

VA 2026 General Assembly Session: Legislative Priorities for Prince William County

Priority Issues Recommended by Sustainability Commission

PWC Sustainability Commission Meeting, June 26 2025

Recommendations from 2024 for 2025 GA session (none of these were enacted)

- Municipal aggregation: study of barriers and how to lower them
- Data centers: conditioning the VA sales and use tax exemption on use of >90% clean power (i.e., zero-carbon electricity) (this was addressed by [VA SB1196 | BillTrack50](#))
- Data centers: requiring impact studies (including GHG and energy impacts) prior to siting new facilities (this was addressed by [VA HB1601 | BillTrack50](#))
- Data centers: authorizing counties to tax energy-intensive facilities based on their use of clean power or carbon footprint (more clean power = lower tax)

Other items considered by SC but not included in last year's recommendations

- Rejoining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)
- Committing to clean car standards
- Clarifying policy for cost allocation for grid expansion -- costs should be allocated to customers primarily responsible for creating the need for improvements (this was addressed by [VA SB960 | BillTrack50](#))

Relevant bills that were proposed in 2025 but not enacted

- Study of demand response programs SB1047 ([VA SB1047 | BillTrack50](#))
- Reduce interconnection cost barriers for small- and mid-scale solar, and increase the renewable portfolio standard target for these projects ([SB1040 - 2025 Regular Session | LIS](#))

Other SC recommendations

- Require on-site power generation to conform to at least EPA Tier 4 standards