

# Survey Introduction



## Please Review Prior to Beginning Surveys

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Department of Environmental Programs (COG DEP) annually surveys COG member jurisdictions on environmental goals and actions. The data and information collected in the survey will provide robust results for tracking progress on the Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee's (CEEPC) 2013 - 2016 Regional Climate and Energy Action Plan and the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) 2015 Regional Air Quality Plan. If you have questions please contact Maia Davis at [mdavis@mwkog.org](mailto:mdavis@mwkog.org) or 202-962-3227.

Steps to completing the surveys are as follows:

- 1) Identify the appropriate staff person to complete each survey tab.
- 2) On each survey tab, fill in the light green highlighted cells only. Click on the each cell in the Status column below to select one of the following options in the drop down menu that best describes the status of the policy or program in question.
  - **Implemented**
  - **In Progress**
  - **Not Started**
  - **Not Applicable**
- 3) Compile survey responses and return the completed excel document to [mdavis@mwkog.org](mailto:mdavis@mwkog.org) by Friday, February 19, 2016.

Notes:

- Providing comments on implementation will better enable COG to highlight your successes in reports and at committee meetings.
- Resource links are listed for additional information and/or clarification of terms.

Survey Tab Short-Cuts
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## Climate and Energy



<b>Jursidiction:</b>	
<b>Agency:</b>	
<b>Point of Contact</b> (name, email, telephone):	

	Questions	Status (select from drop down menu)	Comments on Implementation
1	Government greenhouse gas inventory?		
2	Community-wide greenhouse gas inventory?		
3	Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from government operations, including adopting a reduction target?		
4	Community-wide plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions?		
5	At least one renewable energy system on local government property? (please note how many under Comments)		
6	Become an EPA Green Power Partner?		
7	Become an EPA Green Power Community?		
8	Participate in US DOE Better Buidings Challenge?		
9	Policy/ordinance to increase energy efficiency of outdoor lighting?		
10	Program to replace older street lights with new more efficient technology?		
11	Implement integrated community energy planning? (combined heat and power, district energy, and/or microgrid systems)		
12	Local energy assurance planning initiatives?		
13	Assess community's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change?		
	a. Has transportation infrastructure vulnerability been assessed?		
	b. Has utility infrastructure vulnerability been assessed?		
14	Develop strategies to adapt to the impacts of climate change/increase the community's resiliency to climate impacts?		

Resources:

[EPA Green Power Partner](#)

[EPA Green Power Community](#)

## High Performance Green Buildings



<b>Jursidiction:</b>	
<b>Agency:</b>	
<b>Point of Contact</b> (name, email, telephone):	

	Questions	Status (select from drop down menu)	Comments on Implementation
1	Green building policy? (Please describe any changes over the two years to the green building policy/program/codes and enforcement mechanisms/strategies under Comments)		
2	Affordable housing green rehabilitation program?		
3	Offer incentives for commercial and residential buildings certified by a high efficiency building green rating system? (e.g. LEED, ENERGY STAR, EarthCraft, Green Globes, Living Building Challenge, etc)		
4	Policy to implement green or “energy-aligned” lease terms and requirements in contract agreements for leased public spaces and/or facilities?		
5	Track energy performance in all government buildings?		
6	Benchmark energy performance in all government buildings? (Under Comments please state whether EPA Portfolio Manager is used)		
7	Participate in COG’s Master Account Sharing in EPA Portfolio Manager?		
8	Disclose energy performance of local government buildings?		
9	Require benchmarking of commercial buildings?		
10	Require disclosure of energy performance for commercial buildings?		
11	Energy improvement plan for local government facilities?		
12	Perform walk-through energy audits of local government facilities?		
13	Develop or participate in energy efficiency or renewable energy financing program for residential and/or commercial sectors?		

Resources:

[ENERGY STAR Certification](#)

[Green Lease Library](#)

[EPA Portfolio Manager](#)

## Transportation



<b>Jursidiction:</b>	
<b>Agency:</b>	
<b>Point of Contact</b> (name, email, telephone):	

	Questions	Status (select from drop down menu)	Comments on Implementation
1	Have idling regulations?		
2	Have anti-idling and maintenance awareness programs to improve anti-idling and maintenance compliance?*		
3	Have eco-driving initiatives?* (e.g. public awareness campaigns, incentive programs, education or requirements for public fleets and contractors)		
4	Offer government employee commuter options program? (e.g. telework, flex time, alternative work schedule, car pool, van pool, bicycle/pedestrian, and/or financial incentives)		
5	Conduct parking management feasibility /cost-benefit studies to identify options to reduce congestion or motorized trips?*		
6	Adopt and implement a bicycle/pedestrian plan?		
7	Adopt a complete streets policy?		
8	Adopt a green fleet policy?		
9	Alternative fuel infrastructure projects? (e.g., natural gas, biofuel, electric, and/or hydrogen)		
10	Participate in car sharing programs, such as Zip Car?		
11	Implement parking policies that reduce vehicle miles traveled?		

\* New question for 2016 survey

Resources:

[Complete Street Policy Elements](#)

## Land Use



<b>Jursidiction:</b>	
<b>Agency:</b>	
<b>Point of Contact</b> (name, email, telephone):	

	<b>Questions</b>	<b>Status</b> <small>(select from drop down menu)</small>	<b>Comments on Implementation</b>
1	(For jurisdictions with land use authority) Adopt land use plans that allow for and incentivize walkable, higher density, mixed use, mixed income and/or transit oriented development?		
2	Identify, promote and incentivize the redevelopment of greyfield and/or brownfield sites?		
3	One or more local government facilities at a former greyfield and/or brownfield site(s)?		
4	Allow for and encourage urban agriculture in zoning codes (where appropriate)?		
5	Adopt policies/implement tools that preserve working farmland (where appropriate)?		

## Green Infrastructure



<b>Jursidiction:</b>	
<b>Agency:</b>	
<b>Point of Contact</b> (name, email, telephone):	

	Questions	Status (select from drop down menu)	Comments on Implementation
1	Implement a plan to preserve and enhance ecologically valuable green spaces?* (such as green infrastructure plan, natural resource management plan, or green space plan)		
2	Earn Tree City USA Designation?		
3	Adopt shade tree policies for parking lots?		
4	Adopt a tree canopy/forest cover goal?		
5	Green streets policy?		
6	Implement rainwater capture or wastewater resuse project on government property?		
7	Provide public land and/or support for community gardens?		
8	At least one green roof located on government property? (Please note how many under Comments)		
9	At least one cool roof located on government property?* (Please note how many under Comments)		
10	Promote or incentivize heat island mitigation?* (Please describe under Comments. May include green roofs, cool roofs, cool pavements, urban tree cover)		

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Resources:

- [City of Sacramento, CA Parking Lot Tree Shading Design and Maintenance Guidelines](#)
- [Green Streets](#)

## Waste Reduction Recycling



<b>Jursidiction:</b>	
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<b>Point of Contact</b> (name, email, telephone):	

	<b>Questions</b>	<b>Status</b> <small>(select from drop down menu)</small>	<b>Comments on Implementation</b>
1	Provide recycling educational, technical or logisitical support to public schools?		
2	No longer collect grass and leaf waste curbside in plastic bags?		
3	Actively support establishment of sufficient public or private regional capacity for organics (grass, lead, and food) composting?		
4	Adopt green purchasing policies?		

## Outreach



<b>Jursidiction:</b>	
<b>Agency:</b>	
<b>Point of Contact</b> (name, email, telephone):	

	Questions	Status (select from drop down menu)	Comments on Implementation
1	Promote incentives for consumer purchase of renewable energy generation capacity and/or renewable energy credits? (federal, state, utility or local incentives)		
2	Community energy/sustainability challenge/pledge program (community/citizens)?		
3	Green business challenge/certification/initiative (businesses/employees)?		
4	Encourage residential participation in Home Performance with Energy Star Program?		
5	Encourage private commercial buildings to benchmark energy performance?		
6	Employee education program on energy/sustainability policies and practices at work and home?		

Resources:

[Home Performance with Energy Star](#)