



REGION FORWARD COALITION

Friday, April 27, 2018
11:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Walter A. Scheiber Board Room

AGENDA

- 11:00 A.M.** **1. COALITION MEMBER UPDATES**
Dannielle Glaros, Region Forward Coalition Chair
- A. COG Updates
 - B. Partner Updates
 - C. Recognition of outgoing Chair Sheryl Bass
 - D. Update on Work Plan and Equity theme, including a short demonstration of the TPB's Equity Emphasis Areas web application.
- 11:30 A.M.** **2. SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES**
Stephen Walz, COG Director of Environmental Programs
- Region Forward calls for healthier air, water, land, abundant renewable energy sources, and a smaller carbon footprint. In an interactive presentation, Mr. Stephen Walz will discuss the Region's progress towards its targets and goals.
- 12:00 P.M.** **3. PLANNING FOR RESILIENCY**
Tanya Stern, DC Office of Planning Deputy Director, Planning, Engagement and Design
Kevin Bush, DC Chief Resiliency Officer
- Becoming more resilient to physical, social, and economic challenges of the 21st Century is a challenge in metropolitan Washington as well as around the globe. Ms. Tanya Stern will highlight efforts to integrate resilience and the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Kevin Bush will explain how he is tackling DC's resilience challenges, including best practices and lessons learned.
- 12:45 P.M.** **4. REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEMS: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES**
James Barham, Agricultural Economist – Food Systems Specialist, USDA Rural Development
Lindsay Smith, COG Regional Food Systems Value Chain Coordinator
- Farms and farmers, agricultural land preservation, distributors, farmers markets and supermarkets, food access and food security these are a few of the critical actors and issues in our region's food system. Ms. Lindsay Smith will provide a brief snapshot of COG's Regional Food Systems program and some of the work happening locally to strengthen our food system. Mr. James Barham, who helped kick-start COG's program in his role at USDA, will describe major trends,

opportunities, and challenges to consider for working together to regionalize our food system.

Coalition Member Perspective: Marc Elrich

1:30 P.M. 5. ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 27, 2018