

ACPAC April 2013 CEEPC Action Plan Comments:	Staff recommendations on how to address comments
Comments on Proposed 2013 -2016 Action Plan:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly identify expectations/level of effort for actions – are they one time, annual, ongoing, etc? For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How often should greenhouse gas inventories be completed? ○ What’s the planning period for greenhouse gas emission reduction plans and how often should they be updated (annual, 5-years, etc?) ○ How often should local jurisdictions track energy performance in their buildings? How often should they disclose their energy performance? 	CEEPC Action Plan Resource Guide
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the Action Plan sections are in order of importance, you may want to consider moving the Outreach Section up. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider increasing the percent goals on adaptation and resiliency 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add goal(s) related to encouraging locally- sourced food and farmers markets with the purpose of reducing transportation-related emissions 	Researched Potential Local Food Councils Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under Advocacy, consider revising current goal and/or adding goal(s) related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local jurisdictions communicating to citizens their positions on state and federal legislation ○ Local jurisdictions communicating proposed state and federal legislation to citizens and encouraging citizens to submit comments/letting citizens know how they can comment. 	Considering for COG Staff Workplan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider identifying which actions are the most difficult to implement, actions that are low-hanging fruit, and actions of highest priority in the Action Plan. 	Considering for COG Staff Workplan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In terms of progress on actions, consider identifying both the number and percent of jurisdictions implementing each action (11/22 = 50%), showing progress made over the last few years, and weighting progress by population (i.e. x% of the region’s population have energy efficiency or renewable energy financing programs available to them). 	Climate and Energy Progress Report
Action Plan Priorities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completing greenhouse gas inventories is a key first step to establishing a baseline and identifying actions that will best assist with achieving the 20% by 2020 goal. 	ACPAC Chair announce these suggested priorities at May CEEPC meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local jurisdictions should focus on achieving the built environment and infrastructure goal of reducing energy consumption 20% below 2005 levels by 2020. 	

Ideas to Assist Local Jurisdictions with Action Plan Implementation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting Started fact sheets on specific actions 	Considering for COG Staff Workplan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop “how to” checklists, such as an adaptation planning checklist 	Considering for COG Staff Workplan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop toolkits for specific actions 	Considering for COG Staff Workplan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host webinars 	Considering for COG Staff Workplan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a standing CEEPC agenda item for local jurisdictions to highlight local programs 	Considering for COG Staff Workplan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlight promising practices, such as on the COG website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One member mentioned that the District of Columbia is in the process of a wind farm development deal. There might be an interesting opportunity for the COG and some of the MD members to do something similar. There is also a wind project in Cheverly, MD that may be interesting to highlight. 	Considering for COG Staff Workplan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement an award program for local jurisdictions 	Considering for COG Staff Workplan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify a single lead contact for each jurisdiction, not just for collecting information from them (as in the annual climate and energy survey data), but to open up communication and provide information to them that will assist with actions they are considering implementing. 	Considering for COG Staff Workplan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and communicate the lead COG staff person for each section or sub-section of the Action Plan where localities can direct their questions. 	Considering for COG Staff Workplan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with standardizing greenhouse gas inventory methodologies and/or develop regional greenhouse gas inventory. 	Considering for COG Staff Workplan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempt to rank action plan items so that localities improve their understanding of where to get the most bang for the buck. 	Considering for COG Staff Workplan