

Activity Cluster Update
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Activity Cluster Overview

- Employment and household totals for Activity Clusters were calculated using TAZs immediately adjacent to Activity Centers (see Figure 1).
- Cluster totals were based on Round 6.2 data. However, a summation of the Round 6.2 TAZ-level data produces several discrepancies between the totals in the *Metropolitan Washington Regional Activity Centers: A Tool for Linking Land Use and Transportation Planning* (see graphs).
- 2000 and 2025 were the years used in the study.

Activity Cluster Update: Round 7

- The Activity Centers report classified Clusters using the following categories (based on Round 6.2 for 2025):
 - More than 200,000 Jobs in 2025
 - 150,000 – 199,999 Jobs in 2025
 - 100,000 – 149,999 Jobs in 2025
 - 50,000 – 99,999 Jobs in 2025
 - 25,000 – 49,999 Jobs in 2025
- Using Round 7 data, seven Clusters changed classifications for the 2025 horizon year because of gains in employment projections (see Figure 2):
 - In Maryland:
 - Frederick Area
 - Germantown / Clarksburg
 - Gaithersburg / Life Sciences Center
 - New Carrollton / Largo
 - In Virginia:
 - Dulles Corridor
 - Tysons Corner
 - Fairfax Center / City of Fairfax / GMU
- For the 2030 horizon year, and two additional Clusters would change classifications based on Round 7 employment projections (see Figure 3):
 - In Maryland:
 - Greenbelt / College Park / White Oak Area
 - In Virginia:
 - Pentagon / Reagan Airport / Alexandria Area

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- Based on staff's initial analysis of Activity Centers and Local Centers using Round 7 employment data, one Local Center, Konterra, would qualify as an Activity Center based on the existing criteria. If this center were grouped with the Greenbelt / College Park / White Oak Area cluster, the amount of employment for the cluster would increase by 42,805 in 2025 and 51,735 in 2030 (see Figure 4). The cluster would move up in classification in 2025 and 2030.