

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	July 1, 2024
Action Required:	No action is required
Presenter:	Katie VanLangen and Wilson Ratliff, LEAP Co-Executive Directors
Staff Contacts:	Kristel Riddervold, Director of the Office of Sustainability Emily Irvine, Climate Program Manager
Title:	Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP) update

Background

This report is to provide City Council and the public with an update from a community partner that the City of Charlottesville helped to establish in 2009 and has consistently closely working with.

LEAP is a Charlottesville-based, 501c3 nonprofit, that delivers energy efficiency solutions in Virginia to make homes safer, healthier, and more affordable, while also reducing energy usage and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. LEAP's alliance model is a community-based, public-private partnership. Website: www.leap-va.org

Discussion

LEAP's co-executive directors will provide a summary and update about the organization, their activities in Charlottesville, their funding sources, and plans to collaborate with the City and other local partners on upcoming initiatives.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

The work of LEAP aligns with the adopted 2023 Climate Action Plan and Council's 'Climate Action' Strategic Outcome Area.

Community Engagement

LEAP exists to provide programs and services to the community. Engagement occurs year-round through participation in community events, hosting learning opportunities, and marketing/outreach efforts.

Budgetary Impact

There is no budget impact associated with this report.

Recommendation

Staff recommends continued support and partnership with LEAP.

Alternatives

N/A

Attachments

1. LEAP City Council Presentation 2024