

Alexandria Updates its Environmental Action Plan

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On December 4, City of Alexandria officials convened a meeting to discuss updating the City's Environmental Action Plan. City staff solicited input and answered questions from attendees about the plan, its progress, and the update process.

The Environmental Action Plan is Alexandria's blueprint for creating a thriving, sustainable community. The first phase of the update will focus on updating five key focus areas:

- Global Climate Change
- Land Use and Open Space
- Energy
- Green Building
- Solid Waste

In June 2009, the City adopted the comprehensive Environmental Action Plan 2030, aimed at achieving the vision and principles set forth in the City's Eco-City Charter and ensuring the City continues to move toward environmental sustainability. Both the plan and yearly progress updates are available at <u>alexandriava.gov/EcoCity</u>.

The video of the December 4 meeting is available on <u>Facebook</u> and the working draft update is posted on the City's <u>website</u>.

The Sierra Club through its Ready for 100 Campaign is working to urge the City to take strong climate action in the EAP and to commit the City to 100% clean energy by 2035.

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