

Testimony in Support of Amending The Code of Fairfax County to Add a New Article 30 (Plastic Bag Tax) to Chapter 4

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The Friends of Little Hunting Creek first testified in the General Assembly in support of a disposable plastic bag tax in 2013. We have continued to lobby on this issue ever since.

We are very glad the General Assembly finally passed the enabling legislation that allows the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to amend county code to add an article establishing a disposable plastic bag tax.

We support the code amendment, and look forward to a bag tax going into effect in Fairfax County this January. We anticipate that the plastic bag tax will help reduce litter in Little Hunting Creek and along Richmond Highway.

We welcome the improvements the bag tax will bring, both to the environment and to our local neighborhoods, and look forward to being rid of plastic bag litter.

We thank the Board of Supervisors for taking this step to prevent litter. We are grateful as well for Operation Stream Shield, which has considerably reduced the amount of litter picked up in our creek cleanups each year.