



COG Staff Updates for CEEPC
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REGIONAL TREE CANOPY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REPORT

The Regional Tree Canopy Workgroup has drafted a Regional Tree Canopy Management Strategy document in cooperation with local forestry staff in the region. This document is a guideline for local government staff to assist in the management and enhancement of forest cover at the community level. Furthermore, recommendations in the report are designed to support Region Forward Sustainability Goals for regional forest cover management, state and local initiatives to continue to improve air quality, and the Chesapeake Bay Program's targets and indicators to protect water quality and support a healthy regional green infrastructure. Staff will be soliciting comments on the report in June. For more information, contact Brian LeCouteur blecouteur@mwkog.org.

FLEETS FOR THE FUTURE: COOPERATIVE PURCHASE OF ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

COG and the Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team (MAPT) is partnering with the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) on a US Department of Energy award winning project called [Fleets for the Future \(F4F\)](#) to develop and implement five regional and one national scale procurement for alternative fuel vehicles and refueling/charging infrastructure. The purpose of the effort is to reduce the incremental cost of commercially available alternative, clean fuel vehicles and supporting infrastructure in regional markets and nationwide.

Eligible public and non-profit fleets in the Mid-Atlantic region include local, state, and municipal governments, school districts and universities, and public electric and water/wastewater utilities. Eligible vehicle types are light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles. Fuel types include plug-in electric vehicles, compressed natural gas (CNG), propane, and ethanol (E85). Eligible infrastructure includes Level 2 and DC fast charging (DCFC), compressed natural gas, propane (LPG), and E85. **The deadline for soft commitment requests is June 9, 2017.** For more information, contact Leah Boggs at lboggs@mwkog.org go to <http://www.fleetsforthefuture.org/>.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS COASTAL STORM RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments is serving as the non-federal sponsor for an Army Corps of Engineers Coast Storm Risk Management Study which will investigate flood risks in the vicinity of the region's tidal areas, and identify potential solutions to protect the vulnerable infrastructure assets upon which the region relies. The effort would build on existing studies.

COG is working with the Corps and potential partners to identify cost-share funding for the study. The \$3 million study requires 50% cost-share (\$1.5 million) over the next three years. The study will provide a comprehensive coastal flood risk assessment that will provide more detailed analysis than previous efforts. For more information, please contact Tanya Spano (tspano@mwkog.org 202-962-3776 or Amanda Campbell (acampbell@mwkog.org 202-962-3324).

ULI TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PANEL – DISTRICT ENERGY RECOMMENDATIONS

COG has partners with Urban Land Institute (ULI)-Washington to fund Technical Assistance Panels (TAPs) in Activity Centers. TAPs provide local government awardees with tailored advice and recommendations on a particular project or location from a panel of experts from the real estate, finance, planning, transportation, engineering, and design fields. The recently released TAP Report examines and provides recommendations on district energy, cultural sustainability, and open space for Washington D.C.'s Florida Avenue Market Area. <http://washington.uli.org/taps/district-energy-cultural-sustainability-open-space-uli-washington-completes-panel-florida-avenue-market/>

C-LEAP – ICLEI GHG EMISSION INVENTORY & ANALYZING THE DRIVERS OF CHANGE

COG is participating with five other cities in a DOE-funded grant, led by the City of Bellevue, to update the Metropolitan Washington region's GHG emission inventory. The project will create and disseminate a framework for performing a "contribution analysis" of community-scale GHG emission trends over time. The contribution analysis will identify how various factors have contributed to emissions changes between two GHG inventories. COG is in the process of updating its 2015 regional GHG emission inventory, and will use the 2012 as the baseline inventory. The 2015 inventory was completed in April, and the contribution analysis will be completed by the end of November. For more information about the project, contact Maia Davis (mdavis@mwkog.org).

COG RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE PROGRAM

The COG Recycling Committee is running the Go Recycle regional promotional campaign April 24 – May 20. The \$81,000 media buy employs paid social media advertising, digital advertising, digital radio, and broadcast radio. It includes targeted content for each sponsor.

The COG Solid Waste Managers Committee held a FEMA-led emergency debris contracting class on April 28 at COG.