# CLIMATE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY COMMITTEE (CEEPC) PROJECT UPDATES

## **Electric Vehicle Deployment Planning Support**

The Metropolitan Washington 2030 Climate and Energy Action Plan calls for the build out of the regional electric vehicle (EV) charging network. Funding for EV charging network is coming down the pipeline per the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. To prepare for advancing EV charging infrastructure deployment, COG is coordinating EV deployment planning initiative that includes EV ownership projections and an assessment of priority local EV charging zones. COG is currently working with Frederick and Prince George's County on local community EV charging infrastructure deployment plans. Please contact <a href="Leff King">Leff King</a> to answer questions or get your community connected with this opportunity.

## **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 <a href="Leff King">Leff King</a> to answer questions or get you connected with support from staff or the consultants.

#### **Greenhouse Gas Inventories**

COG is developing currently local and regional greenhouse gas inventories for 2020. Each COG member jurisdiction will receive a draft of their inventory data this summer for review. Please contact Maia Davis with any questions.

# **Climate and Energy Leadership Awards**

The 2022 Climate and Energy Leadership Program launched on Earth Day, April 22. The Awards Program recognize organizations that develop climate stewardship projects and programs that engage and serve the region's underserved communities. The awards program highlights a broad range of climate solutions for their unique engagement practices as well as their results, creativity, and replicability. 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).

Applications are being accepted now through the end of June 2022. Awardees will be announced at the fall COG Board Meeting. Please contact <u>Leah Boggs</u> with any questions.

#### **DMV Climate Partners**

Last year, on Earth Day 2021, COG launched the <u>DMV Climate Partners</u> 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.

To kick off year 2, COG is currently promoting a Subscription Campaign to encourage additional interested stakeholders to sign up for the DMV Climate Clips. CEEPC members are encouraged to share the <u>subscription link</u> with your local environmental commissions, green teams, local environmental non-profits, and other stakeholders. Please contact <u>Maia Davis</u> 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 working to identify and prioritize a set of resilient solutions. Please contact Jeff King with any questions or suggestions.