



Cville Dems Earth Day 2022



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| <p>6-8pm Stonefield "Love Mother Earth" Programs</p> | <p>6-8pm Ix Art Park "Fridays for Future" Festival</p> |
|  <p>Kid-friendly activities (book readings, painting, stickers), and voter registration info!</p> |  <p>Books & painting & stickers for kids, selfies w/Greta Thunberg, music by "The Green Grannies", voting info, 8pm movie, and more!</p> |

Latest Cville Dems Environmental Resolutions (see cville Dems.org)

Stay in RGGI, retain VCEA, ban single-user plastic, carbon-decreasing zoning, and more!

Environmental & Cville Dems Info

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| <p>Climate is Josh Throneburg's issue#1!</p>  | <p>Trump vs. Biden Environmental Policies</p>  |
| <p>Cville Dems free newsletter sign-up</p>  | <p>Push for environmental responsibility with us!</p>  |

Issues



Addressing the Climate Emergency

It's time to start treating climate change like the emergency it is: if we have nowhere to live, then nothing else matters. Years of inaction on climate solutions have brought us to a moment where we must take urgent and immediate action to save our planet. This country is filled with innovators and hard workers who can come together to reduce our use of fossil fuels, preserve our oceans, forests and air, and incentivize other nations to join us in this fight. Not only will these actions protect our most vulnerable, preserve a future for our kids, and lure good-paying jobs to our district. Josh supports the Green New Deal, which would put thousands of Virginians to work creating and manufacturing cutting-edge green energy technology, rebuilding our infrastructure, and helping redress air and water pollution. Josh will fight for good union jobs here in Virginia that will stop extracting precious resources from our land and begin healing the planet.

Read more about [addressing the climate emergency](#).



Improving Healthcare Access & Affordability

Every American should have access to affordable, quality healthcare regardless of where they live, the color of their skin, or how much is in their bank account. No one should suffer, die or declare bankruptcy because they can't afford or access a doctor. The solutions to our broken healthcare system are complex, but we must build a system that helps people gain access, reduce costs, and improve outcomes. That's why Josh supports Medicare for All, which guarantees access to healthcare for all Americans while helping curb the out-of-control costs that exist in our current broken system.

Read more about [improving healthcare access and affordability](#).



Protecting Our Rural Communities

The barbershop where Josh got his hair cut as a kid is boarded up. His hometown's only school closed right after he graduated. The grocery store is abandoned, just like the funeral home, restaurant, and gas station. When these businesses left, the entire community dried up. This is a tragedy, and it's happening all across the Fifth District. We can restore our network of thriving, robust rural communities and small towns, but it requires strategic investment. We need to prioritize our small family farms by giving them the same access to capital as big agribusiness and sparing them the regulations that weren't designed for small operations. We need to make sure rural communities have access



Charlottesville Democratic Committee Environmental Resolutions (approved 4/20/22)

1. We fully support the retirement of fossil-fuel electricity-generating facilities, the increased energy efficiency and renewable energy requirements, and the goal of a fully decarbonized power grid in Virginia by 2050 in 2020's bipartisan [Virginia Clean Economy Act \(VCEA\)](#); we thank Virginia's Democratic state Senators and Delegates who opposed and blocked Governor Youngkin's efforts to repeal the VCEA during the 2022 General Assembly Session; and we urge our Democratic state legislators to continue defending the VCEA against any future attacks.
2. We call on Governor Youngkin to protect and continue Virginia's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI, "Reggie"), which helps limit the production of greenhouse gases and provides revenue for needed local environmental infrastructure. (Background: [Youngkin wants to withdraw from RGGI.](#))
3. We call on Gov. Youngkin and the General Assembly to reinstate the permitting authority recently removed from the State Air Pollution Control Board, the State Water Control Board, and the Virginia Waste Management Board, [re-empowering the independent citizen experts on these Boards](#) that oversee air and water quality.
4. We call on the General Assembly to pass legislation prohibiting public utility companies from making political contributions to candidates for the General Assembly and statewide offices, as well as incumbent legislators and statewide officials.
5. We call on the State Corporation Commission (SCC) to reject the February 2022 recommendation for a minimum bill of \$55/month for participation in the upcoming [Dominion Power Community Solar Program](#), regardless of actual consumption, and we call for the SCC to set the minimum bill fee at a level to make the community solar program fair and workable for interested participants.
6. We urge Gov. Youngkin to rescind his Executive Order 17 in order to reinstate Executive Order 77 (signed by Gov. Northam in March 2021), which required executive-branch state agencies to give up single-use plastics by the end of 2025.
7. We urge the Charlottesville City Council to adopt a meaningful Climate Action Plan and to enact, this year, a zoning code that addresses a wide range of changes that will decrease the carbon footprint of both existing and future city residents.
8. We support the Community Climate Collaborative's (3C) [Accessible, Clean Transportation \(ACT\)](#) initiative for Charlottesville, and we call on Charlottesville City Council and Charlottesville Area Transit to provide robust, efficient and equitable public transit in order to reduce carbon emissions from private vehicles.
9. We support the [DivestUVA](#) campaign, which calls on the UVA Endowment Fund to reallocate the millions of dollars it currently invests in the fossil-fuel industries which perpetuate global climate change.