Annual Report on the Environment and Other Environmental Topics

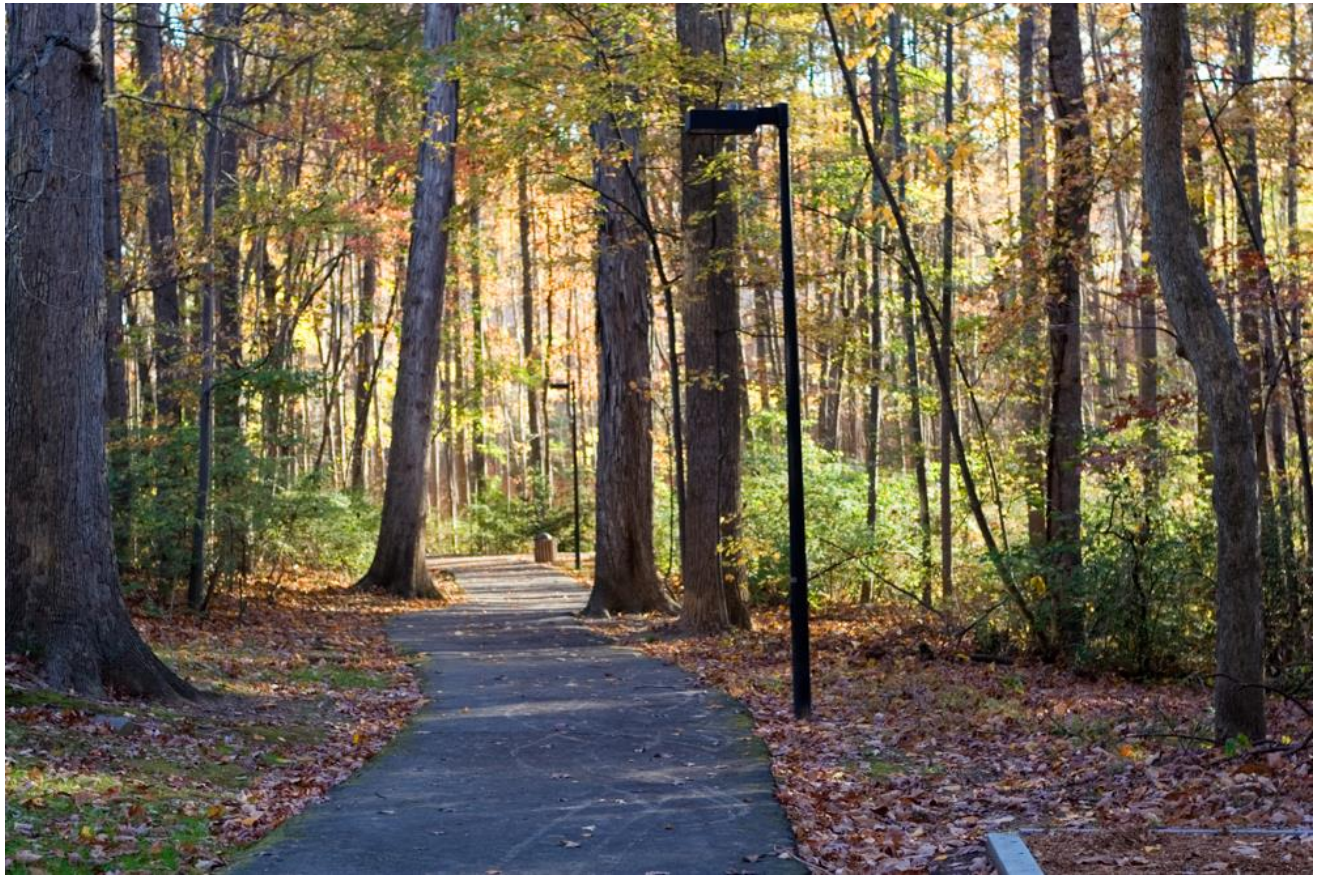
Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC)

February 25, 2025



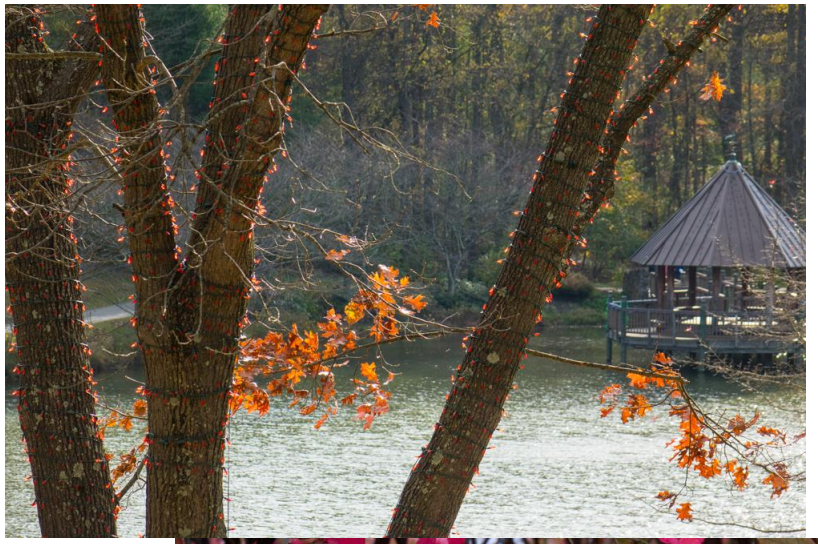
EQAC Products

- Annual Report on the Environment
- Memoranda to the Board of Supervisors for time sensitive issues



The Annual Report on the Environment (ARE)

- Provides advice to the Board of Supervisors
- Intended as a useful reference for the Board of Supervisors and the community
- Priority Recommendations
  - ✓ Budget limited
  - ✓ Other Priorities





Budget Priorities

- Climate Related
  - ✓Funding for CECAP and Resilient Fairfax [2022],
  - ✓Adequate resources to complete and implement the ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan in a timely manner [2023],
  - ✓Increase funding for the stormwater program to adequately fund, including the Updated Countywide Flood Reduction Policy [2022],
- Set the fee rate collected for wastewater treatment to meet the documented upgrades and maintenance requirements [2021], and
- Seek more stable funding sources for Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) initiatives [2021].

Other Priorities

- Adopt a Climate Priorities Strategy for public consumption that identifies those activities that will be needed to achieve CECAP, Resilient Fairfax, and other climate related goals, such as VCEA [2022],
- Regularly, perhaps every 3 months, convene business leaders in the climate and energy area to share their successes and expertise with business leaders that are seeking to reduce their energy use and waste [2021],
- Plan and implement an EV charging network so that residents of buildings without EV charging and travelers will have options for charging [2021],
- Improve Policy Plan language to prioritize protection of fragile lands and enhance environmental benefits of redevelopment [2019], and
- Address illegal dump sites [2024].

Coordination

- The Policy Plan review has prompted much more coordination with the Planning Commission, Tree Commission, Park Authority and Transportation Advisory Commission
- Seek out areas of agreement and promote consistent language in conveying recommendations



District Representation

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At Large	Kersey Manliclic
At Large	Andreana Jinjue Lin
At Large	Vacant
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Hunter Mill	Kenneth Lanfear, Vice Chair
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Mount Vernon	Larry Zaragoza, Chair
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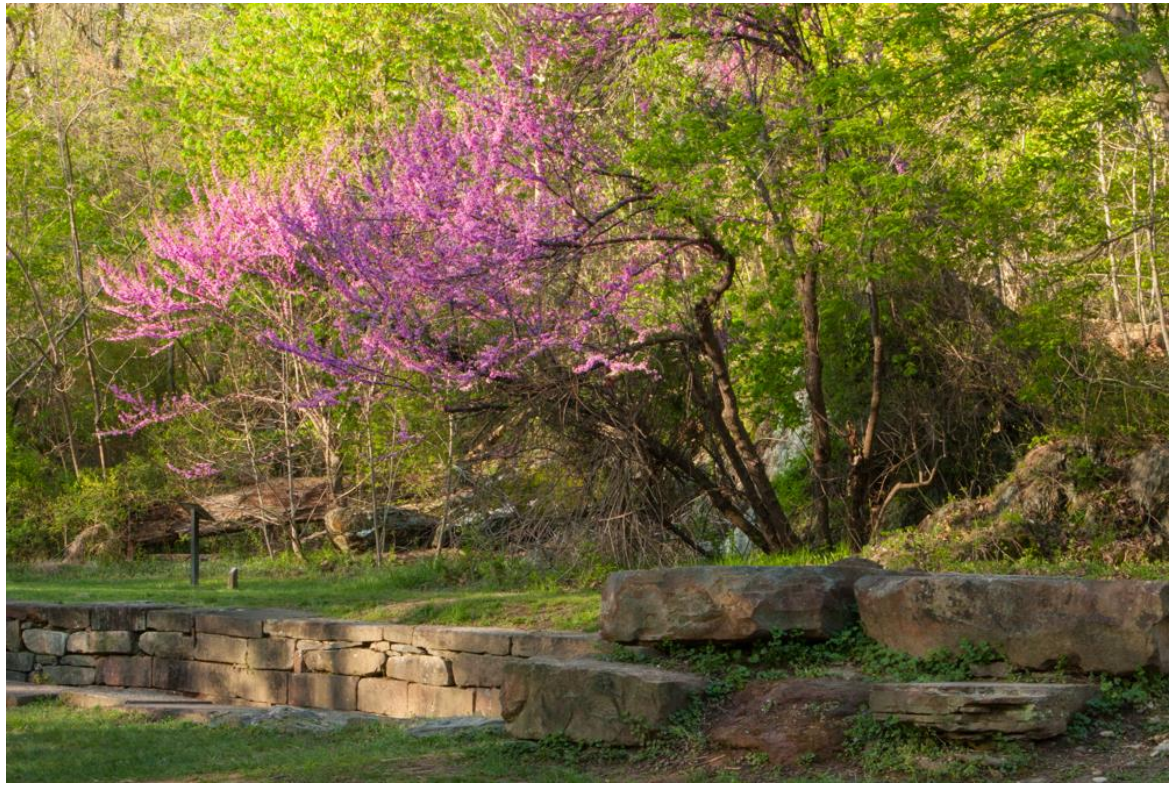
Springfield	Clyde Wilber
Student Member	Joseph Tso
Sully	Richard Weisman



2025 Proposed Topics for EQAC Review

- Comment on the Policy Plan
- Climate
  - CECAP
  - Resilient Fairfax
- Water
  - Review draft Floodplain Ordinance
  - Stream Restoration
- Budget Recommendations
- Update on Wildlife services
- Trash and the lack of tree plantings in the VDOT Right of Way
- Data Centers

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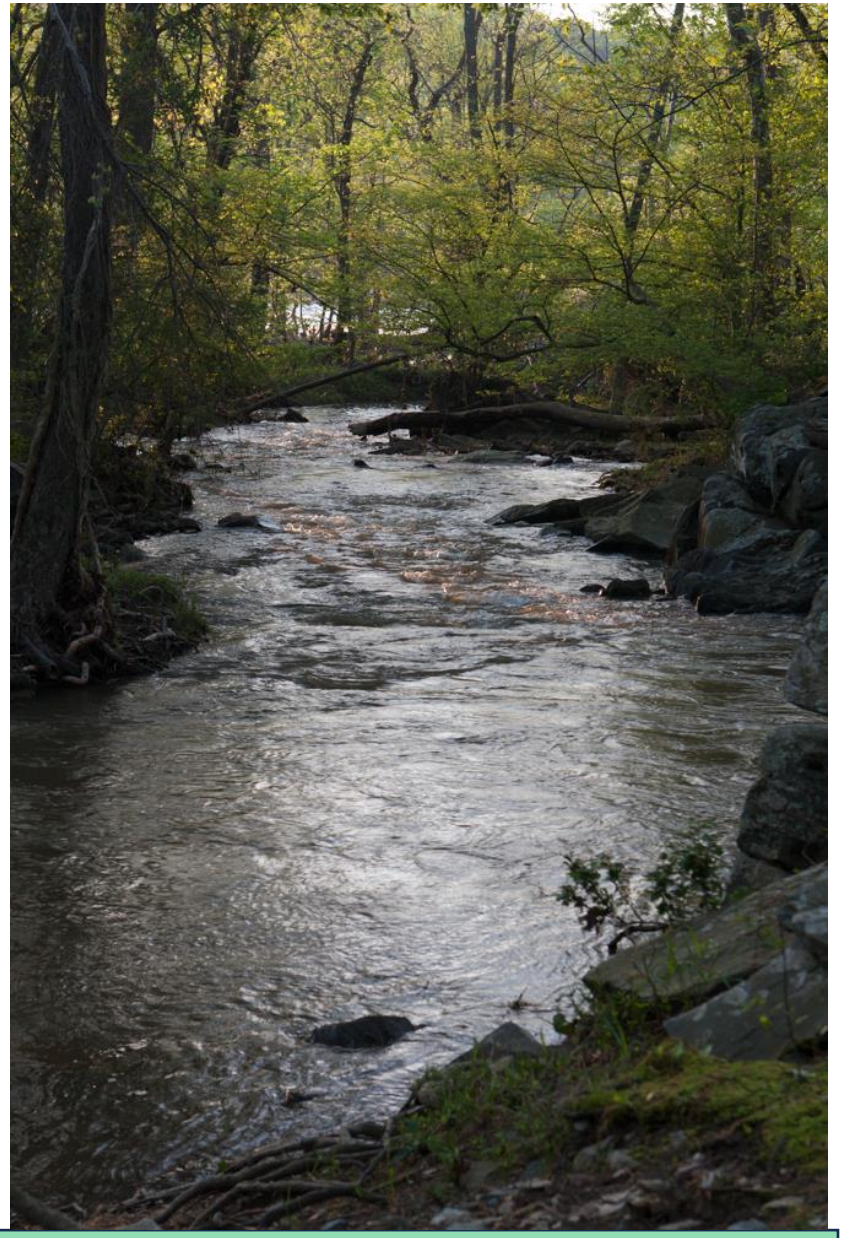
- Supervisors for meeting with us



Discussion and Questions

