



REGION FORWARD COALITION “SUSTAINABILITY” BREAKOUT

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Discussion Question #1

How has climate resilience been incorporated into (and/or how would you like to see climate resilience incorporated into) your jurisdiction's plans? Examples may include capital improvement plans, comprehensive plans, or otherwise.

- Arlington County: Community Energy Plan (CEP) and Energy Assurance Plan (EAP)
 - 2019 CEP update included resilience chapter
 - EAP development will improve the county's climate readiness and resilience
- City of Frederick: Guidance on Incorporating Climate Resilience into the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
 - Ensures that investments committed to in the CIP will be addressed and will provide the intended benefits



Discussion Question #2

What are the barriers to resilience? Examples may include topics ranging from funding to policy, planning, programming, and political will.

- Planning Barriers
 - Lack of guidance in linking resilience planning with climate mitigation and sustainability and other planning documents and efforts to maximize effectiveness
- Programming Barriers
 - Insufficient staff and funding resources for implementation
 - Metrics for evaluating efficacy of proposed resilience measures



Discussion Question #3

Given the many competing priorities within our region and individual jurisdictions, how do we work together to prioritize climate resilience?

- Identify opportunities to replicate strategies and planning tools
 - Ex. City of Frederick's Guidance on Incorporating Climate Resilience into the CIP
- Identify and develop best practices that can be shared across the region





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