

Metropolitan Washington Regional Climate Change Staff Roundtable

*Sponsored by the
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
Department of Environmental Programs*

**January 29, 2007
COG Board Room**

**777 North Capitol Street, Third Floor
Washington, DC 20002**

Program Agenda

8:45 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

9:30 a.m. **Overview and Meeting Purpose**

The purpose of the meeting is to provide peer-to-peer exchange on climate change activities in the region and to help plan a regional climate change agenda.

Speaker:

Stuart A. Freudberg, Director

Department of Environmental Programs, MWCOG

9:45 a.m. **Setting the Context**

What is global climate change? How does climate change impact existing air and water policies and programs? Why is a Regional Climate Change program important?

Speaker:

Jim Yienger, Director

ICLEI, USA Policy Office

10:15 a.m. **Roundtable: Current Regional Initiatives**

During this session, public sector representatives will describe their program and how they were started, both in terms of policy goals and the implementation programs they participate in, such as Sierra Club's Cool Cities Campaign and ICLEI's Cities for Climate Change Protection. They will also share BMPs realized to date. Other local, state, and federal agencies will discuss their projects and highlight key decisions made to achieve climate change goals, including financing.

Discussion Leaders:

George Nichols, Principal Environmental Planner, MWCOG

Leah Boggs, Environmental Planner, MWCOG

Speakers:

Local and Regional Initiatives

Jack Werner, Senior Associate

Climate Change Institute

District of Columbia

Tomaysa Sterling, Chief, Sustainable Solutions

District Department of Environment

Emil King, Energy Program Specialist

District Department of Environment

Virginia

John Morrill, Energy Manager

Arlington County

Bhesh Dhamala, Senior Environmental Specialist

Fairfax County

Maryland

Eric Coffman, Senior Energy Planner

Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection

National Organizations/Association

Fred Beck, Senior Research Associate

Environmental and Energy Study Institute

Elizabeth Martin, Climate Policy Specialist

Climate Center, Natural Resources Defense Council

Brett Rosenberg, Environmental Programs Associate

US Conference of Mayors

Chris Carney, Conservation Organizer

Sierra Club Cool Cities

Brent Blackwelder, President

Friends of the Earth

11:45 a.m.

Next Steps and Wrap-up: How Can We Become a Climate Change Region?

Proposed next step is to organize a broader scope Climate Change Meeting that will include private sector participation and key legislation analysis.

The discussion will also include a dialogue on the feasibility of development of a comprehensive greenhouse gas management strategy for the region that will support and compliment several existing initiatives in the region.

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12:45 p.m.

LUNCH and Networking

