

Arlington County Civic Federation

Resolution Adopted June 5, 2007

Arlington Initiative to Reduce Emissions

Whereas:

- Arlington County has launched the Arlington Initiative to Reduce Emissions (AIRE), with emphasis on energy efficiency, use of renewable energy, planting trees, green buildings, recycling, and transportation;
- The measures included in the AIRE initiative are expected to result in a number of environmental benefits;
- Arlington can serve as an example for other urban areas, both regionally and nationally, increasing the impact of this initiative;

And whereas:

- Trees provide a variety of environmental benefits, including removing pollutants from the air, lowering air temperatures, and reducing stormwater runoff;
- The potential exists to significantly increase tree canopy in many parts of the County;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Arlington County Civic Federation:

- Supports the Arlington Initiative to Reduce Emissions, including promoting actions by individuals to reduce energy use;
- Recommends that the County put more emphasis on the preservation and planting of trees on public, commercial and residential property across the County.