

Draft Agenda
 Rockville Environment Commission
 Thursday, January 11, 2024

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7:00	1. Convene , Welcome 2. Agenda Review ; Approval of prior meeting summaries	Chair Will McClain
7:10	3. Community Forum	Guests
7:15	4. Flood Mitigation Program Updates - New FEMA Floodplain Maps Heather Gewandter, Stormwater Manager, will introduce the new FEMA floodplain maps produced for the City that delineate which properties are located within the 100 and 500-year floodplains. Updates on the Flood Master Plan will be provided.	Heather Gewandter
7:40	5. Chair Report - Maryland General Assembly convened January 10. - Environment Commission annual report on Monday, January 22, 7pm. - Volunteer to accept Earth Day proclamation on tentative March 19 - REC Budget - Other	Chair McClain
8:00	6. Mayor and Council Report	Council Liaison
8:10	7. Brief Break	
8:15	8. Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan - Draft Actions Preview Staff presents draft EV Readiness Plan recommended actions for Commission review and discussion.	Staff, All
8:35	9. Maryland Legislative Preview Discuss any potential bills in this years' legislative session to consider recommending for Mayor and Council support.	All
8:50	10. Staff Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pepco began installing new public electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in the right-of-way (ROW) at three locations during the week of December 18th, 2023. Level 2 chargers are planned to serve on-street parking spaces in Fallsgrove, by City Hall and Twinbrook Quarter. Pepco and the City will plan public outreach for when the stations are available. The next step is to complete permitting for EV chargers at Thomas Farm Community Center and Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, which will require additional site review before installations can occur in 2024. • DPW staff is continuing intensive work to plan and coordinate internally on the infrastructure impacts and permitting processes for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and Solar systems included in a Power Purchase Agreement for solar canopy and rooftop solar at 6 Taft Court and the Rothgeb Maintenance Facility. These planning tasks are also informing the permitting recommendations and steps to include for the EV Readiness Plan and other code updates. • Staff is providing feedback to COG and Maryland as they develop their Priority Climate Action Plans for submittal EPA in preparation for applications to the Climate Pollution Reduction Act. Rockville's list of potentially fundable projects was submitted to both. The grant applications are due April 1, 2024. • Community Budget Priorities Survey https://www.rockvillemd.gov/951/Budget • EMD received registrations for the last 35 free radon test kits within two days and distributed them to Rockville residents. 	Staff

- EMD Outreach staff are planning Climate Solutions Talks and Earth Day events for 2024. Staff is planning the outreach campaigns for the year. More info will be shared soon.
- Staff will share Sustainable Maryland section sign-ups soon.
- February's Meeting: The City's Equity Coordinator will join the Commission to discuss integrating environment and equity initiatives.

Events

- January 22 - Environment Commission Annual Report to Mayor and Council
- January 10 - MD General Assembly Convenes
- February 10 - Floodplain Maps Outreach Public Meeting
- February 17-19 - Maryland Energy Star Tax-Free Weekend
https://www.marylandtaxes.gov/divisions/comp/Shop_Maryland_Energy/Shop_Maryland_Energy_FAQs.pdf
- March 19 - Tentative - Earth Day and Earth Hour Proclamation at Mayor and Council
- April 29 - Tentative - Climate Action Plan Annual Report at Mayor and Council

8:50	11. New Business	All
9:00	12. Next meeting date and Adjourn	Chair McClain

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