

# Vision and Goals

**In May we presented a preliminary draft of our environmental vision and goals to City Council. What do you think? Should we change the wording? Are there important issues we missed? What should be our top priorities?**

## **Draft Environmental Vision Statement**

*“The City of Falls Church takes a leadership role in protecting and enhancing natural resources. Natural elements are integrated through functional restoration in existing locations and the application of best practices in new development to provide aesthetic and economic benefits in addition to environmental management. Community members are passionate about the environment and are committed to preparing for a sustainable and resilient future in a changing climate.”*

## **Draft goals**

*The above vision statement is composed of the following component goals:*

**Water:** *Protect the Chesapeake Bay and water resources of the City from the adverse effects of pollution, and improve water quality currently adversely affected by pollution.*

**Urban Forest & Biodiversity:** *Protect and enhance our urban forest and our network of green spaces and naturalized land to provide the environmental benefits of tree canopy, buffer streams, decrease stormwater runoff, enhance air quality, and provide habitat for native plants and wildlife.*

**Green Infrastructure:** *Integrate green infrastructure in commercial and residential development to enhance aesthetic and economic value while effectively managing environmental challenges such as air, soil and water pollution and climate change.*

**Solid Waste:** *Aim to reduce solid waste to zero.*

**Light and Noise:** *Reduce light, noise and air pollution to make the City a healthier and more pleasant place to live, work and visit.*

**Outreach:** *Reinforce and broaden our community commitment to environmental action through education, outreach and network-building.*

**Climate & Air:** *Mitigate our impact on climate change and adapt to make our community more resilient to its effects.*

**Post your suggested vision statement & goals here:**

