



Legislation Text

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Submitted by: Councilmember Schaible
Submitting Department: Legislative
Agenda Section: Discussion

Item Title:

FY25 Council Budget Amendment: Develop a Hyattsville Climate Action Plan

Suggested Action:

For discussion: I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the procurement of a Climate Action Plan (CAP), to establish a comprehensive decarbonization strategy for the City of Hyattsville.

Summary Background:

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Next Steps:

Council discussion.

Fiscal Impact:

\$100,000

City Administrator Comments:

This is an important issue that should be addressed.

A comprehensive County level Climate Action Plan was drafted by the Prince George's County Department of Environment (committee) in July 2022. The Prince George's County Climate Action Implementation Task Force recently drafted the Climate Action Implementation Strategy Plan which presents strategies for the County. The County plan should serve as a resource for the development of a City or regional municipal plan.

1. Recommend City consider working with the Environmental Committee to identify strategies and best practices from the County Plan for implementation at the City level.
2. If a City plan is determined in the best interest of the City, recommend exploring a partnership with neighboring municipalities and pursuing grant funding to support the development of a municipal /localized climate action plan with surrounding communities.
3. There may be federal grant funding for communities who prepare or implement climate action plans. The staff can explore this option to mitigate funding and help with implementation.

Community Engagement:

N/A

Strategic Goals:

Goal 3 - Promote a Safe and Vibrant Community

Legal Review Required?

N/A