

**Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC)**  
**Updates and Announcements**  
**May 27, 2015**

**Climate and Energy Leadership Awards**

The 2015 Awards Program will celebrate innovative achievements in GHG emission reduction. Four applicants will be recognized with a Climate and Energy Leadership Award in the fall of 2015. One award will be provided to each of the following categories:

- Small/Medium Community (population under 100,000)
- Large Community (population over 100,000)
- Non-Profit Organization
- Private Business

All local governments and school systems in the region are eligible to apply for the community award. COG member jurisdictions as well as non-member towns in the region are eligible. Applications can be submitted online at [www.mwcog.org/climateawards](http://www.mwcog.org/climateawards) or emailed to [Maia Davis](mailto:Maia.Davis@mwco.org) no later than June 30, 2015.

**Solarize**

In February, COG hired a team of consultants, led by Community Power Network (CPN) to support COG's members in education, outreach and organizing activities to launch solarize programs or solar-co-ops in their communities. Solar co-ops are wrapping up in Bowie, MD and Arlington, VA, underway in Rockville, MD and in Herndon, Vienna, Falls Church and Loudoun County, VA - and more are on the way!

**PACE Workgroup**

In March, CEEPC asked COG staff to establish a regional Workgroup to provide guidance to COG members developing Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing programs, and to encourage growth of the PACE market regionally. The workgroup, consisting of members from local and state government, financial institutions, real estate, energy service companies, and industry experts, held its first meeting on May 21 to establish goals and discuss its work program for the year. The next meeting will be in approximately one month, date TBD.

**Electric Vehicle Work Group**

The Electric Vehicle Work Group met on April 1, 2015. The purpose of the meeting was to present results of the COG-Vision Fleet Vehicle Assessment performed for the DC and the City of Alexandria. The next EV meeting will be a Regional EV Readiness Workshop on June 30 held at COG. The workshop is conducted in collaboration with the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council.

**Built Environment and Energy Advisory Committee**

The Built Environment and Energy Advisory Committee (BEEAC) and PACE (Property-Assessed Clean Energy) Financing Workgroup jointly met on May 21. The meeting topics included a presentation by the Green Impact Campaign which provides student-lead building energy assessments to small businesses in DC for free, as well as a presentation on a pedestrian and bicycle access study done by COG's

Department of Transportation Planning. The PACE segment focused development of the mission, scope, and work products for the workgroup. The next BEEAC meeting is canceled in lieu of the Multi-Sector Workgroup (MSWG) meeting which will be on June 18th. The next PACE Financing Workgroup meeting is being organized for June (date TBD).

### **Multi-Sector Working Group**

COG's Multi-Sector Working Group (MSWG) is charged with analyzing costs, benefits, and co-benefits of various greenhouse gas reduction strategies. To date 13 MSWG and subgroup meetings have taken place to inform the strategy development process. In addition, COG held a public input period in April that included discussions with the Air & Climate Public Advisory Committee and TPB's Citizen's Advisory Committee. Now the consultant hired for the project is analyzing how close the identified strategies will bring us to our regional greenhouse gas reduction goals. The consultant will bring forward the analysis results in July and August.

### **Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee**

The Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee (ACPAC) is the citizen advisory group to CEEPC on climate change and energy issues. At their April meeting they had a productive work session to provide detailed comments on the Multi-Sector Work Group strategies. In May ACPAC heard from U.S. DOE on the recently published Quadrennial Energy Review. Throughout the spring, ACPAC has been working on the design, launch and promotion of the 2015 Climate and Energy Leadership Awards Program.