






Measuring Progress: Sustainability Goals and Targets

Goals

We seek -

-  • To improve the region’s air and water quality
-  • To conserve green spaces and other green infrastructure
-  • To improve the condition of wildlife habitat and conserve agricultural land
-  • Communities in which every person enjoys access to recreational opportunities and a beautified environment
-  • To increase the prevalence of green buildings in the region

Targets

ORIGINAL TARGETS	By 2020, construct 5,000 certified green buildings	By 2020, reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions by 20% below 2005 levels	Beginning in 2014, the region’s air quality will be improving and ambient concentrations will be reduced below federal standards (0.70)	The region will identify, conserve, and enhance a network of protected open spaces, parks and green infrastructure to provide ecological benefits, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, and scenic beauty	By 2050, 50% of all sentinel watersheds will be in good or excellent condition	By 2025, achieve 100% of Chesapeake Bay Program’s Water Quality Implementation Goals	Beginning in 2012, the region will maintain more than 497,500 acres of its area for agricultural uses
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EQUITY TARGETS	Incorporate social equity, cultural sensitivity, and community health considerations into local climate change planning, program, and policy decisions.
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About the *Region Forward* Coalition

The Regional Forward Coalition provides cross-cutting regional policy capacity and long-range regional planning recommendations to the COG Board. With members from public, private and non-profit sectors, primary responsibilities include:

- Overseeing progress toward Region Forward goals;
- Using Region Forward as a guide to update the Regional Activity Centers;
- Creating clear strategies and initiatives to support the transformation of regional centers into Complete Communities.

Established in 2011, the *Region Forward Coalition* oversees the implementation of the vision laid out in the *Region Forward Compact* to create a more prosperous, accessible, livable, and sustainable metropolitan Washington.

The *Region Forward Compact* reflects our shared, regional goals, helps us measure regional progress, and demonstrates the many benefits of working together more closely. *Region Forward* is not a one-size fits all vision. It accepts the differences among our communities. But it also embraces something that residents of the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia understand: our futures are interconnected. *Region Forward* is an important step toward shaping a more accessible, sustainable, prosperous and livable region over the next half-century.

This year, we are measuring progress toward the Region Forward targets while considering how equity and inclusion can be weaved into the Region Forward Vision. The past three meetings were focused on Prosperity, Sustainability, and Accessibility. Today's meeting is focused on Sustainability. The Sustainability Goals and corresponding targets are shown on the back of this page.

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