Wednesday, December 7th, 2011

Time: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Rooms 4/5 – 1st Floor

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

777 North Capitol Street, NE

Suite 300

Washington, DC

*Lunch will be provided for all participants*

\*This is a kickoff meeting of an ad-hoc workgroup tasked to develop recommendations for a regional tree canopy goal strategy. You have been invited to participate and help guide the process of evaluating the feasibility of increasing tree canopy in the Metropolitan Washington region. We offer the following key issues for your consideration in advance of this meeting: 1. Assessment of regional baseline tree canopy conditions and projected attrition; and 2. Review of existing local tree canopy enhancement programs and goals. These discussions are the foundation for determining the feasibility of establishing for a regional tree canopy goal. A list of workgroup invitees is attached. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

*Agenda*

1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks:** 11:00 to 11:05

Gary Allen (Center for Chesapeake Communities / Mike Knapp (Director; Fairfax County Urban Forest Management)

1. **Group Introductions:** All - 11:05-11:15
2. **Tree Canopy Project Purpose and Needs**: 11:15 - 11:45
3. Tree canopy goals and the 8-hour ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP)
* Gary Allen (CCC)
1. Tree canopy strategies and stormwater management
	* Brian LeCouteur (COG)
2. Tree canopy’s role in meeting climate change and Region Forward goals
	* Jeff King (COG)
3. **Desired Outcomes:** Michael Knapp - 11:45-12:00
* Develop a Regional Tree Canopy Management Goal and its attendant elements for input into the next ozone SIP and to meet other regional goals
* Integration with stormwater, climate change, other environmental and quality of life goals
* Share and leverage resources across jurisdictions and Identify sources for project funding

***Lunch: 12:00-12:30***

1. **Discuss Scope, Approach, and Timeline:** All – 12:30-1:00
	* Sketch outline of initial elements of a Regional Tree Canopy Goal / Strategy Report
	* Sketch outline of project timeline aiming for an approximate one-year completion

6. **Available Resources:**  Group - 1:15-1:45

1. COG overview:

Summary of COG regional tree canopy work to date – Brian LeCouteur

1. Current tree canopy data/policy inventory - Amanda Campbell (COG)
2. Identify preliminary short and long-term information needed – All

**7. Discuss Membership & Stakeholder Invitees:** All – 1:00-1:15

* Discuss refinement of proposed Workgroup Members list

8. **Next Steps: Review of Action Items** - 1:45

* What resources can be provided for this effort from the committee membership?

9. **Adjourn:**  2:00