

FW: Feedback on Plan

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Good morning,

I've read the newly-released Climate Action Plan, and while the goals of the plan are noble, the actions of County leadership does not support the goals of this plan.

First, this plan reads more like a racial/social justice plan rather than an environmental conservation plan. These don't have to be incompatible goals, but this report reads more like virtue-signaling than actual plans for progress for all county residents.

Second, the actions of the council are in diametric opposition to this plan. The council just passed, over the county executive's veto, sweeping tax cuts for developers to line the Metro lines with huge developments full of apartments and condos. This development will increase the amount of impervious surfaces, decrease the tree canopy, and the reduction in impact taxes and waiver of the property taxes will strip the county of the ability to deal with the problems identified in the report.

Again, this is a nice idea. However, the actions of the county leadership betray the actual intention of this report: say the right things for the progressive voter base in Takoma Park while doing nothing to actually get the county more resources to deal with these problems. Looking forward to the inevitable and huge property tax increase that will come to fund all of these programs.

Best Regards,
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