



# CLIMATE COALITION

## Montgomery County, MD

### Climate Coalition Priorities 2025

ISSUE AREA / LEGISLATIVE ACTION	DESCRIPTION / ACTION ITEMS
Adaptation, Sequestration / Green infrastructure, focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stormwater management</li> <li>Heat island mitigation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote Effective State Stormwater Design Regulations through A-Storm comments process</li> <li>Advocate for addition of Water Quality Protection Charge – Tier 7</li> <li>Fully fund County tree planting programs to address backlog</li> </ul>
Buildings / Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support BEPS energy efficiency goals for existing commercial and large multifamily buildings</li> <li>Monitor and advocate for BEPS final regulations to ensure effective regulations are approved.</li> </ul>
Clean Energy / MoCo Community Choice Energy (CCE) County, Solar Energy Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support CCE legislation and comment on draft CCE Aggregation Plan</li> <li>Lobby to fund a Solar Expert FTE to develop a Solar Siting Strategy, focusing on urban/suburban siting and consistent with ZTA 22-01</li> <li>Promote use of solar in outreach efforts</li> </ul>
Land Use Planning / Data Centers, Zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocate for environmental guardrails around data center development</li> <li>Lobby county to examine Frederick County local ordinance for data centers</li> <li>Track and support proposed MD data center planning legislation</li> <li>Track zoning changes to allow denser housing around transit</li> </ul>
Zero Waste / Waste Reduction and Prevention, Resource Recovery and Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the expansion of Zero Waste programs to improve county resource recovery systems, including mandatory food waste recycling</li> <li>Advocate for the closure of the incinerator</li> <li>Support Council approval of Bring Your Own Bag Bill</li> <li>Advocate for Council moratorium on synthetic turf</li> </ul>
Transportation / Midcounty Highway Extended/M-83	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove proposed M-83 highway from Highways and Transitways Master Plan to preserve forests and streams.</li> </ul>
Public Engagement / Communication campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocate for adequate funding of county-wide branding program and pilot aimed at motivating uptake of climate-positive behaviors</li> <li>Launch broader campaign based on results of pilot</li> </ul>
Resilience / Local Food Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raise awareness for the need to increase local food production and its positive impact on climate change</li> <li>Survey new farmers and advocate for establishing farm incubator training program</li> <li>Encourage more sustainable farming practices</li> </ul>



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## Climate Coalition Partners



**Chesapeake  
Climate Action  
Network**



**THE CLIMATE  
MOBILIZATION**



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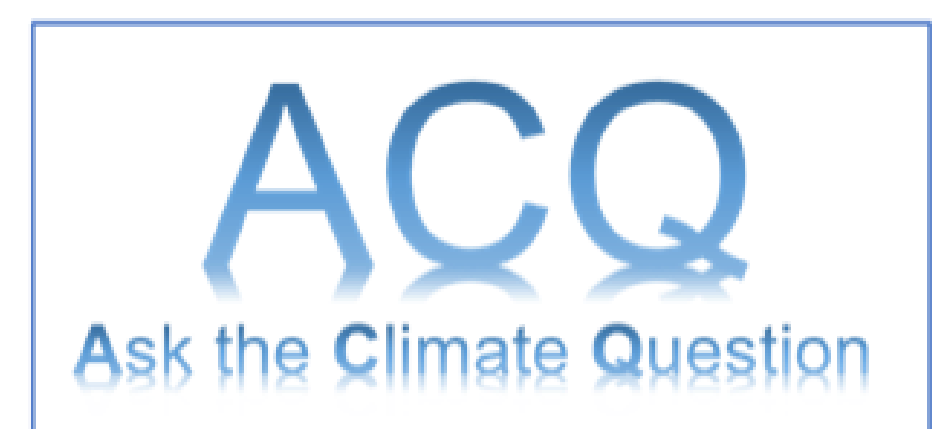
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Transit Alternatives to Mid-County Highway Extended



**Poolesville  
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*Building sustainability together...*



**Biodiversity for a Livable Climate**  
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