

Joint Environmental Taskforce

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Meeting Minutes Sept 18 2025 6:00 PM

Room 1101 B Kelly Leadership Center 14715 Bristow Rd Manassas, VA 20112

<u>Present:</u> JET Appointees – Chinaka Barbour, Jennifer Boeder, Lucas Hisghman, Leah Moore, Paige Thacker, Matthew Villareale, Lisa Zargarpur

Giulia Manno – Director Office of Sustainability, Salita Gray – Administrative Specialist

Absent: Kenny Boddye, Jesse Gubert, Lonnie Harris, Julius Williams

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum: Quorum Present

**Public Comment Time:** None

<u>Consent Agenda</u>: Approved August 21, 2025 meeting minutes [VOTING RECORD: Motion L Hisghman; Second L Moore; Abstain P Thacker and M Villareale; Ayes-C Barbour, J Boeder, L Zargarpur; Nays- None]

#### Old Business:

G Manno provided an update of the walkability survey of schools and public facilities. In
June as part of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, the Transportation office asked
consultants to develop a gap analysis to show areas where bike and pedestrian
accessibility around schools, libraries, and hospitals can be increased. The analysis is
complete and will be used to prioritize and identify projects to be implemented.

## **New Business:**

A Community Partner Microgrant Awardee, Pink Space Theory, provided a presentation
and requested partnering with the Joint Environmental Taskforce on an event in February.
The event will be focused on elementary school students, and their families, presenting
career opportunities related to Sustainability for the students. County and school
departments will participate with facilitation through the JET.

- Prince William County and Prince William County Schools discussed the legislative
  agenda for the General Assembly. County schools recommended internet interruptions
  and solar interconnection fees as issues to be included. County government submitted
  recommendations from the JLARC study in the staff packet to the Board of County
  Supervisors. Board will consider recommendations for their final report.
- G Manno provided an update on the county CIP process. Staff are currently working on the framework for CIP projects to move under the Department of Transportation. The County Executive will share details when he presents the proposed FY27 budget to the Board.

### **Member Time:**

- Discussion about moving the meeting time to 5:30 PM will be tabled for next meeting.
- P Thacker mentioned the Parks and Recreations Board owns a couple of properties behind the Landfill. Interest in potentially using that property for opportunities for passive environmental education.

# **Departmental Reports:**

- J Weimer updated schools have completed their Fleet Electrification Study and submitting next Thursday. Will be requesting a Greens Building Coordinator position. Working on Annual Report for school year 2024-25 to submit to the School Board in November.
- G Manno updated the Strategic Plan Environmental Goal team presented a preliminary
  workplan summary to the BOCS. Wrapping up design for rooftop solar projects on 3
  buildings and submitting permits for installation of fleet chargers located by DSB
  building. Currently hiring a Climate Risk and Resiliency Manager and a Greens Building
  Manager and requesting a Green Mobility Manager and Communication and Outreach
  Manager for next year.

#### Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 PM