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MEMORANDUM

TO: Caroline Planning Commission

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SUBJECT: **TXT-02-2022**

DATE: May 26, 2022

Staff is offering this text amendment to define an “Energy Storage Facility”, “Energy Storage Project” and “Host Locality”.

While an Energy Storage Facility is not a current permitted use in the Caroline County Zoning Ordinance, the state of Virginia has defined Energy Storage Facility and staff feels that Caroline should add the definition into our Zoning Ordinance for such time as the use may be allowed.

The text amendment reads as follows:

TXT-02-2022 - An Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of Caroline County by Amending Article II, Definitions, to add the following:

"Energy storage facilities" means the energy storage equipment and technology within an energy storage project that is capable of absorbing energy, storing such energy for a period of time, and redelivering such energy after it has been stored. **For clarity, energy storage facilities are distinct from and not included within (i) major or minor solar energy facilities or (ii) public utility, distribution, generation or transmission facilities, as defined in this ordinance, nor are they an accessory use thereto.**

"Energy storage project" means the energy storage facilities within the project site.

"Host locality" means any locality within the jurisdictional boundaries of which construction of a commercial solar project or an energy storage project is proposed.