



Ready for 100 Campaign Update

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The [Ready for 100](#) campaign is continuing to pursue commitments from Arlington and the City of Alexandria to achieve community-wide renewable energy for the electricity sector by 2035.

The Arlington research team has been working on updates to information it presented at the Arlington Energy Future forum last November which outlined how Arlington could achieve 100% renewable energy for electricity by 2035. The next step will be using the data to make presentations to community groups.

The Renewable Arlington Public Schools (RAPS) team focused its recent efforts on the Arlington Acts on Climate Rally held the morning of April 29 before the Peoples' Climate March. Team member Amelia Martin (Junior at W-L) spoke at that rally, along with Guillermo Ortiz, an Energy Master volunteer with Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment; Jay Fisette and Katie Cristol, County Board Chair and Vice Chair respectively; and Rip Sullivan, State Delegate from the 48th District. RAPS will now work on renewable energy initiatives in the Arlington schools, aided by the new ability of the school system to enter into power purchase agreements with private sector solar energy providers (a School Board approved amendment to procurement procedures was required).



(L to R: Amelia Martin, Rip Sullivan, Jay Fisette, Guillermo Ortiz, Katie Cristol and Kate Addleson, Executive Director of the Sierra Club, Virginia Chapter).

The Outreach team has been tabling at farmers markets and gathering signatures on a petition that urges the Arlington County Board to adopt a renewable energy goal. Over 700 signatures have been collected so far. Work on an update to Arlington's Community Energy Plan will begin later this year and our efforts will be focused on how an increased renewable energy commitment can aid in achieving CEP targets and motivating the community to act.

The Alexandria campaign has shifted its focus to a local renewable energy policy. Ready for 100 is a c3 campaign which means that efforts must be focused on education and public initiatives that do not ask for binding legislation. The national Sierra Club has now made a limited amount of funds available that will enable a sister campaign, under a new name, to make specific policy asks of elected officials. The campaign name has not yet been chosen, but Alexandria volunteers have begun working on the needed policy aspects to have Alexandria sign on to the 100% renewable energy commitment.

If working on local renewable energy initiatives is of interest to you contact our Ready for 100 Community Outreach Coordinator Taylor Bennett at taylor.bennett@sierraclub.org

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