Resolution on Special Exception Amendment Application SEA-80-L/V-061-02 to Permit Extension of the Lorton Debris Landfill, Installation of a Green Energy Park and Provision of Funding and In-Kind Services for Other Community- and County-Oriented Programs:

**1.WHEREAS**, as part of a Special Exception Amendment application approved in 2007 by Fairfax County (FC), EnviroSolutions, Inc.’s (ESI) construction debris landfill in Lorton was to be developed (after its 2018 closure and post-closure period) into a quasi-public park owned/operated by Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA); and

2. **WHEREAS**, except for the future park-ownership condition (not implemented due to FCPA’s decision to refuse ownership of the site), all other conditions required of ESI were achieved, including a donation of $2 M to the Lorton Community Action Center as seed money for its future community center; and

**3. WHEREAS**, FCPA’s decision led ESI to submit a new SEA application in April 2013 that would extend the landfill’s life to NMT 2040, after which it would convert the site into a privately-operated but publicly-available park facility as called for in FC’s comprehensive plan; and

**4. WHEREAS,** the landfill’s extension will not only provide the desired private/public park facilities as a positive enhancement to the MV District, to FC and to South County residents’ quality of life, but will also result in benefits to the area’s environment by avoiding production of 3.6 M tons of green house gases; and

**5**. **WHEREAS**, by installing several renewable energy technologies, ESI will help fulfill FC’s “Cool County” policy - with Lorton chosen as the site for FC’s “Green Energy Triangle” - thereby rebranding an area of the Mt. Vernon District that was once negatively associated with waste disposal and prisons; and

**7. WHEREAS**, ESI’s proposal will mitigate the many negative environmental, transportation and financial threats to the MV District, to FC and to many thousands of South County residents (as noted on page 1 of the attachment), all of which would otherwise result from premature closure of ESI’s landfill and from activation of its by-right waste-reclamation/transfer center, with the latter producing up to1100 daily truck-trips along local mainly residential roads; and

**8. WHEREAS**, ESI will provide, beyond its $13M Green Energy Park (GEP), opportunities (as noted on page 2 of the attachment) for the MV District to achieve funding and other benefits worth $27+ million (with at least $18.2 million in cash over 20 years for a variety of recreational and cultural projects proposed by the community), to gain $2.5 million in revenue to FC from its GEP sales and an extra $7 million in cost savings via ESI’s supplying methane gas over a 30 year period and to be provided selected pro-bono/in-kind services by ESI valued at many millions more.

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that the MVCCA does not oppose ESI’s SEA 80-L/V-061-2.