

2023 BEEAC PRIORITIES

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Program Area 1

- Area 1: Energy and Climate Equity Planning (Mitigation and Resilience Measure)
 - Developing performance measures, metrics, scorecards
 - Operationalizing equity and energy justice planning and programs (ex. funding, capital improvement planning)
 - Technical assistance
 - Equity education and training for staff
 - Public/community outreach and engagement

Program Area 2

- Area 2: Electric Vehicle Planning and Deployment (Mitigation Measure)
 - Technical assistance for local government planning
 - Locational analysis/mapping
 - Develop public-private deal structures
 - Build out regional electric vehicle charging network
 - Accelerate electrification of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles:
 - Expand light-duty electric vehicle deployment in the community
 - Coordination (ex. joint application for federal funding, EV corridor planning)



What members found useful in 2022

- Speakers on specific topics that impact topics on this regions, sharing local initiatives that may be applicable (BEPS, Benchmarking)
- Community Choice Aggregation and utility scale solar are topics of interest
- Solar was particularly useful
- Equity info and energy equity programs, continually learning about and wanting to apply
- The additional focus on energy equity and climate change
- The Energy Equity Framework and Community Choice Aggregation meetings

What would increase BEEAC's value

- Start looking at multi-jurisdictional alliance for active implementation, share success stories and lessons learned, training for contractors (electrification), tools and program examples for reaching low-income populations, including EJ 40
- Less time around the table (when many are there for ideas and don't always have something to share), more time for idea sharing
- Presentations with practical takeaways (like the energy equity presentations)
- Greater focus on building electrification, resiliency planning, and federal tax credit process via the IRA
- Continued focus on electrification

Legislative Priorities

- Community Choice Aggregation
- Virginia to remain in RGGI
- Benchmarking and building performance
- Expanded opportunities for community solar
- Food waste, plastic bills
- Funding for local mandates--solar siting, BEPs, methane capture

Jurisdiction new climate and energy initiatives

- Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) program rollout and related program design
- More solar, more EV infrastructure through partnerships, we will be launching a more intense energy efficiency campaign for residents
- Advocating to Virginia to aggressively implement Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and IRA programs
- Community and government Operations energy action plans
- Communitywide climate & energy action planning process

Chair's Vision for 2023

- Funding projects
 - EECBG
 - IRA and IIJA
- Equity
 - Linking funding and equity
 - Ways to show 40% of benefits of investments flow to disadvantaged communities per federal funding
 - How do we measure community benefits
- Solar – large scale
 - Public private purchasing agreements, lessons learned
 - Deal structures

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