

## FACT SHEET

### Proposed Water Resources Work Program and Budget for FY 2010 WRTC Meeting May 6, 2009

**Purpose** – "... conserving, protecting and restoring the region's water resources while providing COG members access to emerging policies, technology and water resources information."

**Means** – "To these ends, COG:

- Provides a forum for consensus building and decision making;
- Implements intergovernmental policies, plans and programs; and
- Supports the region as an expert information source."

**Focal Points for FY 2010** – Emphasis will be on the water quality conditions and requirements of the Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac River. Key topics include:

- Development of the Bay TMDL and nutrient and sediment load allocations;
- Increasingly stringent regulatory requirements;
- Key em management concerns including aging infrastructure, education and outreach;
- Climate change;
- Promotion of Green Infrastructure, land conservation and sustainable agriculture.

**Select Specific Actions** – Details on each of the Activity Description Forms

- Completion of a Potomac River Water Quality Report
- Policy recommendations related to the 2-year milestones, Bay TMDL, load allocations and Tributary Strategies
- Targeted workshops & worksessions with program implications
  - Climate Change
  - Water Quality Futures Forum
  - Green Roads & Highways
- Regional plastic bag policy and data report
- Inaugural joint meeting with COG's new Climate, Energy and Environment Committee
- Implementation of WR Community Engagement Campaign

**Organization of the WP&B Document**

- Four Broad program Areas
  - Policy, Program Development, Advocacy & Regional Outreach
  - Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Technical Analysis
  - Water Quality Monitoring
  - Urban Watershed Management
- Further subdivided into 15 discrete activities
- Activity Description for each of the 15 listing products and budget

**Funding (see p.5)**

- Aside from grants, three sources of funds
  - Regional Water Fund (RWF) - \$1,258,911
  - Regional Environmental Fund, (REF) - \$62,250
  - COG Dues - \$156,400
- A "hold the line" budget relative to FY 2009
- Allocation according to the Allocation Table

**Next Steps**

- Recommendation by the WRTC to the CBPC for approval
- Action by the CBPC at its May 15 meeting