

Climate Change Non-Departmental Account

Monthly Reporting

In May 2021, County Council approved reporting language in its Operating Budget miscellaneous provisions of Resolution 19-872 with regards to the Climate Change NDA:

This resolution appropriates \$650,200 to the Climate Change Planning Non-Departmental Account (NDA). Funds in this NDA must be used to implement the County's Climate Action Plan to meet the County's goal of an 80 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2027 and a 100 percent reduction by 2035, and to implement climate change adaptation strategies. This NDA includes costs for three new positions within the Department of Environmental Protection's Energy, Climate, and Compliance Division. The Executive must transmit within 15 days after the end of a month a report on the previous month's expenditures from this account.

In accordance with the resolution, the Executive hereby transmits the monthly report for November 2021.

FY22 Climate Change NDA expenditures reporting: There were no expenses charged to the Climate Change NDA in November 2021.

November 2021 highlights:

- **Announcement of Community Solar Project Dedicated to Low- and Moderate-Income Residents** – The nation's largest community solar farm to be 100 percent dedicated to low-and moderate-income (LMI) residents is coming to Montgomery County. The project's partners, along with Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich and other County representatives, launched the project's subscription campaign November 15, 2021. More information is available on the project [here](#).
- **High Road Economic Inclusion Framework and Strategy for an Equitable Climate Economy** – As part of DEP's work to develop an economic development companion strategy for the Climate Action Plan, Emerald Cities Collaborative, conducted a [webinar](#) on Equitable Community Engagement for MCG staff and community stakeholders.
- **Analyzing the Potential to Expand the Number of Worker-Owner Businesses in the County** – Project Equity, under contract with DEP, completed an analysis examining legacy businesses (those established more than 20 years ago). As owners of legacy businesses approach retirement, there is both a critical economic impact risk and tremendous economic equity opportunity to offer employee ownership as an exit option for business resiliency, succession, and innovation. See [Project Equity Tableau for MoCo](#). For more information.
- **Climate Stories Ambassadors Project** – This project, with training offered by the [Climate Stories Project](#), is designed to help community members tell their personal climate stories and interview others to share their stories. This month, partnerships with community-based organizations and networks have been firmed up and include: Latino

Health Initiative, African American Advisory Group, African Affairs Advisory Group, Caribbean American Advisory Group, CHEER, Defensores de la Cuenca and the Latin American Youth Center.

- **County Staff Training on Climate Change** – OHR, DEP and DOT organized an Aspiring Leaders Discussion Group on climate change providing 125 staff members from across County Government with information on climate change, including best practices. Facilitated breakout discussions focused on how employees can help implement actions in the Climate Action Plan and prompted employees to consider how their office/department is uniquely positioned to support climate initiatives. Many individuals who participated in the discussion have expressed interest in playing an on-going role within their department, serving as Climate Ambassadors (Training for Climate Ambassadors begins on January 20th).

For more information:

- The Climate Action Plan and the FY22 Climate Work Plan are available on the climate webpage: [MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/Climate](https://montgomerycountymd.gov/Climate)