

2023 LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW

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2022 COG Legislative Priorities

Climate and Energy Innovation & Air Quality Protection

- Support Policies to Meet the Region's Climate Goals
- Ensure Sustainable Secure Energy Access for All
- Support Aggressive State Renewable Portfolio Standards
- Expand Clean Energy Innovation, Technology and Finance
- Support the Transportation Climate Initiative in designing and taking action to reduce Greenhouse gases
- Enhance Incentives and Financing Mechanisms for Resilient Infrastructure
- Support Policies that Preserve and Protect Regional Air Quality and Public Health

Mitigation Actions

Climate Action Area	Action ID	Priority Collaborative Action
Planning	PL - 1	Advance Climate Planning and Track Progress
Equity	EQ - 1	Enable Equitable Planning Practices
	EQ - 2	Prioritize Sustainable Energy Access for All
Clean Electricity	CE - 1	Advocate for Aggressive Renewable Portfolio Standards
	CE - 2	Accelerate Development of On-Site Renewables
	CE - 3	Accelerate Deployment of Battery Storage
	CE - 4	Accelerate Development of Microgrids for Critical Infrastructure
	CE - 5	Accelerate Development of Large-Scale Off-Site Renewables
	CE - 6	Advocate for and Implement Community Choice Aggregation
Zero Energy Buildings	ZEB - 1	Expand Building Benchmarking Requirements
	ZEB - 2	Accelerate Deep Building Retrofits
	ZEB - 3	Enhance Green Building Codes and Policies to Facilitate Net Zero Energy Building Development
	ZEB - 4	Expand Proper Disposal and Leak Detection of Refrigerants



Mitigation Actions (continued)

Climate Action Area	Action ID	Priority Collaborative Action
Zero Emission Vehicles	ZEV - 1	Expand Light-Duty Electric Vehicle Deployment
	ZEV - 2	Accelerate Electrification of Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles
	ZEV - 3	Build Out Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Network
Mode Shift and Travel Behavior	MSTB - 1	Invest in Infrastructure that Increases Transit, Carpooling, and Non-Motorized Travel
	MSTB - 2	Bring Jobs and Housing Closer Together
	MSTB - 3	Enhance Options for Commuters
Zero Waste	ZW - 1	Implement Curbside Organics Recycling Programs
	ZW - 2	Reduce Solid Waste Generation
	ZW - 3	Build Markets for Circularity
Sequestration	SQ - 1	Strategically Plant New Trees on Publicly Owned Land
	SQ - 2	Enhance Regulatory Capacity to Manage Tree Canopy and Forest Protection
	SQ - 3	Enhance Incentives and Financing Mechanisms for Tree Planting and Preservation on Privately Owned Lands

District of Columbia

- B24-0420 - Clean Energy DC Building Code Amendment Act of 2021
 - Requires all new construction be subject to the District's voluntary net zero energy standard.
- B24-0267- Climate Commitment Act of 2021
 - Codifies the 2050 carbon neutrality commitment, adds interim targets for greenhouse gas reductions between 2025 and 2050.

Maryland and Virginia

- In 2022, CEEPC's Legislative Subcommittee:
 - Opposed legislation that aimed to repeal the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)
 - Supported efforts to strengthen GHG emissions standards, building code standards, etc.
 - Supported initiatives to expand electrification of fleets and building electrification
 - Supported expansion of green financing mechanisms (i.e. Green Banks) and grant programs/funding aimed at resiliency and sustainability
 - Supported Community Solar initiatives and other renewable energy deployment initiatives

Legislature Timeline

- Virginia
 - Session convenes January 11. 30-day session. Adjournment date is February 25.
- Maryland
 - Session convenes January 11. 90-day session. Adjournment date is April 10.
- D.C.
 - 2-year session 2023-24.

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