince George's County CAC plan.

Under the 2019 MD PSC-issued order (*Case No. 9478, Order No. 88997*), Pepco and the other utilities in Maryland established an EV infrastructure pilot program to offer residential rebates for the installation of residential EV charging stations for single family homes and multi-unit dwellings. The program also supports the construction of utility owned charging stations on state, county, or municipal government-owned properties. These incentives can effectively support the expansion of an EV charging network by addressing concerns associated with "range anxiety," which impacts the transition to EVs. Users and potential users are concerned regarding the availability of charging facilities to support the conversion to EV transportation.

Additionally, these incentives for private vehicle electrification can help consumers overcome cost concerns when making the decision to purchase an electric vehicle. As a general matter, electric utilities have a critical role in building, owning, investing, and maintaining the infrastructure necessary to support the electrification of the transportation sector because utilities are best positioned to manage the impact of EVs to the grid and the associated cost. The role of electric utilities is key in helping to deploy this infrastructure in a way that sustains or improves system efficiency and maintains reliability of the energy grid, while also yielding shared value for all stakeholders. Pepco is well-positioned to support and construct charging infrastructure that addresses the transportation priorities established in the Prince George's County CAC plan.

Pepco supports the Prince George's County CAC plan, and we respectfully recommend including County support for the MD PSC-approved EV public charging pilot program (*Potomac Electric Power Company - Delmarva Power & Light Company - Semi-Annual Progress Report for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021., Case No. 9478. (ML 237059)*) and to the County continuing to work in coordination with Pepco to rapidly construct a significant number of the 250 Pepco allocated public charging stations to support increases in EV adoption. Additionally, we encourage Prince George's County leadership to consider passing an EV Ready Building Code to promote EV charging station readiness at newly constructed buildings. Furthermore, as the County considers implementation of its Prince George's County CAC plan, we encourage County leadership to support the utilization of a fleet assessment service to explore the potential and opportunities for electrification of its own fleet of vehicles.

The County's transportation sector is the greatest contributor to GHG emissions in the County. In the Prince George's County CAC plan, there is a recommendation to accelerate deployment of EVs and charging infrastructure by County and other public/private agencies. Pepco fully supports this recommendation, along with encouraging the County to create a fast-tracked permitting process that allows for faster construction of charging stations within the County that does not require a commercial building permit. Many states and counties across the country have adopted this process including California, which has more than 25% of the country's total charging stations.

We believe that this technology has the potential to revolutionize the distribution of energy resources that support transitioning from fossil fuels in the transportation sector. Pepco is well-positioned to assist the County in developing the policies and procedures that support EV incentives and expansion of the public vehicle charging network to include supporting the electrification of Prince George's County's transit bus fleet.

5. Commercial and Residential Buildings

Pepco supports the Prince George's County goals to make buildings in the County more resilient and energy efficient. The EmPOWER Maryland Energy Efficiency Act of 2008 authorized and established the framework that allowed Pepco to offer energy efficiency programs that provide cost-effective, long-term benefits, including reduced energy consumption and costs, smart investments in customer facing tools, job creation, and improvements to the local environment. EmPOWER MD programs are designed to deliver 2% energy savings to customers annually. Pepco currently offers a robust portfolio of energy efficiency programs, including lighting and appliance rebates for homeowners, the Home Performance Program with ENERGY STAR (e.g., home energy assessments and 50% rebates for energy improvements like insulation and air sealing), commercial lighting rebates, and energy efficiency services for industrial facilities. Pepco has successfully engaged public and private sector entities on small- and large-scale energy efficiency projects throughout Prince George's County, including partnering with Prince George's County Public Schools to complete 26 energy efficiency projects, which has delivered more than \$622,000 in incentives over the last three years.

Pepco also has a longstanding partnership with several Prince George's County government agencies including the Office of Central Services, Department of the Environment/Office of

Sustainability Division and others to increase awareness around energy efficiency and sustainability efforts within the County. Our partnerships have created innovative ways for customers to participate in energy efficiency programs, while helping customers save money and combat climate change. For example, one pathway for participating in Prince George's County's Clean Energy Program – which provides assistance to residents to adopt energy efficiency measures in nine designated neighborhoods – is to enroll in Pepco's Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program in order to leverage a grant from the County. Another example is the Home Performance Program, which is funded from the Pepco and Exelon merger. The program provides funds for homeowners with modest incomes to make improvements that save energy and reduce electric bills. Through Pepco's Energy Savings for Business Program, the company partnered with Prince George's County to complete 98 projects, saving nearly 8.1 million kWh annually. In addition, Prince George's County reduced its own utility expenses by more than \$850,000 per year and secured more than \$2.3 million in Pepco incentives to implement a myriad of projects since 2015.

As part of its current residential energy efficiency program offerings, Pepco offers individual customers Quick Home Energy Check-Ups ("QHEC"). The QHEC Program provides no cost audits and measures to both owners and renters living in all areas of the County. Customers receive a walk-through of their homes by a trained Energy Analyst and that individual educates them about how to make their homes more efficient. To reach deep decarbonization goals, Prince George's County will need to realize significant energy efficiency savings and Pepco looks forward to continuing to work with the County to maximize the benefits of available and future energy efficiency programs through EmPOWER MD.

In addition to energy efficiency, Pepco recognizes that electrifying buildings and changing building codes to enable greater amounts of electrification provides a clear opportunity to meaningfully reduce GHG emissions. Pepco looks forward to working with the County as it develops these new codes and standards. Increasing building electrification will require Pepco to plan for shifts in current system dynamics and peak loads. For example, Pepco is currently operating our Peak Energy Savings Credit Program (PESC), which incentivizes customers to use energy off-peak and provides meaningful engagement tips and reminders to help customers reduce peak load. Pepco also operates our EnergyWise Rewards Program in the County, which utilizes HVAC controllers to cycle customer air conditioners on peak days to reduce demand. This program continues to operate efficiently and is expanding with the addition of customer owned thermostats. We also launched an Automated Residential Technology Pilot Program, which will begin enrollment in 2022 and will combine behavioral, IoTs, and demand response to test customer's responsiveness to reduce load on a broader scale in their homes with additional smart home devices.

We are excited to support efforts to improve building efficiency and further electrification. Energy efficiency translates into cost savings for our customers, enhances the service of the local grid and enables greater amounts of GHG reductions. Pepco is prepared to support the development of the building energy efficiency standards recommended and respectfully request that the County consider policy options that align with, and are complementary of, and not wholly duplicative of,

current EmPOWER MD programs offered by Pepco. Pepco will work with Prince George's County legislators and Code Enforcement to review existing standards and offer analysis and information to support successful policy outcomes, as they evolve over time.

6. Carbon Sequestration on Natural and Working Lands

Accomplishing the GHG goals outlined in the Prince George's County CAC plan requires actions to capture and sequester carbon-dioxide. Pepco supports the County's recommendation in the Prince George's County CAC plan to retain well-managed forest land and maintain the urban tree canopy to both provide for sequestration opportunities, as well as help reduce the urban heat island effect and provide shade for homes and buildings.

As an example of how we support these actions, Pepco, in partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation, provided more than 700 free trees to residential customers through the Arbor Day Foundation's Energy-Saving Trees program in 2021. This climate-friendly and environmentally focused initiative helps customers conserve energy and reduce household energy use through strategic tree planting. As an added benefit, exposure to trees has a relaxing effect on humans, reducing stress and impacting a sense of well-being. Finally, trees help mitigate climate change and its impacts by sequestering carbon dioxide or CO₂ and reducing the urban heat island effect. Since 2012, Pepco has provided more than 9,000 trees for customers to plant in Maryland, providing the opportunity for saving approximately 10 million kWh of energy and sequestering an estimated 280,000 pounds of carbon.

Pepco's Right Tree, Right Place Pilot Tree Planting Program, in partnership with Casey Trees, is another example of how it supports these actions. We have recently partnered with Casey Trees to plant more than 100 trees in the following Prince George's County areas: Hyattsville, Mt. Rainier and Cheverly. The goal of the program is to help reduce energy usage, address stormwater runoff, mitigate urban heat spikes, clean the air, and provide County residents with a greener more sustainable future.

Balancing reliability with the benefits associated with a healthy tree canopy is essential to our commitment of providing safe, reliable, affordable and sustainable energy service to our customers. Pepco performs routine tree and vegetation maintenance in accordance with standards that are outlined in the Code of Maryland Regulations ("COMAR") on regular cycles to limit the vegetation that could potentially impact our infrastructure, causing outages for customers. We rely on specialized arborists and our partnership with the County to manage this work. These efforts will continue to grow in importance as we experience more frequent and severe weather events caused by climate change.

In addition to routine vegetation maintenance, we also perform off-cycle work when corrective maintenance is needed, including assisting property owners with the removal of unsafe trees near power lines. For rights-of-way below high voltage transmission lines, we generally mow and responsibly treat the land every four years to prevent trees and other vegetation from growing into the equipment, while working to protect pollinator plants and species. Depending on the voltage, transmission lines may fall under the guidelines of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") or the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC"), which means that

they are subject to strict standards and may be maintained annually. Pepco also helps to preserve and protect wetland areas within our service territory, which provides a positive climate impact and supports climate adaptation. We work closely with government agencies and others to ensure compliance and provide a proactive approach to conservation and protection. We use the latest site assessment and planning techniques to protect habitats when we design, build, and operate new facilities as well as when we execute our daily activities, such as maintaining power lines that fall within wetland environments. Pepco works closely with federal, state, regional, and local agencies to obtain wetland permits and helps to protect and preserve these locations so that they can continue to have an important role in climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience. The current provisions of the Carbon Sequestration recommendations under the Prince George's County CAC plan do not pose any immediate concerns to Pepco's vegetation management practices and wetland protection efforts. In fact, we believe that our efforts in this area complement the measures proposed within the Prince George's County CAC plan and look forward to continued collaboration in this area.

7. Adapting to Coming Climate Impacts

Pepco has identified the Mid-Atlantic region climate-related risks to be increasing in temperatures, potential storm severity and "worst recorded" storm events, sea-level rise, and transient or permanent flooding. Increased storm or flood damage could increase equipment damage and recovery time across the system. As Pepco prepares for a changing climate and invests in the equipment, technology and infrastructure for a smarter, stronger and cleaner grid that can withstand the impact of climate change, we will continue to support the efforts and recommendations of the Prince George's County CAC plan.

Toward that end, Pepco has engaged in multiple system design and engineering efforts including:

1. Constructing redundant supply into many critical facilities and construction of new substations to balance growing load demands,
2. Reconfiguring supply lines to substations to mitigate single points of failure, and
3. Deploying overhead and underground switching equipment to automatically reconfigure and restore customers in the event of an outage.

Over the past 10 years, energy system upgrades and new innovative technologies have reduced the frequency of electric outages by 68 percent for Pepco customers and communities. Several major projects over the next several years across the Pepco service area will help modernize the local energy grid and continue to enhance overall reliability and resiliency for customers; these projects include:

Steel Pole Installation – Pepco has been replacing wooden transmission poles with stronger steel poles along approximately 5.9 miles of public space and existing Pepco right-of-way along the Central Avenue corridor of Prince George's County. These new steel poles help make the local energy grid stronger and more resilient. Steel poles offer significant improvements in reliability, longevity, and durability when compared to wood poles and require less maintenance over time. This investment in Pepco's infrastructure will ensure that Prince George's County customers benefit from the high-performance service levels to ensure safe, reliable, affordable and

sustainable service for our customers. As we move forward with these types of installation projects within the County, it will also be important for us to continue to coordinate with our communities on the implementation and siting as well as to educate them and receive their feedback to assist us with improving our implementation process.

Battery Storage – As the County seeks to electrify public transit buses, school buses and County fleet vehicles, the Prince George’s County CAC plan also establishes the need for a renewable grid that is supported by battery storage. In 2020, the MD PSC issued an order (*Case No. 9619, Order No. 89240*) approving six energy storage pilot projects proposed by Exelon in Maryland, with one located in Prince George’s County and the other in Montgomery County. Batteries have the potential to defer more costly utility infrastructure improvements and will assist distribution utilities in more readily accommodating additional solar and other distributed energy resources at a lower cost, as well as building a level of resiliency for these charging facilities. We also appreciate and encourage the County to continue its participation in pilot programs such as our Livingston Road Battery Energy Storage System project in Prince George’s County.

Pepco will install a 1 MW/3 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in the Oxon Hill area of Prince George’s County that is expected to be operational in late 2022. The BESS at Oxon Hill will help Pepco to defer the construction of a future distribution substation, reduce regional peak electric distribution loads, support grid resiliency, interact with the wholesale electricity market, and support additional renewable distribution energy resources. Pepco continues to work very closely with the local community on the installation and use of the BESS and looks forward to demonstrating the benefits of this important technology in Prince George’s County. In support of the BESS, Pepco also established a Community Advisory Group (“CAG”) in February 2021. The CAG includes 10-15 representatives from the Prince George’s County Council District 8 office and residents from the area where the BESS would be located. The CAG has been meeting monthly since February 2021 to receive project updates and information from Pepco subject matter experts about the safety and construction of the project.

Microgrids – Pepco, together with a grant from the Maryland Energy Administration, is also supporting the development of a low and moderate income residential microgrid community demonstration project in Prince George’s County. The project is referred to as the Fairmount Heights Connected Community Initiative. The project is the result of collaboration among the Housing Initiative Partnership (HIP), a green nonprofit affordable housing developer based in Prince George’s County, Pepco, and Emera Technologies. The project consists of the development of six, all-electric and energy-efficient homes each installed with a front-of-the-meter “BlockEnergy” system comprised of solar PV (6kW) and a battery energy storage system (BESS) (17.7kWh). The community is further supported by a 90kWh central BESS.

Electricity from the system is distributed through the community and to Pepco’s grid. Emera Technologies, the BlockEnergy system and microgrid vendor, will install the system and manage it through Q2 2024. The project is expected to become operational in late 2022 to early 2023. This project will allow Pepco to demonstrate the benefits of a utility-owned direct current (DC) distribution infrastructure to manage distributed energy resources at residential community scale. It is also a unique opportunity to provide affordable housing to first-time homebuyers and equitable

access to sustainable energy, while at the same time helping Fairmount Heights achieve its revitalization and climate change goals.

Pepco also continues to explore investments in public microgrids in targeted areas and applications, as well as additional distributed energy resources and system automation to enhance grid resiliency. Pepco believes that microgrids connected to the utility system can be deployed strategically to support critical infrastructure in the County, including emergency shelters. The incorporation of renewable energy and battery storage in the design of microgrids aligns with the Prince George's County CAC plan goals to reduce the use of fossil fuel generation and corresponding GHG emissions. Pepco's ongoing infrastructure investments should be considered in the County's efforts to address critical infrastructure and resilience concerns.

As the demands of a changing climate require new investments, Pepco will work with the County to align our investments with system upgrades and modernization projects that will help the County meet its established goals. Pepco also will keep the County apprised of investments made to power a cleaner, more reliable and resilient system for the residents of Prince George's County.

8. Enabling Equity in a Clean Energy Economy

Pepco applauds Prince George's County's vision that a carbon free economy must be achieved by creating equitable outcomes and addressing racial and ethnic disparities. We have delivered innovative programs in the County for over a decade, ensuring the benefits and opportunities of building a decarbonized energy delivery system reaches all customers and, in all communities, especially those who are most susceptible to the effects of climate change.

Our Energy Efficiency and Electric Vehicle "(EV)" Public Charging programs have been designed with affordability in mind. Our goal with these programs is to provide efficient and effective programs that maximize benefits at the lowest cost to customers. We continue to strategically deploy our EV Public Charging program in many communities and municipalities throughout the County to ensure that no community is left behind in this transition towards clean transportation. Our Energy Efficiency programs have excelled at creating partnerships such as the one with Catholic Charities, by which, we donate LED light bulbs, ensuring our marketing materials are multi-lingual, as well as targeting opportunity zones to provide local benefits where businesses can use the cost savings to reinvest in the communities they serve.

As you are aware, on November 15, 2021, President Joe Biden signed a historic infrastructure bill (*H.R. 3684*) into law, advancing a key part of his economic agenda. This bill will provide \$973 billion over five years from FY 2022 through FY 2026, including \$550 billion of new federal investments in America's infrastructure for all modes of transportation, water, power and energy, environmental remediation, public lands, broadband and resilience.

We see this funding as a great opportunity to offset the cost of investments needed for the County to reach its clean energy goals as well as allow us to continue to enhance our workforce development efforts throughout our service territory to create a pipeline of talent that reflects the diversity of local communities, while also expanding opportunities and awareness of high-

demand energy careers. Pepco recognizes the importance of our local workforce and its crucial role in maintaining the infrastructure for a brighter, stronger community.

Our programs, along with initiatives included in the Prince George's County CAC Plan, are likely to lead, in varying degrees, to a wide variety of economic and workforce development benefits for Prince George's County residents and businesses. These benefits can be classified as:

1. Local job impacts, both in the short-term (for installing the new technologies) as well as longer term jobs associated with operational requirements and upstream supply chain impacts,
2. Local economic development impacts, such as increased income and wages for local workers and increased tax revenues,
3. Pollution reduction and health impacts and their associated impacts on local worker productivity,
4. Wider technology and supply chain impacts, and
5. Other economic benefits such as those from increased reliability and resiliency of the energy system, enhancement of energy equity, support of disadvantaged businesses, and downward pressure on electricity rates.

Throughout our workforce development programs, participants are exposed to the importance Pepco places on clean energy, sustainability, and climate change. For example, in 2021, as part of a program that is run in partnership with the County, 10 students per year, ages 14-22, from the Prince George's County Summer Youth Enrichment Program, attended a virtual learning session dedicated to our climate goals and how to take action to reduce their global footprint.

Pepco also partners with the Exelon Foundation to support energy and climate change education for teachers and students reaching 150 schools in Prince George's County, Montgomery County, and the District of Columbia. Schools receive year-round tools and resources, including professional development opportunities for teachers and a hands-on classroom curriculum. The program offers student-led energy audits for school buildings, field trips for students and teachers and a grant for supplies.

In terms of community connectivity, Pepco can be a strong partner in helping the County reach its climate goals. This includes robust public engagement activities to ensure that communities are empowered and engaged on issues of climate change. Pepco currently maintains a commitment to community outreach through a wide variety of initiatives that align with the County's equitable community engagement, education and outreach goals in the Prince George's County CAC plan.

As the County seeks to enhance climate communications for the community and solicit public support and collaboration on sustainability efforts, Pepco believes that our existing engagement strategies, partnerships, and education activities can support these efforts. Pepco partners with several nonprofit organizations to offer environmental and STEM learning experiences for children and families in the region, which includes:

- In Sept., Pepco, together with its program administrator, Rock Creek Conservancy, chose 11 local municipalities, recreational authorities and nonprofits to receive nearly

\$125,000 in funds to support open space and resiliency projects in Maryland and in the District of Columbia. This funding is provided throughout the region as part of Pepco's Sustainable Communities Grant Program, which provides funding to support open space preservation, improvements to parks and recreation resources, environmental conservation and innovative community resiliency projects. Two recipients in Prince George's County this year include the City of Hyattsville and Town of Landover Hills:

- The City of Hyattsville received a \$9,975 grant, which will support the planting of 75 trees in the public right-of-way to help restore the city's tree canopy, which is depleted by emerald ash borer.
- The Town of Landover Hills received a \$10,000 grant, which will support the Landover Hills Forest Trail and will be used to improve and provide interpretive signage along a 750-foot trail that provides a key connection between public lands and extend the trail to a nearby road to improve access.

9. Conclusion

Pepco is committed to supporting and investing in a clean energy future built on the foundation of a smarter, stronger, cleaner and affordable grid for our customers and the communities that we are privileged to serve, both equitably and inclusively. Through infrastructure upgrades, enhanced products and services, and new tools and technologies, Pepco will be a partner for progress in combating climate change by helping to increase energy efficiency, electrify transportation and enable local solar and storage, and utility scale renewable generation. Due to our scope and scale, we can both bring the benefits of a clean energy future and build resilience equitably and affordably for all customers. These advancements will also be considerate of ensuring that local and diverse businesses are partners in this evolution as well. Pepco appreciates the opportunity to work with the Prince George's County Climate Action Commission and other interested parties to help shape the Prince George's County CAC plan that thoughtfully considers ever-evolving technological developments in utility operations and reflects the economic realities faced by the utility, our customers and the communities we are privileged to serve. We thank you for your consideration and we are available to share our input and experience.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Technical corrections/clarifications on the Waste Reduction section of the Climate Action Plan (pp. 84-87, 173-174)

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Attachments: Factual corrections to the Waste Section of the Climate Action Plan.docx

Dear Ms. Abe,

Congratulations on getting the Climate Action Plan to the finish line!

I'm about to submit substantive comments into the record on the Plan's Waste Reduction recommendations on behalf of the Prince George's Sierra Club's Zero Waste Team, through the comment portal you've set up.

However, there are a few places in need of technical correction or clarification that we wanted to share, in case there's an opportunity to fix them in the final printing of the report. I'm not sure that these would be appropriate or helpful to send as "comments." These are attached and we hope that your team finds them useful. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards, Martha Ainsworth

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Page #	Error to be corrected	Why it’s an error	Proposed solution
84	“Further, waste management generates GHG emissions whether the waste breaks down in landfills or is burned in waste-to-energy facilities.”	Most waste in landfills does <u>not</u> break down; anaerobic decomposition of organic waste generates methane. Waste is burned in <u>incinerators</u> , which generate a lot of GHG emissions and air pollutants. Electricity is a byproduct, not the objective of an incinerator.	Replace the sentence with: “Further, <u>anaerobic decomposition of organic waste in landfills and incineration of waste both generate GHG emissions.</u> ”
85	“Recognizing the importance of reducing waste, Prince George’s County developed a Zero Waste Initiative.” AND “The County’s Zero Waste Initiative outlines the actions to help drive the county....”	The report is called “Zero Waste Initiatives” and is a menu of interventions to reduce waste. It is a resource, not a Zero Waste Plan and not an initiative adopted by the County Council.	Replace the first sentence with: “Recognizing the importance of reducing waste, Prince George’s County <u>commissioned a review of effective Zero Waste Initiatives.</u> ” Edit the second sentence to read: “The County’s Zero Waste <u>Initiatives study</u> outlines... and move this second sentence up to follow the first sentence.
85	“...the County is aligned and currently setting its own zero waste goals.”	We’re unaware of any current work by the DOE or the County Council on setting zero waste goals. CB-87-2012 set a target of 60% recycling rate by 2020, which was met in 2018, but not met in 2019. <u>There is no new proposed recycling target and no overall zero waste goals or plan.</u>	Drop this language
85	“The program is expanding to 3,000 households and plans county-wide deployment by July of 2022.”	This is a clarification. It has already been expanded to 3,000 households in 2021. The countywide expansion is <u>voluntary</u> and only in <u>unincorporated areas</u> . It does not include municipalities.	“The <u>voluntary</u> program expanded to 3,000 households <u>in 2021</u> and county-wide deployment <u>in unincorporated areas</u> is planned by July 2022.”
86	“...the County should also support introducing a Pay-as-You-Throw (PAYT) fee structure, which would incentivize residents to recycle and repurpose waste to reduce the disposal fees they incur.	The sentence doesn’t mention <u>reducing</u> waste, which is the major objective of PAYT. <i>This same issue is missed in the next two sentences:</i> “Residents who recycle and repurpose...” and “Conversely, those who don’t divert or recycle...”	Insert <u>reduce</u> , before “recycle” in each of the three sentences.
86	“...methane, a greenhouse gas twenty-five times more powerful than carbon dioxide.”	Over a 100-year periods, the global warming potential (GWP100) of methane is 28-34 times that of CO2. However, <u>in the shorter run (20 years) the global warming potential is 84-86 times higher than CO2. These are well-known facts, and since this report has a short-run</u>	“...methane, a greenhouse gas <u>84-86</u> times more powerful than carbon dioxide <u>in a 20-year time frame.</u> ”

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		<u>perspective, the 84-86 times figure should be used.</u> ¹	
86	"...a successful, fourteen-month pilot project to collect food scraps..."	Clarification – it was a <u>residential</u> pilot, did not include businesses.	"...to collect <u>residential</u> food scraps."
86	"...the County plans to expand the program countywide by summer 2022."	Per comments above, it will be expanded countywide in <u>unincorporated areas</u> (excluding a quarter of the population that lives in municipalities) Also, it is a voluntary program.	"...the County plans to expand the <u>voluntary</u> program to <u>unincorporated areas</u> countywide by summer 2022."
87	"Additional steps include the legislative adoption of the County's Zero Waste Implementation Plan."	This is factually incorrect. <u>There is no draft County Zero Waste Implementation Plan under discussion.</u> There is only the Zero Waste Initiatives study from 2018.	Change the language to "Additional steps include the legislative adoption of a <u>County Zero Waste Implementation Plan.</u> "
173	"Key goals include expanding residential curbside food scrap collection countywide no later than 2023."	On pp. 85, 86, and 174 the text says this will be done <u>by 2022.</u>	Replace the date in the sentence – from 2023 to 2022.
173	"Also critical to these efforts will be County support of Maryland State Law (GET NUMBER), which requires mandatory composting for entities producing more than two tons of food scrap per week, starting in 2023."	<u>Multiple factual errors.</u> The bill was HB264 / SB483. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It doesn't mandate composting per se (must divert by reducing, donating, managing on site, sending it to organics composting, or for agricultural use). • Initially it applies to entities generating two tons of residuals/week, but a year later, in 2024, it applies to entities producing more than one ton of food residuals per week. • It only applies to entities within 30 miles of an organics composting facility that can accept and process. • MDE is enforcing the law, so the County's support through additional legislation (suggested later in the text) is not necessary. 	Suggested replacement language: <u>"Significantly, a recently enacted statewide bill (HB264) will require that, as of January 1, 2023, entities generating more than two tons of food residuals per week and that are located within 30 miles of an organics composting facility that can accept and process the waste must divert it by reducing, donating, managing it on site, or sending it for composting or agricultural use. In 2024, it applies to entities generating more than a ton of food residuals weekly. This undoubtedly will increase demand for services of the County's OCF and divert some organic waste from the landfill."</u>
173	"...establishing re-use centers to accept and repurpose gently-used bulk materials like furniture, appliances, and house de-packaging equipment , as well as conducting..."	We believe that the report means house deconstruction equipment , not depackaging equipment, which would be something for the Organics Composting Facility.	Replace "depackaging" with " <u>deconstruction.</u> "

¹ <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/how-bad-of-a-greenhouse-gas-is-methane/>; <https://unece.org/challenge>.

Subject: Prince George's Audubon Society supports PG County's Climate Action Plan
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Date Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 1:21:51 PM GMT-05:00
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Dear County Executive Alsobrooks and members of Prince George's County Council:

Prince George's Audubon Society strongly supports the adoption and implementation of the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan. Two-thirds of North American birds are at risk of extinction from global temperature rise, and since birds are an indicator species---if an ecosystem isn't working for birds, sooner or later, the health and well-being of people will also suffer. We believe that by stabilizing carbon emissions we can improve the chances for a majority of birds at risk and provide our children and grandchildren a healthier environment, but we must act quickly.

The Prince George's County Climate Action Plan promotes, and the Prince George's Audubon Society supports, a just transition to clean, renewable energy; increased energy efficiency and reduced waste; smart growth and affordable, reliable, clean transportation options; nature-based solutions to reduce impacts of excess heat and extreme precipitation; and responsible stewardship of our natural resources and agricultural lands.

In keeping with State and Regional goals, the Climate Action Plan sets a goal for the County to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 50% from 2005 levels by 2030. It recommends the inclusion of nature-based solutions for carbon sequestration and the enactment and enforcement of No Net Loss tree conservation regulations and policies to expand and maintain tree canopy and forests. In order to maintain tree cover at 52% through 2030 and expand tree cover to 55% by 2050, the Climate Action Plan recommends strengthening tree conservation codes; improving data collection to monitor and map tree cover and ecosystem services; targeting tree stewardship grants for areas with the greatest need; and increasing incentives for residents and businesses to add new trees. We endorse all of these strategies to combat the climate crisis, and as pioneers in the national effort to encourage citizens to give their yards a climate makeover by decreasing lawns, planting native plants, going fertilizer free, and forgoing gas-powered tools, we stand behind the Climate Action Commission's recommendation for public and private engagement in the use of best practices for climate friendly landscaping.

This year Prince George's County Audubon Society implemented a program to advise homeowners about how to garden and landscape for wildlife using native plants. The Society desires to be regarded as a partner in the implementation of Prince George's County Climate Action Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this plan for Prince George's County's future health and prosperity! Please adopt and implement the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan.

Very Truly Yours,
Kenneth A. Cohen, President
Prince George's Audubon Society

Subject: PG DSA Comment on Climate Action Plan
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Attachments: DSA Comment on Prince George's County Climate Action Plan.pdf

Dear Climate Action Commission:

On behalf of the Prince George's County branch of the Democratic Socialists of America, we are submitting this document as our public comment on the County Climate Action Plan.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

In Solidarity,

PG DSA Steering Committee

PGC DSA Comment on Prince George's County Climate Action Plan



Overview

The Prince George's County branch of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) is supportive of the County adopting a Climate Action Plan. In the current climate crisis, sea levels are rising, global temperatures are increasing, and weather-induced disasters are occurring more frequently. Fossil-fuel based energy production and carbon emissions continue to exacerbate these problems, and frontline communities (Black, Indigenous, and low-income) often suffer the worst consequences in the form of environmental injustice.

We applaud the County creating a commission to put together the current version of the Climate Action Plan that is currently available for public comment, and we appreciate the effort made to engage County residents with input in its creation, including the three public sessions in 2021 and the Resident Advisory Group (RAG). We believe that the development of any plan to address the current climate crisis should reflect the ideas and will of the residents, and this does so.

It is imperative that this Climate Action Plan is passed by the County Council and put into place as soon as possible, but as Democratic Socialists, we are cautious about the specifics of implementation. For us, we have to address capitalism as the root cause of the climate and environmental crises we're facing today. Fossil fuels are prioritized for energy generation in the name of profit, and the Earth is exploited for its natural resources, also in the name of profit. All of this contributes to a vicious cycle of growth that leads to overconsumption, waste, and pollution. Therefore, "green capitalism" cannot save us.

We aim to work toward transformative reforms on climate, environment, and power. It is imperative to break capitalist control of contributors to climate and environmental damage; to facilitate a just transition for the workers, the oppressed, and the marginalized; and to achieve liberation from consumerism and waste. This Climate Action Plan provides a lot of basis in achieving these goals, but its success is highly dependent on how the various components are executed. Our detailed comments related to various aspects of the plan are described below

Comments

- It is imperative that the relationship between climate and public health is established, especially for marginalized communities. Health hazards and disparities are a significant effect of climate change, and addressing them equitably throughout the County is an important part of what this Climate Action Plan should be.
- The welfare of future generations should also be a centering and guiding principle of the Climate Action Plan. In recent years, we have seen youth-led climate justice movements throughout the world, from Greta Thunberg in Sweden to the Sunrise Movement here in the United States. More than just a blueprint for meeting metric-based goals in carbon emissions reduction, this Plan should be a basis for an ongoing effort by both municipal officials and residents to build a better Prince George's County that is sustainable in both achieving a better climate and environment for the future.
- The timeline currently is set for the County Council to vote on this plan in January 2022. In the event that it does not pass (and we have good reason to be concerned about its passage based on the recent redistricting), will there be a strategy to put this framework to good use, either by re-introducing it or otherwise generating support? Can we take it to the municipalities in the County to implement parts of it at the local level?
- The Plan is to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 50% by the year 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality (emission elimination, or balancing emission and elimination/sequestration) by 2050. Are these achievable and desired? The plan indicates that a lot of the reduction will come from the state of Maryland accelerating renewable portfolio standard (RPS) requirements. The plan should also empower residents to choose renewable energy options, which would then put pressure on power companies to adapt in response to the needs of the people.
- Protection against extreme weather events in the face of climate change is important, and some of the blueprint plans do address this; with the advent of the recent IPCC reports stating that temperature warming is already happening, climate resilience strategies are at the forefront of planning, and we should continue developing them for implementation within the County.
- Education is emphasized not just at the K-12 level, but also in secondary education and adult education within the plan; case study formats and libraries are a part of it as well. The DSA believes strongly in the power of public schools and public education to serve as centers for individuals to fulfill personal development goals and work towards achieving climate justice.

Comments (cont.)

- Workforce development is mentioned, which is essential for building organized worker power; and connections to local educational institutions like PGCC and UMD extensions also help with easing just transitions for workers. The Labor Network for Sustainability (HQ Takoma Park) would be a great partner on workforce development and a just transition. Organized labor is an essential component in achieving a just transition to a renewable energy economy for the future, and an essential component within a society that has emerging industries in climate-resilient infrastructure and renewable energy generation/storage.
- Adopting a true RPS portfolio is a key to transitioning out of the fossil fuel energy generation dependence to meet the carbon-neutral goals of the plan. It will take political will that can overcome lobbying efforts to keep carbon-emitting energy sources in place. To gain scale, it will be highly useful to coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions, state agencies, and Council of Governments (COG) priorities such as:
 - Climate & Energy
 - Greenhouse Gas Inventories
 - Energy Efficiency
 - Renewable Energy
 - Clean Fuel Vehicles
 - Energy Infrastructure
 - Climate Resilience
- The idea of introducing case studies shows how the people would be more open to renewable transition if programs tied to property and homes (tax credits and grants) would be tied in. It is important for the residents to tie in broader ideas to specific concrete steps that can better their lives.
- We would like to see efforts by the County to ensure that ownership and oversight of any new structures (grid systems, microgrids, new energy-efficient buildings, energy storage/delivery systems, renewable energy sources) are by the residents as stakeholders as well as the County. If a model of investment and development is chosen with private entities, then accountability measures have to be put in place such that private entities don't have an undue amount of influence in decisions related to the energy generation/transmission/distribution/storage and infrastructure put in place as a result of this Climate Action Plan. The Community Solar initiative enabled by state PSC should be utilized whenever possible to ensure neighborhood benefit and solidarity.
- The idea of a framework put in place for addressing vehicle emissions by redesigning work-home commutes and public transit is a big opportunity for re-imagining how the County can operate from the ground up. It can not only impact the environment and climate, but our own schedules and life. Therefore, it is important to consider the holistic effects of how residents' lives can be improved in this process.

Comments (cont.)

- It is important to note that vehicle electrification doesn't just apply to cars; it also applies to bigger vehicles, especially those owned by municipalities for various services (e.g. street sweeping, snow plowing, local public transit). This is a big opportunity for the County to address a huge source of carbon emission, namely, large municipal vehicles.
- The Plan's details on deep retrofits and weatherization of buildings also builds on work towards climate resilience, but we would also want to investigate how these "hard infrastructure" projects can better encompass a transition for better worker power and people power.
- The Plan's carbon sequestration strategy involves tree cover and increasing canopy and amount of trees, but how can we combat rampant private development that is a destructive force to it? This would involve elected officials in the County standing up to outside development projects that have long ravaged our land.
- One of the resilience strategies is heat and temperature mapping across areas to identify high-risk regions. This is dependent on software and data analytics, therefore, how can we make sure that the County can protect this data against the intrusion of Big Tech, and more importantly, not allow corporatization of a strategy meant for the public good?
- Another way of climate resilience is also establishing resilience hubs within the County; would there be any way for making sure that they are not privatized, and also provide for equitable access throughout the socioeconomic variances of the region? We believe that community centers and community schools are templates for building up these hubs throughout the County.

Specifics on Priority Recommendations

CO-1: Build internal capacity to plan and implement climate action

- For a climate leadership summit, will the protocols be in place to get equal representation? Who are the stakeholders that can get a voice, and can they effectively represent County residents?

CO-2: Lead by example and ensure transparency in climate action

- In addition to transparency, a key point is developing ways of informing and elucidating the public without being intentionally confusing.
- Measurements and tracking should be represented in clearly legible and understandable data.
- Tracking data is protected and municipalized, not exploited by Big Tech corporations.

Specifics on Priority Recommendations (cont.)

CO-3: Ensure meaningful, equitable community engagement

- We want to make sure that a long-term strategy is used for training and professional development, and that it's ongoing.
- We want to also make sure that people are continuously engaged in solutions engagement with existing community organizations.
- Also, the Plan should enable, encourage and subsidize internal climate monitoring committees within those broad-scale community organizations.

CO-4: Commit to clean and renewable energy

- A lot of this recommendation is related to financial investment and RPS definition in policy, so it is important to follow through with resolutions and policies that have financial backing
- With the financial backing and investment, there is then the motivation to move to benchmarking, and a more just transition for workers.

CO-5: Strengthen land use regulations to better align individual land-use decisions with state County policies related to smart growth, natural resource conservation, and green infrastructure

- This requires elected and municipal authorities to stand up to rampant development that is destroying the County, and not give any subsidies or tax breaks to corporations that want to exploit the land.
- We also require resident oversight on how land is used, and any process involving land usage has to be as transparent as possible.

M-1: Power County operations with 100% renewable energy

- The energy procurement strategy has to be equitable and not reliant on giving political and influential power to outside companies as an investment strategy; municipal and resident ownership is key.

M-2: Increase deployment of solar PV in the residential and commercial sectors by expanding partnerships, incentives, and financing solutions

- Any task force and education have to be engaged with all residents.
- Engagement with the SolSmart program has to demand accountability in dedication to technical assistance provided to municipalities and residents.

M-3: Accelerate deployment of resilient energy systems

- It is important to limit the power and influence of utility companies like Pepco and BGE to make sure that this critical energy infrastructure is democratized.

M-4: Accelerate deployment of EVs and charging infrastructure by County and other public agencies

- Municipal and democratized control of the entire EV infrastructure is critical for a just transition within a post-fossil fuel vehicle society.

Specifics on Priority Recommendations (cont.)

M-5: Develop a community-wide EV deployment strategy

- We want equity considerations to make it affordable for lower-income residents to get EVs.

M-6: Support telework policies to reduce VMT and enhance County resiliency

- We want more municipal oversight on tech platforms for teleworking (e.g. Zoom, MS Teams), and on the “green” hardware to provide the server infrastructure basis for these platforms.
- This is a critical opportunity to re-think the concept of a workweek and work schedule overall; we do not want this to become a “race to the bottom” for extracting labor out of the County resident workforce.
- Ideas can be created for how roads and highways can be repurposed to better use the land with less VMT.

M-7: Increase investment in Activity Centers

- We want a genesis for building local communities with available facilities for people to access.
- We can use this as an opportunity to rethink how living spaces and areas are used, without poorly thought-out suburban/exurban expansion and development.

M-8: Accelerate implementation of deep energy retrofits and community-wide efficiency and weatherization efforts

- The County itself (in its budget) can put up the money to do it and set the example with municipal buildings to show residents how it could (and should) be done.

M-9: Establish building benchmarking requirements and energy and water consumption standards

- These should apply primarily to present and future municipal buildings.

M-10: Expand County waste reduction and diversion efforts

- Expanding waste programs is key, and providing on-site experts in municipal localities (like sustainability coordinators) can help out residents.

M-11: Enact and enforce “No Net Loss” tree conservation regulation and policy to maintain and expand street tree canopy and forest as a land cover

- The County needs to realize that tree preservation is achieved by standing up to private development in the name of capitalism.

A-1: Require all County agencies and government operations to anticipate impacts from climate hazards and integrate climate resilience goals into all long-range county plans, policies, and CIP programs by 2026

- The County creating a resilience integration office would set an important precedent.

Specifics on Priority Recommendations (cont.)

A-2: Implement climate resilient stormwater management and expand flood mitigation programs

- Sustainable infrastructure development is a large component of dealing with stormwater and flooding issues.

A-3: Prioritize preserving and restoring natural resource areas and agricultural open space to reduce flood risk

- This ties to a lot of political will needed from the County in protecting our lands from private corporate development.

A-4: Evaluate and address climate risk to dams and levees

- Prioritizing upgrades would tie in well with a way of ensuring that the dams and levees are doing the task that they were originally constructed for.

A-5: Require community-wide climate resilient green infrastructure

- Municipal bonds and ordinances have to be executed properly for ensuring that the funds can give rise to the green infrastructure that was promised.

A-6: Expand information and assistance to the public regarding both impacts of climate risks and opportunities to implement climate actions

- Education is a key area, and it has to be more active, not just passive in one-off sessions or lectures.

A-7: Reduce exposure of vulnerable populations to extreme heat

- Thermal mapping should not be data intrusive; it is better for us to have our personal data protected from exploitation.

A-8: Establish resilience hubs to serve the needs of vulnerable communities

- The resilience hubs would ideally be a part of the Activity Centers described in Priority Recommendation M-7.

A-9: Adopt codes, standards, and practices to support climate-ready green buildings and development

- Do created standards have the backing and will to be acted upon? Or will they just exist as a document that no entity adheres to? It is important to execute on the standards that are created, and not allow any flexibility or loopholes.

A-10: Promote a healthy food system supported by low-carbon, regenerative agricultural practices

- An opportunity exists to re-purpose land from power plants that have been environmentally degraded over the years; one way is to rebuild it as gardens and farms based on the principles of agroecology that provide for a sustainable future in food, health, and climate.

Subject: Sierra Club supports the Climate Action Plan **From:** Janet Gingold
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Attached please find a letter of support for the Climate Action Plan from the Prince George's County Sierra Club.



November 30, 2021

To: Prince George's County Department of the Environment
Climate Action Plan - ATTN: Mary Abe

The Prince George's County Sierra Club enthusiastically supports the County's draft Climate Action Plan. We urge county leaders to adopt the plan and implement it, fully and expeditiously.

In this Draft Climate Action Plan, the Commission has laid out a rationale for action, described where we are and where we need to go, and made specific recommendations about how to get started. This is very much a Prince George's County plan, based in our county experience. Insights from past and existing efforts create a foundation for the changes in county operations that will facilitate needed change. The focus on embedding climate mitigation, climate resilience, transparency, and community engagement into county operations will be critical as we accelerate the just transition to renewable energy and adapt to a changing world. With emphasis on health and equity considerations, the plan includes recommendations for how the County can invest first in neighborhoods with the most need. The Plan recommends systemic change for systemic problems, with new systems for collecting and sharing data and information to facilitate transparency, accountability, and public engagement.

Land-use decisions affect both greenhouse gas emissions and resilience. Suburban sprawl development doesn't just replace vegetation with impervious concrete and asphalt, with resulting increases in temperature and flood risk. It also increases the miles we drive and the time we spend in cars. With close to half of county greenhouse gas emissions coming from the transportation sector, it becomes all the more important to design our built environment with both travel needs and climate resilience in mind. The review of recent divergence of land-use decisions from the goals of Plan 2035 (Appendix A) highlights the importance of updating planning documents to take climate impacts into account and aligning land-use decisions with the planning documents, as described in Priority Recommendation CO-5. Accelerating the electrification of our vehicles (M-4 and M-5) is necessary but not sufficient; we must also decrease vehicle miles traveled by focusing development in activity centers and promoting non-automobile modes of transportation as well as telecommuting, as described in M-6 and M-7. The no-net-tree-loss recommendations (M-11) are welcome additions to the county's toolkit for limiting deforestation and providing nature-based solutions to enhance carbon sequestration, water absorption, and evaporative cooling.

For over a decade, the Prince George's County Sierra Club has worked with the County to support public education about waste reduction and waste management. We are

pleased to see that the Climate Action Plan includes recommendations (M-10) for legislation to decrease plastic waste, as well as expeditious completion of the long-awaited county-wide expansion of the County's program for curbside pick-up of food scraps for composting at the Organics Recycling Facility. We are glad to see the inclusion of recommendations about addressing methane emissions from the landfill and attention to the diesel emissions from collection vehicles. The implementation of a Pay-As-You-Throw program will provide motivation to decrease waste. However, community education, outreach, and enforcement will be needed to prevent an increase in illegal dumping.

Improving climate resilience is both a public health issue and an environmental justice issue. The impacts of climate change are likely to exacerbate our existing health disparities, as people in neighborhoods with the fewest trees and the most impervious surfaces are most likely to experience the worst impacts from heat waves and heavy rains. The Climate Action Plan provides recommendations for decreasing exposure of vulnerable populations to excess heat (A-7, A-8)), using nature-based solutions for stormwater management (A-2, A-5) and re-valuing natural resources areas and agricultural open space to reduce flood risk.

Recommendations for climate literacy education, work-force development, professional development, re-training workers displaced during the transition from fossil fuels, and education for residents about climate solutions are keys for unlocking the new economic opportunities for our residents and businesses and empowering all stakeholders to participate in necessary change. Adopting this plan now will facilitate applications for newly-available federal funding to build more resilient electrical grids and increase energy efficiency in buildings, while also stimulating the local economy with new green jobs.

Prince George's County residents need County leadership to establish systems that make it easier for us all to decrease our greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate. What we learn as we implement these recommendations will inform new improvements and more resilience for the challenges that lie ahead. We have to do as much as we can as fast as we can to transition to more just and sustainable practices for our future health and prosperity.

The Prince George's County Sierra Club hopes to partner with the County in community engagement activities to help residents and businesses throughout the county decrease their greenhouse gas emissions and increase their resilience in years to come. We urge the County to adopt and implement this Climate Action Plan. Let's get to work.

Sincerely,



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December 1, 2021

RE: Support for Prince George's County Climate Action Plan

Dear County Council Members,

The Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland's Sustainable Maryland (SM) program urges the County Council to **swiftly adopt the draft Climate Action Plan** and **begin funding implementation** of the priority recommendations that have been outlined in the plan.

There is strong consensus amongst the scientific community that if we wish to stave off the impacts of climate change, governments at all levels will need to take immediate and aggressive action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, establish adaptation measures that build community resilience, and implement equitable climate solutions that protect our most vulnerable populations. The climate crisis is an existential threat and Prince George's County must take direct steps to protect against the effects of climate change impacts on its built, social, economic, and natural systems. The County is urged to prioritize climate-friendly measures and policies and back up its commitments with adequate funding and staffing to guarantee equitable climate outcomes for all County residents.

Sustainable Maryland, a free and voluntary outreach and certification program that helps Maryland communities pursue a sustainable future, represents 26 of the County's 27 municipalities. While many of the County's SM municipalities have already started actively taking measures to address the climate crisis (e.g., formally declaring a climate emergency, adopting renewable energy, conducting outreach, etc.), they will need the County's climate leadership, coordination, and support to ensure that their communities remain a desirable place to live, work and play.

The health, safety, and well-being of our communities are at risk. The 229,813 residents represented by SM communities will benefit, and their children and

grandchildren will benefit, from the County’s Climate Action Plan’s implementation. Thank you for recognizing the need to take bold action to address the most urgent issue of our lifetimes. We stand ready to assist you as together we forge a new path to a climate-friendly future.

Sincerely,

Jen Cotting, Director
Mike Hunnginghake, Program Manager, Sustainable Maryland

Prince George’s County Sustainable Maryland Communities

Berwyn Heights	District Heights	Morningside
Bladensburg	Eagle Harbor	Mount Rainier
Bowie	Edmonston	New Carrollton
Brentwood	Fairmount Heights	North Brentwood
Capitol Heights	Forest Heights	Riverdale Park
Cheverly	Greenbelt	Seat Pleasant
College Park	Hyattsville	University Park
Colmar Manor	Landover Hills	Upper Marlboro
Cottage City	Laurel	

Subject: Climate Action Plan Letter

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Date Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 9:53 AM GMT-05:00

Good Morning,

Please see the attached Climate Action Plan Letter sent on behalf of the Berwyn Heights Town Council.

Thank you,

Melanie Friesen
Berwyn Heights Town Clerk



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The Town of Berwyn Heights writes to comment on Prince George's County draft Climate Action Plan (CAP). Berwyn Heights recognizes the critical importance of climate action in the County. We encourage the County Council to swiftly adopt the CAP and pursue the actions included.

Berwyn Heights is currently witnessing the impacts of climate change that are negatively affecting our community, including increasing severe weather, flooding, and extreme heat. These threats are expected to increase and disproportionately affect the most marginalized members of our community. Therefore, the County must immediately take action to equitably mitigate and adapt to climate change. The actions outlined in the CAP are important steps forward that represent a transformational opportunity for the County to take the lead in tackling the climate crisis.

On behalf of our residents, we encourage the County Council to adopt the CAP in order to address the greatest challenge of our time for all residents of Prince George's County.

Sincerely,

Berwyn Heights Town Council

Subject: Berwyn Heights Green Team Letter of Support
From: "jbknutson@verizon.net" <jbknutson@verizon.net>
To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us
Date Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 4:17:03 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 4:17:17 PM GMT-05:00

Hello,

Attached is a letter supporting the county's climate action plan from the Berwyn Heights Green Team.

Thank you for your efforts to protect our environment!

Jeff Knutson

RE: Support for Prince George’s County Climate Action Plan

Dear County Council Members,

The Berwyn Heights Green Team, the official environmental action group for the town of Berwyn Heights, MD, is fully supportive of Prince George’s County leading on climate action. We urge the County Council to adopt the draft Climate Action Plan and begin implementation of the measures that have been outlined in the 26 Priority Recommendations.

Prince George’s County must take immediate steps to protect our county against the existential threat of climate change and its impact on our infrastructure and social, economic, and natural systems. It is imperative that we act now to aggressively reduce greenhouse gas emissions at all levels of government, establish adaptation measures to build community resilience, and implement equitable climate solutions to protect our most vulnerable populations. The County must prioritize climate-friendly measures and policies, and back up its commitments with adequate funding and staffing. There can be no half-measures when it comes to equitable climate outcomes for all County residents.

Prince George’s County has an opportunity to lead and inspire our neighboring counties and this opportunity should not be wasted. Climate leadership will help ensure that all of our communities remain a desirable place to live, work and play. The Town of Berwyn Heights represents over 3000 County residents who will benefit, and whose children and grandchildren will benefit, from the Climate Action Plan’s implementation. Climate protection measures will not only sustain our environment, but our economy, our health and our communities as well.

Our town is a Sustainable Maryland Certified community and is already taking active measures to address the climate crisis. Some actions our community has taken already include:

- Actively defending and increasing our tree canopy
- Installing/Promoting Solar panels at the town offices
- Purchasing renewable energy
- Purchasing electric vehicles
- Presenting outreach and education to residents
- Implementing protections for pollinators

We have no doubt that other communities across the county share our resolve to face the climate crisis. We look forward to working together with the County to lay the foundation for a climate-friendly future. Thank you for recognizing the need to take bold action to address the most urgent issue of our lifetimes.

Sincerely,

Berwyn Heights Green Team
Berwyn Heights, MD
Jeffrey Knutson, Team Facilitator

Subject: Letter from the Town of Riverdale Park: Draft Climate Action Plan
From: Jessica Barnes <jbarnes@riverdaleparkmd.gov>
To: "acrooms@co.pg.md.us" <acrooms@co.pg.md.us>,"climateaction@co.pg.md.us" <climateaction@co.pg.md.us>
Date Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 2:47:54 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 2:48:12 PM GMT-05:00
Attachments: 12.15.2021 Support for Draft Climate Action Plan. FINAL.pdf

Good afternoon,

Attached, please find a letter from the Town of Riverdale Park regarding the draft Climate Action Plan. Have a great day!

Jessica
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Director of Administrative Services Town of Riverdale Park
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December 13, 2021

Prince George's County Department of the Environment
Climate Action Plan - ATTN: Mary Abe
1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 500
Largo, MD 20774

RE: Support for Prince George's County Draft Climate Action Plan

Dear Ms. Abe:

The Town of Riverdale Park strongly supports the draft Climate Action Plan prepared by the Climate Action Commission. The Town urges the County Council to adopt the Plan and promptly begin implementation of the measures that have been outlined in the twenty-six (26) Priority Recommendations.

The Town respectfully recommends as part of its overall support of the Plan, that the draft Climate Action Plan be revised to clarify the description of sources of energy to recognize that there is carbon neutral or zero carbon sources that are not necessarily renewable. It was noted that there are certain instances in the draft Climate Action Plan where the terms carbon neutral or zero carbon and renewable energy were used interchangeably, and a clearer delineation would be more precise.

The Town recognizes sustainability as the foundation upon which healthy communities are built and is committed to operations, programs, initiatives, and resources that further establish and nurture a sustainable Town to include climate protection. Climate protection measures are not only about sustaining our environment, but also our economy, our health and wellness, and our communities. Climate leadership is vital to ensuring that all of our communities remain a desirable place to live, work, and play.

The Town also understands the need to approach sustainability from an inclusive and regional perspective, one that requires collaboration with residents, the business and non-profit community, neighboring municipalities, Prince George's County, the State of Maryland, and federal agencies. The Town appreciates the County's leadership in developing a draft Climate Action Plan and looks forward to working with the County to take meaningful action to address climate protection.

Sincerely,

The Town of Riverdale Park



John N. Lestitian, Town Manager

Subject: Prince George's County Climate Action Plan - Public Comment by CEEJH
From: Katharine Morris <katharine.morris@uconn.edu>
To: climateaction@co.pg.md.us
Date Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 7:39:56 PM GMT-05:00
Date Received: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 7:40:43 PM GMT-05:00
Attachments: Climate Action Plan CEEJH Public Comment.pdf

Hello,

Please see the attached Public Comment submitted on behalf of the Center for Community Engagement, Environmental Justice, and Health based in UMD-College Park.

Thank you,

Katharine

Katharine Morris (she/her)
Founder of UCCO
Master of Public Policy '21
BOLD Scholar & Honors Scholar
Cognitive Science & Anthropology '20
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Prince George's County Climate Action Plan

Public Comments on behalf of Dr. Wilson &

the Center for Community Engagement, Environmental Justice and Health (CEEJH)

Please see specific comments on three sections of the CAP below. Thank you!

Section V: CLIMATE HAZARDS AND TRENDS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

- The focus on compound climate events is appreciated. However, in the section on actions, specifically vulnerability assessments (p.47), there is a need for corresponding **focus on Cumulative health impact assessments** as well, a crucial piece of health studies that is often overlooked from health equity documents. This endeavor would require an organized and robust dataset as well as analysis approach to be successful, and that can be achieved by employing Geospatial tools. Health disparities are often a result of not only health but also environmental, climate, sociodemographic, and economic factors. Geospatial or Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping (EJSM) tools such as EPA EJSCREEN, California's CalEnviroScreen or Maryland's own (MD) EJSCREEN tools have the ability to assess the inequitable distribution of climate and health burdens across communities. Including the development of EJSM tools that reflect indicators of local relevance, and integrating them into the action plan is highly recommended. This will ensure that the most disadvantaged communities can be targeted through the plan.
- Health hazards are often exacerbated by technological disasters, such as oil spills or various chemical leaks into the environment. This is particularly true for floods. Locating these sites and integrating them into health hazard considerations should be an added item in the actions section. See "Gaps in Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tools and Potential New Indicators" by Ravichandran, Wilson, et al.
- In the same section, developing a systematic compendium of the health outcomes/impacts from each of the climate events mentioned (such as for flooding, health outcomes include drowning and GI issues) would be an invaluable resource in taking preparatory action towards climate health impacts, and gathering necessary resources.
- Some relevant health disparities indicators are suggested to be included that are related to the various extreme climate events discussed in the plan. These indicators may include but should not be limited to-- mortality due to extreme cold; health insurance coverage; flooding-exposure to mold; deaths related to drowning from flooding; Carbon monoxide poisoning; respiratory and cardiovascular hospitalizations; West Nile virus index; % change in mortality associated with a 10°F increase in mean daily temperature by race/ethnicity; Gastrointestinal illnesses; Cancer Risk from Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs); Flood fatalities due to indirect causes; Heat stroke prevalence; Frost bites and hypothermia cases; weather-related car accidents; cases of Kidney disorder; "allergenicity" of pollen; excessive mortality due to heat wave.

Section VI: TAKING ACTION: STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE A LOW-CARBON, RESILIENT PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY:

- Only two of the five County Operations have the community health co-benefit.
- Within the Equitable Community Engagement, Education, and Outreach section, there is no reference by name of community based participatory action research which could be a win-win by collaborating with local academic institutions or centers like CEEJH, the Center for Community Engagement, Environmental Justice, and Health.
- Standards/benchmarks for Equity Metrics should be set prior to implementation in order to facilitate equitable implementation rather than the post-implementation review. If this is already the case, then that information is not clearly presented. Equity must be necessary criteria for the project planning and implementation at every stage.
- Further discussion on the efficacy of programs listed on the Spotlight on Solar Programs, as well as methods to increase equity would be useful additions.
- Additional Spotlight on Health sections would be useful, especially in the Waste Management Section and the inclusion of ecological health (plant and animal) into the Adaptation Spotlight is important and relevant. There is a general lack of discussing the existing disparities/inequities in climate/environmental health stressors.

Section VIII: PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Action Areas 1 - 3 have too little focus on human health; this section should include health indicators that will be monitored to ensure that all Action Areas are working towards improving health outcomes associated with climate impacts
- For Action Area 1, CO3 - there is a need for equitable outreach to extend beyond digital technologies i.e. the online platform. A concerted effort should be made to connect with those disproportionately impacted by climate change in avenues that are community-preferred. That is to say, meaningful engagement needs to meet people where they are.
- Equity Considerations, Action Area 1, CO4 - communities who have been long impacted by fossil fuels/hazards should receive the environmental and economic benefits of clean energy production. See Justice40 Initiative.

Subject: UMD SGA Sustainability Committee Comment on the Draft CAP

From: nikjeff@umd.edu <nikjeff@umd.edu> On Behalf Of SGA Director of Sustainability

To: Crooms, Andrea L <ACrooms@co.pg.md.us>

Date Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 9:12 PM GMT-05:00

Attachments: University of Maryland SGA Comments_ Prince George's County Draft CAP.pdf

Dear Andrea,

I apologize for getting this to you so late! Finals has been intense for everyone, and lots of folks wanted to be involved. Thank you for reaching out to us and thank you for coming to speak with us.

Feel free to keep in touch and let us know what other opportunities there are for students to get involved in the work of the Department of Environment!

Best,

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Comment on the Draft Prince George's County Climate Action Plan (CAP)

SSC is the body of the University of Maryland's Student Government Association responsible for representing the environmental interests, concerns, and ideas of the student body. Collectively, we are studying many of the disciplines and issues that intersect with the CAP. Our areas of study range from Computer Science to Agricultural Economics, Government and Politics to History, Environmental Science to Psychology and Criminology. As students, we study areas relevant to the CAP and care deeply about the world we grow up in and will ultimately steward.

The University of Maryland, College Park is located in northern Prince George's County. Prince George's County is the second most populous county in the state of Maryland, with the majority of its residents being Black/African-American. Folks in the county have some of the highest rates for asthma, cancer, and respiratory disease in the state. The University of Maryland has the responsibility to conduct its activities in a responsible, equitable, and transparent manner. Our campus footprint is immense, from carbon emissions to toxic air pollutants, our activities undeniably have consequences for the surrounding county. As the SGA Sustainability Committee, we advocate for policies to address the pollution from industry, commuters, the university fleet, deliveries to campus, construction equipment, sports games, the campus natural-gas power plant, solid waste, and more. Our goal is to ensure the university takes accountability for our environmental, economic, and social impact.

Our recommendations incorporate knowledge from our studies and embody the University's commitment to conducting ourselves as excellent neighbors and sustainable ambassadors.

As the next generation of Prince George's County residents, **we urge the you to consider our recommendations for the final Climate Action Plan:**

Carbon neutrality by 2030 with a 50% reduction in carbon emissions by 2025, without the use of carbon offsets. While these demands are substantial, they are necessary when considering the realities of our current climate crisis. The consequences of climate change are already being felt by residents of Prince George's County as impacts from flooding, extreme heat events and natural disasters are felt more frequently, year after year. As environmental damages to air and water quality continue compounding, so too does the risk to public health. To enhance the quality of life for the next generation of Prince George's County residents, as well as humanity on a global scale, we must do our part to extensively reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Rather than simply aligning with the state of Maryland's current reduction goals, we



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not advocate for more aggressive reduction. The University of Maryland itself has pledged to achieve carbon neutrality by 2025.¹

Establish all electric building codes for new construction and significant redevelopment. Commercial and residential building emissions make up 45% of the County’s GHG emissions. Reducing the use of natural gas is imperative, and if buildings are all-electric there is no need for gas appliances (stoves, boilers, etc.) in buildings. The county should not approve any permits for construction that do not meet this all electric code. This is feasible at the county level, as it was included in the Montgomery County 2021 Climate Action Plan.² As students at the University of Maryland, this issue is of personal concern as the University seeks to renew the natural-gas fired power plant that runs our campus. By creating a future of electric building codes in our county, we can put a stop to the continued creation of the natural gas infrastructure driving climate change.

Prince George’s County Government to purchase 100% renewable energy by 2030. Renewable energy should not include energy generated from trash incineration, poultry litter incineration, paper mill-waste burning, and other energy sources that have significant adverse health impacts on those living near said energy generation facilities. Relying upon, and subsidizing, such generation methods directly opposes the tenets of environmental and climate justice, particularly when these facilities are hosted within the County and harming Prince George’s residents. There should be no “sacrifice zones” within our County. Schools, community colleges, and other facilities associated with the County should follow this mandate. Schools and community colleges should be purchasing 100% truly renewable energy by 2025.

Expand tree cover in Prince George’s County to 55% by 2028, with an emphasis on conserving and expanding established forest canopy. The County should perpetually set incremental goals for increasing tree cover and forest cover. The proposed “No Net Loss” recommendation includes a one-to-one replacement compensation for all trees lost through land disturbance. Such policies allow the county to remove existing trees, as long as new trees are planted elsewhere. New trees take decades to sequester the same amount of CO₂ that mature trees do, therefore the County should adopt a “proforestation” technique to maintain existing tree cover to properly account for the distinct sequestration abilities of mature and new trees.³ The County should simultaneously engage in reforestation efforts, with a prioritization of planting new trees in historically disadvantaged neighborhoods experiencing disproportionate impacts from the urban heat island effect and poor air quality.

¹ <https://sustainingprogress.umd.edu/measuring-progress/carbon-neutrality>

² <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/green/Resources/Files/climate/climate-action-plan.pdf>

³ <https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/ffgc.2019.00027/full>



Tree cover expansion goals should prioritize efforts by ZIP CODE, especially regions with markers of historical disadvantages (linguistically isolated, low-income, marginalized groups, etc.). The proposed “No Net Loss” recommendation is inadequate. Tree cover is a natural form of green infrastructure that provides a variety of ecosystem services, including: stormwater management, air and water purification, and mitigation from the urban heat island effect. Additionally, access to green space is a known marker of better health outcomes and better quality of life. By limiting tree cover protections and expansion goals to certain regions, Prince George’s County is at risk of continuing to perpetuate long-standing concerns of environmental justice and widening the amenity, health disparity, and opportunity gaps between wealth classes.

Incorporate the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (MNCPPC), Prince George’s County Community College System, Prince George’s County Public Schools, and all other related public and private facilities WITHIN Prince George’s County government emissions. These entities contribute largely to emissions throughout Prince George’s County and are funded by Prince George’s County taxpayers. It, therefore, does not stand to reason that the aforementioned parties are not held to the same standards for climate action and sustainability as the rest of the Prince George’s County governance. The status quo of holding these entities to State standards, rather than County standards, creates a glaring loophole whereby GHG and other pollution emissions go unaccounted for and, likely, unchanged.

Explore and address ethical concerns within the formulation of Prince George’s County Climate Action Plan. The presence of the fossil fuel industry on the Climate Action Commission is an egregious example of their undue influence on the public process. There are very few regulations on industry within the CAP draft, which speaks to a prioritization of the needs of industry over residents of the County. While being one of the most significant sources of GHG emissions in the county, the issue of “natural gas” is only addressed nine times through the CAP draft, compared to 53 times in the Montgomery County CAP plan and 52 times in the Howard County CAP plan.⁴ These statistics become even more concerning when we take into account that Montgomery County has only a single natural gas plant and Howard County has none, while Prince George’s County has three. Further, Montgomery County’s plant only has capacity to produce a fifth of the energy of the Prince George’s County plants.

Natural gas is not “clean” and we cannot afford to perpetuate these deceptive narratives spread by the fossil fuel industry. Natural gas production leaks enough methane to match the climate impact of coal-burning plants for two decades.⁵ Natural gas is detrimental to the climate

⁴ https://livegreenhoward.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/HCM_2015_Climate-Action-Plan_Sept2015_eversion.pdf

⁵ <https://www.science.org/content/article/natural-gas-could-warm-planet-much-coal-short-term>

⁵ https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/sites/2/2019/02/SR15_Chapter2_Low_Res.pdf

⁶ <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/princegeorgescountymaryland/PST040219>



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em. Prince George's County must establish stringent barriers to prevent the fossil fuel industry from hijacking the public process, for the well-being of all residents within Prince George's County. Washington Gas should not have been included in this process.

The plan should include various scenarios based on anticipated changes to the Maryland RPS by the state legislature. The IPCC recommends that we achieve carbon neutrality globally by 2050, and the state will likely be adjusting the RPS to meet this.⁵ The current RPS goal involves 50% reliance on renewables in 2030, and it is likely this will be developed to become a 100% renewable/Tier 1 RPS requirement for 2050. The draft CAP has an easily interpretable layout for their projected progress in meeting the 2030 goal, and giving the public insight into other ways that these changes could be made would be helpful.

35% of housing units should be retrofitted and 50% of housing units should be installed with residential or community solar by 2030. According to the 2019 census data, there are 335,752 housing units in Prince George's County.⁶ The draft CAP (page 26) sets a goal of achieving retrofits and 80,000 residential or community solar installations. This would be 17.8% of housing units retrofitted and 23.8% would have residential or community solar installations. There should be an emphasis on retrofitting multi-family and lower income homes at little or no cost to residents.

The reliance on individual level solutions as opposed to systemic solutions is problematic. A pay-as-you-throw recycling system is not equitable. The responsibility for recycling lies with the corporations and companies that choose to produce plastic products. The county should be more strict with what types of plastics it allows to be sold in the county. These companies should pay the cost of maintaining the county's recycling programs, not individual citizens.

All permits for new (or significant redevelopment) fossil fuel projects should be denied. To keep climate change within 1.5 degrees celsius, we cannot create new reliance on fossil fuels. This should include power plants, drilling, compressor stations, pipelines, or any other infrastructure that expands reliance on natural gas.

Additional Comments/Questions by Section:

- I. **Vision for the plan** - no recommendations
- II. **Understanding the CAP** - no recommendations
- III. **Scope of the plan**- no recommendations
- IV. **Greenhouse Gas Emissions and GHG Trends**
 - A. "The single most significant factor reducing Prince George's County's GHG emissions was an increase in clean energy sources of electricity and the phasing



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out of coal power in favor of natural gas between 2005 and 2012.” (P 23, : the PDF) - Why is natural gas considered a ‘clean’ energy source?

- V. **Climate Hazards in the County** - no recommendations
- VI. **TAKING ACTION: 26 of their recommendations**

A. County Operations

1. CO-1 Build internal capacity to plan and implement climate action
 - a) Will fossil fuel companies be excluded?
 - b) Will the cost benefit analysis recommendations be binding?
 - c) How in depth will the climate change training for staff be? Lunch and learns and a climate 101 module seem like the bare minimum.
 - d) More info on step 8: what does it mean to integrate climate change skills in job descriptions? What is a climate change skill?
 - e) What qualifies as a climate focused position? Why does it matter how many job descriptions have climate added; this does not seem rigorous.
 - f) Will you make climate education material for staff also available and accessible to the public? Will the Prince George’s County Resilience Authority be transparent about funding sources?
 - g) How will you guarantee that the funding sources exist for the various needs outlined?
2. CO-2 Lead by example and ensure transparency in climate action
 - a) Will the detailed inventory in step 2 be made public? Why or why not?
 - b) How will you ensure divestment in fossil fuels? What counts as a fossil fuel investment?
 - c) Why is mowing equipment allowed to be hybrid by 2025? Other jurisdictions are moving more quickly in this regard; why can’t Prince George’s County?
3. CO-4 Commit to clean and renewable energy - “County’s task is to advocate for a statewide 100% Renewable Portfolio Standard, develop its own transition plan toward renewable energy, and eliminate any practices or policies that support the continued long-term use or distribution of fossil fuels”
 - a) Have you considered a no new gas infrastructure ban, all electric building code, etc.
 - b) Will new permits asking to continue fossil fuel systems be denied?
 - c) Why only divest by 2025? Can this goal be accelerated?
 - d) Will there be dedicated funds for Just Transition goals (ie supporting workers transitioning from the Fossil Fuel industry)?

B. Mitigation



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1. M-5 Develop a community-wide EV deployment strategy
 - a) The description of how market factors will be influenced needs to be in greater detail.
 - b) What market forces will be influenced?
 - c) Maryland's goal is to have 600,000 EVs by 2030
 - d) PG County has 620,000 vehicles on the road. The goal is to convert 15% of that to EVs.
 - e) Currently this is just a "deployment strategy" which means that the strategy is expected to take 0-3 years to develop. Actual implementation of the plan is likely to take much longer. There should be an estimate of how long implementation is expected to take. Will it meet the 2030 goal?
 2. M-10 Expand County waste reduction and diversion efforts
 - a) Excited about the county wide single use plastic bag ban
 - b) How will the ban be enforced?
 - c) What is the timeline for the ban?
 - (1) When will the advertising for the ban start?
 - (2) How long will you give people to prepare?
 - (3) When will it start?
 - d) Will reusable bags be subsidized?
 - e) What will be considered a reusable bag?
 - f) Who is responsible for implementing this?
 - g) What work will be done to clean up single use plastic bags?
- C. Adaptation
1. A-9 Adopt codes, standards, and practices to support climate ready green buildings and development
 - a) Change zoning laws so that forested space cannot be forced to upzone.
 - b) Approvals for old projects should expire. The approval of the Mosaic project, even though the project was scrapped, is a key reason that Guilford Woods is being forced to upzone

VII. Next Steps - no recommendations

VIII. Priority Recommendations- no recommendations

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. We hope to see our feedback reflected in the final CAP.



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November 15th, 17th, 18th, 2021

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The transcripts in this document have also been abridged to focus on public comments directly related to the draft CAP. Each meeting started off with a brief presentation from County staff and included various degrees of Q&A throughout the meeting. These County facilitated discussions are summarized in italics. The only exclusions made by the County staff included comments not related to the draft CAP or process related questions (e.g., should I stand up to speak, hello, thank you, goodbye, etc.).

CAP 30-Day Public Comment Period In-Person Meeting (College Park): November 15, 2021

Abridged Transcript

>> **ANDREA CROOMS:** *Welcome, background on the County's Climate Action Plan (CAP) development process, review of the County's commitment to leadership and transformational change, and goal of inclusive and equitable implementation.*

>> **DAWN HAWKINS-NIXON:** *Summary of CAP and highlights from the Plan. Presentation included County's greenhouse gas emissions, climate hazards and impacts, CAP guiding principles, focus on just and equitable implementation, strategies, and recommendations for taking action to achieve a low-carbon resilient Prince George's County.*

COUNTY Q&A: *Are recommendations in order of priority? Benefit Cost analysis? Garden Tax, Federal funds, etc.*

OFFICIAL PUBLIC COMMENT

>> **DAVE BROSCHE:** Sure. Good evening. I hope I can do this in two minutes. My name is Dave Brosch. I live in University Park. My wife and I moved there 41 years ago and I'm here and we raised three children and we love this community. I was elected to the university panel council four times and by Prince George's County club, executive committee and now serve object county's solid waste advisory commission. We as a nation have done much to protect our environment there is now a realization that we have fallen short and face an impending climate catastrophe and I think we all know that. Reasonably concluded in the last bill climate summit more than 100 nations pledged to act decisively over the next decade to keep climate temperatures under 1.5 degrees and avoid increasing dire impacts certainly to climate.

Life as usual is no longer acceptable and continued action will actually be dangerous and deadly path for all of us and the county is developing a climate plan and I fully support it. Many stated that proclamations is to be transformed into action and likewise the county's draft plan now for residents and businesses in county government must be approved and implemented.

And I would like to suggest five things that the county can do to help plan more successful. They include these...information sharing and education, establishment of a new office staffed by experts in a wide range of fields that can guide residents and businesses through the complicated world of going green, whether it be transportation, construction, energy, development, recycling, waste management. This is critically important and there is an example which I would like to share with anybody if we have more time. We did this something similar in town and the reason why we were very effective in spending some of this money and getting efficient is because we had a series -- a group of people who actually worked with people going step by step.

Development protection of our local fire arms and we need to move away from fossil fuels that -- we need to rely on renewables particularly solid. Something that we have to for this there is an alternative,

the county is tens of miles of Pepco transmission lines right of ways and line...and it could be in our near urbanized areas. Share this space with the overhead lines. There is no need to cut down trees or use...

30 seconds. Well, I'll tell you what the other three are and at some point, explain.

The third is methane commissions and reduction and composting and there is a lot we can do here. Protection and enhancements to our forest and trees and not only should we add trees but we should protect the trees that are there and we have forests including something at Gilford Woods which is right nearby which we hope to protect and the fifth is banning use of turf in playing fields across the counties, schools and some of the private school areas.

And they have a lot of bad affects. Thank you.

>> **ANDREA CROOMS:** *Is there anyone else who would like to make a public comment over here today?*

>**UNK:** Other than do it you mean?

> **ANDREA CROOMS:** *Do it is a great comment. I love that comment.*

>> **UNK:** I saw what you wrote and I haven't seen the details but, you know, you got to get off the runs. It's already 20 years too late. Probably 50, but anyway... yeah.

>> **UNK:** This is more about the running of these meetings. It looks like I'm maybe the only one -- why was I -- why was it two minutes when we have probably another hour.

> **COUNTY:** *Following the procedural process for a public meeting in Prince George's County. If there is additional time, folks are welcome to come forward again to provide additional comments.*

>>**UNK:** So I was going to ask who sees these comments? Why are the comments important?

> **COUNTY:** *The County Council will be provided the draft CAP as is, a supplemental report summarizing public feedback, and a package of all public feedback. Comments will be a matter of public record which is vital.*

> **UNK:** Okay. Well, the thrust of the question was is the comment going to actually be looked at by somebody and be useful?

> **COUNTY:** *DoE will review comments and use it to inform implementation. The Council will ultimately be responsible for determining how to advance the draft CAP and address the public feedback.*

>>**DAVE BROSCHE:** I want to thank the staff tonight and everybody here for listening to me for a second time and I didn't mean to be antagonistic. I thought we had some time here tonight so I would like to maybe finish what I started.

I won't be too long. I was talking about five areas which I think could help reinforce what you would be doing, applying it...and some of these may be already at least covered to some degree but I think they should really be -- we should focus on some of these. The third one -- I first talked about having a community or agency or division or something really experts to help because it really does make a difference and we learn that at University Park and when we got a million and a half gallon energy efficiency program and it really made a difference being able to get out and talk to people and explain what they need to do and how they bring people into help them make these decisions.

Metahane to me is really important and we have probably the largest place where we have methane in

this county and we probably have a lot of people digging or drilling for natural gas but we do have a lot of methane in our land fills. Not only the current land fill which is Brown Station which has a place where it has a system which is pulling in some methane that's been generated out and being used but there are probably places in the county where old land fills which have been closed to probably create methane right now and they may have some way of recovering them but there's probably a lot that's still going into the atmosphere and I just learned yesterday that methane will continue to be generated for another hundred years in most of our land fills so it's something we need to think about and act upon.

Protection of our forests and I already mentioned this briefly but I think it's critically important we have places where we develop around and we develop oftentimes it's clear cut. Trees come down and they say we're replacing them somewhere else in the county. It may take those little saplings 50 or 100 years before it's bigger than the forest coming down so protecting the forest that we have here and trying to develop other places nearby but trying to retain these forests to me is really important.

The last thing is this artificial turf fields which I'm just starting to learn about and to me this is absolutely a disaster for kids' health, create small islands and it's not recyclable and often times it gets thrown in hillside somewhere and you can't recycling it and huge amounts of what is called tire crumb. I just saw recent place where there's 50 or 60 tons of this has been put in a field. A lot of this actually blows away or goes into our stream. This is really a bad thing. We should have fields, natural turf fields, natural grass and not these plastic fields which are just another way of someone making money, a way of disposing of old tires but not really helping the environment. Thank you for your time and thanks again for letting me come back and talk.

>>**CHRIS DULNIK:** Hi, folks. I know I'm talking to you but I'll really addressing this to the people who are going to read this report because you're here. My name is Chris Dulnik. Engineer, yes, I work at NASA. That doesn't mean anything other than I know about how science works and I recommend to whoever does this to definitely look at cost benefit. Think at things of like transportation is number one. If you're going to put money out, put it into electric buses. Maybe some sort of deal with -- something for the car rental places to focus on electric cars. Most of the transportation problems are from the panel lands and long-term trucks and whatnot so those are the things that replace that first, you know, that's like 20, 25% of the problem. The rest is cars. So that's to attack that. You mentioned storm water management. So if you're going to spend money on storm water, you're not really addressing global climate change at that point. You're addressing the effects of it and putting infrastructure into what's live with climate change. No, that's not what we want to do. We want to reverse it and I realize if every other county in the world doesn't do this, this is my work, but you know that's the -- we do it one at a time. So the key is to address things that will actually affect climate change and to do it in a most cost effective way possible.

Maybe have people in your group to explain to residents how electric cars cost less over time, the total cost of ownership is less, things like that.

And, you know, talk to the solar panels. I seen that Prince George's County does have a solar panel plan. I don't know the details of it but explain to them in 10 or 12 years it will pay for itself. If you want to be in that house for more than 10 or 12 years, after that it's great and so on. It's knowledge that's probably more important here and applying it in the most efficient way to help with the climate. Thank you.

>>**DAN SMITH:** Hello. My name is Dan Smith from Cheverly and just following up to the comments I made last week in the virtual meeting...I think there is a great deal of admirable emphasis on tree

planting or benefits of tree canopy and tree coverage and also I see what -- I haven't gotten through it all but I see the dialogue about comparing tree retention with tree planting and I think that's where we really are losing the game right now and that there is so much extensive tree loss and when we're comparing eco systems service of a tree it's just -- I mean, you could have ten, 10-year-old new trees, those ten are not going to produce eco system services of one large oak. In fact, I have got five large oaks in my backyard. It's not going to be the equivalent of that. And we just went through in the pandemic in our community in Cheverly a proposal by a developer to remove -- to expand the footprint and remove four acres of forested flood plant. That plan through our county planning office planning board, county council like that (INDICATING) because it was for Amazon Distribution Center. They were all over that. During the pandemic, they would not allow the citizens extra time to look at this plan. They fast tracked the planning process. At the same time, they were giving I think reasonable allowances for people to meet other obligations so you didn't have to get your driver's license renewed. There were certain things and planning was not one that was let up.

So I think there is a huge uphill lift in the county with smart development and smart growth and so I appreciate all that's in the plan and just to reiterate that the politics around that are going to be phenomenal and so, you know, the more we can get buy-in on these principles or concepts, the better we can do to implement that and there is smart development. I mean, we can develop up and more dense and around and still accommodate the needs rather than to do it in this experience where you just had that building is built, is proposed a year and a half ago when the community first heard about it. It went through in record

CAP 30-Day Public Comment Period In-Person Meeting (Clinton): November 17, 2021 Abridged Transcript

>>DAWN HAWKINS-NIXON: *Welcome, background on the County's Climate Action Plan (CAP) development process, review of the County's commitment to leadership and transformational change, and goal of inclusive and equitable implementation. Summary of CAP and highlights from the Plan. Presentation included County's greenhouse gas emissions, climate hazards and impacts, CAP guiding principles, focus on just and equitable implementation, strategies, and recommendations for taking action to achieve a low-carbon resilient Prince George's County.*

>>UNK: No. I just want to make comments. I have to tell you -- can I take this off?

It's very frustrating living in this area. This is my little world, okay. A lot of these things are so great and thank you for what you do. Pepco does a great job by the way I think. You know, they came to our house with all the environmental stuff and great, and then we have the whatchamacallits on our house, the solar panels, but the courses about the -- I just spent another 45 minutes to get from the metro, Branch Avenue to here and I think there would have been more people and stop me if I'm going off. But it's night after night after accident after accident. I live very close to the hospital and once a week somebody is hurt but the issue is the traffic. It gets heavier and heavier and the emissions. So is Maryland giving enough money to Metro to subsidize say like they are fixing it now, right?

There was a derailment. So maybe more of us would be on it or I'd be on it more if it didn't take me an hour and a half one way because of fixing something -- you know what I'm saying?

It's not matching -- like this is really ambitious but it's not matching reality. Maybe it's just my little world but it seems like everyone is going into the city, going into Northern Virginia to work and we are all in cars. And if you look at here, Piscataway cannot stand anymore traffic so I don't know how that fits but if you can let somebody know that. And so they're building on Route 5, on Earnshaw, they are building these huge communities for people that are going to enter, exit on Route 5, it's insanity. Who is making these decisions in this area about traffic. I mean, are we giving Metro enough money?

It's a tristate thing, okay. It's almost empty now. I know COVID was an issue but you can't spend an hour and a half to get to work one way. And the other issue I have to tell you is there is just filth all around this area. There's garbage everywhere. There's litter. I can give you streets, people throw their furniture -- I mean, this is climate, right?

Missouri Avenue, Lusby Lane, on the highway, they'll throw stuff out the window. I mean, it's like a foreign country or something. It's crazy. They just throw litter so it's garbage everywhere so it's like you have these ambitious plans, there's garbage, crime doesn't really fit in but you our not focusing on what's in front of us. The other thing is recycling, we need to start recycling clothing. We are the only county in Maryland that recycles clothing so I spent this time talking to this poor woman -- there is one woman, keep Prince George's County beautiful and she's only one person and I never heard from her. I don't blame her. I don't know. This is a crazy place to live. My name is Mary Moltumyr. But does anyone else see the garbage and litter in every parking lot on the sides of the street near M&T Bank?

Have you ever gone into that parking lot and if you look down there's water and those poor birds,

chickens, I don't know what they are, wild geese, it's just disgusting. I'm sorry. It's disgusting. It's not all of the county. Of course, there's beautiful parts, but I mean so to me all this is a very grandiose and it's very good and the water thing is, really great stuff. I commend you on the detail and everything, but the reality is like I look at it like it's just dirty.

And there's homeless people by the way putting up tents. I don't know if people know that. On Route 5 you'll see tents now right and you know where the Dunkin' Donuts is, that parking lot, there is a social security and sometimes there is like three tents of people wanting to live there. Okay. That's got to be a climate issue, right?

I don't know.

Environmental, climate. But anyway... but again I thank you for all your good work. I know it's not easy to do.

>>**GREGORY MATHIS:** I signed up. My name is Gregory Mathis and I am representing both Ft. Washington Forest Neighborhood Association and my church in Oxon Hill. Probe Francis requested each parish to develop a 5-year plan to help reduce local climate impact and may verifiable progress. Exactly what you talked about in here.

And so this is really neat and my neighborhood association wants -- is in the process of doing a 5-year plan also. A lot of it being water mitigation issues and then replacing dead trees with new trees.

I have also participated in several of the CAP Zoom meetings and I receive your e-mails, so thank you.

There were -- during these Zoom meetings, I heard three types of concerns and I want to -- I'll follow this up with an e-mail, but I heard three types of concerns. One concern building roof integrity before installing solar panels on my home, business, or apartment.

The county has inspectors who come in if I'm going to put a new deck in, they are going to inspect the post and the concrete work. The recommendation I heard from at the Zoom meetings was that the county hire honest broker experts to inspect building roofs before people put on solar panels. In other words, is my, you know, is my roof sturdy enough to handle all of this stuff or my apartment or my flat roof?

So that was one.

So in other words hire experts to be honest brokers not just rely on a company who's going to put on solar panels.

And I know there's very good companies and my good friend here represents one of those companies, and they are great, but I just think the county needs to hire experts that we can rely on, who can come out and inspect it before somebody puts on a \$10,000, you know, solar panel.

Second issue, I know the county has resources available to help within environmental improvements and the concern is if we invite your experts to help reduce storm water run-off and erosion at our church hypothetically, my pastor doesn't want your office to tell us, again, hypothetically, that our lighting system in the parking lot is no longer up to code and we have to spend \$10,000 on the lighting before you'll help us with the environmental thing. We had an experience like this. We put in a new bathroom in one part of the building and way in another part of the building our kitchen is no -- you know, the

grease pit is no longer up to code. It was when we installed it 15 years ago but before they would improve the bathroom, we had to improve the kitchen. So in other words I'm just letting you know that if we asked for help, if people -- if businesses asked for help and want to install run-offs, how do we improve the run-off system, install rain water gardens, improve this and this and this, please don't tell us there are parking lots that are no longer up to code. So it's just a concern, okay, that people expressed.

And the last one I want to talk about is as we install renewable energy and food projects, let us take caution and not be the Daniel Snyders of Prince George's County.

In other words, don't cut down 100-foot trees and replace them with 10-foot trees. This was -- again, this was a concern, you know, as people are installing all these things, you know, you need to take -- you know, there is a balance between, you know, cutting down the trees, 100-foot trees so that I have solar panel. That's feeding, you know, that's defeating your purposes. People need to do that. We understand that. But just use, you know, help with these ideas.

So that's what goes back to kind of the honest broker person. Who can we rely on, you know, who's not taking a salary from something, you know, and again using the concrete posts -- I mean, the deck posts as an example. Those are just three things. I'll follow this up with an e-mail. Thank you.

>>**TORIO PERRY:** My name is Torio Perry. I kind of said the civic association and my company solar industries incorporated. Hearing my friend about getting Prince George's County inspector, all company doing, installing solar panel when the resident would like to have solar panel, we inspect the roof through a sensing device we know where the problem, where the heat escapes. So when we do that, we talk to the insurance replace the roof. Then we send a request to Prince George's County and they will inspect. We just don't put solar. No. The county inspects, so that's a thing --

>>**MONIQUE SCOTT HEARN:** Hi. My name is Monique Scott Hearn. I'm an instructional lead teacher and science teacher here at Surrattsville and we are trying to become a green school, so we're starting the application process and one of the things of course we need is some kind of community interaction as part of our application.

The children of course are the future. They are the ones that's going to be affected by the things that we are trying to fight now, so I wondered if the Department of Environmental Services -- Department of Environment had some kind of youth outreach, some kind of I don't know, internship or some kind of field trip. Something that we could get our students involved in?

I got like fliers so I'm thinking maybe I'll put together a little questionnaire and have them, I don't know, do a skit about different things. I'm just trying to, you know, flying off the top of my head but I didn't know if something was already -- usual something is already developed and didn't want to recreate the wheel so that was my question because we would like some support and something about some funds and that would be great. We have already started a garden. We have our recycling. I want to start a program called take your top off. They're not real happy about my title. But I'm concerned about the amount of water trapped in water bottles. People don't think about it. We have a finite amount of water on this planet. They came by and took my ice and through it in a plastic bag and I'm like no, don't trap this water and threw the ice cubes on the ground and get evaporated so that's my personal concern and I want to start a campaign here so if I can get some more information and find out --

>**UNK:** You may want to get the middle schools involved in this also.

>**UNK:** That would definitely be a next step to take the high school students down and they would love that. Middle schoolers love to see high school students come to my school but we have

to get started here first... I didn't know about this meeting until I was on the way to my car and I saw the sign so that's another thing, like the other day we had a COVID clinic here and nobody knew that the teachers could come here and get boosters. Well, they used our space and no one advertised to our community, our school community what's actually happening. Is it on the website somewhere but we don't know right here what's going on in our school until we... you saw I came in, I'm like all right shoot, I already my mask off, let me get another mask to come in here but this is important. It's very important honestly. And the trash like you were talking about, my husband cleans up our street. That's his exercise, clean up our street once a month and he tries to get some of the young people in the neighborhood to come out. It used to be that prisoners used to do all the cleans but or, you know, because he used to pick them up from the jail and then they would clean and then you don't see that too much anymore. I don't know why. But these young people are sitting around doing much of nothing as possible and I don't see why we can't get them mobilized, you know.

>UNK: They can earn school credit too.

>UNK: Yeah. Community service. Community service credit.

>UNK: The Schmidt Center, Donald Bell.

>UNK: I already have them talking to their parents because their parents were around when a lot of all this stuff wasn't happening. Like Upper Marlboro never used to flood. Because they are not around long enough to see the change so I had them interview their parents and say what's happening now that wasn't happening when you were in high school and the flooding in Upper Marlboro wasn't --

>>So you asked a really important question, what is climate change or climate action?

>>**COUNTY:** *Discussion on the environment broadly, climate hazards, recent extreme weather events around the Country, balancing doom and gloom and positive opportunities, and brainstorming solutions to traffic.*

>>**UNK:** Right now there is a new presidential going into that's a huge, huge structure. A lot of our structures are -- we have got an east runway that was built in 1960s and the jets that are protecting the capitol from idiots that want to fly and bomb the White House and whatever, the jets take off.

>Just so you all know we all hear them, see, hear.

>Climate action is a huge, important part of our thought process and if you don't believe me, just go on Google and look up secretary defense's comments on climate change and how it's...

>The number one problem you're going to be facing in the next 30 years, access to palatable water.

>But I have got about 10 comments that I have written so I'll...

>I think it speaks volume that the military and basically this is like the number one threat into stability which is really --

>He feels that the number one issue in the world would be access to palatable water and that's tied to a whole lot of things but --

I'm going to end by saying there is a great book called limit to growth if anybody's not heard of it you should read it. It was written in 1972 by four scientists who were commissioned by a group of major businessmen across the globe. Basically it happened during the field crisis in the early 1970s and they said hey what is going to happen in the next 30, 40, 50, 60, 100 years?

So these scientists got together and basically doom and good and said by 2036, just around the corner, 2036 we are going to experience a global economic melt down unless we start putting new policies in place an that was in 1972.

And we have watched all of those things come to past.

What was the issue in the '70s. It was oil. But they looked at a whole variety of things so there is a really cool draft so they looked at birthrates, death rates, economics, war, foods, a whole bunch of different things and they basically took a look at the current use in 1972 of all the resources in the world and how they were going to end up based upon the usage and they looked at this for about two or three years and published it and it's just amazing and they did update it in the mid 2000s and said we recommended 2036 some of these issues we have identified that were going to happen in 2036, they have already happened before 2000 so policies that were supposed to be put in place were not and that's one of the reasons why we are experiencing extreme weather events, food shortages, increased population, migration and diversity in foods and issues because those policies weren't put into place. Any way, read the book. You can get it on Amazon.

CAP 30-Day Public Comment Period In-Person Meeting (Laurel): November 18, 2021 Abridged Transcript

>>ANDREA CROOMS: *Welcome, background on the County's Climate Action Plan (CAP) development process, review of the County's commitment to leadership and transformational change, and goal of inclusive and equitable implementation.*

>>DAWN HAWKINS-NIXON: *Summary of CAP and highlights from the Plan. Presentation included County's greenhouse gas emissions, climate hazards and impacts, CAP guiding principles, focus on just and equitable implementation, strategies, and recommendations for taking action to achieve a low-carbon resilient Prince George's County.*

>>JAMES McDOWELL: This is a question. When you were mentioning about the developers, my question is as you're tracking them, are you also tracking the amount of green space that's remaining to also protect our wildlife as well, preserve that?

>DAWN HAWKINS NIXON: *Development goes through a review process by multiple agencies, including Park and Planning. While this agency assess the existing tree cover and other critical green spaces, and ensures compliance with requirements, tracking can be improved.*

>JAMES McDOWELL: Thank you. I asked because I know that the -- many developers have run out of space in the D.C. area and they are now going into Prince George's County because we have more space, but they are overdeveloped in these areas and that's why I'm asking to make sure we are tracking to preserve what we have here while we're still developing. For the record, James McDowell, Adelphi, Maryland.

>>JONATHAN HAIGHT: I have a question. My name is Jonathan Haight and I live in Laurel, Maryland. And I'm here as part of the group for Laurel for the Patuxent and the references to smart growth and Haight is spelled H-A-I-G-H-T. The reference to smart growth, smart growth means different things to different people and in large measures to the banks it means dense clusters of tall buildings with one and two-car garages on the first floor. To me smart growth means something like the City of Laurel, which has existed since before the automobile. So it is walkable. It is relatively dense. Although it's single family homes, there are apartments going up. I would say the city is an example of what I would call smart growth. Main stream is walkable. Since the crash in 2008, we have lost dozens of businesses and on behalf of the city, does the county intend to fund or to -- well, fund or otherwise support the return of businesses to, for example, Laurel Main Street, but not necessarily to Laurel. Bowie is a similar situation, Upper Marlboro, all these pre-automobile towns and cities across the county are in the same boat. Does that enter into smart growth?

>ANDREA L. CROOMS: *The CAP is focused on growth around transit hubs and opportunities to promote mode shifts.*

>UNK: I just wanted to add, thank you for bringing up smart growth. Also to reduce the carbon footprint and the amount of time that we're traveling in cars and vehicles also we have to think about positioning of where we are putting certain things, in certain communities. Like for instance in the Adelphi area, the Hyattsville area, like we don't have a senior citizens place like at a home like this there. We also don't have a community pool for our senior citizens to go and exercise. They have to come into Laurel. So that means more travel, which they can't do by bike because they have to go across the highway to get there. And also even the community center...we don't have the size, the footprint to service the amount of students that we have in

that area. They have to travel once again to Laurel or travel to Upper Marlboro for events because when we're talking about smart growth, we are not thinking about those areas and their need for those areas, so I mentioned three, you know, for us that's in that area that we don't have so it forces us to have to get to our automobiles versus walking or biking there because we have to travel across highways to get there and I think that's something that should be considered when we're talking about smart growth, is looking at those areas and meeting with those residents to find out what their needs are.

>Hear-hear.

>Hear-hear, yes.

>>**UMB STUDENT UNK:** State my name first, right? I'm also a UMB student, grad student of the School of Public Policy and my question is kind of related to what the young man over there was saying in regards to the placement of community centers and all the other stuff in regards to equity. So I greatly appreciate your equity lens about the plan and I think that that is a process of creating a cleaner county and environmental justice is crucial to alleviating a lot of the climate issues that we see in this county and my question is related to what levers of accountability are placed to ensure that equity is truly met because we often hear about equity but once the processes begin, it quickly gets put to the back burner.

>>**STOSH COMISIAK:** I'm Scosc from Laurel, from Patuxent and I'm wondering if the plan includes more permeable surface, streets, allies. Right now there is a meeting going on in Laurel about the allies and some resistance to putting permeable surfaces in there. Most people would like to see it permeable because of the amount of wood it accumulates. Right now even with the walk-around, I can say I live on the other side of the street from Old Town and it's really rough, especially in the winter that causes the street to go just go over to the walkable part especially in this dark time of the year. We have to look at the way we flow traffic and all that sort of stuff. That has to be part of the Climate Action Plan I believe.

>**UNK:** I would say one of the things I've -- I've seen them like where there were areas where the street or the trail especially along the Laurel Trail along the Patuxent that they went and just resurfaced it with impermeable surface and then they could have just taken that section and made a permeable section and it would have been a little small step to both of the areas where they fixed it, they were flood areas. They could have made it so that drains. They didn't. So and that's the thing. The way to do it is to replace some of the broken parts with permeable parts and drainage and it's a step by step.

>>**BYRON:** My name is Byron. I'm from Laurel. I have a question. So this plan by the way is wonderful. What I have read of it is a long plan and I haven't gotten all the way through it yet. Where do you see the next steps?

So the end of this month is the end of the period, you, I guess, turn it into county council or the people who ask for it and then at what point in time you have to start getting buy-in from your own group, the county council, the funders and all of the other people in the county. How do you see that going forth?

What do you believe is the mechanism to make that happen, other than meetings like this which I'm very disappointed and I think this is more important than 20 people and thank you for taking your time, but anyway, so the question is how do you see that going forward?

>>**ANDREA L. CROOMS:** *The County Council will be provided the draft CAP as is, a supplemental report summarizing public feedback, and a package of all public feedback by January 15th, 2022. The Council will be responsible for determining how to advance the draft CAP and address the public feedback. This will be in the height of the beginnings of the budgetary process and one would*

hope that any actions will be considered through the budgetary process and each agency would look at it and identify where they could meet things in the plan.

>BYRON: My only concern was as the plan is out, this type of plan, not in this detail, has been done before, and it's been blatantly ignored by leadership and the rest of the county and it's time and you're right that it's time and I was just wondering if there were things that were looked at to say okay what went wrong the other times and how do we make sure this doesn't go wrong again. That was my question.

>>LAURA: Hi. My name is Laura and I would like to piggyback on the conversation that has just started. I agree I wanted to know how we were going to implement this plan and what teeth was it going to have and maybe the solution is to get with Park and Planning and sit down with them and talk about their plan process and green infrastructure plan process and see if that can't be tied together and make this an adopted and embraced plan by the community.

I work on the managed lane study and also the Maglin Train, reviewing impacts. I was little surprised how little teeth like the priority reservation area in Prince George's County really had to deter these types of aggressive transportation impacts in Prince George's County. So much so that even the Wood Lawn Conservation Board knows doesn't provide teeth to put trees back in Prince George's County. That with the managed lanes they looked at mitigating in Anne Arundel county and in other areas, and so I would like to see this plan tie to the county's development infrastructure so that it can be implemented and it can be acted on and it can have successful impacts.

I also wanted to bring up the use of trails. The Park and Planning Commission has a great trail system and what it is lacking are those stairs that go into the private property. I think with the oncoming of environmental awareness, new developments are going to provide those trails first. But where we get lost is the equity into those older established communities. How do we get those vital links where there is not a lot of land left to tie into the existing trail system. So I do challenge the group to be thinking outside the box and looking at ways to take advantage of some of the infrastructure that exist in the county today and strengthening it to provide environmental impact and to provide transportation alternatives, multimodal transportation alternatives. Thank you.

>>STOSH COMISIAC: Me again. My name is Stosh, S-T-O-S-H incidentally and I've been hearing on some of the environmental groups about especially where they are concerned about the plants and the dirty power plants and I'm wondering if there is any plan to remove them and to kind of encourage alternative power to replace them as well as, you know, for example maybe community-based solar where you take a town like Laurel or any of the other towns that they start like sharing solar power energy amongst the community. There is a lot of things you can do. Is there anything like that included in the plan to look at it?

>ANDREA L. CROOMS: *Yes, it addresses community solar in the plan, community choice aggregation, and microgrids.*

>>TOM: My name is Tom. I'm just curious how much -- I don't envy the job that you have to do because I'm sure you have to do a lot of balancing of all the different plans and people have a lot of good suggestions and things tonight about all the different kinds of things that are affected when you talk about climate change and about things being in different parts of the county, that sort of thing. But I'm just wondering how much resistance you have encountered?

There is a lot of information out there and a lot of people don't even know that they are misinformed and I'm wondering how much that impacts what you do and in terms of developing this plan and trying

to get it moving forward, especially in the business community. Have you encountered -- I mean, obviously we don't live in an area where it's as bad as some parts but there is still people that don't really understand this problem and how serious it is.

>ANDREA L. CROOMS: *focusing around business is one way to let folks know that there is opportunities in the County focusing on the priorities of the community not just environmentalism.*

>>LAURA CONNOLLY: This is Laura Connolly and I would like to suggest that similarly to the landscape manual in Prince George's County that require certain amount of buffer and shade trees and houses, new development, certain percentage has to be solar or certain amount of homes have to have plugs for electric cars that we suggest that these new developments retool to allow this green technology to start to build and that we start to create those links and define how development is going to occur even further in Prince George's County.

>>UNK: Yeah. One more question is in regards to -- so like throughout the process of creating this plan, were there any like exemplars within the county like Takoma Park, they are pretty good with sustainability so is there any exemplars that you can tell county that this has done this versus this has done this within our plan and how it's helped them and the results of this. So is there anything in the plan like that?

>ANDREA L. CROOMS: *Yes, within the plan itself there is call-out boxes highlighting case studies and current efforts. that are highlighted just that.*

>>DOUG BOWLS: Hi. My name is Doug Bowls and I live in Comar Manor, Maryland and I'm also a councilmember in that town, and I want to ask you to please come to our community and continue any discussions possible. How can I be of as much support as possible to move this forward aside from calling my councilmember who I'm pretty sure is on the side of this plan. Our developers are interested in regressive nongreen development. They are trying to push through gas station developments. 200 feet from the river. Half our town is in a flood plain. How can we get moneys to those citizens and carrot and incentivize in advance them taking some of their heart surface cover which they are in love with away and to get them the money in advance because when you're in a lower-income community, it's very difficult to say, oh, well, you should take this up and it's going to cost youed 2500 and if you do, then we'll give you back \$350 but you have to apply for this program and then we'll -- so how do we come into those citizens and say you're in the 100-year flood plain, you are contributing to run off on your neighbors, your next door river, the levee system is not sufficient anymore, the storm drains aren't sufficient anymore. Here is X amount of dollars, go do this and report back to us receipts, et cetera. Is there a way to reverse that for lower-income communities so that instead of asking them to outlay the cash, you outlay the cash and then they report back to you because -- and we have a green street plan. We just installed one intersection of water permble pavers. Our budget is 1.4 million and it was \$110,000 for one intersection and it had to be reduced. So to implement grand plan would be millions of dollars which would be multiple years of our budget, so I'm sitting here and I'm thinking awful thoughts like how do we get the government to be the big bad government and come in and say you're in the 100-year flood plain, you can't do this. You have to put this in and we'll fund it for you because you're within 200 yards of the river. Two years ago when we had the 6-inch rain, the bottom of our town looked like it did in 1933, our houses were floating and a lot of that was because our storm drains are insufficient. They are not cleaned out. I don't know. I feel this incredible pressure because the town is so close to the river and it's not -- I don't think it's good enough to say we'll give you back a percentage of your expenditure after you do it so I'll just throw it -- I'll leave it at that.

>>JIM: My name is Jim. I live in Laurel. I don't know if it's efficient I heard that you're raising property

taxes 10%. Is that true?

>**ANDREA L. CROOMS:** My understanding is that there is not anything out there to try to raise property taxes. But that is –

>**JIM:** But that's usually how they pay for all these wonderful projects or a chunk of it.

>**ANDREA L. CROOMS:** Taxes are a major way of paying for infrastructure. DoE has been charged with finding other funds including federal money, partnering, and leveraging capital.

>**JIM:** Even the feds get money from us in taxes too so we just get it from different...

>**ANDREA L. CROOMS:** Right. But there is a lot more businesses -- nationally than there is just in Prince George's, so it's the money that flows through the economy theoretically -- that's a little too deep on the politics. I'm going to dance away from that question.

>**JIM:** But when we're trying to think about that question, where is the money, you have to compare cost of doing something, the cost of doing nothing and if we don't address these problems now by investment, we're going to have way, way greater expenses later trying to clean up the mess when things fall apart.

>But even solar or going green causes a lot of pollution that makes greener nicer. It doesn't always work.

>It's a very difficult problem but... we need all that funding you were talking about and we need to get going.

>>**JAMES McDOWELL:** Hi. James McDowell. When we talk about maintaining and servicing the current infrastructure, even those that were deemed green maybe five, seven years ago, has there been any retrospective look at whether those infrastructures need to be demolished and the cost-effective way versus building a more deficient structure is now? Which one is more cost effective, you know what I'm saying?

>**ANDREA L. CROOMS:** I don't think we really dive into that in the plan but I absolutely agree with you that, yes, there was a really great presentation last night. I was on a listening session in South County from the Department of Public Works this Charles County about looking at their coal and deciding whether dug up and replace them or place a new liner in them and certainly the conversation about as we're moving towards nature-based solutions, wouldn't it be better to leave a tree there and we don't need this and so I think those conversations are out there but I think that comment is relevant to some of the things we talk about in the plan.

>**JAMES McDOWELL:** And then secondly, if something may be more cost effective to demolishing than rebuilding a greater facility, is that something that could be tapped into the new infrastructure bill that was passed to ease the burden on Prince George's County?

>>**STOSH COMISIAC:** I have one comment, Stosh Comisiac. If we don't do anything no matter how expensive or how hard it is for us to do, our children are going to deal with this and we already see parts. World where they are experiencing heat over 120 degrees at 100% humidity and dying just being there because they are literally drowning because they can't sweat, they can't do anything. If we don't do anything now, we talk about cost, price, cost of avoiding millions of deaths, another pandemic, look how much this pandemic cost us and the more we get to climate heating up, the more of these diseases, costs should be almost no issue. We got to just start doing it. And if everybody starts putting in trees in their property and planting nice rain gardens and pollinator gardens and stuff like that and doing their best to limit their own need for polluting stuff, trash, stuff like that, is a good start.

>>**UNK:** I think one thing is -- so your field may be, you're a musician but you care about this issue but you don't know what the answer is, right?

Like I'm deeply passionate about this, but do I go out and get a Tesla, to this point, it's green is your point. It's green. And I'm not being antiscience here. I'm saying like you're lost because what is the answer?

They told us -- when I say "they," I don't mean to be conspiratory, they told us solar panels and they come to your home and say the sun doesn't shine right on your home. At the federal level they passed the infrastructure bill. That's -- I was like infrastructure isn't going to solve this problem right now. We are talking 20 years down the line. So what do you say to someone like myself honestly deeply care about this issue, I'm passionate about a piece of paper if I'm passionate about...what do I need to know to help you help us? Sorry to be long winded with this.

>ANDREA L. CROOMS: *personal view, it is the role of government to help residents and communities navigate these issues.*

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CAP 30-Day Public Comment Period-Virtual Meeting: November 9, 2021

Abridged Transcript

0:00:07.9 Brandy Espinola: *Agenda, meeting recording, and ground rules.*

0:00:55.7 Andrea Crooms: *Welcome, background on the County's Climate Action Plan (CAP) development process, review of the County's commitment to leadership and transformational change, and goal of inclusive and equitable implementation.*

0:08:04.9 Dawn Hawkins-Nixon: *Summary of CAP and highlights from the Plan. Presentation included County's greenhouse gas emissions, climate hazards and impacts, CAP guiding principles, focus on just and equitable implementation, strategies, and recommendations for taking action to achieve a low-carbon resilient Prince George's County.*

0:19:22.3 Brandy Espinola: *Introduce the public comment portion of the evening - Everyone will be given two minutes to speak, folks who signed up to speak at the time of registration are called on first, anyone else interested in providing public comment can raise their hand or use the chat to be called on, if there is more time at the end attendees can provide additional comments.*

0:22:10.6 Dan Smith: Alright, so a just couple of things. One, I'm interested in how the Prince George's county Environmental Justice Commission report of January 2020 has been included or referenced, and whether its recommendations have been integrated and built up on... It's a pretty strong things about environmental justice and the need for substantial reform and planning and zoning, and all that relates to climate just or climate issues as well. There was a new stormwater sustainable storm water report put out by the state... Like last week, November 1st, I think the state Department of the Environment gave it to the legislature would be great to look at that. It has some recommendations for things that may be coming down in the next couple of years, if there are some credible recommendations that are gonna take a while to occur, is there a way that this report can encourage more rapid adoption instead of waiting for things to come down from the state to the county. Can we just go ahead and try to meet some of those standards, so I think it's saying we'll have to move to a 3-inch on-site mitigation for storm water is coming up, so how do we look at those things faster.

So then I don't know if my time is up, but the other... I just would say, if there's a way to discourage practices now not wait two years for implementation, but somehow development practices that flood plains, loss of forests, halt those now, while we figure out better development practices, so that's it for now, because otherwise we're gonna be paying for those damages later. There's a big report in the past couple of days go about the new authorities that some of the counties are doing to raise money to pay for huge infrastructure things, Climate Action authorities raising fund. So let's not make it worse by the practice as we're doing in the coming few years, that we're gonna have to make it worse to take yourselves out of those... With funds. So those are sort of my comments. Thank you.

0:26:01.7 Joseph Jakuta: Thank you, Joseph Jakuta, I'm in Mount Rainier, Maryland. I just wanted to say that the county is doing excellent work to move forward with Climate Action. We're seeing all the reification of Climate Action needed now. And nothing is ever perfect. I'm reading this plan makes me, as they say, Prince George is proud. And I hope to see it adopted and enacted. And your efforts to do community engagement has also been very positive.

0:26:57.6 Ken McCaughey: Good evening, I appreciate this opportunity to provide some comments. I left a note in the chat. I did a search about bicycling and changes of mode share. I was pleased to see that there was a lot of recommendations of trying to increase bicycling mode share and walking

as well. I noticed that the plan really didn't talk about bicycle parking at all. And I live in Boise. And my experience with using bicycling for transportation, I do almost all my local shopping by bike, is that bike parking is just all over the place, from pretty good, to nice try, to pretty ugly, to just not existent. So, there needs to be some way to address it. And it's not just as simple as saying, "Hey, people provide bike parking." 'cause my experiences, like I said, people have the best of intentions.

Often the people who cite these things and install them don't use them. And either the wrong kind of rack gets deployed, or something gets installed incorrectly and effectively becomes unusable. So, I see all of these combinations of things all within the three miles radius of my house. So, if it's gonna be addressed effectively, there needs to be somebody who is in charge of this who knows how to do it, or there needs to be some sort of an ordinance that lays down a style of rack, and a spacing, and quantity, and where you cite them on a property, kind of best practices sort of thing. So, I hope this doesn't get overlooked in the final draft. Otherwise, people get on the road on the bike and it's like, "Okay, now what do I do?" So, thank you.

0:31:22.4 Taylor Johnson: Excellent, thank you. So I live in Hyattsville, and I know that Prince George's county is composed of many municipalities like Mount Rainier or Hyattsville, but also many unincorporated areas. And so, often it's the case that some of the communities are maybe a little ahead of the county in terms of what they're doing or trying to do, or environment and density and building codes and the work. And sometimes it feels as though the county is not supportive of what the municipalities are doing. So, I guess what I'm saying or urging or suggesting is that whatever this plan is, if there is a municipality within the county that has stronger provisions or more faster moving or whatever, that the county should do whatever it can to support those, because it makes at least that area ahead of the county. So, things like building codes that not only require more energy efficiency, but even how much the roof overhangs or what types of trees are planted or whether it's pervious or impervious surface, all of those make a difference. And I don't know where we are in all of those things, but my feeling is, they can be improved, so that's what I have to say.

0:33:53.3 Christine Burns: So, I haven't fully read everything yet, but I was excited to see that there was a lot in the Climate Action Plan about addressing the residential component since that's a pretty big part of our emissions and that there would be mechanisms in place for homeowners to get solar or whatever. But I am a renter and I looked up a quick stat and it looked like about one-third of the county is renters, and so, I'm curious if there will be mechanisms that non-homeowners will be able to take advantage of to sort of whether it's working with their landlord or whatever, I'm not willing to invest a lot in retrofitting this house, for example, because I don't own it, but if there are ways to sort of incentivize either landlords or help residents who are renters take advantage of some of the options for improving their home spaces, whether it's for flood mitigation or reducing emissions through those kinds of things?

0:40:40.0 Brandy Espinola and Mary Abe: *Introduce the Priority Recommendations section and what is included in each priority recommendation, highlight several Priority Recommendations as an example of what can be found in the CAP, answer questions from the Zoom chat box about Public Comment process.*

0:56:29.1 Janet Gingold: Hi, I'm Janet Gingold, and I'm one of the Commissioners. And I feel so happy to hear that there are people studying our plan, and I hope that we'll find a lot of people supporting it, because I think it's a really good step in the right direction. I did talk to somebody today though who had some trouble with the survey, she told me that when she was filling out the survey, she wanted to go back and redo something and she couldn't go backwards. And anyway I was just wondering whether anybody else on the call had problems with the interface with the survey, because that's definitely something we want to troubleshoot, and make sure it's easy for people to fill out the survey. And the more people we can have chime in through that survey, the better the County Council folks will be able to understand that this is something that our residents

feel strongly about, and...

We want people to be able to easily weigh in on the importance of this issue to them. So I was just wondering if there is a mechanism that people can use to go back, either enter the system a second time to give a second comment, or is it possible to go back and revise your comment when you're the middle of it. And how can I help that person who's having trouble.

0:58:03.8 Brandy Espinola: *The County will review the survey and explore options for addressing concerns.*

0:58:49.0 Janet Gingold: Yeah, okay, great, thanks. That helps me understand it a little better. I think people also should understand that if they have issues that they can't express through the survey, they should feel inspired to use a different method, maybe send an email to clarify what you meant, or come to one of these sessions and speak orally so that we can hear your concerns, if they don't get picked up by the questions that happened to be on the survey.

0:59:52.7 Dan Smith: Alright, so I just wanna clarify what I heard, I think about comments. And so did I actually hear that there will be no integration of any of these comments and feedback into the report... The report has done... Is that what I heard?

1:00:14.2 Mary Abe: *The County Council will be provided the draft CAP as is, a supplemental report summarizing public feedback, and a package of all public feedback. The Council will be responsible for determining how to advance the draft CAP and address the public feedback.*

1:01:03.0 Dan Smith: No, I understand what you're saying, but... No, it does not make sense. I think you're giving away... The Commission is the one who's taken the deep dive, and if there are comments and feedback that, Oh, after all this work we've missed that we didn't think about that, that's a great point. Some of that should be integrated into the final report, that's the power, if it's in the final report otherwise it goes to the County Council, and this County Council will just say, Oh, people have different views. Here's one over here, here's one over there. And they'll just water it down, and I think the power comes from the voice of the Commission saying, and maybe there's not a lot that would be added in. However, I really employ you all to try to do that, you're just... Otherwise, I guess you've...

1:02:03.5 Dan Smith: It's just marketing now. It's just marketing.

1:02:51.8 Dan Smith: Well, the power is gonna come on, the more that they can take as much intact is possible of this report, kinda say adopt it as guidance and then start hammering out the ordinance, as in changes that have to occur. The better. So I just... You guys have done a great... A lot of work. Great effort. I just want it to be this impactful and successful as possible. So thanks.

1:03:39.1 Janet Gingold: Just wanted to say that... Yeah, I hear your pain on that, because one of the things that is so important about this process is we have to start somewhere, and we have to get started now, and we have to not wait for it until we have every single possible thing in there. This is one step. And part of what's gonna happen is that we will learn from what we put into place and we will collect all these new ideas about what else has to happen, and those ideas are gonna be incorporated into the next iteration of this. Okay, so think of this as a living document where our public engagement process, as we implement it, will incorporate new ideas and we're gonna adapt this plan for our adaptation as the years go on. So if you don't see it in this plan, that doesn't mean it's not gonna happen, that just means that we need to work to get it into the next iteration, so I think all of the... The more we can get good ideas on the public record through this comment period, then when that stuff is all packaged and presented to the County Council, they will see, okay, let's start with what we can do immediately, and then we're gonna work on this other stuff too. So keep the

ideas coming in, both through this process and through direct communication with the County Council.

And just one other thing, these comments are actually incorporated in that they are collected and sorted in a way and summarized, and that becomes part of the package that the County Council considers, you can think of it as another appendix where these things are... It becomes part of the package. So even if it doesn't change what's currently in the Commission's report, it is still part of the package.

1:16:04.7 Brandy Espinola: *Thank you for attending and providing public comments, please share information about the public comment period with your networks, goodnight.*

Abridged Zoom Chat

18:40:22 From Taylor Johnson: building codes can do a lot to reduce energy consumption on new construction and also requiring developers to incorporate green and common space can also reduce transportation needs.

18:54:02 From Ken McCaughey: I see the plan advocates for increases in bicycling mode share. This include E-bikes. But the plan is silent on bicycle parking. I find bike park to be very poor if it even exists. As a very practical matter, people will not shift to bicycling if there is no place to park. E-bikes are expensive and require secure parking. Can this be addressed in more detail?

19:04:49 From Christine Burns: I would add to the bike comment that in addition to good bike parking we need good connectivity between bike trails (and road with good bike lanes) and our neighborhoods. I have to bike down route a very busy road for about 1 mile to get to the my local bike trail and I'm always quite nervous in the evening during rush hour traffic when cars are not being careful.

19:07:09 From Ken McCaughey: In general, the barriers to walking and biking in order of importance are; safe access (walking and biking), safe and secure place to park a bike, distance, the ability to carry stuff, weather and terrain. The County cannot address all of these, but I believe they can impact the first two, and most important, barriers. In my opinion, addressing these are necessary conditions to start changing traveling habits.

19:09:28 From Taylor Johnson: good point Christine

19:13:40 From Taylor Johnson: The majority of the intersections I have seen are not pedestrian friendly.

19:16:54 From Christine Burns: Can you speak to the balance between how aspirational these recommendations are vs how feasible they are? Is it likely that many or most of these recommendations would be adopted by the county?

19:27:52 From Ken McCaughey: Will any of our comments result in any changes to the document?

19:29:41 From Ken McCaughey: So the council will see some sort of a summary of the comments?

19:36:38 From Ken McCaughey: It would be good to reach out to your council person and advocate for changes to the doc and process.

19:38:23 From Ken McCaughey: I share Dan's concerns about the comments not getting incorporated.

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0:00:32.1 Brandy Espinola: *Agenda, meeting recording, and ground rules.*

0:01:56.7 Dawn Hawkins-Nixon: *Welcome, background on the County's Climate Action Plan (CAP) development process, review of the County's commitment to leadership and transformational change, and goal of inclusive and equitable implementation. Summary of CAP and highlights from the Plan. Presentation included County's greenhouse gas emissions, climate hazards and impacts, CAP guiding principles, focus on just and equitable implementation, strategies, and recommendations for taking action to achieve a low-carbon resilient Prince George's County.*

0:20:20.9 Janet Gingold: *Introduce the public comment portion of the evening - examples of what public comments could look like and share the various methods for weighing in on the draft CAP.*

0:26:00.4 Janet Gingold: Anyway, I was given a tremendous privilege of going first tonight, so I'm gonna tell you that I Janet Gingold, whole heartedly support, adoption and implementation of this Prince George's County climate action plan. We need to do as much as we can, as fast as we can to avoid the worst impacts of a changing climate. This plan provides recommendations for systemic changes that we need to decrease our communal carbon footprints and protect the health and well-being of people of Prince George's County. Implementing the priority recommendations laid out in the climate action plan will provide county decision-makers with data and tools for better evidence based climate conscious decisions.

We will see acceleration of a just transition to renewable energy with more solar installations on county property and in the private sector. And development of a more resilient power grid. As we replace gasoline-powered vehicles with electric vehicles, we'll see less of the particulate air pollution that contributes so much to our health disparity. We'll see land use decisions that focus development in activity centers near transit hubs to decrease people miles traveled and spare our forested areas and agricultural lands. We will see more conservation landscaping and rain gardens and less development in flood prone areas. We'll see county resources that enable residents and businesses to decrease their greenhouse gas emissions, through building retrofits for energy efficiency.

We'll see easier access to data about deforestation and agricultural land, tree coverage and urban heat islands, as well as building performance and power consumption and EV chargers. We'll see opportunities for our young people in new green business, and we'll see our county investing first in the communities that need it most. And every small change in the right direction matters. This plan provides a framework that we can build on in the decades to come, and we can't keep pretending that climate change won't happen here. It's already happening, and we need to do all we can to decrease the impact. We need to adopt this plan and get to work. Okay, who's next?

0:28:16.8 Brandy Espinola: *Public comment portion of the evening ground rules - Everyone will be given two minutes to speak, folks who signed up to speak at the time of registration are called on first, anyone else interested in providing public comment can raise their hand or use the chat to be called on, if there is more time at the end attendees can provide additional comments.*

0:29:04.2 Arman Milanian: Okay, great. Yes, so I mean, the county definitely has to implement the climate action plan because we definitely need resilience against the climate change. Climate will change... It will change. And I really wanna see changes in how we treat our backyards, our lawns, our trees. I would like to see less trees being cut in the county. And I want a better future for our kids, and this action provides the guidelines to do so. Yeah, that's sums it up. Yeah. We can't... I can't hear you.

0:30:10.9 Cleaster Warren: So looking at the recommendations, I see A6, there's expand information and assist the public regarding both impacts on climate risk and opportunities to implement climate action. Obviously, I'm on this meeting so I'm for any action that we can implement, but the first thing that I would like to see is the information and education expand. We shouldn't be doing this by word of mouth, I think the county has an obligation to use media, to use anything at it's disposal to let people know about our plan going forward. And to let them know that there's things that we can do, that will move along the plan and to actually help with reducing carbon emissions. I know this is just a draft. We have a starting point. It's a good starting point, but I wanna see more education upfront.

If and... By means of media, circulation publication, anything that we can, because we should be getting the word out to everyone in the county, not just those of us who are passionate about this, who see this as our future, I mean, it is our future. So that's all I have to say.

0:31:44.9 Cleaster Warren: Sure, I'm in Bowie, Maryland, and I'm in the Togs community.

0:32:11.2 Kaelyn Bush: Okay, so basically, my comments are from a teenager's perspective. I go to Wim Clark High School, I'm in the FFA Maryland chapter of this year, and I just think it would be good to implement different resources that teenagers can look at and educate their parents on as well.

0:32:52.2 Kitra Walker: Yeah, just some comments. We could also maximize, improve forest management for carbon sequestration, I submitted comments to build residential and commercial with as much timber as possible, we can, if there's... I'm not sure about the solar limitation, if we can just move any restriction as a percentage of your electricity usage and encourage homeowners to sell electricity to the grid, that would be great. So just a lot of policy tweaks and changes. Thank you.

0:33:33.7 Kitra Walker: Colmar Manor.

0:33:44.3 Mark Buscaino: Yeah. Hi, thank you, Brandy. My name is Mark Buscaino. I'm with Casey Trees, we're in the District of Columbia, and we're also very active and Prince George's County primarily planting trees within the areas close to the district now we're near Cheverly and in areas such as that. I just wanted to comment first to say thank you and second... What a great plan. Of course, my comments are geared more toward the tree issues and anything else, and I just wanted to say, between 2013 and 2018, preliminary unreleased data from the Chesapeake Conservancy shows a drop of about a quarter percent canopy in Prince George's County and the census shows of course, a concurrent increase in about 100,000 people, these trends are most likely gonna continue in terms of the climbing of population and the development to accommodate that, so that's not unusual, but I applaud the plans efforts to maintain "no net loss."

And I just wanted to emphasize a couple of the strategies, the first being the regulatory, establishing a strong regulatory framework. And you look at the district of Columbia for that, will be successful in trying to slow the loss of that canopy as well as creating fees for the removal of trees that will go into fees and funds that you perhaps can create or have already, that would allow for the planting of more trees. And in particular, strategically planting them on public lands, 'cause that is where most canopy expansion can occur in almost any jurisdiction, including Prince George's County. And then finally, I just wanna emphasize the land preservation piece, the establishments of easements to preserve lands for canopy in particular, of course, as well as a sequestration that that provides are all fantastic things to have. So I appreciate the ability or the opportunity to comment today. I'm happy to speak more at a later time and I will provide written comments as well, so thank you very much.

0:36:02.7 Maureen Fine: Yes, thank you. I'm from Bowie, Maryland, and I ditto everything everyone said so far, it's all been great. I wholeheartedly support the adoption and the implementation of the Prince George's County Climate Action Plan. It clearly and comprehensively charts a path for the county

to play a bold and decisive leadership role in the global climate response. I ask the council to please accept this leadership role, and I ask residents to work along with our leaders to change the way we live, work and play, and to bring about the transformation we need to fight the worst effects of climate change. After I... The Climate Action Plan, I think makes a great suggestion when it talks about focusing on county operations. It so clearly states the need to build internal capacity to plan and implement climate action by increasing the climate-related skills and knowledge of our elected officials, agency directors and staff, I say yay to that.

And of course, of utmost important to strengthen land use regulations, sprawling development is undermining our resilience, we must incentivize protection and monetize the benefits of our remaining natural areas. Preservation and restoration must be prioritized. Thank you, commissioners, county personnel and consultants for an excellent climate action plan. Now, will the county invest in an infrastructure that includes renewable energy, low carbon transportation, smart growth communities and resilient water systems? I hope the answer is resoundingly, yes, and that they adopt and implement the climate action plan. Thank you.

0:38:16.0 Melissa Schweisguth: Yeah. Hi. I'm Melissa Schweisguth, Hyattsville, thanks for the opportunity to comment. I still have to dig into all the details, but I certainly support the decision to have a climate action plan, I was really excited to see that our county is doing this and appreciate the work that has gone into it.

It's essential. It should've been done 10 years ago. I mean kudos to the teenager, you said I have a high school comment, but that's totally awesome that you're here, so anyway, just a little digression. But I... So a few specific comments is really integrating equity, so when I look at the eight recommendations, I see that equity is a separate... It's a separate thing. And I work in international development, and we've seen in many cases where particularly like gender women's inclusion is kind of set out as a separate thing and you get into the separate but equal thing. So all of those recommendations you're talking about green transit, green businesses, education, equity and inclusion needs to be baked into all of those. So I appreciate that it's a standalone, but think about how you can articulate equity and inclusion in all of those, and in the headline where appropriate.

Second thing is, is I love the idea of green transit but we also need safe and accessible transit, safe and accessible roads. It is not safe to bike on many roads in our county, particularly roads that get us to workplaces or to key shopping centers. You know Riggs Road, East-West Highway, Queens Chapel, there are some in my areas that it's not safe, it's not even safe to across those roads, cars don't stop at the crosswalks, there's no traffic calming. So safe and accessible transit need to be I think highlighted not just green, but again, that it's safe for people who use it and it's accessible to people of all ages and all modalities. And I certainly agree with the comments on the tree canopy and I would like to see water and ecosystems, the preservation, the restoration of our ecosystems, of our water, of our forest, of our native environments, get their own headline. They're a little buried in resiliency, a little buried maybe in community health, but they're critically important as you know that to have those healthy ecosystems not just the tree canopy but in our homes how are we afforesting, how are we promoting more native landscapes.

So kind of going beyond addressing future development, but again also restoring, and improving current ecosystems on our public lands as well as our homes. And I feel like that that really needs a headline recommendation as opposed to being buried but again I think. And it is a little confusing also, there's the eight recommendations but then the three action areas, so if I were someone trying to operationalize this I think I would get a little confused to that respect. So again, I can look at the details and the action areas, but then I have the recommendations, and how am I lining those up? So maybe streamlining them in some ways but thank you for the plan. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

0:42:09.0 Catherine Hollingsworth: Hi My name is Catherine Hollingsworth. I live in Lanham but I'm the publisher of The Bowie Sun for Bowie, Maryland readers. And I'm asking if you could consider doing a media roundtable so that the media could ask more probing questions beyond the two minutes. Someone mentioned education and also I think in that comment they said that part of the education they wanted to see is outreach to the media. I hope I am paraphrasing that comment correctly but I'll let the record speak for itself. So if my interpretation is correct, I would like to chime in with that comment and say that it would be very helpful for the media, especially since there is a lot of jargon that is thrown around. I think with the climate issue when we talk about carbon and greenhouse gases, although I feel like I have a basic understanding of it, I think for the general public that could contribute to the reason why they may be stand off-ish in putting their... Giving you their input if they immediately feel intimidated by the information because of the language that is used. And the media is there to put things in everyday language, so I think that it would be helpful at least for me to have that access to the experts, and ask them plain language questions. Thank you.

0:44:52.9 Robert: Hi, good evening, and thanks for the presentation. I think it's a great idea to support climate change, and I think, from what I've seen so far, I think it's a good start, but I do agree with the two previous speakers that... I'm an architect and also LEED certified consultant, and so I do understand most of the technical aspects of the presentation, but I think going back to if you can take all of this 200-something pages and maybe come up with one page or two pages of a simple analogy that says to the average homeowner or renter that, "Here's what I can do from my own home or apartment that will affect climate change." Whether it's changing a light bulb to use an energy saving lightbulb, to using low VOC paints or to using rain barrels, things like that, or rain garden, I think simple things like those.

If you can quantify in a way so that the average homeowner, who is not so technically induced with this language we are talking about in the 200-something pages, I think would go a longer way, so that at the end of the day, that homeowner or resident can say, "You know what? Hey, I can go to Home Depot or Lowe's and buy a energy saving bulb, I'm helping climate change in a very small way." And so I think that's what's missing from just the big picture. I know you're speaking from a higher level above in terms of the technical pieces, but I do believe at the end of the day, you have to break it down in small quadrants so that the people could understand how they can play a role, a simple role, it doesn't have to be an expensive role, to get the big picture. So those are my general comments and that's what I see, thank you.

0:47:34.7 Robin Roberts: Good afternoon. This is Robin Roberts, and I appreciate the ability to come to these platforms so we can voice our opinions, and I do agree with the climate change plan. And I was also gonna piggyback on the guy who talked about education. I think it's a good idea also. If we can incorporate some kind of... Like the other guy said about making it plain and simple and we can include it in to our PG County school system too, so that we teach the kids about this, 'cause kids are so open to this kind of stuff, they can also bring it home to their parents. And there's just little things that they can do to make their parents aware of what they've learned in school about climate change and what Prince George's County... What the plan is and how to implement it within our own homes. And I think using children is a really good way of kinda inserting it into everyone's home. That's all I have. Thank you.

0:50:14.7 Brandy Espinola and Mary Abe: *Introduce the Priority Recommendations section and what is included in each priority recommendation, highlight several Priority Recommendations as an example of what can be found in the CAP.*

1:02:49.6 Lily Fountain: Hi, thank you. I'd just like to say that I would like to see this adopted and especially implemented. I am very depressed about whether the current council will truly implement this. There are many good things in here. I'm especially concerned about the tree preservation and

conservation as you've been talking about, and evidently, other people have been asking about, as well as composting, both of which I think are critical for our county at this time, as far as things that are happening, but... I don't know if you've discussed the interaction with the zoning changes that are going on with the county also. I don't know if you can talk about that, but I certainly hope this gets implemented. I hope it gets adopted, and I hope that we can even make some improvements as we learn more over time. Thank you.

1:03:55.7 Mary Abe, Dawn Hawkins-Nixon, and Brandy Espinola: *Highlight several additional Priority Recommendations as examples of what can be found in the CAP.*

1:48:52.9 Brandy Espinola: *The County Council will be provided the draft CAP as is, a supplemental report summarizing public feedback, and a package of all public feedback. The Council will be responsible for determining how to advance the draft CAP and address the public feedback. Help feedback for the Council includes, is there interest from residents to take action here.*

1:50:10.9 Nithin Gudderra: Hi, my name is Nithin Gudderra. I heard this earlier and as a student in PDCPS, I can't emphasize it enough that there definitely needs to be an increase of education in the classroom. I personally didn't learn about climate action in my classrooms. And the main reasons I've learned and become aware about topics related to the climate action is largely because others introduced and made effort to inform me. So, I feel like that leads me to say that when education happens and more students become informed, opportunities not only exercise climate action, but also learn about and discover pathways to careers that will definitely be vital in our futures will also occur. And that's personally what's happened to me because as I've become educated and more aware. I've discovered more about myself, and it's led me to my own pathway and on my own journey.

1:51:41.6 Mary Abe: *Asked Nithin to share his written quote.*

1:52:29.0 Nithin Gudderra: Alright. Sure, so back in October, I wrote that the fate of our world depends on the leaders around the world today. And as a young person, it often feels like those who have contributed the most towards climate change really don't care about the implications it has on our future, on our futures. We are going to face worse consequences, even worse than what we face presently. I'm personally unsure what my future will look like. I wanna have children, but in a few years even that idea may be morally and ethically wrong. So taking a look around the world, back in October, but even now, California is burning. Sea levels continue to rise, and the oceans continue to warm as glaciers melt. So the fact of the matter is that we people of all ages today are responsible for protecting our world and ensuring that there's a safe future for the billions of people that will come tomorrow. I can't pass laws and policies. But I can and will continue to use my voice to advocate and fight for a better and brighter future for all because I care. Now, for those who read this and or hear this: Do you care?

1:53:57.9 Brandy Espinola: *Thank you for attending and providing public comments, please share information about the public comment period with your networks, goodnight.*

Abridged Zoom Chat

18:47:20 From Catherine Hollingsworth to Everyone: What can cities, insurers and property owners do right now to prepare for the next extreme weather event based on the plan? And how costly will these preparations be for homeowners?

18:49:40 From Kurt Pluntke to Everyone: Everything seems to be on the table. As they say this is uncharted territory.

19:01:25 From Pamela Boozer-Strother to Everyone: Janet- thank you for your endorsement! I know that you convened many climate action advocates throughout the entire process and represent the voice of many.

19:02:42 From Catherine Hollingsworth to Everyone: Could commenters please state which part of the county they are from?

19:04:34 From Arman Milanian to Everyone: we also need accountability on companies and create calculated prohibition to plastics within the country

19:05:38 From Barbra Bearden (s/h) to Everyone: +1 from Capitol Heights, MD to a HUGE EFFORT for outreach about available programs, infrastructure, plan and benefits.

19:07:34 From Barbra Bearden (s/h) to Everyone: and making sure people have access to, understand, and feel the benefits of actions.

19:11:14 From Joanne Smith to Everyone: We need to not only publicize the plan but also what incentives there are to individuals to implement parts of the plan as homeowners and renters alike.

19:13:35 From Irene Marsh to Everyone: Melissa, good points!

19:13:59 From Kurt Pluntke to Everyone: The County can follow the District's policies: restriction on leaf blowers, idling cars, solar incentives. However municipalities such as mine is really lacking on enforcement, vision.

19:17:51 From Christine Frazier to Everyone: How do you get municipalities to enforce the plan? how much leverage do we have?

19:18:54 From Joanne Smith to Everyone: not truly a part of this plan, but what about enforcement? Several new trees were planted on community land in Kettering and then some of them were vandalized and killed -- cut off at the ground -- this was very disturbing and how do we educate folks before these actions are taken (folks said they had no idea new trees would be planted near their homes).

19:20:18 From Kurt Pluntke to Everyone: Maybe it can be citizen/homeowner -driven with pictures, letters, warnings and such. As far as the tree issue, our mayor had a homeowner remove a planting since it was on municipal property nearby. Go figure.

19:21:11 From Jeannie Bellina to Everyone: Brandy, I will look at this Climate Action Plan in more detail before December 1 and provide some additional recommendations to the plan. Thanks to all who helped in this plan's development. Jeannie

19:25:09 From Jenny Plummer-Welker to Everyone: How will the verbal comments be transmitted to the County Council?

19:25:28 From Pamela Boozer-Strother to Everyone: Thank you, Robin! The PGCCPC Board of Education Climate Change Action Plan Work Group is dedicated to alignment with the County Action Plan and will have a major component of student education, action and community outreach. Current students and recent Alumni serve on the Work Group. We are grateful to Donald Belle for representing PGCCPS on the Commission and Work Group. See our work here: [PGCCPS.org/climate](https://www.pgccps.org/climate)

19:27:40 From Jeannie Bellina to Everyone: If you buy a tree-based offset today, you're sponsoring a reduction that won't be fully effective until perhaps 2040. Article:
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/planting-a-tree-offset-your-carbon-footprint/>

19:43:17 From Melissa Schweisguth to Everyone: Thanks Irene Marsh! Glad to see HVL hopers here!

19:48:54 From Joanne Smith to Everyone: Definitely support. I haven't had a chance to read more than the first few pages but this looks good. We need to encourage infrastructure for moving to EVs and other alternative energy uses.

19:51:33 From Melissa Schweisguth to Everyone: +1 on Joanne's comments about incentives for homeowners. Not do we need to promote but we need to implement new incentives such as rebates to switch from gas to electric (can be 100% clean). Empower Maryland does not incentivize energy switching, just reduction. I'm converting from gas heat and water to electric, it's not cheap but getting off fossil fuels is worth it to me and I am able to save for it. We need funding to incentivize less climate minded folks and help lower income households afford energy switching

19:53:38 From Lily Fountain to Everyone: Will there be a quantifying of the direction of public support (e.g. X % of commenters recommend approval and adoption), as well as delivering hundreds of pages of text to council members? Will qualitative analysis of public comments also be done?

19:54:43 From Rupert McCave to Everyone: I did not see in the plan the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) as a resource for GREEN and Sustainable Initiatives. USGBC is the entity that certifies buildings through LEED, which has very good climate change design guides for buildings and the environment. This should be a good resource guideline to use. Thank you

19:54:53 From Joanne Smith to Everyone: Electricity generation is critical too -- moving to sustainable methods to generate electricity before we switch off natural gas.

19:59:36 From Melissa Schweisguth to Everyone: Mary, solar potential on my property is limited. I'll be grid dependent. I'd love to see rebates for switching from gas heat to electric like a mini split system. That requires advocating at state and federal levels that provide rebates for energy conservation now, in addition to those funding rooftop solar

20:01:27 From Joanne Smith to Everyone: Agree with Melissa, some of our homes are not suited to rooftop solar (I'm in Kettering and have trees and face in wrong direction to get much sun) but would use solar or wind generated electricity and hope to move to EV when the infrastructure improves.

20:02:44 From Mia Mezger to Everyone: Hi, I am a junior at Gwynn Park High School in Brandywine Maryland. My school is starting this project where we collect food waste during lunch time, sort it, and compost it rather than send it to landfills. We noticed that a lot of food is thrown away and with composting it would help feed or give back to the environment that is feeding us. Maybe if more schools did this it would help the cause and make it so less greenhouse gasses would be released into the environment. Also, all the resources put into making the food such as water and biodegradable packaging wouldn't go to complete waste.

20:05:05 From Kathy Bartolomeo to Everyone: Great to hear about your school Mia.

20:06:37 From Melissa Schweisguth to Everyone: Thanks to the staff who are working overtime to do these sessions. Much appreciated

20:07:47 From Pamela Boozer-Strother to Everyone: Thanks for leading Mia and Gwynn Park HS!

20:08:20 From Melissa Schweisguth to Everyone: Great point Mia. Compostable emit methane when they degrade in landfills. Keeping compostables out of landfills should be a mitigation action

20:10:27 From woody woodruff to Everyone: engagement with the communities should not just be pre-adoption but continuously as the plan is implemented over the years...

20:11:53 From Marlene Wright to Everyone: Cameron Grove Senior Community- grateful for inclusiveness and info sharing!

20:12:42 From Melissa Schweisguth to Everyone: Thanks Mary. Does county code allow solar farms in land zones for ag or reserve?

20:16:38 From Joanne Smith to Everyone: Agree -- solar on farmland going out of use instead of building suburban homes - with fair payment to the owners? Also maintain enough agricultural land to support the healthy food initiatives.

20:18:03 From Melissa Schweisguth to Everyone: Why does the recommendation for county agencies to integrate climate resilience five years off? Is it really not possible for them to create plans in a year or two? We're already facing climate risks and they're getting worse. So we need to implement resiliency ASAP

20:20:43 From Melissa Schweisguth to Everyone: What guidance do you have for comments on funding plan implementation? Eg ensuring this is budgeted for

20:24:12 From Melissa Schweisguth to Everyone: How do you see plan addressing advocacy and collaboration across agencies and levels of government such as city to county to state and federal, and with entities like MNCPPC and WMATA? As I'm sure you're aware coordination across these entities is not easy.

20:24:42 From Pamela Boozer-Strother to Everyone: Thank you, Nithin, for your leadership in PGCPs and the County!

CAP 30-Day Public Comment Period-Virtual Meeting: November 30, 2021

Abridged Transcript

0:00:03.9 Brandy Espinola: *Agenda, meeting recording, and ground rules.*

0:00:38.0 Andrea Crooms: *Welcome, background on the County's Climate Action Plan (CAP) development process, review of the County's commitment to leadership and transformational change, and goal of inclusive and equitable implementation.*

0:01:33.7 Dawn Hawkins-Nixon: *Summary of CAP and highlights from the Plan. Presentation included County's greenhouse gas emissions, climate hazards and impacts, CAP guiding principles, focus on just and equitable implementation, strategies, and recommendations for taking action to achieve a low-carbon resilient Prince George's County.*

0:18:02.8 Janet Gingold: *Introduce the public comment portion of the evening - examples of what public comments could look like and share the various methods for weighing in on the draft CAP.*

0:27:10.1 Brandy Espinola: *Public comment portion of the evening ground rules - Everyone will be given two minutes to speak, folks who signed up to speak at the time of registration are called on first, anyone else interested in providing public comment can raise their hand or use the chat to be called on, if there is more time at the end attendees can provide additional comments.*

0:28:13.8 Dion Carter: *Okay. So my name is Dion Carter. I'm located in the Mitchellville, Maryland area near the Wegmans Plaza. I do not have any comments tonight. I'm just listening as, I guess you would say as a potential board member in my community, the Balk Hill community, and so I just want to get more information. Thank you.*

0:28:39.8 SR Hartwell: *Hi. Good evening. I'm here. My name is Stacey. I'm also the Environmental and Climate Justice Chair for the NAACP-Maryland state conference, where we focus very heavily on issues regarding environment and climate for the state, but I'm also a resident of Prince George's County, so I have a dual interest in what's going on here. I am privy to a lot of information regarding the status of Prince George's County and unfortunately, there are so many issues that are impacted by the environment and climate. So not only am I a strong proponent for us developing a climate action plan, but I'm also interested in educating our residents even more because, you know there's, I don't know if you've seen on the news lately where there's been a community near the Brandywine area that's been complaining that realtors have not been representing the true value of their homes.*

However, I have yet to hear in any of that dialogue where they are aware of all of the environmental impacts that have happened down in the Brandywine area that could very much be impacting their home values. So not only am I interested in the climate plan, I'm interested in remediation. I'm also interested in notifying people, letting people know what these health issues are. For example, we have the highest ozone levels in the state down in Brandywine. We have the highest rates of deaths related air quality here in Maryland. I could go on with a number of... I mean, Prince George's County was rated an F by the American Lung Association regarding air quality. So we have a number of issues, and I could go on, I don't wanna frighten people. But I really think that in our climate action plan, we really have to start notifying people, as to number one, what's happening in their community.

For example, there is gonna be a huge... They are proposing a huge battery storage factory over

here by Rose-croft Raceway. I bet a lot of people don't know what the impact of having this battery storage facility in their community. So a lot of education has to happen. And you know what happened to my mother's community, there was a pipeline that was put literally into the creek where she lives. And you can... I mean, you can walk there and it's probably maybe not even 500 feet away from where she lives. But she said to me, "I had no idea that this was going on in our community." So there are so many points on which we can work, but I'm feeling a little constricted by time here. But I just wanted to say that, yes, we should have a climate action plan. And I wish I had the liberty, I'm a volunteer to the NAACP, I wish I had the time to write up all of the comments that I have on the plan. And I'm just grateful for this opportunity to give voice to some of the things that are happening and just hope this plan will result in notifying the community and more proactively notifying them. Not just sending out some random email or something that goes to some website that not everyone even knows it's happening, but a more active way of engaging the community on what's happening where they live. Thank you.

0:31:54.8 Carol Hurwitch: Yes. I'm sorry. I was hitting the wrong unmute button. Yes, thank you. My name is Carol Hurwitch. I am long-time resident of Prince George's County, over 30 years, and I live in Dolphin, Maryland, concerned citizen. I have fought various campaigns to try to help preserve the trees that clean the air and help the pollution, as Ms. Hartwell just said. And I believe also that if you're going build on erodible soils and things like that, that makes flooding worse. So a lot of these things are just connected with good health, social justice, quality of life, and we have to band together and do things like this action plan, not only for the globe and future generations, but just the air we breathe here locally today. Thank you.

0:33:22.5 James Lawson: My name is James Lawson, I live in Accokeek, Maryland. I strongly support the Climate Action Plan. The Climate Action Plan is a professional comprehensive and thorough document. If Prince George's County implements this plan, it will fulfill our county's obligation to preventing climate change. Some people believe that one million people in our county is a drop in the bucket of the 7.9 billion people globally and we can have no real effect on climate change. A sizeable part of our population believe that climate change is not the most critical problem in their lives. On November the 10th, 1942 Winston Churchill said this, "Now, this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end, but it is perhaps the end of the beginning." I believe this is where we are today. The Climate Action Plan is the first step in a long journey. The Climate Action Plan is a complicated document, most of our population will never read this document. Those who have the time to read the plan and a time to work to implement the plan will have to sell the plan. We will have to convince the population that climate change is real and will have severe consequences for our population.

We will have to explain to our citizens just because we cannot see climate change, it is real, it will negatively affect the quality of life for most of us. All of us must work together to convince people that climate change is real and will threaten life as we know it. For me, the most important part of the Climate Action Plan is the section on transportation. This part of the Climate Action Plan does not require extreme sacrifice from the population. The Climate Action Plan, transportation section gives the greatest field since over 40% of greenhouse gases are produced by transportation. The Climate Action Plan recommends a transition to electric cars, trucks and buses and constructing electric charging stations. In addition, the Climate Action Plan encourages the construction of light rail Metro and expanded bus routes and replacing diesel buses with electric buses. The government should educate people about the thousands of dollars available when buying an electric vehicle. We should start slowly informing the population and gradually accelerate our pace by adopting climate change solutions. Thank you for allowing me to the speak. James Lawson.

0:36:10.9 Tommi Makila: Yes, hello, my name is Tommi Makila. I am from Upper Marlboro. I have

worked in energy efficiency of ridable energy issues for more than 20 years professionally, so I'm very happy to see a climate action plan in my home county, and I fully support it. I would like to... I have one specific item that I would like to see specifically called out and mentioned and that relates to the twice a week trash collection. We do have some of these... Our elected officials continue to talk about that they would like to return back to the twice a week trash collection, and really from the perspective of green house gas emissions, that is a very problematic item to even consider. I mean as, hopefully, most people know, that trash trucks get incredibly bad mileage that are in the five miles per gallon range, and really having them kinda buzz around the county unnecessarily, emptying half full trash cans twice a week instead of once a week, that would be... It would be, from the perspective of this climate change action plan, could be very counterproductive and really not in line with what we should be doing.

Transportation is a priority in the plan, so that would be against that. Also, the leading by example issues would obviously speak in favor of not making really counterproductive... Taking counterproductive steps. And so, I would just like to see that the plan would incorporate in some shape or form or specific mention about this topic, because it is... Especially what the Director of CRMS mentioned that, let's make this relevant for our community, that is kind of a perennial topic in the county. So I would like to us to take the kind of the right stand on that issue and specifically call it out. Thank you for your time.

0:38:20.1 Bill Pugh: Hi, good evening. My name is Bill Pugh, I'm not a county resident, but I work with the Coalition for Smarter Growth, which is an organization that's been working in Prince George's for over 20 years, helping promote more prosperous, livable sustainable communities, focusing on affordable housing and jobs close to transit in walkable areas with safe streets for walking, biking and other modes of travel. We'll submit our detailed comments in writing, but I wanted to share a few things with you all tonight. First off, there's some very commendable elements of the plan, I think it does an excellent job of showing the impacts of climate change and showing how it's... The residents who are already most socially vulnerable are the ones who are being impacted and who will be impacted the most. So I think the plan does a good job with that. It also does a great job describing and explaining the role of land use in terms of sprawling patterns of land use that drive up car emissions and the amount of driving that people have to do to get around just to meet daily needs and another area it's very actionable and focuses on action that can be done quickly.

A few areas where we think that the plan has some opportunities to be improved as it's finalized and reviewed, I think the shortcoming, the proposed strategies as modelled don't meet the 2030 goal of reducing emissions 50%, and if you look at that, transportation, which is the largest source of emissions is an area where the county can take more ambitious action and set more ambitious goals in line with national, regional best practices.

These will be goals for both, what could be a co-adoption, and for reducing the amount that households have to drive on a daily basis, and the Regional Transportation Planning Board study that will come out this month should be very informative for the county's efforts in that aspect. Also, one other area I'll just quickly highlight is also related to transportation where the plan and... Let's see. It recommends investing in infrastructure to increase transit, car-pooling and non-motorized travel, but it doesn't include any implementation steps unlike other actions.

So that's an area where there's a lot that can be built on. But overall, I think the plan's headed in the right direction. It does a great job acknowledging the role of land use and transportation in terms of climate change and also the development of areas in the county that produce tree cover and some of the resilience over time. So thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight.

0:42:16.5 Sarah Weber: Hi, sure, thank you. My name is Sarah Weber and I am a resident of Hyattsville. No particular affiliation other than being very concerned about climate change and the increasing impact that we're having on the planet.

So I have reviewed the plan, certainly from more of a layman's perspective and just overall I'm very pleased that this conversation is starting and I suppose if anything feel like it's probably too late, like it is everywhere, but very glad to see that this is getting attention now, and I'm overall happy that this will, I think, help us to draw more attention more broadly on what we need to do to begin reducing our carbon footprint.

I think the area specifically that I wanted to comment on going back, I think two speakers was around the solid waste management component of the plan, and even though I think it mentioned in the plan that, that was sort of the smallest component of contributors among the different factors that are outlined in the plan to carbon production, I did feel that there was more that could be done through the plan than what was already indicated. It felt to me that overall, while a lot of what was in the plan was, I guess I would characterize it as passive in the sense that there were changes that didn't necessarily require individual residents to necessarily make a lot of lifestyle or behavior changes, which is fine for a lot of the actions, but within waste management, I think it's an area where it's perfectly appropriate to refocus the behavior change element on residents directly and I would have liked to see more emphasis on an overall approach of waste reduction rather than just diversion from solid waste to recycling or composting.

And while those are certainly elements, I think the bigger element is going to this question of twice a week garbage collection, also reducing sizes of the bins. Where I'm from, the garbage cans are very small and the recycling bins are very big, as an example, but I think that the emphasis needs to be on the residents reduction in the waste production in the first place, rather than keeping the focus on diversion.

So that's kind of the major area that I wanted to emphasize, but overall, just very happy to see the attention on this plan, and I am fully supportive of making it as robust as possible. Thank you very much for organizing these sessions and thank you for the opportunity to comment.

0:45:30.2 Fred Rose: Yes, good evening. Thank you for allowing me to speak. My name is Fred Rose, as you said, and I'm a resident of Fairfax County, but I have interest in climate change and the impacts throughout the region. I worked for a long time in Fairfax County and I'm aware of all the neighboring jurisdictions and their effort. Prince George's County has joined the leaders in the region in preparing a Climate Action Plan, which is very commendable. I think you guys probably have done it in the fastest time I've seen so far considering the other jurisdiction who I'm aware that I have completed a plan. I just wanted to...

I haven't read through the complete draft, but a couple of things that struck me upfront was the fact that your goal, when it was advertised, it says you're reducing your carbon emissions. I would like you to consider using the terminology of eliminating and put your goal right at top. I had to read several pages to figure out what was the goal. Then I find out, "Okay, carbon neutral by 2050," which is noble and consistent with other climate action plan efforts, but to me, it's kind of buried somewhere and the sense of urgency of what this is demands that we clearly state the goal upfront, so everybody understand, "Hey, this is not business as usual or just a nice thing to do. This is absolutely essential."

And the other point I wanna make is that I've been involved with many community-wide planning

effort and we complete the plan and the population itself that supposed to be an integral part of this doesn't know anything about it. And so as government officials, we have to make an extra effort and ensure that we have a communication plan that really reaches out to the populace out there and make them understand and be aware of what's going on. We need to have strategic and deliberate effort in that regard. So the importance of this is clearly communicated across the board. And we make the compelling case of why it's necessary because people hear stuff on the news every night, but like one of the speakers said earlier, people might think this is not the most important thing in their lives, so they don't pay close attention.

So we as professionals have to be mindful that we need to make that compelling case, so people have to pay attention to this. But other than that... One other thing I wanted to mention, as I went through the equity section, which was very nicely written and really gave justice to the acknowledgment of the issues involving disparities in communities and that we need to address that. However, I did not see any mention of President Biden's executive order he signed in February called Justice 40, which is applicable and would be something to be considered significant in terms of not just Prince George's County effort, but nationwide, to tie into that whole process and have the support of the entire country effort behind what we're doing here.

So I would highly consider having that emphasis added to the plan to ensure it's integrated with other efforts and stress the seriousness of this. And again, just one other point and then I'll close. In terms of your timeline in implementing things, 0 to 3 years, I noticed on a lot of the information or the strategy that you had, action that you identified, just bear in mind that from a government perspective, it takes a couple of years to even identify budget and funding requirements to fund the things that you wanna do. So in order to make this really realistic, in terms of getting the actions and the financial part to support it, we might wanna be a little more realistic in how we highlight those timelines. And thank you for having me.

0:51:00.0 Jon Robinson: Hello, I'm Jon Robinson. I live in Adelphi, Maryland in Prince George's County. And I'm interested in... Been interested in the environment for some time. I was involved in Sierra Club for decades, I was chapter chair for three years, and my background is in biology, in particular, ecology. And so I've been following this issue for many decades and at this point, we've procrastinated for such a long time that we're running out of time and we need to act quickly as time is of the essence. And so I'd just like to make a few points. We not only have to reduce the emissions, which is addressed at various levels in the plan, but we also have to look at ways to absorb and sequester carbon that is in the atmosphere.

And toward this end, protecting mature tree cover, forest cover, would be a major contribution. This basically provides four benefits; it sequesters carbon, it improves the local environment, it provides habitat and it reduces flooding. It takes 2 to 3 decades for a cut-over area that has been replanted to start being a net sink for carbon, and we don't have 2 to 3 decades. So, actually buying up forest land to protect mature forest is more cost-effective than paying the same amount to plant samplings or seedlings as the latter will not produce any measurable benefit for 2 to 3 decades, which is long after... Things will either have been resolved and going in the right direction or not.

Other things that need to be focused on are wetlands and marsh systems, these can also sequester large amounts of carbon. And so I think focusing on protecting our existing natural areas, as well as expanding forest cover in the county would be something that should be included in it, and there should be a budget for it. And the efforts to go in this direction should have been incorporated into the new zoning plan that the county is trying to put into action. But perhaps after this next year's elections, we'll have a county council that's more amenable to doing that. Thank you.

0:54:04.5 Janet Gingold: I just wanted to... Hello. I just wanna reiterate that I strongly support Prince George's County's Climate Action Plan. I think it incorporates many things that are absolutely essential for our future health and prosperity. We desperately need systemic change to address systemic problems that are created by our current dependence on fossil fuels. And we need to do as much as we can as fast as we can to reverse the damage that we have already done. This plan includes recommendations for prudent investments for our children's future, for safeguards for our health and quality of life, for transparent governance and public participation, decision-making informed by science and good sense, equity and inclusion for more just outcomes, a just transition to clean renewable energy, smart growth and affordable, reliable clean transportation options, increased energy efficiency and reduce waste, nature-based solutions to reduce impacts of excess heat and extreme precipitation and responsible re-stewardship of our natural resources and our agricultural lands.

If they can't continue to grow our food in places like California because it's too dry, we're gonna have to grow our own food and we need to have agricultural lands upon which to do that. And by starting to think about our land use with climate resilience and climate mitigation foremost in our minds, we can do a lot to reverse the impacts that we otherwise will experience. So I strongly recommend that this Climate Action Plan be adopted and fully implemented and that we continue to work to make it better as time goes on. Thanks.

0:56:50.9 Greg Smith: Hi. I'm Greg Smith. I live in Hyattsville. I've done environmental work of different sorts for about 40 years in North Carolina, in this area including transportation and land use and zero waste and other issues. I agree with many of the comments made today, and I'm glad that the county is developing a climate action plan. I'm grateful to Janet and Hank and all the other folks who volunteered their time, for the staff who dedicated their time. That said, I have at this point, if I look at our county government, especially our elected officials, I have very little faith that those folks get it, or get it to the point and care enough to the point that they would actually speak the truth about what's going on with climate change and what it's gonna take to slow it down and then stop it and hopefully reverse some of the damage.

We need to save every acre, every square inch of arable land that's available, but the same for wetlands and flood plains and forests, so we need to expand wetlands and flood plains and forests. Instead, what we're seeing through the county planning process and decision-making process is they're constantly punching the growth button and approving developments in the flood plains and clear cutting significant forest to provide sprawl development and sometimes develop a bit closer in, but it's still unjustified or overdone. Just to put some of this in perspective, we've been talking... We commented on climate change and the need to address it in the '90s when we were fighting inter-county connector from every angle, both in terms of the need to cut emissions, but also the need to protect those systems that give us resiliency, natural and human resilience, and yet the decision-making process here continues to ignore all of those things. Putting in perspective what it's gonna take to reduce emissions, it has to be in every sector by at least 15%. It can't just be... There isn't any one sector that's gonna deliver such a massive reduction that the other sectors can coast.

So looking at transportation, which is the one that I know pretty well, I know every time I've seen transportation modeling for air emissions, whether it's greenhouse gas emissions or toxic air emissions or ozone precursors, they always rely on overly optimistic technological advances and turn over the vehicle fleet, and that's what would have to happen here if we were to try to reduce emissions from the transportation sector by 50%. On average, everybody would have to have a vehicle that has double its current gas mileage and there would need to be no increase in overall driving. Or we'd have to have a significant increase in overall driving and a significant increase in emissions per vehicle mile driven. And that's all unlikely between now and 2030. I don't mean that just to be super

negative, but that's a reality. We talk about affordable transit. Transit in this region by and large is not affordable, and Metro has been heading in the wrong direction for a long time because of massive under-investment in our transit system.

We would need a complete sea change in the thinking of our elected officials and our agency folks and our population and our business community to achieve these reductions by 2030, or anything close to them, honestly. Again, I don't mean to be a [1:00:11.9] _____. They're gonna love to see this happening, and I really respect the dedication shown by the volunteers and the staff. We need community leaders and elected officials and agency folks who are willing to speak the truth, look at the truth and speak the truth about what it's gonna take in order to achieve these emissions reductions. Thanks very much, take care.

1:00:41.6 Joseph Jakuta: Good evening. My name is Joseph Jakuta, and I live in the city of Mount Rainier, Maryland. I joined the first session, and now I've gotten a chance to read through the... Well, most of the plan, and I just wanna say hi. And first we're doing it for her. We're doing it for her and the other one in there because we really do need climate action and we need it in Prince George's County. And I support adoption and implementation of this plan. I also will say I've been impressed with how well the Commission and the staff have listened to public input. I was lucky enough to be invited to be on the Residential Advisory Group and thought you all did an excellent job considering our feedback and taking it seriously, and I know you all will take this feedback you're getting tonight seriously as well. But yeah, so back to the original point, I support adoption and implementation of this plan and thank you for your time. And she does too.

1:02:23.0 Valencia Campbell: Okay, I wasn't sure because I am Valencia Campbell. I live in Fort Washington, Maryland. And I do want to thank the Commission tremendously under the leadership of Janet. I thought that it was an absolutely excellent document, very, very thorough, and I really appreciated the breakdown of the recommendations that were there in those various areas. The operational area, the mitigation area and greenhouse emissions. And for me, in Fort Washington, we were extremely excited to see something written about the mitigation efforts, where it was stated that there should be no net loss for the trees and that it is important to expand the tree canopy and forest as a land cover because we've just gone through that whole process of trying to fight for our forest. And we know that many of the people spent a lot of time trying to identify what was important for all of us who reside in this county, and we know even the young kids know the importance of trees. My granddaughter, who is in the sixth grade knows that.

So I was just elated to see this document in written form and also the comments that were made about the 2035 document where there was an expectation that so many things would be done and the funding would be there. And so I am hoping, I have lots of other examples, but I don't wanna take over a lot of time, but I am really hoping that this measure is adopted, not only just supported, but we actually see the funding because that is the crucial piece, and as some others have said, folks have to have the interest in seeing that this happens, that we don't want to have a document that is on our bookshelf and we come back five years later, or 10 years later, and having all of this work having to be repeated or updated. So I absolutely thank you for doing this work, I think it's incredibly important and I do hope that we will get to the next step. Because I looked at...

The last thing I wanna say before others get on is I did look at some of the appendices as well, and I know that people talked about what had been done in the past many, many years ago, and we're still talking about some of these things. So I just wanna commend everyone and say that we want to see this funded in our county and people behaving as though they really care about this issue through the funding. Thank you all very much for the time to speak to you, and I'm looking forward to seeing this implemented.

1:06:00.3 Jon Robinson: Yes. I'd like to follow up on what Greg Smith said about the need to be honest. And toward that end, I would like to suggest that the term smart growth needs to be retired. At this point, there is just dumb growth and dumber growth. We need to look at having an economy that is in dynamic equilibrium. In other words, you have change, but without growth in consumption or waste or the numbers of people. So if we don't address that, we're bound to fail. And as Greg knows, years ago when he was engaged in his heroic effort to fight the ICC, I said, "If you can't stop the growth, the ICC is going to come eventually anyway, because there'll just be too much political pressure, and it'll be built regardless of how bad an idea it is." And that is what, in fact, what happened. And if we're not willing to deal with the limits to growth as a society, then we're not really going to be successful at dealing with climate change. Thank you.

1:07:28.0 Brandy Espinola: *Introduce the Priority Recommendations section and what is included in each priority recommendation, highlight several Priority Recommendations as an example of what can be found in the CAP.*

1:16:51.7 Fred Rose: Okay, so I was just writing up that very comment to give you in writing, but I can kind of tell you what I had in mind. When you mentioned the community engagement piece...

1:17:16.0 Fred Rose: Okay. Yeah, I'm from Fairfax County, but I work with the regional government, I work with COD, and so I follow this issue throughout the region. As the jurisdictions developed their climate action plan, I've inserted myself in becoming very interested and tried to provide some input where I can. So...

1:17:47.8 Fred Rose: Okay. Yeah, so the comment about the engagement with the community. I was gonna give you something in writing to make that a little... Stress that very strongly, 'cause community engagement is really important and getting the word out and getting people involved and getting the trust from the community. So I really commend you for acknowledging that, that's an important thing. I'd like to see a more deliberate thing like a communication plan developed maybe, that has specific action things that, you know, how you would reach out to the community. Not everybody will go on a website or get emails and stuff, so that's part of the tool box. But there may need to be very deliberate actions taken to just intensify the outreach to the community, I would say. That's my comment.

1:21:01.2 Jon Robinson: Yes, one of the things I've noticed is there have been thought about doing away with a single stream recycling, because people throw paper along with glass and plastic and everything all together, and in terms of being able to actually recycle paper, it degrades the quality significantly. So it kinda undermines the idea of reducing the carbon footprint, which recycled paper requires less energy than creating paper new from wood. So it seems that that would be a step that could be perhaps implemented under the current one, but you'd have to get, as was mentioned before, buy-in community. So maybe roll something out a community at a time, provide incentives, perhaps a reduction, if they get enough participation, a reduction in the tax fees that goes as support, the solid waste pickup, and I don't know if you've looked at that or not.

1:24:21.5 SR Hartwell: Thank you. I heard a gentleman earlier refer to the Biden, Harris Build Back Better Plan, in particular the Justice 40 Plan. And the Justice 40 Plan, as many of you may know, says that 40% of the funds that will come down from these monies will be used in communities "Most impacted by climate change." I was wondering whether or not the county has made any recommendations in the plan, or where I could find where Prince George's County has made in the plan how we're going to identify those most impacted communities and how we're going to prioritize the work to be done in those communities as a part of our climate action plan. That's a question,

thank you.

1:25:22.9 Dawn Hawkins-Nixon: *the plan does not specify exactly how we will identify those equity areas, but we are starting with the use of COGs equity emphasis area map.*

1:26:17.0 Fred Rose: I'm aware that Fairfax County during the COVID crisis did develop a GIS layer that they believe that sorta... They believe that it sorta typifies the typical disadvantaged or traditionally disadvantaged community. I don't know exactly what the parameters were, or the metrics were, that they measured. So the county might wanna look into something like that in developing some kinda GIS layer that would link kinda closely with the areas that were worse impacted by COVID. And maybe also, if you have data on education or income level, that you can superimpose on top of that and that would kinda give you a good start in how you define those communities, because the issues overlap, healthcare, education, low income and environmental justice.

1:27:32.4 Janet Gingold: This is Janet Gingold. And one of the adaptation priority recommendations very specifically talks about some of these GIS functions and how to identify communities at risk. In the, I don't remember what number it is, but it's the one about protecting the most vulnerable populations from the effect of heat. And that taught... There is specific actions in that priority recommendation that had to do with heat mapping studies and tree cover studies using mapping techniques to have layers that include permeable surfaces, tree cover and heat map data along with socio-economic data. And obviously, that requires a lot of complicated collection of data first and then doing the mapping.

But then it talks about using that data to sort of focus where the county would spend most of its money and how it could prioritize the communities at most, who need it most and invest first in the communities that need it most. So I think that the folks who put this particular recommendation together were very cognizant of the fact that our county is extremely diverse in lots of things. Even though our average tree canopy is about 52%, there are some places inside the beltway where there are hardly any trees and there are some places out, farther out in the exurbs where it's like one big forest.

So we have to make sure that we're using real data to identify where the vulnerability is and address the needs of the community. Is Mary there? She was part of that, putting all of that together.

1:30:45.0 Tommi Makila: Yes, thank you. Yeah, my name is Tommi Makila. I'm from Upper Marlboro. I just want to... The equity mentions prompted me to think of this as more along the lines of what I actually do for my work, related to low-income home weatherization. And I did do a quick search through the draft document for low-income and I did see that their mentions there, commendable mentions about deep energy retrofits and helping low-income people do that. And this may be getting a little bit into the weeds of low-income weatherization, but I think it might be worth mentioning that for example, the Weatherization Assistance Program, which is the nation's largest low income weatherization program, they have pretty strict guidelines for doing energy retrofits.

And one problem for, especially low-income housing a lot of times is that there are other structural issues that have to be addressed, like fixing a roof. You can't put insulation up there if your roof is leaking. And so these homes then get deferred, basically they have to wait until those issues are... Some of the structural issues are addressed. And so maybe just dimension of like, if you really wanna go after the low-income sector housing, you may need to put up some money to also help with other structural issues to kinda ensure that you can address energy issues. A little bit in the weeds, but it is actually a very significant problem when you talk about actual implementation and getting these

homes weatherized, because you can leverage a lot of money, federal money, and there's actually right now a lot of money coming through the pipes to the, yeah, infrastructure bill. Thank you. That's all.

1:32:40.7 SR Hartwell: Hi. Yes, again, I am a Prince George's County resident. And around the Capital Beltway, Prince George's County is the most... It is the county with the most environmental cumulative impacts, waste incineration, multiple coal fired plants, just a number of things that impact our community. One of the things that we're concerned about is how we will go about digging ourselves from out of the hole or how we will go about our mitigation plan. And this gets back to the funding that's coming down to The Build Back Better Plan. There is a concern that when the money comes, or is available within the state, that those funds will not be used as they are intended.

And I didn't know whether or not the plan, or where I could find in the plan, where it talks about how we can hold those accountable for distributing those funds. To see to it that we get, again, we're the most impacted county around the Capital Beltway, to see to it that we get those funds that are intended to address mitigation in our area. And I don't know where I might be able to find that. Maybe you could let me know.

1:34:15.1 Mary Abe: *The draft CAP addresses the need for increased transparency and communication, as well as the establishment of task forces that include community representatives.*

1:35:21.0 SR Hartwell: I hear what you're saying, but I think that we need a top-down and bottom-up approach to this. That yes, the state might come down with their recommendations, but we should also say what our requirements would be. And so I think the sooner we begin to think about that, when these funds are available, I think we'll be in a better position to be proactive about the results that we get, versus being reactive to the mandates that the state puts in front of us. And along those lines, when you talk about having community engagement, I would just like to have someone acknowledge that a lot of people who are doing this work are getting paid to do this work, like many of you, but the rest of us, we have full-time jobs, and then you ask us to come in and do this work and you wonder where we are in terms of our engagement.

And if you have an already overburdened community and we were faced with issues not only around the environment, but we've got issues around policing, we've got issues around COVID, we've got issues in education more so than any other county around the Beltway, that you think about some way of making it easier for the community to participate, even to the point where you would think about compensating community residents to participate and give to the level that you need in order to have it reflect the true voice of the people that you serve. Thank you.

1:37:05.5 Jon Robinson: Yes. Yeah, there's a problem with community engagement and that is, you can engage, but that doesn't necessarily mean that the community is listened too. Early on, I was very focused on the CMA process, I went to the meetings that they had around the county, I made comments and criticisms. I then started going to meetings down in Upper Marlboro and... Now that the meeting's in Upper Marlboro, every time I went the first question I'd ask the staff was, can you point to one change or modification to the plan that you're working on that's been made based on community input? And they either couldn't or wouldn't. And at some point, I just decided driving all the way down from the Delphi to Upper Marlboro and not having any impact was a waste of my time.

And recently we've had gerrymandering where over 100 people signed up, every single person testified against the gerrymandering plan, and yet it passed on six members of the council voting for it, in spite of the fact that... They didn't even hire somebody to speak in favor of the gerrymandering

plan, they just pushed it through. And so it's hard to get people to take the time, as Ms. Hartwell pointed out, they've got jobs, they've got family responsibilities, they have local community responsibilities. It's hard to get people to really participate when it looks like it's just a pro forma exercise, and in the end the political machine is going to do what it wants, and the citizens and residents of the county be, that's just the way it is.

So I think that the county needs to work on making it apparent that they really do listen. Now it looks like in this situation they've listened in the sense that the report is developed, but the question is once it's presented to the council, is it going to go any place, or is it gonna be as so many things have been in the past, something that's just put up on the shelf. I've been involved in these efforts for decades. I was involved in the Plan 2000 decades ago, really, in the 1990s, and it was the same thing. We went through the process, we all had our input, but in the end, the compromises that were made by those of us in the developed tier to try and preserve the rural tier, those compromises were taken advantage of by the developers and the traffic standards had been lowered and so they could put in more development, even though we now had D-level service on traffic.

But they still did sprawl development outside the beltway, so they got their way. And so the question is, why did I spend months going to these meetings, leaving work early? It's a problem, it's not just a problem in our county, it's a problem all across the country. But we really need to address that if you wanna have people take citizen involvement seriously.

1:40:52.2 Fred Rose: Hey, this is Fred again. And John, I support your viewpoint 100%. It's not a problem unique to Prince George's County by any means, it's a problem in general. So what I was suggesting earlier in developing a deliberate communication plan, as part of that would be like a public involvement process to not just dictate to the public what the county is about to do, but to really engage the public and do some consensus building in terms of what the community wants to see happen. It's not just the government's plan, it's the community plan. So yeah, you're right. If you're gonna have trust and support behind this, you actually need a third party to come in and with some credibility that actually provides some kind of consensus built in between folks.

1:42:01.9 James Lawson: I would like to just point out that I was heavily involved in fighting that gerrymander effort, is that 100% of the people that testified at the so-called public hearing were opposed to the gerrymander and wanted to use the redistricting map that had been developed by the redistricting commission. And basically, in spite of 100% opposition, the County Council voted to go with the gerrymandered map. So it's a question of, we get to say, we get to "participate," but we might as well be talking to a wall or to a rock in terms of the response we get. Now, that's not true of all the councilmembers, there were a few councilmembers that were responsive and did their best, but they were just rolled over by the majority.

1:45:00.1 SR Hartwell: Yes, I had difficulty logging into the Zoom due to some technical errors that you all were having, and I missed the first 25 minutes. Was it explained to everyone how these comments would be used? Is this just a listening session? Will they be documented and made part of the plan? I might have missed it if you've already reviewed it with everyone.

1:45:31.4 Brandy Espinola: *We did. Mary, do you wanna go ahead and explain how we are processing all the feedback?*

1:45:35.6 Mary Abe: *The County Council will be provided the draft CAP as is, a supplemental report summarizing public feedback, and a package of all public feedback by January 15th, 2022. The Council will be responsible for determining how to advance the draft CAP and address the public feedback. Help feedback for the Council includes, is there interest from residents to take action here.*

1:49:47.9 Brandy Espinola: *Thank you for attending and providing public comments, please share information about the public comment period with your networks, goodnight.*

Abridged Zoom Chat

18:58:02 From S R Hartwell to Everyone: There are plenty of examples here in PGC where climate change has severely impacted home values, health, and more!

19:32:29 From Melanie Miller to Everyone: Thank you for this work! Its clear leadership in our County has heard and acted on the need! As I work in the MIdAtlantic, Prince Georges County is FAR ahead of most Counties in the Region an action plan! I look forward to seeing the implementation!

19:41:29 From Tommi Makila to Everyone: Thank you for your work and listening to our comments.

19:58:00 From Jon Robinson to Everyone: Hartwell makes a great point!

20:16:14 From Janet Gingold to Everyone: That's why it is so important that you are all here tonight. Don't give up on the process. We have an election coming up