

**Climate Change Non-Departmental Account**  
**Monthly Reporting**

In May 2020, County Council approved reporting language in its Operating Budget miscellaneous provisions of Resolution 19-472 with regards to the Climate Change NDA:

*This resolution appropriates \$400,000 to the Climate Change Planning Non-Departmental Account (NDA). Funds in this NDA must be used for the prioritization of greenhouse gas reduction strategies, developing an implementation 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 develop climate change adaptation strategies. Only after the previously described work is completed may funds be used for other climate change-related initiatives. 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 May 2021.

**FY21 Climate Change NDA expenditures reporting:**

(includes expenditures incurred or committed through 5/31/21):

<b>Expenditure Description</b>	<b>Amount Expended or Committed</b>
Resilience Ambassador pilot and listening sessions (resilience surveys to inform the climate plan and operating expenses)	\$5,588.26
Climate planning outreach and communications	\$58,866.60
Building Energy Performance Standard planning	\$144,663.00
Building codes planning	\$1,000.00
Fleet transition planning	\$127,302.00
Sustainable economic development report	\$10,760.00
Temporary clerical services	\$35,000.00
Electric vehicle charger wayfinding	\$4,937.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$388,117.36</b>

**May 2021 highlights:**

- Climate Planning update: The Climate Action Plan (CAP) neared completion in May and staff anticipates public release of the CAP in June. (Note that the CAP is funded with FY20 Climate Change NDA funds).

- Brookville Bus Depot integrated microgrid and electric bus charging project announced: County Executive Marc Elrich announced an agreement with AlphaStruxure, a leader in Energy as a Service (EaaS) solutions, to deploy an integrated microgrid and electric bus charging infrastructure project at the Brookville Bus Depot, 8710 Brookville Rd, in Silver Spring. The project will enable at least 44 buses in the Ride On Montgomery County's transit fleet to transition from diesel to electric power. The Brookville Smart Energy Bus Depot is a first-of-its-kind integration of microgrid and EV charging infrastructure, delivering sustainability, reliability and resilience for the County's public transportation system. For more information: [https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=35306&Dept=50](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=35306&Dept=50)
- First Capital Area Solar Co-op launched: For the first time in jurisdictional history, Montgomery County is joining the town of Poolesville, cities of Bowie, Falls Church, Frederick, Gaithersburg, Rockville, Takoma Park, and Washington DC as well as Arlington and Frederick County in an effort to promote residential solar installations. The co-op opportunity will be available through August 2021 for residents all over the Capital Area. For more information: <https://mygreenmontgomery.org/2021/capital-area-solar-co-op/>
- Montgomery County sunsetting the LEED certification tax credit: The Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Finance announced that building owners interested in pursuing the County's property tax credit for LEED-certified commercial and multifamily buildings to submit their application, or notify the County of their intent to apply, by January 1, 2022. The County is sunsetting the LEED certification tax credit and replacing it with the new Energy-Efficient Buildings property tax credit. For more information: [https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=35247](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=35247)

**For more information:**

- The Draft Climate Action Plan is available on the climate webpage: [MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/Climate](https://MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/Climate)
- A description of the FY21 Climate Change NDA budget allocation is available at: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/green/Resources/Files/climate/fy21-climate-nda-budget.pdf>
- The complete list of the County's FY21 climate initiatives is available at: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/green/Resources/Files/climate/fy21-montgomery-county-climate-work-plan.pdf>