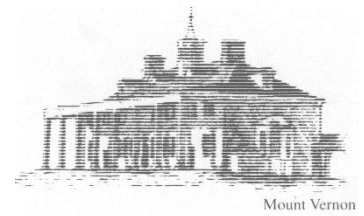




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Carbon Neutral Counties Declaration

Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisor Penny Gross

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With this Board Matter, I am introducing a Carbon Neutral Counties Declaration to commit Fairfax County Government to be carbon neutral by 2040, to work with state and federal lawmakers to advance this goal and to ensure it is implemented equitably.

Furthermore, the Declaration provides an opportunity for Fairfax County and other counties across the U.S. to announce their support for significantly reducing carbon emissions by transforming government operations. While carbon neutrality alliances have been established for U.S. cities, there is no organized alliance for counties. By adopting this commitment today, we can work with and encourage our fellow local governments at the regional, state and national levels to tackle the carbon emissions driving climate change.

The Carbon Neutral Counties Declaration builds on previous actions by the Board of Supervisors, including the 2007 adoption of the Cool Counties Climate Stabilization Declaration, the goals of which have been met, as well as Board action regarding the Joint Environmental Task Force, or JET, which in October 2020 issued emissions- reduction goals for county government and schools operations.

Later today, we will consider the updated Operational Energy Strategy and the specific goals, targets, and actions that will help us meet the carbon neutrality goal.

Setting these operational goals allows us to do our part to address climate change and encourage stakeholders and partners both within and outside of the County to do the same. Climate change is here. It is imperative that we all, Fairfax County Government included, take bold and immediate steps to address it.

THEREFORE, Mr. Chairman, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD support and sign on to the following Carbon Neutral Counties Declaration and FURTHER MOVE that the Board direct the County Executive to charge the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination (OEEC) with hosting and managing information relevant to the Declaration on their webpage.

Carbon Neutral Counties Declaration

WHEREAS the world's leading climate scientists agree that the earth is warming at an unprecedented rate and that human emissions of greenhouse gases are the leading cause of climate change;

WHEREAS impacts associated with climate change include, but are not limited to, sea level rise, ocean acidification, more frequent extreme weather events (e.g. floods, heat waves), ecosystem disturbances, shifts in abundance and distribution of plant and animal species, and changes to the quantity and quality of regional water supplies;

WHEREAS scientists have projected that, in order to avoid severe, widespread and irreversible impacts of climate change, such as global and regional food insecurity, global warming must be limited to 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels;

WHEREAS, under the Paris Climate Agreement, a majority of the world's countries have agreed to plan and regularly report on climate change mitigation efforts, with a goal to limit the increase in global average temperatures below 2 degrees Celsius with efforts to further limit the increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius;

WHEREAS 29 countries, as part of the Carbon Neutrality Coalition, have pledged to meet the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement by achieving carbon neutrality by the second half of the century;

WHEREAS energy carbon neutrality is understood to be a balance of carbon emissions: that is, removing as much carbon dioxide from the atmosphere as is emitted in a defined period of time.

WHEREAS the United States is responsible for producing approximately 11 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS many leading U.S. companies are pledging to meet climate mitigation targets by the second half of the century, with several companies committing to carbon neutrality;

WHEREAS state and local governments in the U.S. have been setting new or strengthening existing climate mitigation commitments in recent years, with several U.S. cities pledging to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 or sooner through the Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance or the Race to Zero campaign;

WHEREAS counties have a unique role to play in climate mitigation efforts through their influence over the development and implementation of local and regional policies geared toward county government operations and energy use, air quality, land use planning, transportation, zoning, forest preservation, water conservation, and wastewater and solid waste management;

WHEREAS counties have made significant progress toward existing climate commitments, such as the 2007 Cool Counties Climate Stabilization Declaration, in which counties pledged to

develop local greenhouse gas inventories, work with local, state and federal governments to reduce county geographical greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent below 2005 levels by 2050, and urge federal actors to enact measures to meet this emission reduction goal, including more stringent fuel economy standards;

WHEREAS the implementation of more aggressive climate mitigation commitments at the county level would align counties with other local governments and those in the private sector leading on climate mitigation;

WHEREAS climate mitigation efforts provide numerous social, economic and environmental benefits for both local and regional communities;

NOW THEREFORE WE DECLARE,

We as Carbon Neutral Counties will take immediate steps to mitigate our county government's contribution to climate change by making the following commitments:

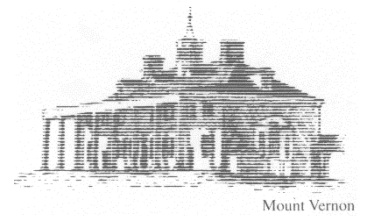
- i. Commit to being energy carbon neutral by 2040, prioritizing the reduction of operational greenhouse gas emissions to the greatest extent possible.
- ii. Urge federal and state lawmakers to provide incentives, requirements or other such measures to meet carbon neutrality goals, with specific measures targeting the building and energy, transportation and solid waste sectors.
- iii. Ensure the carbon neutrality goal is implemented equitably, and in a manner that protects and improves the quality of life for community members, regardless of age, race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, marital status, disability, socio-economic status, neighborhood of residence or other characteristics. Ensure all community members can fully participate in and contribute to the environmental, social and economic benefits and/or opportunities that may result from the implementation of this goal, and that no communities are disproportionately impacted by the transition to a carbon neutral economy.

Presented on this ___th day of _____ in the year 2021.

Jeffrey C. McKay, Chairman
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Recognizing South County High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team as Class 6C Virginia State Champions

Joint with Supervisor Dan Storck and Supervisor Pat Herrity

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The South County Girls Soccer team defeated McLean 2-0 in the state semifinals and found themselves with their first shot at winning and competing at the Class 6C State Championship. The Stallions had an amazing run this year with 60 goals being scored in just 17 games, and were undefeated only conceding 4 goals all season.

The Stallion girls balanced a changing schedule while following Covid guidelines, which created many unforeseen issues. Even with all these challenges, they found themselves on the doorstep of Patriot High School beating them 2-1, and securing their first ever state championship. They were led by their amazing coach and leader Nina Pannoni, also with the support from their Captain Danielle Shahin (who scored the last second goal for the win), and a very tight knit and dedicated 27 person squad.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, without objection I ask that a proclamation be signed by the Chairman, Supervisor Herrity, and myself to be presented to the South County Girls Varsity Soccer team and coaches to take place outside of the board room, to be recognized as the Class 6C Virginia State Champions.



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Joint Board Matter
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Directing County Staff to Prepare a Plastic Bag Tax Ordinance

Background

During the 2020 General Assembly Session, the Board of Supervisors supported HB 534/SB 11, which authorizes localities to adopt a plastic bag ordinance.

Fairfax County, alongside the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, led the effort to request guidelines from the Virginia Department of Taxation (TAX) on how to effectively develop a County Disposable Plastic Bag Tax Ordinance. Recently, TAX has notified interested parties that it has developed these draft guidelines which provide needed clarity. With the guidelines being finalized, now is an opportune time to begin drafting a Disposable Plastic Bag Tax Ordinance. Time is of the essence as the Virginia Disposable Plastic Bag Tax Dealer Discount allows dealers the ability to retain two cents from tax collected on each disposable plastic bag until January 1, 2023, at which point it drops to one cent.

Proposed Action

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board direct County staff to prepare a County Plastic Bag Tax Ordinance for consideration in September 2021, provided that the Virginia Department of Taxation will have finalized their guidelines for such an ordinance by that time. Between now and September, staff should also conduct outreach to other Northern Virginia jurisdictions to let them know we are preparing a draft ordinance and welcome their input in the hopes of having a relatively consistent ordinance across the region. I also move that the Board direct the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination and the Office of Public Affairs, as appropriate, to develop a public outreach campaign to solicit input and educate local businesses and residents on this ordinance.



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Board Matter

Joint with Supervisor Storck

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Mr. Chairman—On Wednesday June 9, FCPS recognized exceptional employees from across the school division at an FCPS Honors event. I'm exceptionally proud that winners in three of the county-wide categories recognized either teach or live in the Lee District—including the county's Outstanding Elementary School Teacher, Outstanding New Elementary School Teacher, as well as Outstanding New Principal.

I'd like to briefly recognize these three designees:

2021 Outstanding Elementary School Teacher

David L. Worst
Physical Education Teacher
Rose Hill Elementary School, Region 3

Dave's dedication and enthusiasm for teaching is shown in every interaction he has at Rose Hill Elementary. He builds meaningful relationships with his students to ensure that their social emotional learning needs are met. His background in Adapted P.E. makes him uniquely qualified to advocate for all students. He is at the forefront of new initiatives and serves as a model for his colleagues to ensure equity is kept firmly at the center of our interactions and instruction with students.

2021 Outstanding New Elementary School Teacher

Amelia Kirsten Carr, Lee District resident

Kindergarten Teacher

Bucknell Elementary School, Region 3

Walking past Amelia's kindergarten classroom, you'll probably hear singing, see children dancing, and multiple hands raised proudly ready to add into the current discussion. Amelia equally cares about her students' emotional development and their academic growth. She understands children learn best when they feel welcomed, loved, and represented. Due to the classroom community Amelia has created, her students debate in Socratic Seminars, discuss current events, interview community helpers, play, and elevate their math and reading skills.

2021 Outstanding New Principal

Alfonso G. Smith

Lewis High School, Region 3

In his first few months, Alfonso began his tenure as principal of Robert E. Lee High School, then pivoted into a role as principal of John R. Lewis High School. Regardless of the name on the building, Alfonso's focus has been to develop a "Culture of Excellence" among his students, staff, and community. Already, Alfonso has led his community through a worldwide pandemic, a historic school name change, and a transition to virtual learning.

I'd like to thank my colleagues for the opportunity to recognize these incredible educators, and I look forward to welcoming them to a future event in Lee District in order to formally celebrate their achievements.