

**WHEREAS**, the Community Energy and Sustainability Plan (CESMP), was adopted by the Board of County Supervisors on October 24, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, high priority climate and resiliency actions B3 and B4 of the adopted CESMP encourage and promote energy efficiency in buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the PW Digital Gateway special study area of the Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Board on November 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, policy DGWS 1.2 of this study area is to “encourage efficient water usage for data center development within the Study Area, such as utilized “closed loop water” or “no water” cooling systems... encourage development to further minimize water consumption through the use of recycling water”; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of “closed loop water and no water cooling systems” are not the most energy efficient cooling systems; and

**WHEREAS**, there is now a conflict between the adopted priorities of the CESMP and the policies of the PW Digital Gateway special study area of the Comprehensive Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sustainability Commission does hereby request the Board to review and resolve this conflict, and to request that the Planning Office, in coordination with Prince William Water, to analyze this and any other policies in the Comprehensive Plan to allow flexibility in providing maximum efficiency of cooling systems, including the use of water cooling systems in areas where public water supply is available.