# **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

# 2019-2020\* Annual Report



The Environmental Sustainability Committee is comprised of nine members. Judy Fraser was elected ESC Chair in October 2019. Prior to that, Alice Lippert was the Acting Chair of the Committee from January-October 2019. Mark Chandler and Alice Lippert each served as Vice Chairs in 2019. Stefanie Kupka, the City's Sustainability Coordinator, is the ESC's staff liaison and provides policy and administrative support to the committee. The Committee also includes a student liaison from Fairfax High School, Nina Ravel and a school board representative, Toby Sorensen.

In December 2019, the ESC met with the City Council to highlight their work in 2019 and discuss the work plan for 2020.

<sup>\*</sup>This report covers the time period from January 2019 to June 2020. Subsequent reports will be published on a fiscal year basis.

# **ESC Focus Areas, Partnerships and Key Activities**

#### Outreach

Fall Festival **Arbor Day** 

### **Our Schools and Students**

Invasive Plant Project by Katie Lau Arbor Day at Lanier Middle School

# **Networking**

Earth Sangha Friends of Accotink Creek

# Items brought to

**City Council** 

**Development Reviews** Urban Forester position Legislative Package items Dec 3 Work Session

# **Organization and** Structure

Tree Board Subcommittees Fall Retreat

# **Knowledge Building**

**Power Purchase Agreements** Green Building and Resnet

Constitutional White Oak Tree -over 230 years old

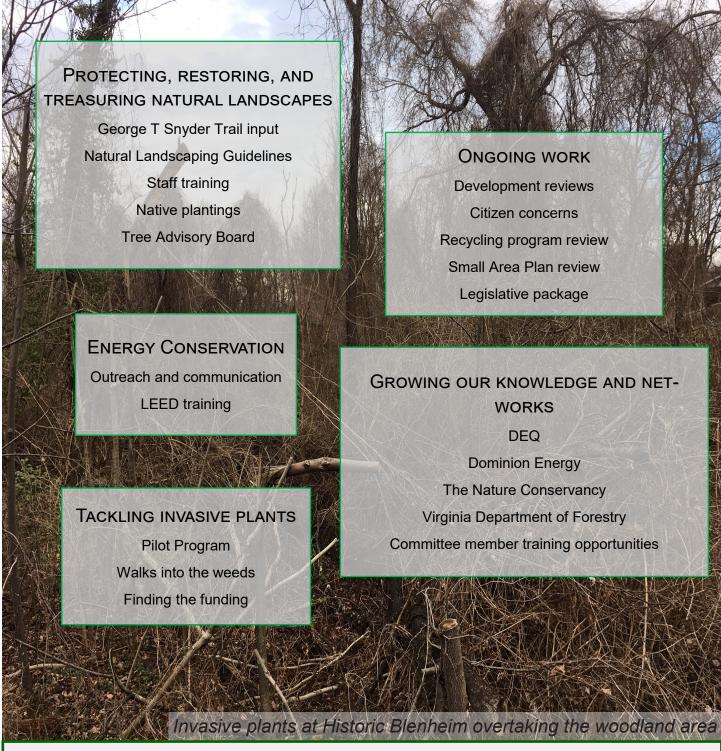
2019 marked the ESC's tenth year as an advisory committee to the City Council. Its tenth year was eventful, with several long standing members stepping down, new members added to the ranks, and two different chairpersons at the helm in the course of the year.

In addition to these changes, the ESC decided to retire its subcommittee model of organization. Begun in 2018, the subcommittees addressed three priority subjects: trees, energy, and waste. At the 2019 fall retreat, ESC members concluded that the use of subcommittees exceeded its capacity. Going forward the members agreed to also consider options for increasing capacity, including adding members, amending its charter, and deepening partnerships.



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# 2020 Work Plan



The mission of the ESC is to provide advice and council on matters of the environment and sustainability to the Mayor and City Council. The ESC is staffed by the City's Sustainability Coordinator who provides committee support and guidance on various city programs and activities.

These programs and activities involve items that continue to be and will likely always be recurring on the yearly work plan such as support of school environmental programs at all the City schools, tree management and invasive species concerns, reviewing and commenting on land use and development proposals, and taking advantage of any outreach and education opportunities to interact with City residents.



### 2019-2020 Key Meetings and Outreach Activities

### February 2019

Daniels Run Invasive-Management Project

#### March 2019

Green Buildings Presentation, Rob McRaney, Viridiant



Arbor Day Earth Day Spring Clean-up Day

### May/June 2019

Solarize Nova Tour de Solar Bike to Work Day

## September 2019

ESC Retreat

#### October 2019

ESC Retreat Recap Fairfax City Fall Festival

#### December 2020

City Council Work Session

## January – June 2020

Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act Overview (Daniel Moore, Environmental Planner, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality)

















**Environmental Sustainability** 

George Snyder Trail Discussion (Cathy Salgado, Director of Parks and Recreation)

Small Area Plans (Paul Nabti, City of Fairfax and Nandor Mitrocsak, Cunningham and Quill Architects)

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