

Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee

2023 ORIENTATION

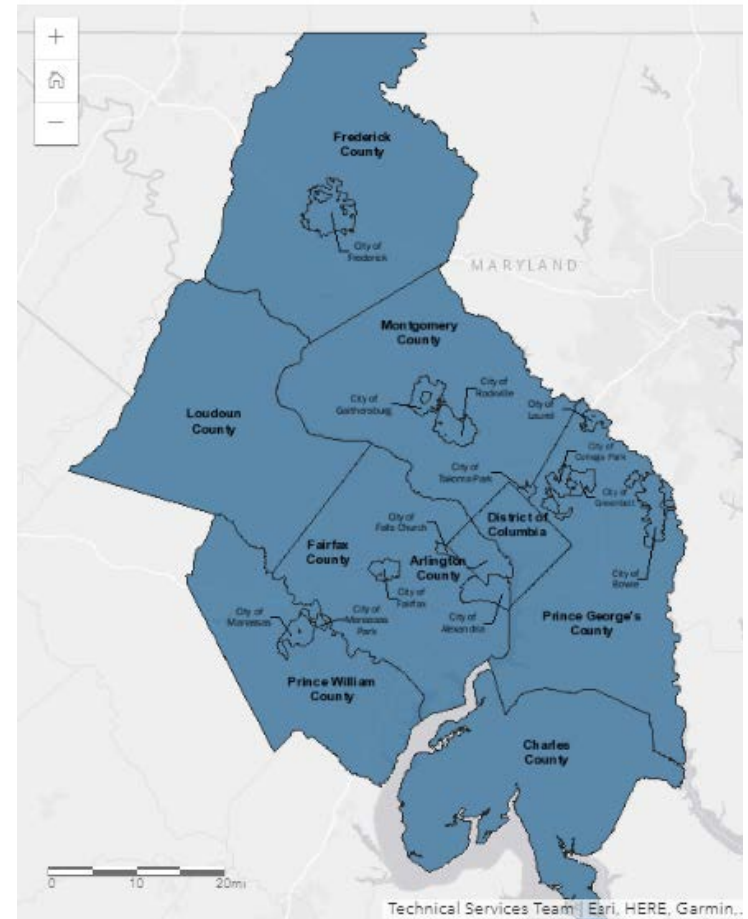
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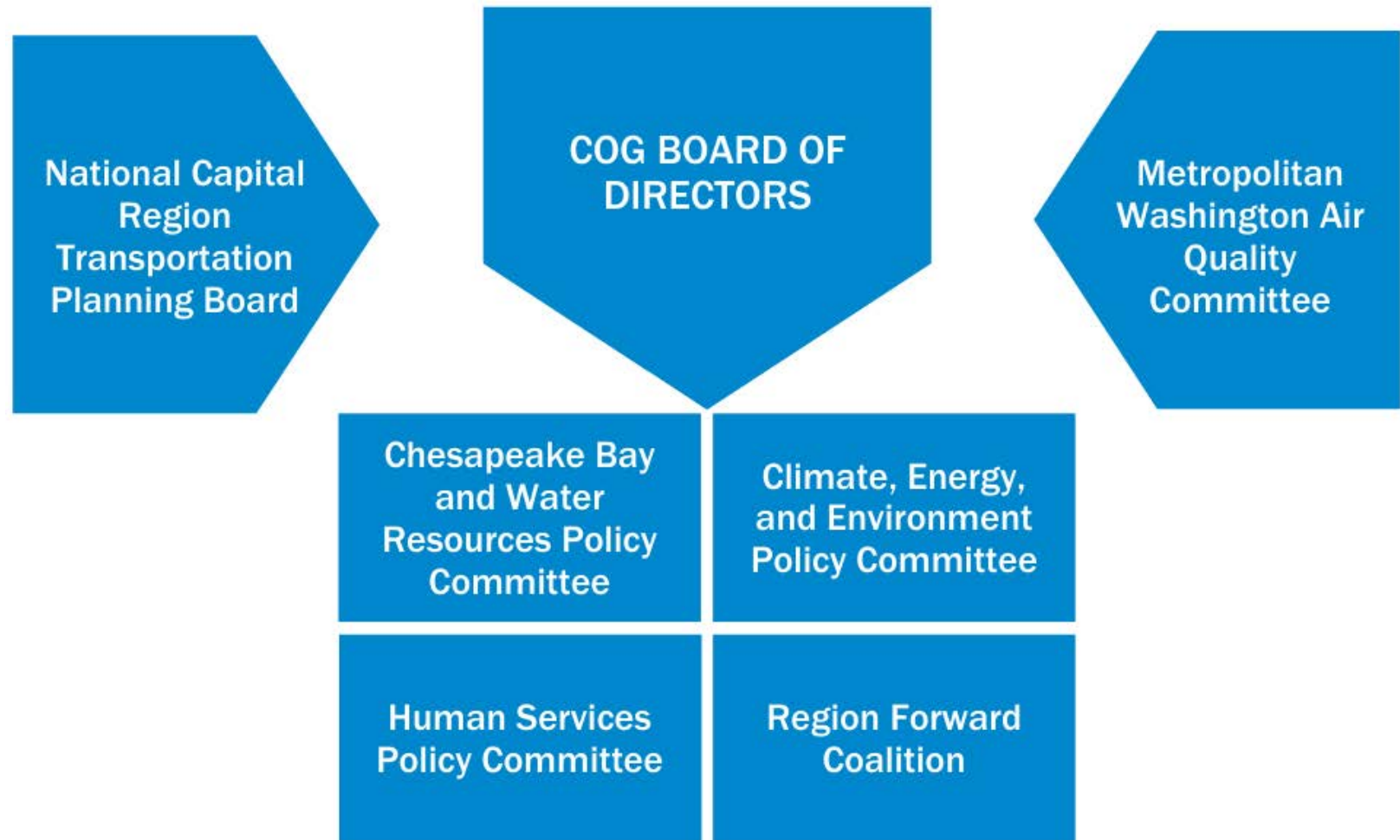
Metropolitan Washington
Council of Governments

COG & Our Region

- COG Members: 24 local governments, states of Maryland and Virginia, U.S. Congress
- Officials and experts come together at COG to address region's most challenging issues.
- Region Forward is our common vision to ensure a more prosperous, accessible, livable, sustainable, and equitable future for all area residents.



COG Policy Boards and Committees



CEEPC's Purpose

Created by the Board of Directors in 2009 for the following purposes:

To provide leadership on climate change, energy, green building, alternative fuels, solid waste and recycling issues.

To help support area governments as they work together to meet the regional climate goals:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030, 80% by 2050
- Becoming a Climate Ready Region and making significant progress towards becoming a Climate Resilient Region by 2030

CEEPC Committee Structure



Membership

As outlined in the CEEPC By-Laws

COG MEMBERS - 25

1 Elected Official per COG local govt +

1 Additional Elected Official for:

- District of Columbia (Mayor)
- Fairfax County
- Montgomery County (Exec)
- Prince George County (Exec)

STATE GOVERNMENT - 13

- MD, VA Senate + House
- State Environment, Energy, Transportation Directors

STAKEHOLDERS - 20

- Federal/Regional Agencies - 4
- Electric & Gas Utilities - 3
- Environmental Community - 3
- Business Community - 3
- Academic Community - 3
- At-Large - 3
- Chair, Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee (ACPAC)

REGIONAL*

- Transportation Planning Board
- Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee
- WMATA Board of Directors

*Added if not represented by COG members.

Voting

Quorum: 1/3 of voting members (or alternates)

The vote of the majority of the CEEPC members (or their officially designated alternates) present and voting shall decide any question brought before the Committee; except that two-thirds of local government officials present and voting must affirmatively support any matter concerning work program, Bylaw amendment, advocacy statement, or recommendation to the COG Board of Directors.



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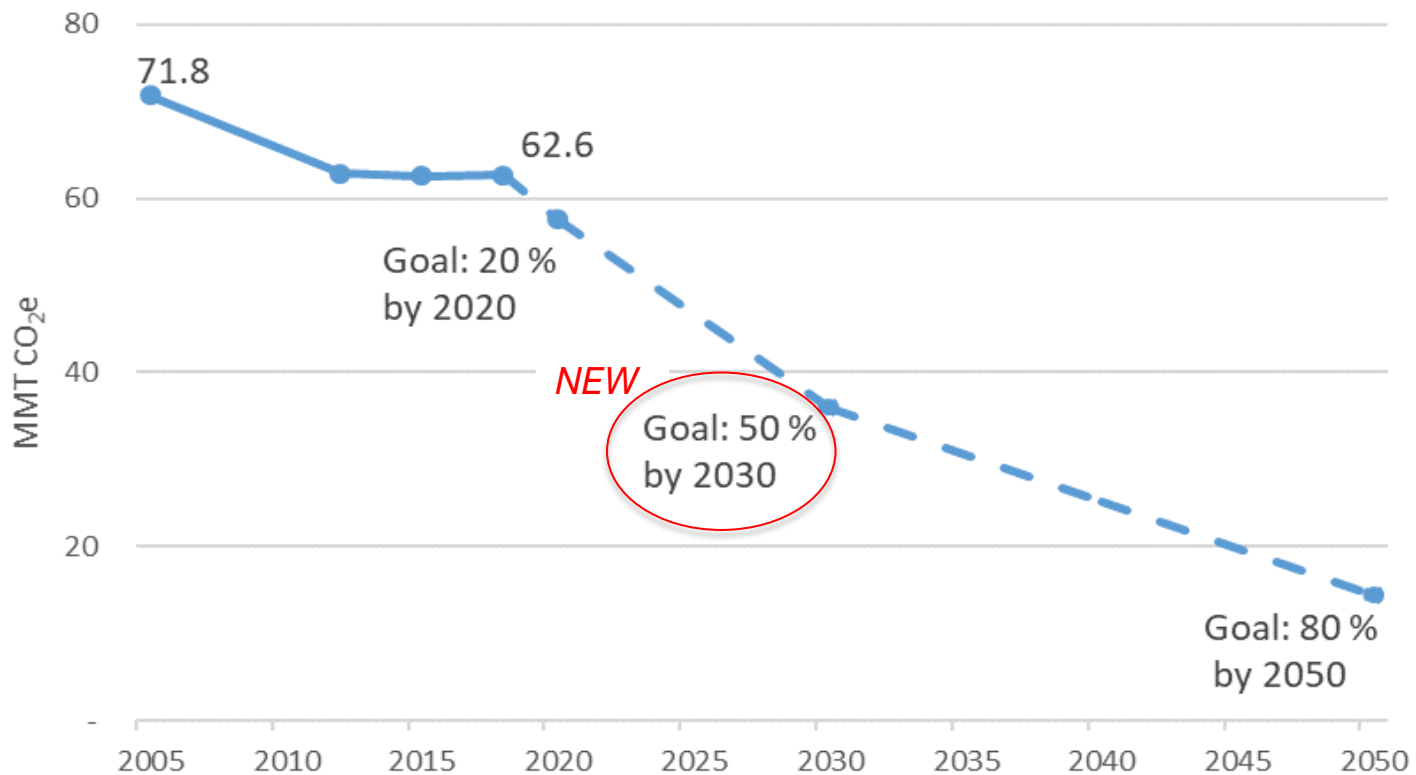
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Climate Collaborative Guiding Principles

Principle	Description
1. Collective Action	We will continue to work together to leverage our impact and facilitate application at scale.
2. Effective Partnerships	We will continue to share best practices, learn together, and coordinate on implementation to advance regional transformation.
3. Lead by Example	We have a continued commitment to internal implementation of long-term solutions to reduce the climate impacts of our operations.
4. Integration	We understand climate action is inherently multidisciplinary and will promote cross-department coordination, including in areas such as equity, health, and economic development.
5. Flexibility	We understand the need for flexibility in how our public agencies and stakeholders across the DC, MD, and VA work to achieve regional GHG goals.
6. Transparency	We will continue to measure and report progress in a manner easily understandable by all.
7. Innovation	We support a just transition to a clean energy economy through the application of innovative technology, policies, and processes by public and private sectors.
8. Community Leadership	We will continue to educate, motivate, and empower action from our community's institutions, businesses, non-profits, and residents.
9. Inclusive Engagement	We commit to inclusive community engagement and equitable provision of climate and energy programs and services.
10. Advocacy	We will continue to support state and federal policies and programs that protect the human and environment health of our communities.

Updated Regional GHG Mitigation Goals

In October 2020, per CEEPC's recommendation, the COG Board adopted (and TPB affirmed) the climate mitigation goal of 50 percent greenhouse gas emission reductions below 2005 levels by 2030.



Climate Resilience Goals

In October 2020, per CEEPC's recommendation, the COG Board adopted (and TPB affirmed) the climate resilience goal of becoming a Climate Ready Region and making significant progress towards becoming a Climate Resilient Region by 2030.

Climate Ready Region:

To be Climate Ready by 2030, all local governments must assess current and future climate risks, and be actively integrating climate planning across government plans, operations, and communications.

Climate Resilient Region:

To fully be a Climate Resilient Region, the region must have the ability to adapt and absorb against disturbances caused by current and future, acute and chronic climate impacts and successfully maintain essential functions.