

Summary of Climate-Related Activities of COG Committees Supporting CEEPC - November 2011

Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee Technical and Citizen Committees

Technical Committees

[Energy Advisory Committee](#)¹ (Jeff King and Leah Boggs | jking@mwkog.org and lboggs@mwkog.org)

- The EAC met on October 20th.
- Montgomery County discussed the County's Residential Energy Efficiency Program.
- Dominion Power discussed recent resource planning proposals, as well as upcoming distributed generation initiatives that could affect the region.
- Loudoun County provided a detailed presentation on EPA's Portfolio Manager and Master Account Sharing to demonstrate the benefits of using it to track and continually reduce energy use in Loudoun County schools.
- The next EAC meeting will be held on November 17, 2011.

[Intergovernmental Green Building Group \(IGBG\)](#) (Leah Boggs | lboggs@mwkog.org)

- The IGBG met on October 13th and November 10th.
- The meeting topics included public and private green leasing policies, the Smart Growth America grant opportunity for a LEED-ND workshop, the District Sustainability Plan and school siting guidelines. The committee also discussed better interface with schools.
- The next IGBG meeting will be held on January 12, 2012.

[Street Lights Working Group](#) (Jeff King | jking@mwkog.org)

- The group met on October 24.
- At the meeting the group heard presentations on the procurement process for the City of Los Angeles LED project, the differences between lighting at roundabouts and signal intersections, the Purcellville experience with two LED streetlight installations from TS&M, a remote control device and management system for any street lights, and an update on induction and LED technologies.
- The next meeting will be in January and suggested topics include a demonstration/update on Pepco's street light outage reporting system and a presentation on how DC is selecting its contractor for street light maintenance and replacement.

[Recycling Committee](#) (John Snarr | jsnarr@mwkog.org)

- Local governments met with a major recycling processor to increase understanding of how to communicate a common recycling message region-wide.
- COG will have regional prizes for America Recycles Day, November 15, for a K-12 student and one adult winner. Many local governments are running ARD events.
- COG will host a regional Organics Task Force meeting on November 21.

[CEEPC Outreach Committee](#) (Joan Rohlfis | jrohlfis@mwkog.org)

- The group met on November 7.
- At the November meeting the group reviewed a draft checklist and program proposal, and developed a working title and tagline for the program- Live Green Greater Washington: Challenge Yourself.
- The next meeting will be in January to look at a detailed implementation schedule and review a scope of desired website capabilities. The group will also review the next draft of the checklist.

[Energy Financing Task Force](#) (Jeff King | jking@mwkog.org)

- The next meeting of the Energy Financing Subcommittee will focus on a review of accomplishments to date and work plans for this calendar year. A meeting on financing of public building retrofits is planned.

¹ Click on committee name to access the committee webpage and documents.

Citizen Committee

[Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee \(ACPAC\)](#) (Joan Rohlfis | jrohlfis@mwkog.org)

- ACPAC met on October 17 and November 14.
- On October 17 the committee heard about electric vehicles planning in the region, how the Clean Air Partners air quality forecasting is done and they provided comments on the sustainable living checklist.
- On November 14 ACPAC heard about metro Washington's trends in vehicle purchases and air quality affects in metro Washington, the solar cooperative movement in the region and about the development of the regional climate adaptation guidebook.

Supporting Technical and Policy Committees

[MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee](#) (Jeff King | jking@mwkog.org)

- TAC met via teleconference on October 11 and November 8.
- At the October meeting the committee heard updates on the PM2.5 redesignation and maintenance plan and the air quality conformity assessment for the 2011 CLRP, as well as updates on the ozone NAAQS implementation recent events and COG's electric vehicle planning initiative COG is working on. The group also heard what the control measures workgroup will focus on at the upcoming meeting for the redesignation request and maintenance plan.
- At the November meeting the committee heard updates regarding DTP's work with the VIN Decoding effort for conformity analysis, a recent Scenario Study analysis, and the committee reviewed a letter to comment on the conformity determination for the 2011 CLRP. Additionally, DEP staff provided updates on the PM2.5 redesignation and maintenance plan, as well as recent efforts to work with the University of Maryland on climate modeling.
- The next meeting will be December 13.

[Transportation Planning Board \(TPB\), TPB Technical Committee, TPB Travel Management Subcommittee and TPB Scenario Study Task Force](#) (Ron Kirby and Gerald Miller | rkirby@mwkog.org and [gmiller@mwkog.org](mailto:gmillier@mwkog.org))

- The TPB approved the final application package for funding under the 2011 Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. The application included seven projects that implement bicycle and pedestrian access improvements in rail station areas.
- The board approved the final call for projects and the schedule for the Air Quality Conformity Assessments for the 2012 CLRP (Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan) and FY 2013-18 TIP (Transportation Improvement Program).
- A briefing was presented on the Draft Air Quality Conformity Assessment of the 2011 CLRP. The TPB will be asked to adopt the plan at its next meeting, on November 16, 2011.
- The board was updated on the Regional "Smart Streets" Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety and Education program. This included a briefing on the evaluation of the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 campaigns and on the status of the funding and planning of future campaigns.

[Planning Directors Technical Committee](#) (Paul Desjardin | pdesjardin@mwkog.org)

- Meeting on October 21.
- Briefing on the Report, "Housing + Transportation Affordability in Washington, DC".
- Briefing on PlanMaryland.
- Update on the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Application
- Round 8.1 Cooperative Forecast Update and Schedule.
- Briefing on Initial Results of the Region Forward Baseline Analysis.
- Next meeting is December 16.

[Region Forward Coalition](#) (Paul Desjardin/John Mataya | pdesjardin@mwkog.org / jmataya@mwkog.org)

- The second Region Forward Coalition meeting was held on September 14th at the COG Building.
- Briefing and Discussion of COG Sustainable Communities Grant Application.
- Next meeting is November 30 College Park, MD from 10:45 to 1:30.

Affiliated Partnerships

[Clean Air Partners](#) (Jen Desimone | jdesimone@mwkog.org)

- The Clean Air Partners Marketing Committee met on November 4, 2011 to discuss new funding strategies.
- The Clean Air Partners Executive Committee met on November 17, 2011.
- The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2012.

[Commuter Connections Subcommittee](#) (Nick Ramfos | nramfos@mwkog.org)

- September 22nd – Car Free Day. Over 11,000 individuals in the region pledged to go car free or “car-lite”
- September 29th – Commuter Transportation Fair, Social Security Administration, Falls Church, VA
- Oct. 19th – Commuter Transportation Fair at Health and Human Services in DC

[Tree Canopy Workgroup](#) (Jeff King | jking@mwkog.org and Brian Lecouteur | blecouteur@mwkog.org)

- COG will convene a group of local and state foresters and stormwater professional to develop a feasibility study for increasing tree canopy in the region. The group will meet December 7.

Other Committees

[Chief Purchasing Officers Committee](#) (Phil McGaughey | Philip_J_McGaughey@mcpsmd.org)

- The District of Columbia is looking to do the Natural Gas Reverse Auction sometime in 2012; the current contract is good through December 2012.

[Water Resources Technical Committee](#) (WRTC) (Tanya Spano | tspano@mwkog.org)

- No updates to report.

[Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee](#) (Karl Berger | kberger@mwkog.org)

- No updates to report.