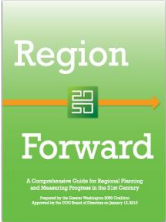




















# COG Member Collaborative Climate Program Commitments

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	<p>The <b>Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments’ (COG) <a href="#">Region Forward Vision</a></b> focuses on creating a more prosperous, accessible, livable, and sustainable metropolitan Washington. All COG members in 2010 signed onto the Region Forward goals by adopting via their local governing body (i.e. city council, county commission). The climate and energy goals include commitments to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and the efficient use of energy, with reliance on renewable energy and alternative fuels.</p> <p>COG’s <a href="#">Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee</a> (CEEPC) is responsible for developing and implementing a regional climate change strategy and working collaboratively towards the specific targets of reducing GHG emissions 20% by 2020 and 80% by 2050, below 2005 levels. These targets were adopted by the COG Board in 2008. These targets (or more aggressive targets) have been locally adopted by several COG members.</p>	<p><b>All COG Member Local Governments</b></p>
	<p>The <a href="#">Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate &amp; Energy</a> (GCoM) is the largest global alliance for local climate leadership working toward a resilient and low-emission society. Over 9,000 local governments from 6 continents and 132 countries are signatories. GCoM, formed in 2017, is a merger of the Covenant of Mayors (formed in 2008) and the Compact of Mayors (formed in 2014). Signatory in both initiatives merged into GCoM. GCoM cities are working toward a goal of reducing GHG emissions 40% by 2030. Signatories communicate their commitment to citizens, develop citywide knowledge, goals, and plans that aim at least as high as their country’s own climate protections commitments to the Paris Climate Agreement, and track and report their progress every two years.</p>	<p>District of Columbia Arlington County Town of Bladensburg City of Greenbelt City of Takoma Park</p>
	<p>The <a href="#">Climate Emergency Campaign</a> encourages governments to adopt an emergency response to climate change with a commitment to reach zero emissions at emergency speed and for elected officials to become emergency Climate Mobilization advocates. The first government to declare a climate emergency was in 2016. There are now more than 860 governments across 18 countries that have declared a climate emergency. The Climate Mobilization is a non-profit that develops and advocates for climate mobilization policies and leads this campaign. Organizer tools, declaration templates and other resources are available.</p>	<p>Montgomery County City of Takoma Park City of Alexandria</p>

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	<p>The <a href="#">We Are Still In</a> pledge is an open letter signed by multiple types of entities, including universities, businesses, non-profits, and governments declaring that signatories will continue to support climate action to meet the Paris Agreement. The group formed in 2017 in the wake of the US announcing it would withdraw from the Paris Agreement. There are no tracking requirements, but signatories can submit information on their climate actions and the organization will connect them to resources and support.</p>	<p>District of Columbia  Commonwealth of Virginia  Arlington County  City of Alexandria  City of College Park  City of Fairfax  City of Falls Church  City of Gaithersburg  City of Laurel  City of Rockville  City of Takoma Park  Fairfax County  Frederick County  Montgomery County  Prince George's County</p>
	<p>The <b>Mayors National Climate Action Agenda</b>, aka <a href="#">Climate Mayors</a>, founded in 2014, is a network of mayors that work together to strengthen local efforts for reducing GHG emissions and support binding federal and global-level policymaking.</p> <p>There are no binding commitments as a Climate Mayors member, only that cities are pursuing actions to achieve an emissions reduction target through developing a GHG inventory, setting near- and long-term targets to reduce emissions, and developing a Climate Action Plan aligned with the city's targets.</p>	<p>District of Columbia  City of Alexandria  City of College Park  City of Fairfax  City of Falls Church  City of Greenbelt  City of Hyattsville  City of Laurel  City of Takoma Park  Fairfax County</p>
	<p>The <b>US Conference of Mayors</b> launched the <a href="#">Mayors Climate Protection Agreement</a> in 2005 after 141 nations ratified the Kyoto Protocol. Participating cities commit to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strive to meet or beat the Kyoto Protocol targets in their own communities.</li> <li>• Urge their state governments, and the federal government, to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the GHG emission reduction target suggested for the US in the Kyoto Protocol (7% reduction from 1990 levels by 2012).</li> <li>• Urge the US Congress to pass bipartisan GHG reduction legislation, which would create a national emission trading system.</li> </ul>	<p>District of Columbia  City of Alexandria  City of Laurel  City of Takoma Park  City of Gaithersburg  City of Rockville</p>

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	<p><a href="#">C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40)</a>, founded in 2005, is a network of 94 of the world’s megacities committed to addressing climate change and achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement. C40 supports cities to collaborate effectively, share knowledge and drive meaningful, measurable and sustainable action on climate change.</p>	District of Columbia
	<p>The <a href="#">Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance (CNCA)</a>, founded in 2014, is a collaboration of cities working to cut GHG emissions by 80-100% by 2050 or sooner. Cities must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Council formally adopted community-wide carbon neutrality goal across all sectors.</li> <li>• Developed, or is currently developing, community-wide carbon neutrality implementation plan.</li> <li>• Dedicated budget and staff allocated to implementing its carbon neutrality plan.</li> <li>• City is committed to active participation in the Alliance.</li> </ul>	District of Columbia
	<p>The <a href="#">Sierra Club’s Ready for 100</a> campaign, launched in 2016, is a national movement of people working to inspire our leaders to embrace 100% clean, renewable energy. Commitments often start with a statement or proclamation in support of 100% renewable energy that moves to a binding commitment, but communities can commit through a variety of pathways.</p>	Arlington County City of Alexandria
	<p>Launched in 2017, <a href="#">The Climate Reality Project’s 100% Committed</a> campaign helps communities, businesses, and schools commit and shift to 100-percent renewable electricity by 2030.</p>	None
	<p>The <a href="#">Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment</a> challenges companies, cities, states and regions to reach Net Zero operating emissions in their portfolios by 2030, and to advocate for all buildings to be Net Zero in operation by 2050. This Commitment initiative launched in 2018 to help ensure delivery of the highest ambitions of the Paris Agreement. Signatories commit to the goals, annually measuring and disclosing asset and portfolio energy demand and carbon emissions, developing and implementing a carbon roadmap, demonstrate progress and advocate for the transition to net zero carbon buildings. Partner organizations include the World Green Building Council, C40 Cities, and Under2 Coalition.</p>	District of Columbia Arlington County

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	<p>The <a href="#">Under2 Coalition</a>, founded in 2015, is a group of ambitious city, state, and regional governments representing 1.3 billion people and 43% of the global economy that are committed to deep decarbonization pathway planning, scaling innovative policy solutions, and transparency to keep the global temperature rise to well below 2 degrees Celsius. Under2 Coalition promotes capacity building and peer learning amongst members, encourages members to disclose annually to CDP, and provides members guidance resources.</p>	<p>State of Maryland Commonwealth of Virginia Montgomery County</p>
	<p>The <a href="#">United States Climate Alliance</a> is a bipartisan coalition of 24 governors committed to reducing GHGs consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement. The Alliance launched in 2017 in response to the US decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement. Member states commit to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement policies that advance the goals of the Paris Agreement, aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 26-28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025.</li> <li>• Track and report progress to the global community in appropriate settings, including when the world convenes to take stock of the Paris Agreement.</li> <li>• Accelerate new and existing policies to reduce carbon pollution and promote clean energy deployment at the state and federal level.</li> </ul>	<p>State of Maryland Commonwealth of Virginia</p>
	<p>The <a href="#">Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)</a>, established in 2009, is the first mandatory market-based program in the US to reduce GHGs. RGGI is a cooperative effort among the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont to cap and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the power sector.</p>	<p>State of Maryland Commonwealth of Virginia</p>
	<p>The <a href="#">Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)</a>, launched in 2010 and modeled after RGGI, is a regional collaboration of 12 Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states and the District of Columbia that are committed to improve transportation, develop the clean energy economy, and reduce carbon emissions from the transportation sector.</p>	<p>District of Columbia State of Maryland Commonwealth of Virginia</p>
	<p>The <b>METREX Agreement</b>, established in 2008, is an agreement to cooperate on building knowledge to advance climate change policies between US and European regions. Signatories include the Network of European Metropolitan Regions and Areas, the National Association of Regional Councils, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), and COG.</p>	<p>NVRC COG</p>

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	<p>The <a href="#">LEED for Cities and Communities</a> programs, established in 2018, provide cities and communities with a globally consistent way to measure and communicate performance. Localities achieving LEED designation develop responsible, sustainable, and specific plans for natural systems, energy, water, waste, transportation and other factors that contribute to quality of life.</p>	<p>District of Columbia Arlington County Montgomery County</p>
	<p>Established in 2011, <a href="#">Sustainable Maryland</a> is a certification program for municipalities in Maryland that want to go green, save money and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term. There are currently 75 Maryland communities participating, 35 of which are currently certified. The program offers guidance, trainings, and technical support. Sustainable Maryland is a collaborative program of the Environmental Finance Center at the University of Maryland and the Maryland Municipal League.</p>	<p>Town of Bladensburg City of Bowie City of College Park City of Frederick City of Gaithersburg City of Greenbelt City of Hyattsville City of Laurel City of Rockville City of Takoma Park</p>
	<p>The Virginia Municipal League's <a href="#">Go Green Virginia</a> initiative (Go Green Va) recognizes that communities need to take innovative steps to reduce energy usage and promote sustainability. Most importantly, member local governments are urged to participate in a friendly competition known as the Green Government Challenge. The "Challenge" is designed to encourage implementation of specific environmental policies and practical actions that not only reduce carbon emissions but can save local governments money. Go Green VA is a program of the Virginia Municipal League, the Virginia Association of Counties, and the Virginia School Board Association.</p>	<p>Arlington County City of Alexandria City of Falls Church Loudoun County Prince William County</p>