

# ANNOUNCEMENT

## BUILDING A CLIMATE RESILIENT NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION 2014 Series: Climate Adaptation Webinars & Workshops Focusing on Workforce, Communities, and Natural Systems

**Date:** January 21, 2014

**To:** Climate Officers and Sustainability & Adaptation Staff from the following organizations

### FEDERAL AGENCIES/AFFILIATES

- Architect of the Capitol
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Defense
- Department of Energy
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of Interior
- Department of Justice
- Department of State
- Department of the Treasury
- Department of Transportation
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA)
- Internal Revenue Service
- National Archives
- National Gallery of Art
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- National Park Service
- National Park Service National Mall & Memorial Parks
- Social Security Administration
- US Department of Agriculture

### NON-FEDERAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Arlington County
- Alexandria Renew Enterprises
- Center for Clean Air Policy
- City of Alexandria
- District of Columbia (DC) Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
- DC Department of General Services
- DC Department of Health
- DC Department of the Environment
- DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency
- DC Office of Planning
- DC Water
- DC Department of Transportation
- Downtown Business Improvement Districts
- Eastern Research Group
- Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin
- National Wildlife Federation
- Northern Virginia Regional Commission
- Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority
- PEPCO
- Trust for the National Mall
- Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
- Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
- Virginia Department of Forestry

Dear National Capital Region Climate Adaptation Leaders:

We would like to invite you and your colleagues to our second series of free webinars and workshops to prepare the Washington, DC region for the impacts of climate change. If you were able to attend, thank you for participating in our 2013 activities focused on built systems – a synopsis and draft report of those activities will be sent to those who participated and will be available on the workshop website, along with other resources and informational materials, at: <http://www.mwcog.org/environment/climate/resilience.asp>.

Our 2014 events will build on the 2013 activities, but will shift from built systems to the topics of **workforce, communities, and natural systems**. We invite your organization to participate both to advance your own adaptation planning efforts focused on these topics, and also to collaborate with other National Capital Region stakeholders in developing coordinated adaptation strategies for shared risks and vulnerabilities. Using a set of climate projections from NASA, participants will apply best practices in climate adaptation planning and management. You will collaborate with expert scientists, managers, and facilitators from local organizations and agencies throughout the federal, District, and local governments. Even if you already have a climate adaptation plan, these webinars and workshops are a forum to vet your thinking with peers and to build partnerships that will advance your adaptation efforts in coordination with others. Enclosed is a one-page overview of our initiative.

The following schedule of 2014 activities will be offered to help you implement your organization's climate adaptation planning needs:

Feb 12	Orientation Webinar (10-11 am)
Feb 13	Climate Science Introduction Webinar (1:30-3:30 pm)
Feb 19	Characterizing Climate Risks & Vulnerabilities "Homework" Webinar (10-11 am)
Feb 26 & Mar 5	Vulnerabilities "Homework" Teleconferences ( <i>as needed</i> )
Mar 12	Vulnerabilities "Homework" Due
Apr 1	Shared Risks & Vulnerabilities Workshop
Apr 29-30	Adapting Workforce, Communities, and Natural Systems Workshop

Please consider participating if any of the following apply to your work in the National Capital Region. You:

- Manage natural landscapes, including urban trees, green roofs and bioswales that will be affected by changing climate conditions.
- Have responsibilities for compliance with air quality regulations.
- Are responsible for managing invasive species.
- Are responsible for the drinking water supply for communities in the region.
- Deal with water quality concerns in the region.
- Have a vested interest in a thriving local economy (such as generating tourism revenue, having a robust real estate market, and cultivating an innovative workforce)
- Are responsible for managing public health or the occupational health, fitness, and/or mental wellness of your organization's workforce.
- Are responsible for providing security, fire protection, or other first response services.
- Are responsible for maintaining emergency operations, emergency response/recovery, employee emergency notification, or related capabilities.
- Manage human resources for the workforce of the region, including staffing capabilities, payroll, recruitment and retention, training and development, contracts, telecommuting and alternative work scheduling policies, etc.
- Are responsible for maintaining or monitoring living and/or working conditions (such as employee safety, unions, etc.).
- Provide childcare, eldercare, or services for disadvantaged groups (e.g. homeless shelters).
- Are responsible for helping maintain family wellness (such as promoting work-life balance or providing employee assistance services).

Please [RSVP here](#) by COB on Friday, January 31, 2014:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RwJvV05Tms5E2x3G98l\\_VvoL6jWqe5eSRwYVopvYDGw/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RwJvV05Tms5E2x3G98l_VvoL6jWqe5eSRwYVopvYDGw/edit?usp=sharing)

If there are others in your organization that we should include, please let us know using the RSVP link to give us their name(s) and contact information.

More information about this series of activities will be provided in the coming weeks, and calendar invites will be sent out to those expressing an interest.

***This invitation is sent on behalf of the Steering Committee Executive team***

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