

To: COG Board of Directors From: David J. Robertson, Executive Director

### October 2010 Outreach

(Staff contact: David J. Robertson, 202-962-3260)

- Met with Mayor Bruce Williams (City of Takoma Park) on October 4 to discuss update to COG's strategic plan.
- Met with staff of the Freddie Mac Foundation on October 5 to discuss program priorities and funding for the Wednesday's Child program and related child welfare activities.
- Spoke at a meeting of the Urban Land Institute-Washington District Council on October 6.
- Met with Board Member Mary Hynes (Arlington County) on October 7 to discuss regional aviation issues.
- Attended the Leadership Greater Washington luncheon on October 14.
- Attended the ICMA annual conference October 17 to 19 in San Jose, California.
- Participated in a local-state briefing to staff of the U.S. Senate, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on October 26 on the National Capital Region homeland security strategic plan.
- Attended the American Planning Association National Capital Area Chapter awards reception on October 26.
- Attended and spoke at Companies for Cause on October 27; Companies for Cause is a meeting of private sector foundations, and philanthropic and non-profit organizations.
- Met with Montgomery County staff on October 28 to discuss regional and local performance measurement programs.
- Met with Supervisor Penelope Gross (Fairfax County) on October 28 concerning the WMATA governance review task force.

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# **Community Planning and Services**

(Staff contact: Paul DesJardin, Director, 202-962-3293)

- DCPS/Child Welfare staff attended the Congressional Coalition on Adoption's Angels in Adoption Fair on October 4.
- DCPS staff and the Executive Director met on October 5 with Freddie Mac Wednesday's Child senior community programs staff to discuss proposed new foster care and Wednesday's Child initiatives.
- DCPS staff participated in the Urban Land Institute's 2010 International Conference and Exposition, which was held October 12-15.
- DCPS Director participated in and led the October 14 meeting of the Capital Area Foreclosure Network (CAFN) Leadership Committee.
- DCPS staff participated in the Capital Area Foreclosure Network webinar "Rising Foreclosures Overwhelm Washington Area Counseling Organizations" on October 18, which launched Housing Counselor Appreciation Week.
- DCPS staff participated in the Capital Area Foreclosure Network luncheon to honor housing counselors sponsored by the Metropolitan Washington Bankers Group.
- DCPS/Child Welfare staff hosted a Wednesday's Child Lunch and Learn presentation at Prince George's County Department of Social Services on October 22.
- DCPS Director met with Fannie Mae staff and CAFN leadership to discuss potential new program funding opportunity on October 28 at the Nonprofit Roundtable.
- DCPS staff presented the Round 8 Cooperative Forecasts to the Threats to Urban Forest Ecosystems 2nd Annual Conference on October 28 at the Patuxent Wildlife Visitors Center.

# **Environmental Programs**

(Staff contact: Stuart Freudberg, Director, 202-962-3340).

• DEP staff spoke at the Agenda Alexandria meeting on October 27. The event focused on recycling and also featured Stacy Herring of the City of Alexandria and Jim Marcinko of Waste Management, Inc.

## Public Safety and Health

(Staff contact: David McMillion, Director, 202-962-3207)

- DPSH staff hosted the 2010 Animal Services Awards at COG on October 1. The event honors people who serve the wildlife and domestic animals and who provide care to many species of animals when they are unable to adequately care for themselves.
- DPSH staff worked with COG's Office of Public Affairs on a community outreach plan for the National Capital Region Homeland Security Strategic Plan, which was released in October.

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### **Transportation Planning**

(Staff contact: Ron Kirby, Director, 202-962-3310)

- DTP Director appeared with TPB Chairman Dave Snyder on TBD's NewsTalk program to discuss transportation financing and the CLRP Financial Analysis on October 22.
- Commuter Connections launched the Baltimore region/St. Mary's Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) program on October 4.
- Commuter Connections staff participated in the Veteran's Administration Commuter Transportation Fair in DC on October 15.
- Commuter Connections staff participated in the US Health and Human Services Commuter Transportation Fair in DC on October 20.
- Commuter Connections staff participated in the SSA Commuter Transportation Fair in Falls Church on October 20.
- Commuter Connections re-launched the regional 'Pool Rewards carpool incentive program on October 25.
- Commuter Connections Director briefed the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board at the Baltimore Metropolitan Council on the Baltimore GRH project on October 26.
- Commuter Connections Director participated and spoke at an MTA press event for the Baltimore GRH project on October 28.