



## SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

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Members of the Board of County Supervisors,

On October 27, 2022, the Sustainability Commission passed the below motion for your consideration as you deliberate the proposed PW Digital Gateway Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

1. The Sustainability Commission expresses its strong concern on the impact PW Digital Gateway will have on the Occoquan watershed and reservoir and the 800,000 water consumers, including 350,000 in Prince William County, until all information and studies are completed & available from stakeholders and experts at the respective water authorities.
2. The Sustainability Commission expresses its strong concern on the impact the PW Digital Gateway will have on the Comprehensive Plan goal of 100% of Prince William County's electricity to be from renewable sources by 2035, especially considering the County has already exceeded in one year the twenty-year data center development high demand model estimated from the independent County Camoin Report (2022).
3. The Sustainability Commission expresses its strong concern on the impact the PW Digital Gateway will have on the endorsed Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' interim climate mitigation goal of 50 percent greenhouse gas emission reductions below 2005 levels by 2030, to include strong concern on the impact of the Bi-County Parkway inclusion. The Sustainability Commission is also concerned on the major loss of positive emissions impact from the removal of rural forested land.

The Sustainability Commission encourages the BOCS to defer any vote until the impact of the aforementioned concerns are calculated and a specific plan to mitigate each concern is incorporated in the Comprehensive Plan Amendment plan.

Sincerely,

Prince William Sustainability Commission