

Region Forward: Measuring Progress

Sustainability Targets – 2018 Update

Target	By 2020, construct 5,000 certified green buildings ¹	By 2020, reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions by 20% below 2005 levels	Beginning in 2014, the region's air quality will be improving and ambient concentrations will be reduced below federal standards	The region will identify, conserve, and enhance a network of protected open spaces, parks and green infrastructure to provide ecological benefits, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, and scenic beauty	By 2050, 50% of all sentinel watersheds will be in good or excellent condition	By 2025, achieve 100% of Chesapeake Bay Program's Water Quality Implementation Goals	Beginning in 2012, the region will maintain more than 497,500 acres of its area for agricultural uses ²
Latest Estimate:	3,553	10%	0.72	26%	Data not updated since 2010	100%	498,946
Trend					Not Determined		
Meet/Do Not Meet					Not Determined		
Source / Date	COG's 2020 Regional Climate and Energy Action Plan, 2016	Draft COG Greenhouse Gas Inventories, 2005, 2012, 2015 (report and fact sheet will be published this summer)	EPA Design Value Reports, https://www.epa.gov/air-trends/air-quality-design-values , 2016	Chesapeake Bay Program GIS data. https://www.chesapeakebay.net/w/hat/data , 2015-2016	Chesapeake Watershed stream health data, http://www.chesapeakeprogress.com/abundant-life/stream-health	Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Tracker, https://tmdl.chesapeakebay.net/	USDA Census of Agricultural, https://www.agcensus.usda.gov/ , 2012

Notes:

- ¹ Target revised to show number of high-performance buildings. The data on square footage of LEED commercial construction is no longer available.
- ² Charles County was not a member of COG when the original 450,000 acre goal was set. The goal has been adjusted to include Charles County.
- ³ Attaining 2008 (0.75) but not 2015 (0.70) Ozone Standard. Long-term trend down.

Region Forward Coalition Members: During 2018, you will be provided with updates on the Region Forward Targets. Throughout today's meeting, please consider the following questions:

1. What comments or concerns can you share about performance toward our sustainability targets?

2. Given the COG Board's adoption of 19 goals and 7 targets, would you suggest any enhancements (change of threshold, etc.) to be considered in the future relative to sustainability?

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