



Climate Change and Energy Planning in Falls Church

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At the request of the City Manager, earlier this year the City of Falls Church staff prepared an initial draft of a Climate Change Mitigation Energy Action Plan (CCMEAP) to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the City.

The draft was presented to City Council by Kate Walker, the City's Environment Programs Coordinator, at the Council Work Session on October 12, 2021. Council had a brief and general discussion, with staff scheduled to review and provide their input prior to the end of the year.

A revised draft is expected in the first quarter on 2022. The Sierra Club Potomac River Group intends to review the plan and comment as it progresses. We welcome PRG member comments through our website comment form [here](#).

Resources:

- [Initial draft of the Climate Change Mitigation Energy Action Plan](#)
- City of Falls Church [staff report](#) on the draft plan
- October 12, 2021 [presentation](#) to City Council
- [Video](#) of the staff presentation and council discussion (at 1:07:06 to 1:45:30 of the video:

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