

CLIMATE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY COMMITTEE (CEEPC) PROJECT UPDATES

Global Covenant of Mayors Badges

The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM), a global alliance working toward a resilient and low emission society, found COG's regional greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals and Metropolitan Washington 2030 Climate and Energy Action Plan (2030 CEAP) fully compliant of the global standards of best practices for climate planning in 2021. GCoM awarded COG mitigation and adaptation achievement badges in recognition. Metropolitan Washington is the first region in the United States to achieve this status. For more information, please contact [Maia Davis](#).

CEEPC 2021 Priorities Survey Results

Per the request of CEEPC leadership, COG staff sent out a 2021 Priorities Survey to CEEPC members after its January 2021 meeting. Some of the top priorities identified that will serve as themes for CEEPC meetings this year include zero energy buildings, clean electricity, resiliency, zero emission vehicles (infrastructure and medium- and heavy-duty vehicles) and mode shift and travel behavior. Equity was a priority and theme across these topics and thus will be incorporating into all these major discussion themes this year. For more information, please contact [Maia Davis](#).

Climate Partners Website Launch

A new website, DMV Climate Partners, is being launched this spring. This website is being created as a platform to better educate area leaders and residents about local, regional, national, and international efforts underway to fight climate change and spur further action. The website will also highlight climate accomplishments and connect people to resources. Please contact [Jeff King](#) for more information.

Climate and Energy Leadership Awards

The 2021 Climate and Energy Awards Program will launch on Earth Day, April 22 and will be accepting applications until June 30, 2021. The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) created the Climate and Energy Leadership Award to recognize organizations in the region for their pursuit of environmental opportunities and stewardship in line with regional GHG reduction goals. To meet these goals, COG realizes extraordinary effort is needed by visionary leaders across sectors. To bring public recognition to these successes, this climate award highlights and encourages leading practices. For more information, please contact [Leah Boggs](#). To learn more about previous winners, visit the [Awardees page](#).

CEEPC Legislative Committee

CEEPC's Legislative Committee has been tracking climate and energy legislation in the Maryland and Virginia legislative sessions, as well as legislation before the Council of the District of Columbia. The committee sent comment letters in support of bills that facilitate COG's regional climate and energy goals.

- In the District, the committee is currently drafting a comment letter for the Green Food Purchasing Amendment Act.

- In Virginia, the committee sent letters of support for bills that removed barriers to transportation electrification, bills that promoted financing mechanisms for clean energy deployment, and a bill that sought to update the Commonwealth's building code. Most of these bills passed, except for the building code update bill. The Virginia General Assembly adjourned on March 1 and is set to reconvene on April 7 for final consideration of possible amendments.
- In Maryland, the committee sent letters of support for bills that expands the state's net energy metering, a bill that facilitates equitable funding for net zero energy homes, and a bill that establishes a Community Choice Energy pilot program in Montgomery County. In collaboration with the Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee, CEEPC sent joint letters in support of bills that expand the types of energy sources that qualify as a renewable source in Maryland's Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS), a bill that establishes a statewide green business certification program, as well as the Climate Solutions Now Act. The Maryland General Assembly crossover date was this Monday (March 22). All of these bills were passed by their relevant chamber and are moving forward. The Maryland session is set to adjourn on April 12.

Please contact [Tim Masters](#) for any further information.

Local Climate Planning Support

COG's Climate and Energy Team has been supporting the development of several local climate and energy related plans, including Fairfax County Climate Action Plan (CAP), Prince George's County CAP, Prince George's County Electric Vehicle Plan, Rockville CAP, City of Frederick CAP for government operations, and more. In addition to technical support from COG staff, COG has contracts with ICF and Cadmus which local jurisdictions can access to support their local climate mitigation, resilience, or sector-based planning efforts. Please contact [Jeff King](#) to answer questions or get you connected with support from staff or the consultants.

Military Installation Resilience Review

COG is supporting a community stakeholder planning process for the United States Department of Defense Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation ("DoD OLDCC"), specifically to handle planning work for their Military Installation Resilience Review ("MIRR") Program for four military installations in the District of Columbia - Joint Base Anacostia Bolling; the Navy Research Laboratory; the Washington Navy Yard; and Fort Lesley J. McNair. The purpose of the MIRR is to identify the risks, hazards, and vulnerabilities of concern as it relates to ability of the military to carry out its missions on the base that could be mitigated through investments and solutions outside the fence line in the community. COG anticipates the focus of the MIRR project will involve an all hazards approach in terms of screening threats, risks, and vulnerabilities (either natural or manmade, including from the effects of climate change), to identify and prioritize areas of concern that should be the subject of further study and evaluation. A primary goal of the study is to identify and recommend actions or investments outside the fence line to mitigate risks of highest concern. Please contact [Jeff King](#) for more information.