

## Summary of Climate-Related Activities of COG Committees Supporting CEEPC - September 2011

### Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee Technical and Citizen Committees

#### Technical Committees

[Energy Advisory Committee](#)<sup>1</sup> (Jeff King and Leah Boggs | [jking@mwkog.org](mailto:jking@mwkog.org) and [lboggs@mwkog.org](mailto:lboggs@mwkog.org))

- The EAC met on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting topics included the COG Electric Vehicle Regional Initiative, regional solar activities and community energy planning.
- The focal point of the meeting was an EPA presentation on assessing the impacts of jobs on clean energy. The presentation is available on the committee web site.
- The next EAC meeting will be held on October 20, 2011.

[Intergovernmental Green Building Group \(IGBG\)](#) (Leah Boggs | [lboggs@mwkog.org](mailto:lboggs@mwkog.org))

- The IGBG met on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was conducted in conjunction with the Climate Change Adaption Building Sector Meeting.
- The main focus of the Green Building portion was a presentation from the American Institute of Architects regarding their efforts in supporting greening building codes on a local level, such as adoption of the IgCC (International Green Construction Code). The presentation is available on the committee web site.
- For more information regarding the Climate Change Adaption Building Sector Meeting, see the adaptation handout in your packet.
- The next IGBG meeting will be held on October 13, 2011.

[Street Lights Working Group](#) (Jeff King | [jking@mwkog.org](mailto:jking@mwkog.org))

- The Street Lights Working Group will hold its next meeting on October 24. The group will hear from industry professionals on improvements in LED and induction technologies.

[Recycling Committee](#) (John Snarr | [jsnarr@mwkog.org](mailto:jsnarr@mwkog.org))

- The committee met September 15 for a program on Recyclability Labels. Presentations were by ASTM, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Biodegradable Products Institute.
- The committee discussed an effort to standardize the expanded list of recyclables in the region to the public.
- The committee discussed upcoming promotions for America Recycles Day and the Go Recycle Campaign.

[Energy Outreach Coordination](#) (Joan Rohlfs | [jrohlfs@mwkog.org](mailto:jrohlfs@mwkog.org))

- The group met on August 17 and September 20.
- At the August meeting the group decided to pursue a self-certification sustainability checklist that would include actions in several categories.
- At the September meeting a draft checklist and program proposal were reviewed. Local government roles and budget details will be refined for the next meeting, as well as another draft of the checklist.
- The next meeting will be November 7.

[Energy Financing Task Force](#) (Jeff King | [jking@mwkog.org](mailto:jking@mwkog.org))

- The next meeting of the Energy Financing Subcommittee will focus on a review of accomplishments to date and work plans for this calendar year. A meeting on financing of public building retrofits is planned.

#### Citizen Committee

[Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee \(ACPAC\)](#) (Joan Rohlfs | [jrohlfs@mwkog.org](mailto:jrohlfs@mwkog.org))

- ACPAC met on September 19.
- The committee heard an update on the Ozone Season Summary, the proposal for the energy outreach program, and the results of the electric and natural gas data survey.
- The next meeting will be on October 17.

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<sup>1</sup> Click on committee name to access the committee webpage and documents.

## Supporting Technical and Policy Committees

### [MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee](#) (Jeff King | [jking@mwkog.org](mailto:jking@mwkog.org))

- TAC met via teleconference on September 13.
- The Committee heard an Ozone Season summary through September 8 and an update on the PM2.5 Redesignation and Maintenance Plan, as well as information from the OTC Stakeholder Meeting and progress on the transportation conformity analysis.
- The Committee discussed the recent agreement to shut down the Potomac River Generation Station and the energy efficiency and renewable energy (EERE) allowance approach in the Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) as it related to the inclusion of EERE in the SIPs.
- The next meeting will be October 11.

### [Transportation Planning Board \(TPB\), TPB Technical Committee, TPB Travel Management Subcommittee and TPB Scenario Study Task Force](#) (Ron Kirby and Gerald Miller | [rkirby@mwkog.org](mailto:rkirby@mwkog.org) and [gmliller@mwkog.org](mailto:gmliller@mwkog.org))

- The TPB adopted a resolution to approve the recommended local projects and pre-application for funding under the 2011 Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. The theme of the application focuses on improving pedestrian and bicycle connections to rail transit throughout the region.
- The board was updated on the Rail-Volution conference set to take place in Washington, DC on October 16-19, 2011. The conference will include sessions, workshops, and charrettes that relate to the movement's mission of using transit to develop livable communities that are healthy, economically vibrant, socially equitable, and environmentally sustainable.
- The board was presented a status report on the study of public attitudes toward road-use pricing in the Metropolitan Washington Region. From October 2011 to January 2012, the study will use a series of deliberative forums at locations throughout the region to assess public attitudes toward different pricing options such as variably priced lanes and system wide vehicle based pricing systems.

### [Planning Directors Technical Committee](#) (Paul Desjardin | [pdesjardin@mwkog.org](mailto:pdesjardin@mwkog.org))

- No meeting in August.
- Meeting on September 16.
- Briefing on the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Application.
- Invitation to Plan Electric Vehicle (EV) Deployment in the Washington Region.
- Presentation on the Round 8.0 Cooperative Forecast Update and Schedule.
- Briefing on the *Commercial Construction Indicators 2010* report.
- Members participated in the Land Use Sector Stakeholder Meeting on Climate Adaptation. For more information on this meeting, see the adaptation handout in your package.
- Next meeting is October 21.

### [Region Forward Coalition](#) (Paul Desjardin/John Mataya | [pdesjardin@mwkog.org](mailto:pdesjardin@mwkog.org) / [jmataya@mwkog.org](mailto:jmataya@mwkog.org))

- The second Region Forward Coalition meeting was held on September 14th at the COG Building.
- Briefing and Discussion of COG Sustainable Communities Grant Application.

## Affiliated Partnerships

### [Clean Air Partners](#) (Jen Desimone | [jdesimone@mwkog.org](mailto:jdesimone@mwkog.org))

- Clean Air Partners concluded its summer youth outreach program. More than 1,500 kids in DC, MD, and VA learned about air quality and climate change.
- Clean Air Partners concluded its summer radio campaign, which ran for 2 weeks on 8 stations in the Washington and Baltimore markets. The campaign resulted in 10 million impressions.
- The Clean Air Partners Board met on September 15, 2011.
- The next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2011.

### [Commuter Connections Subcommittee](#) (Nick Ramfos | [nramfos@mwkog.org](mailto:nramfos@mwkog.org))

- Commuter Connections staff participated in a commuter transportation fair at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington DC on July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Commuter Connections staff participated in a Navy Yard commuter workshop held on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

- Commuter Connections staff participated in a Ft. Belvoir commuter transportation fair held in Crystal City on August 2nd.
- Commuter Connections staff participated in a commuter transportation fair at the US Navy in Arlington, VA on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

[Tree Canopy Workgroup](#) (Jeff King | [jking@mwkog.org](mailto:jking@mwkog.org) and Brian Lecouteur | [blecouteur@mwkog.org](mailto:blecouteur@mwkog.org))

- A preliminary discussion on regional tree canopy was held September 23. The group discussed plans for forming a group for a broader meeting, to be held in October.

#### **Other Committees**

[Chief Purchasing Officers Committee](#) (Phil McGaughey | [Philip\\_J\\_McGaughey@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Philip_J_McGaughey@mcpsmd.org))

- CPOC met on September 27, updates will be provided in November.

[Water Resources Technical Committee](#) (WRTC) (Tanya Spano | [tspano@mwkog.org](mailto:tspano@mwkog.org))

- The WRTC participated in the Water Sector Stakeholder Meeting on Climate Adaptation on September 8. In addition to providing input, the committee is working on how to relate information gained from this project with local plans.

[Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee](#) (Karl Berger | [kberger@mwkog.org](mailto:kberger@mwkog.org))

- No updates to report.