

FW: Don't forget land use provisions in the CAP

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Dear Ms. Hochberg,

Given the valuable role of trees and soil permeability in climate resilience and carbon sequestrations please consider modifying the draft CAP slightly to include paragraphs that would align with the following potential county legislation:

This also aligns with the forestation and ground permeability criteria recommended by the group which developed climate assessment criteria to use in evaluating County Budget proposals.

1. Require no net loss of trees on any property; they must be replaced with other trees (per DEP tree guidance) or pay a fee to replace elsewhere
2. Require no net loss of permeable ground. Prohibit covering permeable land with an impermeable surface unless an equivalent amount of impermeable land is made permeable or a fee paid to enable the conversion of an equivalent land area to permeability.
3. End incentives for all buildings over 10 stories or that use glass for more than 25% of their exterior surface as both are huge energy hogs.

This should already align with the CAP, but since its something you can directly propose:

4. Require a fee for car or truck parking at all government and school facilities. Use the parking fee to subsidize the purchase of mass transit passes or purchase of e-cars or bikes for all government and public school staff.

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Stu Simon,
member of the Transportation Advisory Group and the Climate Budget Advisory Group

The CO2 level in the atmosphere the year I was born was 312.4 parts per million (ppm). Today, the CO2 level is at 415.6 ppm, 103 ppm higher. The safe level of CO2 is 350 ppm. **Data source:** co2levels.org/



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