

## Ideas/Topics for EPC Annual Retreat

The purpose is to decide the few topics we will focus our efforts on during the next year's EPC meetings.

Successes/challenges over last year by EPC

Update from OCA on their projects/programs for the year plus an update to our 120+ metrics table in the EAP2040

1. How can we have more influence with the Mayor and City Council members? How do we address/have more influence on challenges?
2. Urban Forestry Plan
3. Topics from T & ES, RPCA, ACPS, etc.
4. Where is EPC going in the future – where do we want to be this time next year and the year after that?
5. Invite someone to speak to us who has actual experience with issues in affordable housing or lack thereof. (Miss Annette?)
6. EJ speaker – how we can be more impactful for recommendations on EJ to be integrated into the daily planning processes. Hear about other programs that support EJ, particularly in a similar Dillion State. How equity lens/EJ lens integrates into the decision-making process – is there a cultural change that needs to happen – if so, how do we support that and integrate/encourage it?
7. Mike Town – from VA League of Conservation Voters for recap of Virginia General Assembly results – like he did last year
8. Guest speaker from VA energy – learn about their prep for incentives to be rolled out in Jan. 2025
9. Focus on Climate Change issues: where City has been, where City is, and where City is going. EPCs role to help address the challenges and how to use our Commission resources to make progress.
10. Communications – how, to who, and what platform we communicate through, including possible development of communication playbook for commission.