

Summary of Climate-Related Activities of COG Committees Supporting CEEPC - May 2011

Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee Technical and Citizen Committees

Technical Committees

[Energy Advisory Committee](#)¹ (Jeff King and Leah Boggs | jking@mwkog.org and lboggs@mwkog.org)

- The April 14th EAC meeting was a tour of WRI's green roof and labyrinth. The green roof, which is owned by the American Psychological Association (APA), opened in October 2008 and is the nation's first green roof and labyrinth system. In 2007, a portion of WRI's space (about 6,200 square feet) was awarded LEED-CI Gold Certification.
- The next EAC meeting will be on June 16th and will focus on solar cooperatives, the COG contract award to support integrated community energy planning, and a presentation on the use of biofuels to replace home heating oil.

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

- The "Green Building Trends" Report was presented at the April 13th COG Board Meeting. The report is an analysis of how green building impacted the region between 2003 and 2009. The report is also an element of the Region Forward baseline analysis later this year.
- The April 14th IGBG meeting was a tour of the USGBC's LEED for Neighborhood Development – Neighborhoods Go Green! Exhibit. The exhibit uses [LEED for Neighborhood Development](#) as a framework to discuss key elements of a green neighborhood. It features text, photographs, and illustrations representing the features of a model green neighborhood, and showcases successful local projects.
- The Green Building for Energy Savings and Climate Protection Workshop was held on May 5th in the COG Board Room. The workshop provided information about advanced green building tools and on effective strategies for applying them to reach energy reduction and climate protection goals.
- The next IGBG meeting will be held on June 9th.

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

- The Street Lights Working Group met on March 28.
- The group heard about Pepco's Street Lights initiatives, DC's Alley Lighting replacement, Arlington County's street light replacement, and INOVA Hospitals' lighting replacement projects. Additionally, the group had an induction light demonstration from a Sensus representative and heard an update on Maryland State Legislature initiatives.
- The next meeting is TBD.

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

- The committee met May 19 for a program on Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling. Presentations cover Fauquier County's recycling facility, the Broad Run Recycling Facility, and Community Forklift's material reuse program.
- The committee approved its work plan for FY2012.
- The committee discussed how to promote a more diverse set of curbside recyclables and the implications of the consolidation of processing businesses.
- The regional Organics Task Force, partially supported by COG, will meet March 31 at COG to help stimulate food waste composting activities in the metropolitan area. It heard presentations on several pilot projects. The committee held a smaller meeting with federal agencies in April to assess interest in supporting regional food composting.

[Energy Outreach Coordination](#) (Joan Rohlfs | jrohlf@mwkog.org)

- The ad hoc committee appointed by CEEPC to oversee the WE CAN home energy challenge held a call on May 12. Topics included: reviewing final results of the online survey on the WE CAN challenge and home energy efficiency, awards to participants to be given at the May 25 meeting and next steps for the regional outreach program.
- The next meeting of the Ad Hoc Energy Outreach Taskforce: TBD.

[Energy Financing Task Force](#) (Jeff King | 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.

¹ Click on committee name to access the committee webpage and documents.

Citizen Committee

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

- ACPAC met on April 18 and May 16, 2011.
- In April, Jay Fiset spoke about the Arlington Community Energy Plan, CEEPC and suggested that ACPAC provide input on the WE CAN Campaign. Also discussed was the Clean Air Campaign air quality forecasting and communications and “Member Time” was introduced where we heard from ACPAC member Bill Butler about his company, GenOn, and how his role relates to ACPAC.
- In May, DC Public Service Commissioner Rick Morgan spoke to ACPAC about the commission, renewable portfolio standards, the Pepco smart meters pilot and more. ACPAC provided input on how to move forward with the WE CAN campaign and ACPAC member Alexander Ryan-Bond with the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) spoke about OTC and his role during “Member Time.”
- The next ACPAC meeting will be June 13, 2011.

Supporting Technical and Policy Committees

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

- The MWAQC TAC met on May 10 in a teleconference.
- The Progress Report being presented to CEEPC was discussed with TAC and members were asked to provide comments.
- The committee was also briefed on recent federal legislation that has been introduced or acted upon and that concerns the Clean Air Act.

[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 and gmliller@mwkog.org)

- TPB staff is updating the green house gas emissions inventory and strategy analysis from the “What Would it Take?” Scenario based on the MOVES model. Staff is also exploring opportunities for partnering with other organizations, such as AAA and the I-95 Corridor Coalition, to promote eco-driving.
- The TPB task force formed to develop a scope and process for a regional transportation priorities plan (RTPP) met on April 20. At the meeting, TPB staff presented a draft scope for the development of this plan. The RTPP will articulate funded and unfunded transportation priorities built upon regional policies, including reduction in single-occupant driving and promoting smart growth development. The TPB is expected to approve the draft scope at their June 15 meeting.
- TPB’s Commuter Connections and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association partnered to host Bike to Work Day 2011 on May 20. The event featured a record 49 regional pit stops, and included commuter convoys lead by experienced cyclists. Bike to Work Day is a free event and open to all area commuters. Raffle prizes, food, drink and more are offered at all pit stops throughout the region.

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

- Meeting on May 20
- Presentation on the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project and stations
- Transforming Tysons: Comprehensive Plan and Implementation
- Briefing and Discussion of the Region Forward Program, orientation Meetings and Preparation for June 10th Region Forward Coalition Meeting
- Next meeting is June 17

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

- The Region Forward Implementation Coalition has replaced the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee as of January 2011.
- The Coalition leadership includes: Eric Olson, Chair (Prince George’s County), Mary Hynes, Co-Chair (Arlington County), and Victor Hoskins, Co-Chair (District of Columbia)
- Three Region Forward Coalition Orientation meetings were held in May (May 13th- M-NCPPC (Montgomery County), May 17th- Arlington Government Center (Arlington County), and May 19th- MWCOG (District of Columbia).

- The Region Forward Coalition Kick-Off meeting is scheduled for June 10th at the George Mason University's School of Public Policy.

Affiliated Partnerships

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

- Clean Air Partners' Annual Meeting and Awards Event was held on Wednesday, May 18th from 5:00-8:00 pm at [Nationals Park](#). Winners from the 3rd annual poster contest were recognized, along with science fair winners and teacher allies.
- To promote Air Quality Awareness Week, Clean Air Partners held a social media contest through Twitter. Through a partnership with Revolution Cycles, 5 followers received gift cards for bike-tune ups and bike gear.
- Staff participated in Earth Day @ Loudoun event (April 8) and Washington Gas Earth Day events (April 12 and 13).
- Clean Air Partners will participate in Breathe DC's World Asthma Day Fair on Thursday, May 19th from 10:00am – 3:00pm at the Reeves Center in Washington, DC.
- The Clean Air Partners Board met on April 21, 2011. Presentations were given on Clean Air Partners FY 2012 work program and budget.
- The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2011.

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

- Commuter Transportation Fairs:
 - April 12, Program Support Center, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Rockville, MD2)
 - April 14, HHS Headquarters, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Washington, DC
 - April 19, USPTO Building, Alexandria, VA
 - April 20, 1828 L ST NW, Washington, DC
 - April 21, GAO (US Government Accountability Office), 441 G Street NW Washington, DC
 - April 21, 1707 L ST NW, Washington, DC
 - April 22, American Red Cross Headquarters, 2025 E ST NW, Washington, DC
 - April 26, US Geological Survey, Reston
 - April 28, Food and Drug Administration, Silver Spring, MD
- April 28, Telework Exchange Town Hall Meeting, Ronald Reagan Building Atrium, Washington, DC

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

- One of the project teams in this year's Institute for Regional Excellence (IRE) is focusing on recommendations for addressing tree canopy in the region. A report and recommendations should be available in the fall that can be incorporated into a regional task force effort to be launched this spring.

Other Committees

[Chief Purchasing Officers Committee](#) (Phil McGaughey | Philip_J_McGaughey@mcpsmd.org)

- The Chief Purchasing Officers Committee met on April 27 and May 24.
- At the April meeting the committee discussed that WMATA is recompleting the region's diesel contract.
- At the May meeting the committee discussed the upcoming natural gas auction.

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

- There is nothing to report for the WRTC.

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

- The CBPC met on May 20.
- The committee heard from George Hawkins of DC Water who updated the committee on several topics, including a project to digest the plant's biosolids to generate methane to produce electricity for the plant.

Other Updates

Alternative Fuels (Leah Boggs | lboggs@mwkog.org)

- The Electric Vehicle Forum was held on April 29th. Hon. David Snyder, Vice Mayor of the City of Falls Church and CEEPC member, presided over the forum. The forum identified the need to form a regional electric vehicle taskforce which would be responsible for developing an electric vehicle infrastructure deployment strategy.
- COG, in cooperation with the Greater Washington Regional Clean Cities Coalition, will submit a proposal in response to a U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities solicitation for grant funds to support this effort. Application deadline is due June 13th.