



MULTI-SECTOR WORKING GROUP

Update

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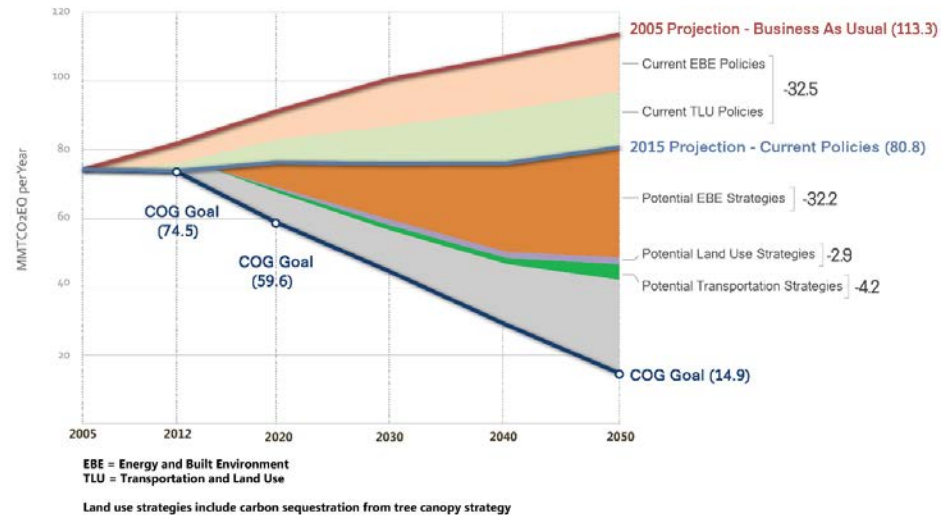
Background

- What
 - Multi-Sector Working Group – Develop consensus, technically viable & cost-effective actions to reduce energy use & greenhouse gas emissions
- Why
 - Move the region towards the regional GHG emission reduction goals from 2008 NCR Climate Change Report and Region Forward
- Emission Reduction Goals
 - Short-term – Reduce 2012 levels to 2005 baseline
 - Interim – Reduce 20% below 2005 baseline by 2020
 - Long-term – Reduce 80% below 2005 baseline by 2050



Multi-Sector Working Group Findings

- Actions “on-the-books” move the region about **one-third** toward the **2050 goal**
- **Twenty-two strategies** could move the region about an additional **one-third** toward the **2050 goal**. Sectors included
 - Built Environment
 - Energy Production
 - Land Use
 - Transportation
- **Future strategies** needed to close the gap



COG Board Resolution R59-2015

- Multi-Sector Working Group interim report presented to COG Board in October, 2015
- Board Resolution R59-2015
 - Prepare consensus recommendation of strategies for a regional action plan
 - Established a Policy Work Group of elected officials from the COG Board, MWAQC, TPB & CEEPC to report back consensus
- Policy Work Group members
 - District of Columbia: Mr. McDuffie, Mr. Mendelson & Ms. Nadeau
 - Maryland: Mr. Berliner, Ms. Gardner, Ms. Mach, Ms. Newton & Mr. Wojahn
 - Virginia: Ms. Bulova, Mr. Fisette, Mr. Nohe, Mr. Snyder & Mr. Way



Policy Work Group Actions

- COG staff developed a strawman document for Policy Work Group consideration
 - Strategies for region-wide implementation
 - Strategies for local implementation
 - Strategies needing more assessment
- Policy Work Group
 - Requested input from jurisdictional staff
 - Are proposed strategies and implementation levels consistent with local, regional or state policy?
 - What actions could be put in place within the jurisdiction to implement the strategy?
 - Better to take more time due to significance of issues



Building Consensus Recommendations

- Sent questionnaire to environmental, planning & transportation departments in COG member jurisdictions
- Requested responses by April 8
 - Provide adequate time to respond
 - Minimize disruption of local staff
- Responses being compiled
- Staff to report back to Policy Work Group
- Work Group to bring final recommendation to COG Board
 - Provide direction on developing follow up action plans

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