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Thank you for your inquiry regarding the implementation of Strategy 1.1 of the Environmental Action Plan (EAP) and the identification of the appropriate Responsible Party.

The EAP "does not immediately establish new regulations, policies, or budgets to implement the plan," but is instead "a guide for city leaders, staff, and community members to implement sustainability visions and principles." It outlines suggested tasks and identifies potential Responsible Parties that could advance sustainability efforts in the City. When multiple parties are listed, the EAP does not designate a lead party for any task, as action can be initiated by any of the responsible parties.

The EAP lists as the responsible party for the identified task in Strategy 1.1 "City Council, Community Organizations, Individuals." Additional actions these parties might take include continued advocacy for the Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA) and its regulations, as the generation of electricity in Virginia is regulated under this Act. City Council, community organizations, and residents can all encourage state lawmakers and regulators to support the VCEA, which would help ensure renewable energy sources for Dominion's grid supplying clean power for Harrisonburg and the broader Virginia community.

Finally, EPSAC's role remains advisory. Its function in relation to Strategy 1.1 is no different from its role in all other EAP strategies where EPSAC is not specifically identified as the Responsible Party.

I trust this letter and the EAP adequately resolve your questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ande", is placed below the word "Respectfully,".

Ande Banks
City Manager