

CLIMATE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY COMMITTEE (CEEPC) PROJECT UPDATES

Local Climate Planning Support

COG's Climate and Energy Team has been supporting the development of several local climate and energy related plans and implementation studies. In addition to technical support from COG staff, COG has contracts with ICF and Cadmus which local jurisdictions can access to support their local climate mitigation, resilience, or sector-based planning efforts. COG staff is currently supporting the development of the Loudoun County Energy Strategy update and the Frederick County climate action plan for government operations. Please contact [Jeff King](#) to answer questions or get you connected with support from staff or the consultants.

CEEPC Legislative Committee

CEEPC's Legislative Committee has commented in support of or opposition to a number of bills in the Council of the District of Columbia, Maryland's General Assembly, and Virginia's General Assembly.

- In the District of Columbia, the Legislative Committee commented in support of the Clean Energy DC Building Code Amendment Act of 2021, as well as the Climate Commitment Act of 2021.
- In Virginia, the Legislative Committee sent comment letters opposing actions that would repeal or negatively impact the Commonwealth's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), as well as a bill that delayed low-emissions and zero-emissions vehicle standards. None of these bills were passed. The committee also provided comment in support of expansion of building codes provisions and standards, fleet electrification, and green banks. Only one of these passed related to electric vehicle (EV) charging stations.
- In Maryland, the Legislative Committee sent comment letters in support of the establishment of the Resiliency Hub Grant Program and Fund and the Sustainable Maryland Program Fund, which have both passed to the opposite chamber. The committee also commented in support of the Transportation Electrification and Modernization (TEAM) Act, and the County and Municipal Street Lighting Investment Act, which were not passed.

Additionally, COG staff have drafted a joint TPB/MWAQC/CEEPC comment letter in support of EPA's Proposed Rule Regarding Control of Air Pollution from New Motor Vehicles: Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards. Once published in the Federal Register, COG staff will work to submit comment on the proposed rule. Please contact [Tim Masters](#) with any questions.

Greenhouse Gas Inventory Work Session

COG's Climate and Energy Team held a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory Work Session on March 17 to engage with local government technical staff on COG's Built Environment and Energy Advisory Committee (BEEAC) regarding the development of the 2020 GHG inventory. At this work session, the project timeline was discussed, along with updated trends in energy consumption and renewables, electric and natural gas draft GHG emissions estimates, COVID impacts, methodology updates, and ideas relating to the eventual promotion of results. Related to this, the deadline for COG's annual Utility Energy Data Survey is March 31, and COG staff will be analyzing calendar year 2021 utility energy data in the coming months. Please contact [Maia Davis](#) with any questions.

Climate and Energy Leadership Awards

The 2022 Climate and Energy Leadership Program will begin on Earth Day, April 22. The Program first launched on Earth Day in 2014 by the Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee (ACPAC) as a way to highlight projects and programs that address climate issues in the region. The Program sets out to recognize efforts in 3 sectors:

- Government Agency (local, state, regional, quasi-govt, utilities, or authorities)
- Non-Governmental Organization (non-profit, citizen, or community-based groups) and
- Educational Institution (K-12, public, private, or higher education).

The program will run through the end of June 2022. Awardees will be announced at the fall COG Board Meeting. Please contact [Leah Boggs](#) with any questions.

DMV Climate Partners

About one year ago, COG launched the [DMV Climate Partners](#) website as a platform to better educate area leaders and residents about local, regional, national, and international efforts underway to fight climate change and spur further action. Over the past year, COG staff have sent subscribers the weekly DMV Climate Clips, which includes the latest regional, national and international climate and energy news, funding opportunities, job opportunities, as well as resources for COG members and the region's residents. Please contact [Maia Davis](#) with any questions.

Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR)

COG is managing a Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) project in the District of Columbia, supporting Joint Base Anacostia Bolling, Naval Research Laboratory, Washington Navy Yard, and Ft. McNair. The planning project focuses on identifying risks or vulnerabilities on the installations that could be mitigated through directed investments in the community. COG's consultant team, ICF, has completed the initial vulnerability assessments and is now working to identify and prioritize a set of resilient solutions. Please contact [Jeff King](#) with any questions or suggestions.