

Bill No. 34-07
Concerning: Planning Procedures –
Greenhouse Gas Emissions
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Councilmember Berliner, Council President Praisner, and Councilmembers Andrews, Elrich, Floreen, Trachtenberg, and Leventhal

AN ACT to:

- (1) require the Montgomery County Planning Board, when preparing certain plans, to assess a plan's potential impact on greenhouse gas emissions in the County and consider options that would minimize those emissions; and
- (2) generally amend the law relating to planning procedures.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 33A, Planning Procedures
Section 33A-2

By adding

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 33A, Planning Procedures
Section 33A-4A

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

Sec. 1. Section 33A-2 is amended and Section 33A-4A is added as follows:

33A-2. Definitions.

[For the purpose of this chapter] In this Chapter, the following words [and phrases shall] have the meanings [respectively ascribed to them by this section] indicated:

“Article 66B” means Article 66B of the Maryland Code.

[(a) Commission: The] “Commission” means the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

[(b) District council: The county council for Montgomery County] “District Council” means the County Council sitting as the [district council] District Council for that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District [within] in Montgomery County.

“Greenhouse gas” includes carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride, and any other gas or substance the Director of the Department of Environmental Protection finds to be a significant contributor to global warming.

[(c) Plan.] “Plan” means the General [plan] Plan, an area master plan, a sector plan, [master plan] the Master Plan of [highways] Highways, a functional plan, and any amendments [thereto] to those plans, as [further set forth] described in the Regional District Act.

“Planning Board” means the Montgomery County Planning Board.

[(d) Regional district act:] “Regional District Act” means Chapter 780 of the [1959] Laws of Maryland for 1959, as amended and codified in Article 28 of the Maryland Code.

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33A-4A. Preparation of the Plan.

