

Major Challenges Identified in the Region Forward Performance Baseline

Target



Smart Growth: Beginning in 2012, capture 75% of the square footage of new commercial construction and 50% of new households in Regional Activity Centers



The region needs to capture at least 29% more commercial construction square feet and 20% more residential units in Regional Activity Centers

Transportation System Management & Performance:

The region's transportation system will give priority to management, performance, maintenance, and safety of all transportation modes and facilities



A majority of CLRP funding is dedicated to operations and maintenance, but additional funding is necessary to meet the management, performance, maintenance, and safety needs of the system.

Housing in Activity Centers:

Beginning in 2012, at least 80% of new or preserved affordable housing units will be located in Regional Activity Centers



Approximately 18% of the region's subsidized housing units are located in Activity Centers. The proportion of market-rate affordable units in centers cannot be accurately measured given current data, and measuring the *change* in both subsidized and market-rate affordable units is challenging.

Greenhouse Gas: By 2020, reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions by 20% below 2005 levels, and by 2050, reduce emissions by 80% below 2005 levels



If regional emissions reduction policies are fully implemented, the region will contribute to reducing global greenhouse gas emissions.

Waterway Health: By 2050, 50% of all sentinel watersheds will be in good or excellent condition



8% of watersheds are in good or excellent condition

Agricultural Land: Beginning in 2012, the region will maintain more than 450,000 acres of agricultural land in farms



The region currently has more than 450,000 acres of agricultural land, but thousands of acres are lost every year

Affordable Housing Base:

Beginning in 2012, the region will maintain a minimum of 10% of housing stock affordable to households earning less than 80% of the regional median income



Approximately 5% of the region's total housing stock is subsidized affordable. More research is needed to estimate the market-rate affordable housing, which is more difficult to measure. Meeting this target as the region grows will require significant housing production, as well as aggressive efforts to preserve existing subsidized housing.

BASELINE PROGRESS REPORT

Updated Every 3-4 Years

This report is a tool for residents and leaders to understand where we are making progress, and where we are struggling to meet our regional goals. Targets can be adjusted based on the findings in a progress report or a new visioning process

28 Targets

Divided into 4 categories: Accessibility, Sustainability, Prosperity, and Livability

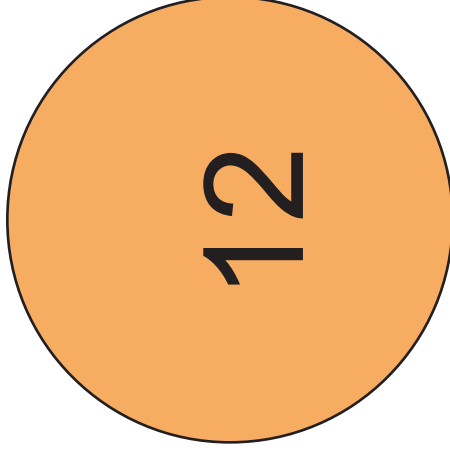
4 Challenge Levels

Categorized by COG Subject Matter Experts
Based on the extent of changes to existing policies, programs, or processes to reverse trends and or achieve the target

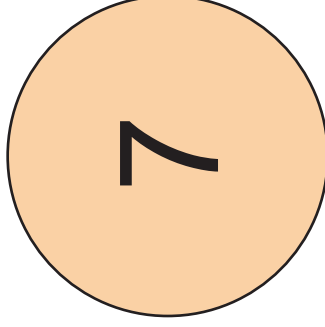
Major



Moderate



Minor



Insufficient Data



Regional Data

The targets and data in this report target the region as a whole. Region Forward is designed to foster regional cooperation for identifying and solving the National Capital Region's most pressing challenges.