Climate Energy Outreach Coordination Workgroup

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COG Climate Report: Energy Outreach Recommendation

- Implement a regional public education campaign
- Develop partnerships with private sector & others
- Support COG member outreach efforts



CC and Energy Outreach Coordination Workgroup

- Formed in April 2009, meets quarterly
- Purpose:
 - Share information about campaigns and messages being launched in the metropolitan Washington region
 - Develop areas for collaboration
 - Consider opportunities to develop regional outreach campaign

Participants in Energy Outreach Coordination Group

- Energy providers
 - Electric utilities
 - Gas utilities
- State Energy offices
- Utility regulators
- Local governments
- Clean Air Partners
- MWCOG



Many EE Campaigns and Messages

- EMPower MD (MD Energy Admin)
- Virginia Energy Sense (VA SCC)



- Heat Smart, Cool Aid (District PSC)
- General Awareness Campaign (MD PSC, Pepco, BG&E, SMECO, Allegheny)
- Clean Steps Conserve (Washington Gas)

Local Campaigns

- AIRE (Arlington Initiative to Reduce Emissions)
- Loudoun County, Green Business Challenge
- Energy Community leaders(Montgomery Co.)
- Being planned: Fairfax County, Montgomery County, District of Columbia







Initiatives

- Dominion:
 - Smartgrid pilot in Charlottesville, VA
- Pepco:
 - online energy audits
- WJLA (Channel 7):
 - Home Energy Makeover to create demand in the Washington region for energy-saving products & services
- RePower at Home
 - House parties planned in 5 MD counties



Online Tools

Opower:

 software for reporting energy efficiency online; works through utilities (ex: Dominion)

EarthAid:

 Web-based application for electric, gas and water bills. Rewards program for saving energy. 46 vendors in DC area.



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Social Media Focus

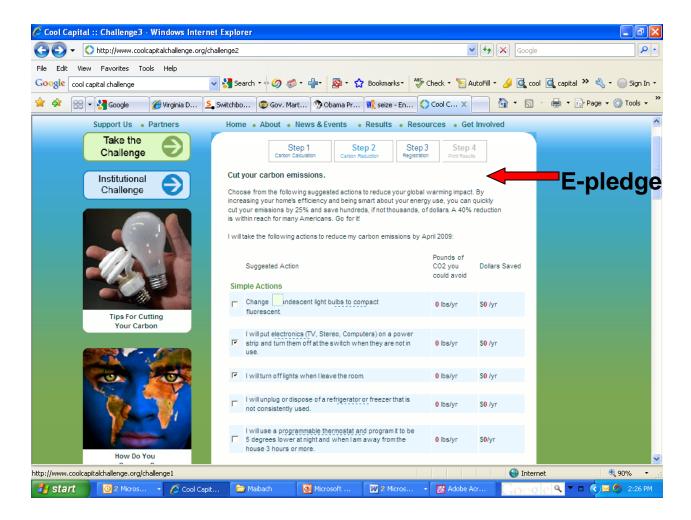
 Use of competition between neighbors, neighborhoods, communities to promote energy efficiency

 Webtools: Opower, Earthaid, Facebook, CoolCapitalChallenge

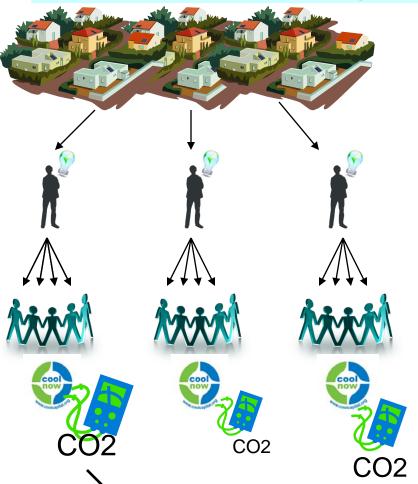
The Cool Capital Challenge



Aggregate CO2/ \$\$ savings METER



Project 2 A Cool Neighborhood Challenge



Select one participating CA/HOA (criteria = size + interest for the challenge)

COG + members **Sept 09**

Identify one **Energy Action Coordinator** per chapter/
neighborhood -> "Energy Training"

COG + HOA Oct 09

COOL NEIGHBORHOOD CHALLENGE

One team per neighborhood

HOA/ neighborhood teams **Nov 2009->**

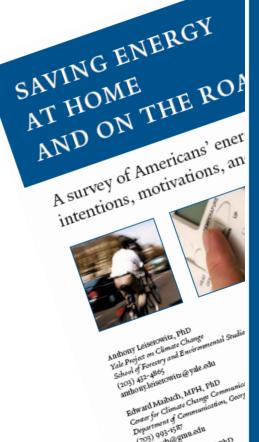
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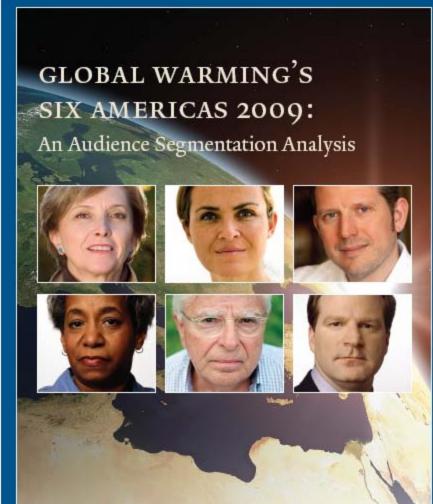
Award the neighborhood that has pledged to save the most CO2

COG March 2010



Global Warming's "Six Americas"





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Figure 1: Proportion of the U.S. adult population in the Six Americas

Proportion represented by area



Highest Belief in Global Warming Most Concerned Most Motivated

n=2,129

Lowest Belief in Global Warming Least Concerned Least Motivated







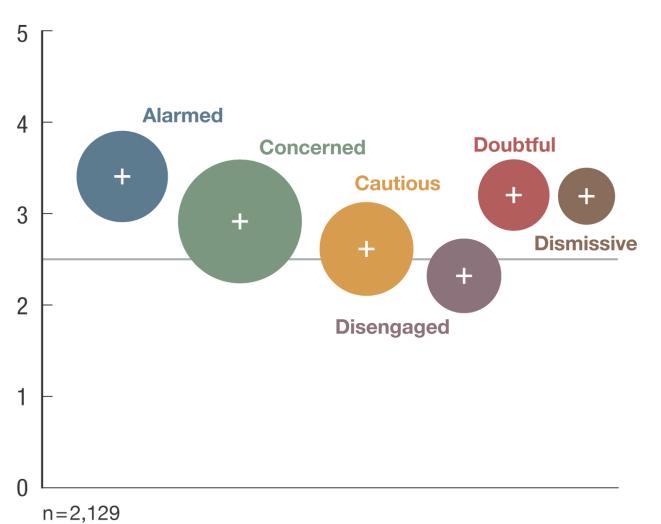






Figure 26: Number of energy efficiency improvements made to home

Number of improvements made from the following list of five: Insulating the attic; caulking and weather-stripping the home; installation of an energy-efficient water heater; installation of an energy-efficient air conditioner.



Three take-away points (Ed Maibach):

- 1. With regard to global warming beliefs, issue involvement, behaviors & policy preferences, there are six distinct strikingly different groups of Americans.
- 2. The same six groups are Americans have strikingly similar energy savings-related beliefs, behaviors & policy preferences.
 - America is ready for a national initiative on saving energy
- 3. COG has great potential to offer a package of benefits that are highly attractive to people in all six audience segments.

Next Steps

- Identify a cross-cutting regional outreach initiative focused on energy conservation that benefits from and builds on current state and local initiatives
- Seek partners and engage funders
- Design during 2010
- Implement by 2011