

Draft Handout (5/01/12)

Proposed Regional Tree Canopy Workgroup Strategy

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The Regional Tree Canopy Workgroup is charged with the following:

The ad-hoc Regional Tree Canopy Workgroup is tasked to develop strategies, tactics and recommendations that can be used in the Metropolitan Washington region to conserve, manage, and enhance regional tree and forest resources in support of regional environmental, land use planning, and regulatory goals. This may be achieved through efforts such as the assessment of regional baseline tree canopy conditions, projected attrition in order to form a foundation for determining the feasibility of a regional tree canopy goal that integrates stormwater, climate change, and other environmental goals.

These two goals may be broken into two tracks for committee consideration:

(Tracks will run concurrently)

Track 1: Recommendations/Strategy Preparation – (Deliverable Date: June 2013)

1. Through the examination of local / regional and national regional tree canopy management policies and goals, develop a local government implementation strategy and toolkit.

Track 2a: Supporting Documentation – (Deliverable Date: July 2012)

- A. Develop a primer on the value of protecting and enhancing Urban Tree Canopy
- B. Provide an inventory of COG member government tree management and protection policies goals and programs. (Draft Completed)
- C. Provide national examples of UTC “Best Practices”. (Underway)

Track 2b: Technical Analysis – (Deliverable Date: January 2013)

- A. Work with committee members and others to collect and analyze regional tree canopy data. When possible using historical trends to provide future projections.