

FY2018 MEMBER DUES AND REGIONAL FEES

Working Together to Shape Strong Communities and a Better Region

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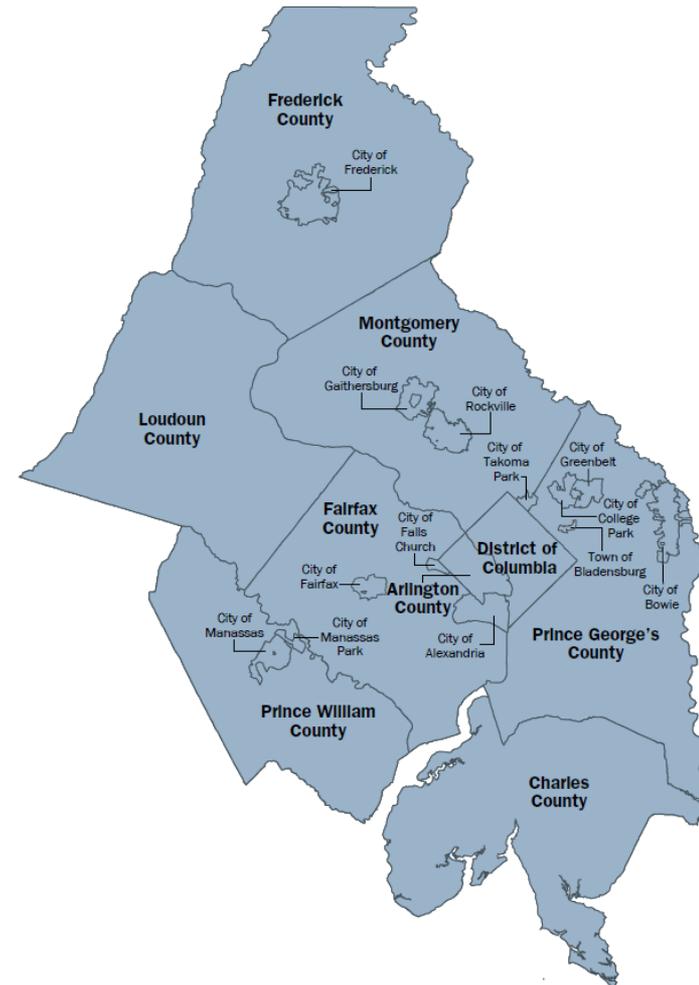
Metropolitan Washington
Council of Governments

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About COG

- The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is an independent, nonprofit association that brings area leaders together to address major regional challenges in the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland, and northern Virginia.
- Membership is comprised of 300 elected officials from 23 local governments, the Maryland and Virginia state legislators, and the U.S. Congress.
- Home to the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), the region's federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee.
- Every month, **more than a thousand officials** and experts come to COG to make connections, share information, and develop solutions to the region's major challenges.



COG's Region Forward Vision

For nearly 60 years, COG has been a hub for regional partnership.

Guided by the **Region Forward Vision**, COG continually strives to make metropolitan Washington more prosperous, accessible, livable, and sustainable.

Together, we're working toward:

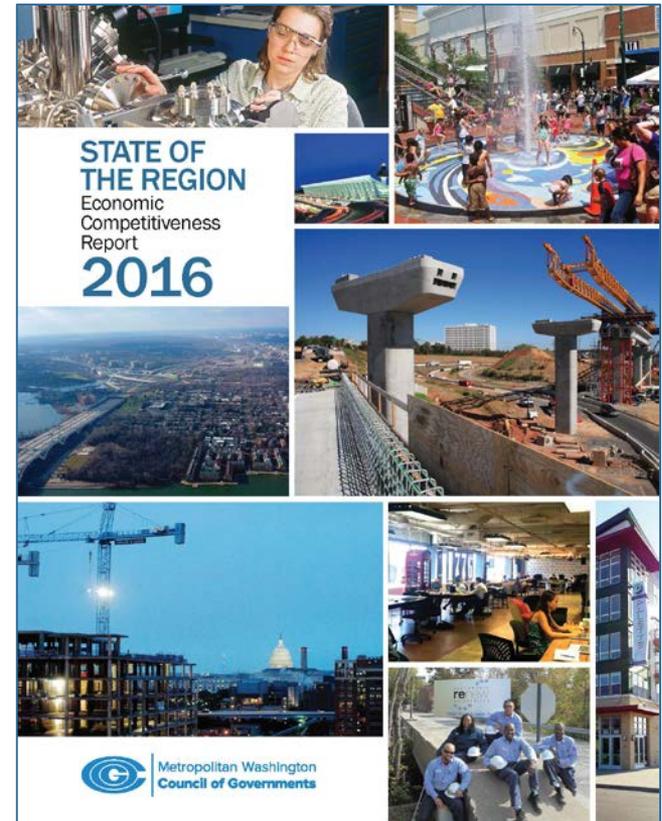
- Walkable, mixed-use communities with housing and transportation choices
- Healthy air, water, and land, abundant renewable energy sources, and a smaller carbon footprint
- Becoming a resilient economy and preeminent knowledge hub
- Vibrant, safe, and healthy neighborhoods



Bethesda is one of the region's 141 Activity Centers, locations identified by COG and local governments that will best accommodate the majority of the region's future growth. (Ephien/[Flickr](#))

Year-Round Member Benefits

- Monthly meetings where members and subject matter experts **make connections**
- Access to COG's Cooperative Purchasing Program, which strives to save each member at least twice the cost of annual dues
- Access to COG research, publications, data, and planning documents
- Consultation with COG staff and contacts, primed to help members think regionally, and act locally
- Ongoing participation in local and regional forums and conferences, and a voice in shaping regional priorities and actions



COG's *State of the Region Economic Competitiveness* report gave area leaders new insight into the health of the region's economy.

Members Engage in Regional Planning

COG convenes and staffs over 125 committees and sub-committees serving the interests of its member jurisdictions and metropolitan Washington, including:

Anacostia Watershed Steering Committee	Homeless Services, Planning & Coordinating Committee
Chesapeake Bay & Water Resources Policy Committee	Housing Directors Advisory Committee
Chief Administrative Officers Committee	Human Services & Public Safety Policy Committee
Chief Information Officers Committee	I-95 Landfill Committee
Chief Purchasing Officers Committee	NCR Emergency Preparedness Council
Child Welfare Directors	Police Chiefs Committee
Clean Air Partners Board of Directors	Recycling Committee
Climate Energy & Environmental Policy Committee	Region Forward Coalition
Community Engagement Campaign	Regional Tree Canopy Workgroup
Community Forestry Network	Snow/Winter Weather Briefings Committee
Emergency Managers Committee	Solid Waster Managers Group
Fire Chiefs Committee	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Committee
Health Officials Committee	Water Resources Technical Committee
Homeland Security Executive Committee	

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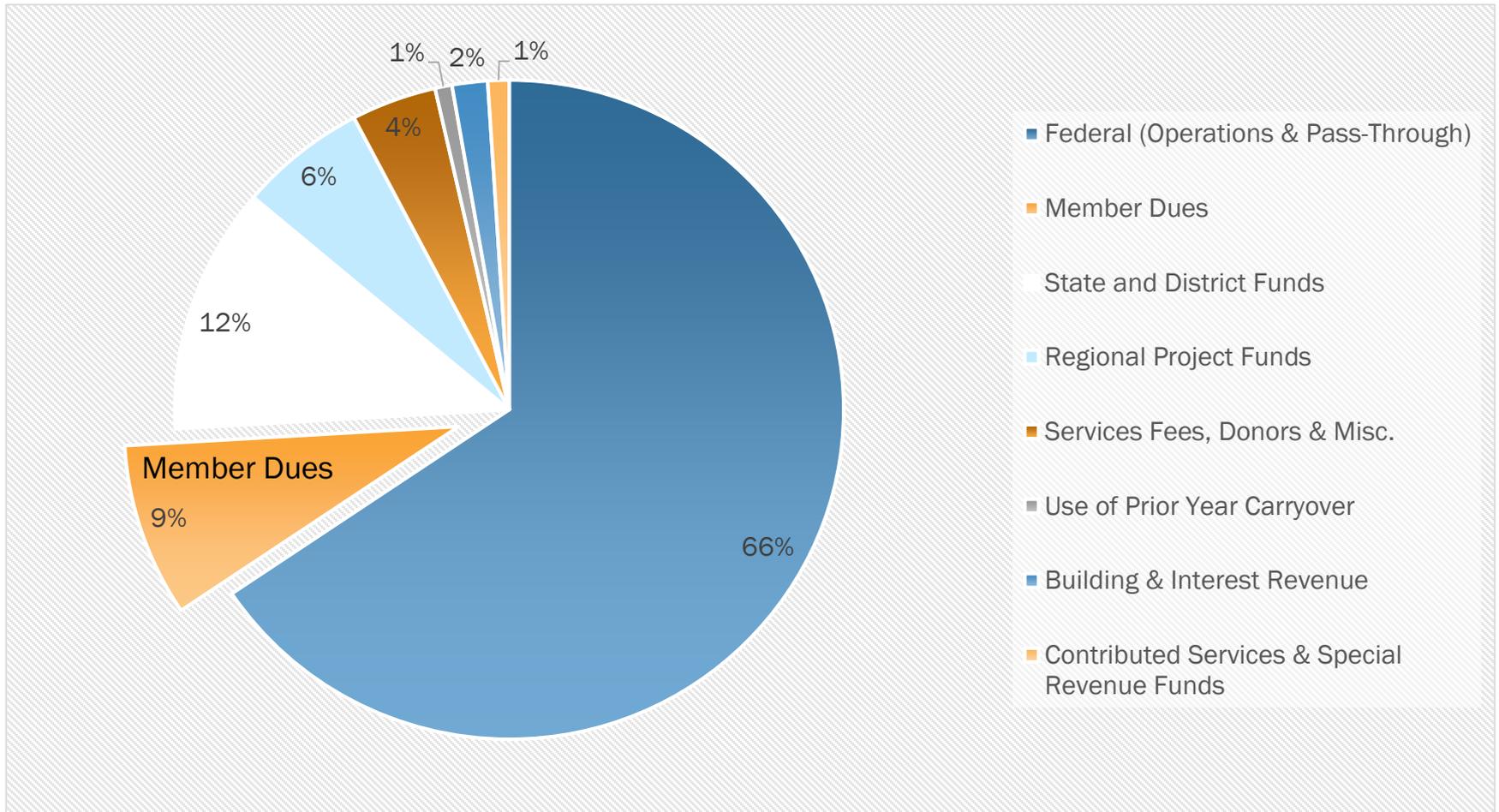
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Member Dues

- Member Dues Leveraging Federally Sourced Funds
- Member Dues Providing Primary Program Support
- Member Dues Leveraging Additional Resources
- Additional Member Services, Benefits, Outreach, and Forums

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett speaks to IRE Class (COG)

Member Dues Provide 9% of Total COG Resources



Member Dues Leveraging Federally Sourced Funds

Deliverables:

- Conduct planning activities that ensure flow of federal transportation funds to local, regional, and state transportation agencies
- Convene and staff the Transportation Planning Board, with representation from all member jurisdictions.
- Meet the requirements that allow member jurisdictions to receive and utilize Homeland Security funding
- Raise awareness to reduce air pollution through voluntary actions – Clean Air Partners’ 20 Year Anniversary
- Conduct the biennial regional airport survey to forecast and update ground access planning
- Implement the 2017-2020 Climate and Energy Action Plan



In June, The TPB hosted a workshop for engineers, planners, and consultants from around the region to highlight best practices in designing separated bike lanes. (COG)

Member Dues Leveraging Federally Sourced Funds

- 47% of Member Dues
- For every \$2.08 in member dues, the region receives \$14.40 in direct federal funding

	Member Dues	Direct Federal	District & States	Other	Total Resources
Unified Planning Work Program	1,563,900	12,511,300	1,563,900		15,639,100
Regional Air Quality Attainment Planning	178,000		178,000		356,000
Homeland Security Program Mgmt Office	163,200	1,568,100	-		1,731,300
Clean Air Partners (1)	56,000		457,000	61,400	574,400
Air Quality Index, Monitoring & Forecasting	68,500	25,000			93,500
Continuous Airport Systems Planning	25,000	225,000			250,000
Agriculture & Forestry Management	25,000	71,400		25,300	121,700
Total	2,079,600	14,400,800	2,198,900	86,700	18,766,000
Use of Prior Year Funds	(391,500)				
Member Dues FY2018	1,688,100				

(1) The Unified Planning Work Program provides an additional \$178,000 to support Regional Air Quality Attainment Planning

Member Dues Providing Primary Program Support

Deliverables:

- Regularly convene regional Fire Chiefs, Corrections Officers, Emergency Management Directors, Police Chiefs, and other officials to address local and regional issues of mutual concern
- Coordinate services to address emergency and severe weather situations
- Conduct annual point-in-time count of homeless persons, with results and analysis
- Help children in foster care find permanent homes
- Convene Regional Health Directors and coordinate response to health emergencies



The COG Fire Chiefs Committee held a press conference on fall fire safety (COG)

Member Dues Providing Primary Program Support

- 26% of Member Dues
- \$1.2 million supports regional coordination and planning efforts, where other funding is limited or not available

	Member Dues	Other	Total
Public Safety Planning	386,200	22,300	408,500
Health Planning Coordination	306,800		306,800
Housing Opportunities	202,500		202,500
Child Welfare	282,400	10,000	292,400
Total	1,177,900	32,300	1,210,200

Member Dues Leveraging Additional Resources

Deliverables:

- Prepare annual employment, population, and household forecasts by traffic analysis zone
- Advance regional efforts to restore local waterways, reduce air pollution, increase renewable energy use, promote recycling, and enhance and preserve green space and agriculture
- Update milestones and indicators for the Anacostia River Restoration Program
- Conduct annual public education, awareness, and behavioral change campaign to respond to the challenges of pedestrian and bicycle safety

See also the **Regional Environmental and Water Funds** section starting on page 21.



COG's latest Cooperative Forecast made headlines in March, including in *The Washington Post*. The forecast predicts more than 1.6 million additional people and jobs in the region by 2045.

Member Dues Leveraging Additional Resources

- 22% of Member Dues
- \$973,200 in Member Dues leverages \$5.8 million from various funding sources, and provides baseline resources to ensure continuity of programs

	Member Dues	Federal	District & States	UPWP Funds (1)	Other (2)	Total
Regional Environmental Resources Planning	401,000	-	-		972,800	1,373,800
Regional Planning & Coordination	352,600		-	625,000	-	977,600
Anacostia Watershed Program & Projects	69,800	25,000	434,400		751,600	1,280,800
Regional Water Resources Management	93,400	-	-		2,227,800	2,321,200
Street Smart Safety Education Campaign	56,400	-	633,300		150,000	839,700
Total	973,200	25,000	1,067,700	625,000	4,102,200	6,793,100
<i>(1) Included in the Unified Planning Work Program total on page 11</i>						
<i>(2) Includes Regional Environmental and Regional Water Funds - See separate section starting on page 21</i>						

Additional Membership Services, Benefits, Outreach, and Forums

Deliverables:

- Save members money through COG's Cooperative Purchasing Program
- Build regional consensus and a path forward on improving Metrorail safety, reliability, and customer experience
- Develop a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for regional support and implementation of Next Generation 9-1-1 services (NEW)
- Complete the regional export promotions plan
- Convene a regional Opioids and Substance Abuse Summit (NEW)
- Complete the plan for achieving regional greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals
- Leadership training for mid-level and senior local government managers (Institute for Regional Excellence)



COG secured a cooperative contract for the purchase of gasoline fuel to save local jurisdictions time and money. The latest contract was executed for a total procurement value of \$13 million.
School Buses (Zach Sparks, The Severna Park Voice)

Additional Member Services, Benefits, Outreach, and Forums

- 5% of Member Dues
- \$219,000 is available to support COG as a membership organization by coordinating cooperative purchasing, providing leadership training, convening and staffing the Board of Directors and other regional officials, sponsoring special studies and reports, creating and maintaining regional and national partnerships, and representing regional interests to the public and media

	Member Dues	Bldg & Interest Revenue	Other	Total
Member Relations, Governance, Special Reports, Public/Media Relations & Communications	39,400	866,000	7,200	912,600
Cooperative Purchasing	92,900		132,100	225,000
Institute for Regional Excellence	86,700		89,400	176,100
Total	219,000	866,000	228,700	1,313,700

FY2018 Member Dues

The FY2018 member dues increase is based on a forecast of general operating expenses and estimated changes in revenue and federal match requirements.

COG Member Dues

Increase of \$148,614 (3.8%), from \$3,909,555 to \$4,058,169

Basis for the increase:

- Increase in required match for Federal and other programs - \$92,800
- General cost increase of 1.4% - \$55,814

A table with the dues amount for each jurisdiction is included in the Appendix.

Increase in dues as a result of regional population increase (adjusted for 5% cap)	\$77,043
Per capita rate increase of 1.5 cents, from 72.5 to 74.0 (2.07% increase)	<u>\$71,571</u>
	<u>\$148,614</u>

FY2018 Member Dues by Category

Member Dues Leveraging Federally Sourced Funds	2,079,600	47%
Member Dues Providing Primary Program Support	1,177,900	26%
Member Dues Leveraging Additional Resources	973,200	22%
Additional Member Services, Benefits, Outreach, & Forums	219,000	5%
Total Member Dues	4,449,700	
Use of Prior Year Funds	(391,500)	
Rounding adjustment	(31)	
Total Member Dues FY2018	4,058,169	

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Regional Water and Environmental Funds



Regional Water Fund

Deliverables:

- Represent the region in the Chesapeake Bay Program mid-term TMDL assessment
- Support local stormwater management programs and compliance with MS4 permits
- Update the Regional Wastewater Flow Forecast Model
- Assist water utilities with implementing source water protection plans
- Manage the NCR Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN)
- Run the Wise Water Use Campaign, including TapIt, Protect Your Pipes, and the Drug Takeback Campaign



The wastewater sector in the Chesapeake Bay watershed is meeting its 2025 nutrient pollution limits—or Total Maximum Daily Load—nearly a decade ahead of schedule according to the EPA, putting the sector at the forefront of Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts. Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant (COG).

Regional Water Fund

\$1.4 million (two-thirds paid by water and sewer utilities) to protect the area’s water quality and condition of its wastewater and drinking water infrastructure, and to represent the interests of local governments and water utilities as federal and state actions become increasingly complex and regulatory in nature.

	Regional Water Fund (1)	Service Fees and Sponsors	COG Member Dues (2)	Other	Total
Regional Water Resources Management	1,218,100	-	93,400	20,000	1,331,500
Drinking Water Quality, Security & Response	166,100	421,800			587,900
Community Engagement Campaign	41,000			129,400	170,400
Regional Water Fund FY2018	1,425,200	421,800	93,400	149,400	2,089,800
<i>(1) Two-thirds of the Regional Water Fund is paid by water and sewer utilities</i>					
<i>(2) Included in the Proposed Member Dues on page 15</i>					

Regional Environmental Fund

Deliverables:

- Provide analysis and assessments that support energy system planning for the region's critical infrastructure
- Facilitate the NCR/DC Coastal Storm Risk Management Study (NEW)
- Conduct cooperative procurement of electric and other alternative fuel vehicles (pilot program for a national effort)
- Run the regional Go Recycle and America Recycles Day campaigns
- Coordinate the Food Policy Council and sustainable farm to table expansion, and update "What Our Region Grows"
- Improve the resiliency of the region's electrical supply systems to lessen disruptions and shorten restoration time
- Explore energy financing solutions



COG and the Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer hosted a Lab-to-Market Technology Forum in June, to better understand how area governments and utilities can utilize the R&D, scientific, and technological breakthroughs produced at federal labs for solving energy and water infrastructure challenges. (COG)

Regional Environmental Fund

\$636,400 for special projects focused on facilitating the deployment of renewable energy, removing barriers to implementation of solutions, and installing technology solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

	Regional Environmental Fund	COG Member Dues (1)	Other	Total
Environmental Resources Planning	467,800	376,000		843,800
Recycling & Solid Waste	125,000			125,000
Agriculture & Forestry Management	45,200	25,000	86,100	156,300
Water Resources Management	20,000			20,000
Regional Environmental Fund FY2018	658,000	401,000	86,100	1,145,100
<i>(1) Included in the Proposed Member Dues on page 15</i>				

FY2018 Fee Structure: Regional Water and Environmental Funds

The fee increases for FY2018 are based on a forecast of general operating expenses and estimated changes in revenue and matching requirements for sponsor funds.

Regional Water Fund

Increase of \$51,662 (3.8%), from \$1,373,503 to \$1,425,165

Regional Environmental Fund

Increase of \$21,693 (3.4%), from \$636,351 to 658,044

Basis for increases:

- Regional fees are increased in proportion to the annual dues increase, to maintain the balance between funding sources. Application of the 5% cap per jurisdiction reduces the percentage increase in the Regional Environmental Fund in FY2018.

A table with the fees for each jurisdiction is included in the Appendix.

SUMMARY: FY2018 Member Dues and Regional Fees

	FY2018	FY2017	Increase	%
Member Dues	4,058,169	3,909,555	148,614	3.8%
Regional Environmental Fund	658,044	636,351	21,693	3.4%
Regional Water Fund	1,425,165	1,373,503	51,662	3.8%
Total	6,141,378	5,919,409	221,969	3.7%
Population Estimate	5,556,228	5,452,778	103,450	1.9%
Per Capita Rate	0.740	0.725	0.015	2.1%
Population X Per Capita Rate	4,111,609	3,953,264	158,345	4.0%
Adjust for 5% Cap	(53,440)	(43,709)	(9,731)	
Member Dues Assessment	4,058,169	3,909,555	148,614	3.8%

Appendix

- Member Dues by Jurisdiction
- Regional Fund Fees by Jurisdiction

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments				FY2017 Assessment Rate:	0.725	Increase of	
FY2018 Schedule of Membership Dues				FY2018 Assessment Rate:	0.740	2.07%	
POPULATION FIGURES				DUES AMOUNT			
	FY2017	FY2018		FY2017	FY2018	FY2018	FY2018
	Adjusted	Adjusted	Compare	Adjusted	Adjusted	Increase	Percent
Jurisdiction	Population (1)	Population (1)	to FY2016	Contribution (2)	Contribution (2)	(Decrease)	Increase
Alexandria, City of	150,400	153,200	1.86%	\$ 109,040	\$ 113,368	\$ 4,328	3.97%
Arlington County	220,600	224,000	1.54%	\$ 159,935	\$ 165,760	\$ 5,825	3.64%
Bladensburg, Town of (3)	9,323	9,900	6.19%	\$ 3,189	\$ 3,348	\$ 159	5.00%
Bowie, City of	56,143	56,148	0.01%	\$ 40,704	\$ 41,550	\$ 846	2.08%
Charles County	156,588	157,835	0.80%	\$ 113,526	\$ 116,798	\$ 3,272	2.88%
College Park, City of	30,413	32,301	6.21%	\$ 22,049	\$ 23,151	\$ 1,102	5.00%
District of Columbia	682,517	706,592	3.53%	\$ 494,825	\$ 519,566	\$ 24,741	5.00%
Fairfax County	1,116,246	1,146,284	2.69%	\$ 809,278	\$ 848,250	\$ 38,972	4.82%
Fairfax, City of (3)	24,730	24,730	0.00%	\$ 17,846	\$ 18,300	\$ 454	2.55%
Falls Church, City of (3)	13,600	13,900	2.21%	\$ 9,393	\$ 9,863	\$ 470	5.00%
Frederick County	177,760	177,644	-0.07%	\$ 128,876	\$ 131,457	\$ 2,581	2.00%
Frederick, City of	68,369	69,328	1.40%	\$ 49,568	\$ 51,303	\$ 1,735	3.50%
Gaithersburg, City of	67,099	69,000	2.83%	\$ 48,647	\$ 51,060	\$ 2,413	4.96%
Greenbelt, City of	21,022	21,250	1.08%	\$ 15,241	\$ 15,725	\$ 484	3.18%
Hyattsville, City of	-	18,000	NEW	\$ -	\$ 6,660	\$ 6,660	NEW
Loudoun County (3)	387,542	394,968	1.92%	\$ 244,026	\$ 256,227	\$ 12,201	5.00%
Manassas Park, City of	15,427	16,805	8.93%	\$ 11,185	\$ 11,744	\$ 559	5.00%
Manassas, City of (3)	41,830	41,764	-0.16%	\$ 30,052	\$ 30,905	\$ 853	2.84%
Montgomery County (3)	904,707	904,974	0.03%	\$ 653,250	\$ 669,681	\$ 16,431	2.52%
Prince George's County	787,129	785,886	-0.16%	\$ 570,959	\$ 581,556	\$ 10,597	1.86%
Prince William County	438,692	444,577	1.34%	\$ 318,052	\$ 328,987	\$ 10,935	3.44%
Rockville, City of	65,926	69,429	5.31%	\$ 47,796	\$ 50,186	\$ 2,390	5.00%
Takoma Park, City of	16,715	17,713	5.97%	\$ 12,118	\$ 12,724	\$ 606	5.00%
Totals	5,452,778	5,556,228	1.90%	\$ 3,909,555	\$ 4,058,169	\$ 148,614	3.80%

(1) Adjusted Population figures reflect net population for Maryland counties after deducting city population within their boundaries. Virginia county population counts do not include city populations, and therefore are not adjusted.

(2) Adjusted Contribution is calculated by multiplying the adjusted population by the approved rate, limited to 5% annual increase per jurisdiction.

(3) For these jurisdictions, the FY2016 dues amount increase was capped at 5%.

FY2018 REGIONAL FUNDS Fee Schedule by Jurisdiction	Regional Water Fund (1)	Regional Environmental Fund	Total Regional Funds
Alexandria, City of	28,716	20,167	48,883
Arlington County	41,987	29,487	71,474
Bladensburg, City of			
Bowie, City of (WSSC)	10,524		10,524
Charles County			
College Park, City of (WSSC)	5,880	4,142	10,022
District of Columbia (DC Water)	285,139	92,959	378,098
Fairfax County	285,139	150,895	436,034
Fairfax, City of	4,635	3,255	7,890
Falls Church, City of	2,605	1,830	4,435
Frederick County			
Frederick, City of			
Gaithersburg, City of (WSSC)	12,933	9,083	22,016
Greenbelt, City of (WSSC)	3,983	2,797	6,780
Hyattsville, City of			
Loudoun County (Loudoun Water)	74,033	49,884	123,917
Manassas, City of			
Manassas Park, City of			
Montgomery County (WSSC)	285,139	119,129	404,268
Prince George's County (WSSC)	285,139	104,637	389,776
Prince William County	83,335	58,523	141,858
Rockville, City of	12,746	8,980	21,726
Takoma Park, City of (WSSC)	3,232	2,276	5,508
TOTAL	1,425,165	658,044	2,083,209

(1) Where indicated, water and sewer utilities support the Regional Water Fund on behalf of the local jurisdiction.

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