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Environmental Commission Hosts Energy & Environment Forum May 11

Members of the community are encouraged to learn and engage about Loudoun County's efforts to increase environment and energy sustainability by attending the Energy and Environment Forum Thursday, May 11, 2023, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., at the Academies of Loudoun, 42075 Loudoun Academy Drive, Leesburg. The forum will be hosted by the Loudoun County Environmental Commission, which was created by the Board of Supervisors in 2021 to advise the Board on policies and practices dealing with the environment, sustainability and the management of energy.

The forum will feature information stations where members of the public may learn about ongoing activities in the areas of energy and the environment and provide comments. Topics will include:

- The Loudoun County Energy Strategy
- Energy Equity
- Solar Ordinances
- Tree Protection
- Wildlife Corridors
- Watershed Management

Presentations on local energy and environmental topics are scheduled to include Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis J. Randall, Environmental Commission Chair Gem Bingol, NAACP Virginia State Conference Environmental and Climate Justice Committee Chair Karen Campblin and Catoctin Creek Distillery owner Scott Harris.

Anyone who requires a reasonable accommodation for any disability in order to participate, including language assistance, may call 571-258-3443. Three days' notice is requested.

The forum is intended to be an annual event to provide members of the public with the opportunity to learn more about these topics and provide comments on what the county's role should be in regard to energy and environmental sustainability. The public's comments will be shared with the Board of Supervisors during the Environmental Commission's annual update to the Board.

For more information about Loudoun County's environmental efforts and the work of the Environmental Commission, visit <u>loudoun.gov/environment</u>.