

MITIGATION: GOALS AND ACTIONS FOR REGIONAL 2030 CLIMATE AND ENERGY ACTION PLAN

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2030 Regional Climate Plan Timeline

2030 Action Plan Development Timeline	2019				2020									
	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Regional GHG Inventory and BAU Projections			W											
Mitigation Targets and Low-Carbon Scenarios			W				W							
Regional Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment			W				W							
Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Actions							W							

W = Workshops

Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM)

GCoM Pledge Commitments	Reduce/Limit GHG Emissions	Prepare for Climate Change Impacts	Increase Access to Sustainable Energy	Track Progress
CRF Reporting Elements	GHG Inventory			
	GHG Reduction Targets			
		CRVA		
	Climate Action Plan			Progress Report

CEEPC's 10 Guiding Principles

10 Guiding Principles of Collaborative Climate Planning

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| 1. Collective Action | 6. Transparency |
| 2. Effective Partnerships | 7. Innovation |
| 3. Lead by Example | 8. Community Leadership |
| 4. Integration | 9. Inclusive Engagement |
| 5. Flexibility | 10. Advocacy |



CEEPC's 2020 Plan Action Areas

Regional Climate and Energy Action Plan's 9 Climate Action Areas

1. Reduce GHG Emissions	6. Move Toward Zero Waste
2. Reduce Energy Consumption	7. Build Regional Resilience
3. Increase Share of Renewables	8. Protect Equity and Health
4. Advance Sustainable Regional Mobility	9. Grow the Regional Economy
5. Increase Sustainable Urban Development	



Goals for 2030

- **Goals:**
 - 40% by 2030, 80% by 2050
- **Sub Goals/Targets/Indicators:**
 - 40% of electricity comes from renewables
 - 100% of new construction is net zero by 2030
 - 20% of light duty vehicles are EVs by 2030 - (new?)
 - Complete build out of EV network by 2030?
 - Zero waste by 2050 (what does that mean for 2030?)
 - Sub-goal @ sustainable energy access
- **Tracking Progress**

Action List Review

- Regional Support Activity
- Main Area of Focus/Desired Outcome
- Driving Factors
- How Can COG Help?
- ...Local Actions...



Action Topic Areas

Topics:

- Planning
- Built Environment
- Sustainable Transportation
- Energy Supply
- Disaster Preparedness
- Waste
- Vulnerable Populations
- Inventories
- Energy Efficiency & Renewables
- Vehicles and Fuels
- Critical Infrastructure
- Zero Waste
- Equity



Regional Activities Groupings

Retrofits

Codes

Benchmarking

Renewables

RPS

CCA

Microgrids

Energy
Access

Inventories
and Plans

Reuse/Circular
Economy

Land Use
Planning

EVs

Biofuels

Bike Ped

Refrigerants

Coop

Purchasing



Questions for Plan Development

Questions to consider:

What measures are high priority that require a regional response?

What is COG's role to support achieving these goals?

What measures need to be completed immediately (1-3 years), midrange (3-5 years), and long-term (5-10 years)?

Inventories and Plans

Regional Support Activity

Greenhouse Gas Emissions
Inventories and Plans

Driving Factors

Regional and local greenhouse gas
emission reduction goals

How can COG Help?

- Complete and publish GCoM compliant greenhouse gas emission inventories at milestone dates to measure progress
- Track and document local measures and program development in local plans, share and encourage best practices

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Measure regional and
locality greenhouse gas
emissions changes over
time to track progress
toward goals

Built Environment

Regional Support Activity

Facilitate Building Retrofits

Driving Factors

Expanded use of PACE, Green Banks, and other financing tools for building retrofits

How can COG Help?

- Create a regional Virtual Technical Assistance Hub
- Facilitate regional sharing of best practices on deep and net-zero retrofits, including work with the federal Department of Energy and national energy labs on sector-specific guidance materials
- Facilitate regional sharing of net-zero code language for building retrofits
- Foster local actions to provide for lead generation with installers

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Help coordinate scale up of financing; publicity; create project pipeline

Built Environment

Regional Support Activity

Green Building Codes and Policies

Driving Factors

Enhance rigor of building codes across COG members to drive markets towards a more sustainable standard

How can COG Help?

- Share best practices through regional meetings and materials (fact sheets, resource guides, etc.)
- Coordinate local government input to the national model energy code development process
- Encourage adoption of building codes and other incentives to facilitating net-zero building construction
- Enhance cooperation among COG's Department of Environmental Programs and Department of Community Planning and Services

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Foster local and state efforts to enhance planning and zoning guidelines and building codes

Built Environment

Regional Support Activity

Building Benchmarking

Driving Factors

Opportunity to expand the use of benchmarking laws across COG members

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Support expanding building benchmarking requirements

How can COG Help?

- Share best practices through Regional meetings and materials (fact sheets, resource guides, etc.)



Energy Supply

Regional Support Activity

Renewable Portfolio Standard

Driving Factors

- State actions to increase RPS standards
- Increasing solar carve-outs in RPS standards

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Advocate for higher overall standards or specific carve-outs

How can COG Help?

- Regional policy advocacy
- Encourage solar carve-outs in RPSs to enhance project development in the region

Energy Supply

Regional Support Activity

On-site Renewables

Driving Factors

Expanding proliferation of on-site solar systems

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Foster expanded deployment of on-site solar systems

How can COG Help?

- Support solar coops
- Support solar mapping
- Share best practices
- Expand community solar
- Support solar on schools and infrastructure



Energy Supply

Regional Support Activity

Large Scale Off-site Renewables

Driving Factors

Expanding off-site solar PPAs can increase access to solar energy and improve overall solar capacity

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Foster expanded use of large off-site solar PPAs or other renewable energy options

How can COG Help?

- Share best practices, increase understanding and capacity, support local action
- Attempt cooperative purchasing initiatives or energy purchasing consortia
- Examine possibility of regional demand aggregation
- Develop methods to reflect green power purchases from outside the region

Energy Supply

Regional Support Activity

Community Choice Aggregation

Driving Factors

Increasing interest in local government CCAs

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Advocacy for legal authorization of CCAs

How can COG Help?

- Regional policy advocacy, local mobilization of support

Energy Supply

Regional Support Activity

Green Cooperative Purchasing

Driving Factors

Allows COG members to access green purchasing at more cost-friendly rates

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Expand green cooperative procurement

How can COG Help?

- Share best practices, support local action
- Develop best practices to incorporate life-cycle energy and emissions provisions in purchasing

Energy Supply

Regional Support Activity

Renewable Natural Gas

Driving Factors

- Financial incentives for renewable natural gas
- Increasing natural gas utility interest in integrating renewable natural gas into their systems

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Explore feasibility of renewable natural gas options

How can COG Help?

- Regional research coordination
- Enhance cooperation with regional natural gas utilities, the federal Landfill Methane Outreach Program, and renewable natural gas producers such as from landfill gas and wastewater treatment plant digester projects

Disaster Preparedness

Regional Support Activity

Microgrids for Critical Infrastructure

Driving Factors

Local adoption of microgrids to improve resilience of critical infrastructure

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Foster and support implementation of government sector microgrids

How can COG Help?

- Partner on grant applications, provide engineering contract support through regional contracts with local riders.
- Share best practices through regional meetings and materials (fact sheets, resource guides, etc.).

Sustainable Transportation

Regional Support Activity

Electric Vehicles Purchasing

Driving Factors

Economies of scale and obtain EVs at more cost efficient rates

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Cooperative procurement

How can COG Help?

- Regional aggregation of demand
- Publicize EV solutions
- Coordinate closely with Clean Cities, WANADA, and EVSE industry.
- Support local or subregional EV buying coops

Sustainable Transportation

Regional Support Activity

Build out EV Charging Infrastructure

Driving Factors

Increasing availability of funding sources such as TCI, Federal High Administration's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Fund and DOT's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Identify potential barriers and demand, and identify solutions for implementation

How can COG Help?

- Regional research coordination, information gathering, provisions of plans and resources
- Advocacy for national and regional programs
- Support local EV planning initiatives

Sustainable Transportation

Regional Support Activity

Electrify medium and heavy duty fleets (school, delivery, transit)

Driving Factors

Increasing percentage of heavy duty vehicle emissions as part of the region's mobile sector greenhouse gas emissions

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Identify potential barriers and demand, and identify solutions for implementation

How can COG Help?

- Regional research coordination, local information gathering
- Track State and Federal initiatives, advocate for State actions
- Support partners with grant applications or other resources
- Explore cooperative procurement

Sustainable Transportation

Regional Support Activity

Biofuels

Driving Factors

Increasing availability of and interest in renewable biofuels

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Expand biofuel fueling facilities

How can COG Help?

- Share best practices through regional meetings and materials (fact sheets, resource guides, etc.)
- Scale up fueling facilities when, from a life-cycle perspective, consumption of biofuels contribute to GHG emissions reductions

Built Environment/Sustainable Transportation

Regional Support Activity

Planning for Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure

Driving Factors

Facilitate sustainable planning processes to ensure infrastructure and development decisions incorporate considerations about emissions impacts

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Supportive improvements in transportation and land use planning for bicycling/pedestrians

How can COG Help?

- Share best practices through regional meetings and materials (fact sheets, resource guides etc.).
- Enhance cooperation among COG's Department of Environmental Programs and Department of Transportation Planning

Built Environment/Sustainable Transportation

Regional Support Activity

Planning for Activity Centers

Driving Factors

Increased use of sustainable planning processes that ensure infrastructure and development decisions incorporate considerations about energy efficiency, environmental sustainability, improved residential and commercial space utilization, and emissions impacts

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Enhanced sustainability focus in comprehensive planning and zoning

How can COG Help?

- Share best practices through regional meetings and materials (fact sheets, resource guides, etc.)
- Address both new and existing construction

Built Environment/Sustainable Transportation

Regional Support Activity

Increase the Value of Land Resources

Driving Factors

Growing recognition of the positive valuation of land resources that have important roles in emissions reductions (i.e., carbon sinks, tree canopy)

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Update planning and zoning guidelines

How can COG Help?

- Share best practices through regional meetings and materials (fact sheets, resource guides, model ordinances, etc).
- Support protection and management of green infrastructure

Waste

Regional Support Activity

Organic Waste Pickup and Composting

Driving Factors

Increasing consumer interest in organic waste processing and circular economy principles

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Cooperative procurement

How can COG Help?

- Regional aggregation of demand
- Facilitate regionally shared composting projects

Waste

Regional Support Activity

Refrigerant Disposal and Leak
Detection

Driving Factors

Increasing percentage of refrigerant
emissions as part of the region's
greenhouse gas emissions

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Develop handling and
disposal programs

How can COG Help?

- Share best practices through regional meetings and materials (fact sheets, resource guides etc.)
- Develop region-wide education on proper handling and disposal of high Global Warming Potential Refrigerants from coolers, air conditioners, and other appliances; likely targeting grocery stores for leak detection

Waste

Regional Support Activity

Remove Barriers to Reuse

Driving Factors

Increasing recognition of the problems with single-use packaging

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Update health codes and guidelines

How can COG Help?

- Share best practices through regional meetings and materials (fact sheets, resource guides etc.)
- Implement a more direct measure at reducing waste than the more common approach of taxing plastic bags

Waste

Regional Support Activity

Build Markets for Circularity

Driving Factors

Increasing public interest in circular economy principles

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Explore circular economy opportunities

How can COG Help?

- Share best practices through regional meetings and materials (fact sheets, resource guides etc.)
- Identify overall potential to build markets for recovered materials in public works projects

Equity

Regional Support Activity

Incorporate equity in programs

Driving Factors

Increasing realization of the need to address vulnerable populations

Main Areas of Focus/Desired Outcome

Assess impacts on vulnerable populations as part of program planning and measuring

How can COG Help?

- Share best practices
- Support local efforts to invest in solar and efficiency in the low and moderate income sector
- Work with GCoM to define what energy access means in the metropolitan Washington region

Next Steps

- Circulate revised list reflecting feedback
- Begin developing draft 2030 Plan Document
- Re-Schedule In-Person Workshop or Work Together Virtually for further refinement
- Share with other US Metro Scale Climate Leaders
- Consider ways to incorporate local action support into the plan

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