



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, October 9, 2024
12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

WebEx Virtual Meeting (provided to members only by email)
Public livestream on website

AGENDA

- 12:00 P.M. 1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Charles Allen, COG Board Chair
2. **CHAIR'S REPORT**
Charles Allen, COG Board Chair
- A. COG FARM Policy Committee DC Farm Tour Oct 18
 - B. COG Annual Meeting & Awards Reception Dec 11 – [Award Nominations](#)
- 12:05 P.M. 3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
Clark Mercer, COG Executive Director
- 12:10 P.M. 4. **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**
Charles Allen, COG Board Chair
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**
Charles Allen, COG Board Chair
- Recommended Action: Approve minutes.**
6. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
Charles Allen, COG Board Chair
- A. Resolution R20-2024 – Resolution approving appointments to the COG 2025 Nominating Committee
 - B. Resolution R21-2024 – Resolution approving appointments to the COG 2025 Legislative Committee
 - C. Resolution R22- 2024 – Resolution authorizing COG to receive and expend grant funds for a PFAS Reduction in Biosolids and Filtrate project
 - D. Resolution R23-2024 – Resolution authorizing COG to receive a grant, procure and enter into a contract to execute the “Collaboratively Addressing Derelict Vessels and Large Debris in the Anacostia River” project

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- E. Resolution R24-2024 – Resolution authorizing COG to enter into an Agreement with George Mason University to accelerate action on climate change
- F. Resolution R25-2024 – Resolution authorizing COG to enter into an agreement with Loudoun County to develop a Natural Resources Strategy and support implementation of the county’s Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolutions R20-2024 – R25-2024.

12:15 P.M. 7. FISCAL YEAR 2026 MEMBER DUES & REGIONAL FEES

Clark Mercer, COG Executive Director
Julie Mussog, COG Chief Financial Officer

The board will be briefed on the proposal for the Fiscal Year 2026 Member Dues and Regional Fees.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R26-2024.

12:25 P.M. 8. APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 & FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN AND BUDGET

Michael O’Connor, COG Secretary-Treasurer
Julie Mussog, COG Chief Financial Officer

The board will be briefed on the proposed FY 2025 Capital Expenditure Budget and Five-Year Capital Expenditure Plan.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R27-2024.

12:35 P.M. 9. REGIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPLEMENTATION (REVII) PLAN

Kanti Srikanth, COG Deputy Executive Director of Metropolitan Planning
Jeffrey King, COG Climate, Energy, and Air Program Director

The board will be briefed on TPB and COG’s jointly developed [REVII Plan](#), a guide to help state and local jurisdictions plan and implement Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure across the region to support the transition of light duty vehicles to electric power. The REVII Plan provides an estimate of the number and type of EV charging stations and the optimal locations throughout the region. The REVII Plan is a resource for COG member agencies to pursue state and federal formula and discretionary grant funding that has been set aside for EV infrastructure deployment. Transitioning the region’s vehicular fleet to clean energy, such as electric power, is a strategy with the greatest potential to reduce on-road greenhouse gas emissions and help achieve the greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and discuss.

12:50 P.M. 10. HOUSING AFFORDABILITY PLANNING PROGRAM GRANTS

Hilary Chapman, COG Housing Program Manager

The board will be briefed and vote on the recommended 2024 recipients of COG's Housing Affordability Planning Program (HAPP) grants. The program, funded by a grant from the Amazon Housing Equity Fund, awards small, flexible grants to area local governments and non-profit developers engaged in the planning, approval, or development of housing near transit stations.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R28-2024.

1:15 P.M. 11. CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK 2024 HUNGER REPORT

Radha Muthiah, Capital Area Food Bank President & CEO

Sabrina Tadele, Capital Area Food Bank Director of Strategic Initiatives

The board will be briefed on results of the [2024 Hunger Report](#), highlighting food insecurity and hunger challenges in the metropolitan Washington region.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R29-2024.

1:55 P.M. 12. OTHER BUSINESS

2:00 P.M. 13. ADJOURN

The next COG Board Meeting will take place in-person on Wednesday, November 13th from 12:00 – 2:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM #2

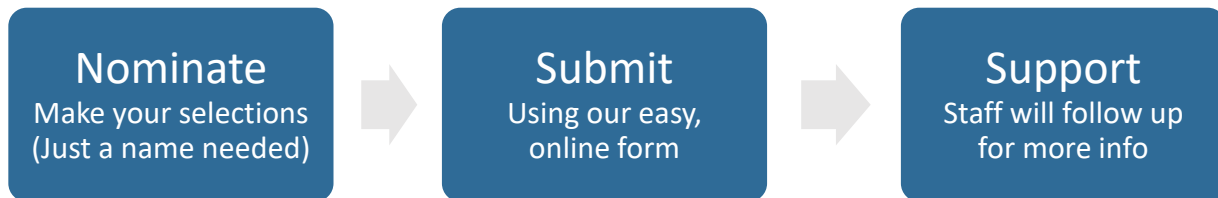
CHAIR'S REPORT

HELP US CELEBRATE OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP & SERVICE



COG's biggest event of the year, the **Annual Meeting and Awards Reception** on December 11, is the perfect time to recognize exemplary leaders from around metropolitan Washington. Please use our online form to nominate your peers and partner organizations for one of COG's prestigious regional awards.

It's easy! To submit an awards nomination online (by October 18), please visit www.mwcog.org/annualmeeting. You can also register for the event if you haven't already.



Which outstanding local, state, or federal elected official are you nominating for the **Elizabeth and David Scull Metropolitan Public Service Award**?

Which outstanding non-elected government executive are you nominating for the **Ronald F. Kirby Award for Collaborative Leadership**?

Which outstanding individual or organization are you nominating for the **Stuart A. Freudberg Award for Regional Partnership**?

For Reference - Award Winners from Previous Years

Elizabeth and David Scull Metropolitan Service Award

- 2023 – Christian Dorsey, Arlington County
- 2022 – Libby Garvey, Arlington County
- 2021 – Derrick L. Davis, Prince George’s County
- 2020 – No awards program
- 2019 – Muriel Bowser, District of Columbia
- 2018 – Rushern Baker, Prince George’s County
- 2017 – Bridget Newton, City of Rockville

Ronald F. Kirby Award for Collaborative Leadership

- 2023 – Helen McIlvaine, City of Alexandria
- 2022 – Monica Backmon, Northern Virginia Transportation Authority
- 2021 – Karla Bruce, Fairfax County
- 2020 – No awards program
- 2019 – Stephanie Landrum, Alexandria Economic Development Authority
- 2018 – Kate Mattice, Northern Virginia Transportation Commission
- 2017 – George Hawkins, DC Water

Stuart A. Freudberg Award for Regional Partnership

- 2023 – Maryland National Capital Region Economic Development Alliance
- 2022 – Amazon Housing Equity Fund
- 2021 – DC, MD, VA Hunger Solutions
- 2020 – No awards program
- 2019 – Urban Land Institute – Washington
- 2018 – Leadership Greater Washington
- 2017 – Coalition for Smarter Growth

Additional previous Scull winners on current board:

- 2010 David Snyder, City of Falls Church
- 2005 Phil Mendelson, District of Columbia

AGENDA ITEM #3

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



MEMORANDUM

TO: COG Board of Directors
FROM: Clark Mercer, COG Executive Director
SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report – September 2024
DATE: October 2, 2024

POLICY BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) – In September, the TPB received informational updates on the Regional Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Implementation (REVII) strategy, which included an EV charger siting priority map that state and local governments in the region can consult as they develop their EV charging station deployments and apply for federal and state grants. The TPB also received the results of the latest Washington-Baltimore Regional Air Passenger Survey. Also, staff announced that a Regional Transportation Safety Summit will be held on October 31.

Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) – At its September meeting, MWAQC members discussed the development of an Environmental Justice Action Plan, including public feedback from a number of listening sessions held across the region. State monitoring experts briefed the committee on the process of conducting regulatory and community air quality monitoring, and COG staff provided an update on the 2024 ozone season, which had 7 Code Orange (unhealthy for sensitive groups) days.

Chesapeake Bay & Water Resources Policy Committee (CBPC) – At CBPC's September meeting, federal, state, and local officials convened for the annual water quality forum. They discussed their long-term visions, priorities, and strategies for the Chesapeake Bay and local water resources. Both the EPA and state representatives reaffirmed their commitment to the Bay Program's Beyond 2025 initiatives, as well as their individual water quality efforts. Following the presentations, CBPC members engaged in an open dialogue with the speakers, who stressed the need to strengthen the future water workforce and involve the next generation and local communities in environmental stewardship and conservation.



DMVMoves Task Force

On September 23, the DMVMoves Task Force convened for its second meeting, which focused on several actions to improve customer experience across all transit systems and reviewed the funding needs of the regional transit network.

[View a summary of the meeting and presentation to the Task Force](#)

Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) – At its September meeting, CEEPC heard presentations on the newly published Regional Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Implementation (REVII) Strategy and two Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) grants to COG and the Maryland Clean Energy Center (MCEC) to deploy electric vehicle charging stations in the region. Members also heard from a panel of local climate leaders actively conducting climate outreach. Members discussed a memorandum received from Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee (ACPAC) that included nine recommendations to address the urgency of climate change.

Human Services Policy Committee (HSPC) and Food and Agriculture Regional Member Policy Committee (FARM) – At its September meeting, HSPC and FARM committees participated in a joint session. The Capital Area Food Bank presented the results of its 2024 annual Hunger Report, highlighting challenges related to food insecurity in the DC region. The committee also received a briefing on the Greater Washington Community Foundation's 2023 Voices DMV survey of community well-being, which measured key quality of life indicators such as economic opportunity, well-being, safety, and more. To conclude the discussion, HSPC and FARM committee members explored opportunities for collaboration in 2025 on the connection between food insecurity and related human service needs.

OUTREACH & PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Transportation Planning – Several COG transportation planning staff participated in the Annual Conference of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO). Mark Moran presented on travel demand forecasting models (ABMs), Lyn Erickson discussed reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and Katherine Rainone and Pierre Gaunard presented on developing a regional transportation resilience improvement plan. Kanti Srikanth moderated a session on scaling the transit fiscal cliff, and Tim Canan also moderated a discussion on land use and housing linkages.

Housing and Planning Office Coordination - COG's Housing Directors and Planning Directors Committees met jointly on September 27 to discuss how to increase housing affordability and equity through zoning and land use reform. Presenters from the Urban Institute shared recent research on this topic, and then participants broke into a workshop on strategies to shape programs to achieve desired policy outcomes. Committee members also received special recognition for their work from representatives of the HUD DC Field Office as well as the HUD Region III Community Planning Department Director.



Festival del Río Anacostia

COG participated in the 9th Annual Festival del Río Anacostia in Bladensburg, MD alongside several partner organizations that COG works with to restore the watershed. Members of COG engaged with Latino community members, educating them about species that live in the watershed and providing hands-on fish demonstrations.

Public Safety – In September, the COG Public Order Subcommittee and the SWAT Subcommittee jointly met at the White House complex and received a briefing on 2024 election security threats.

Air Quality – This fall, Clean Air Partners will be surveying Baltimore-Washington residents on their perceptions and attitudes about regional air quality. The Public Awareness Survey is conducted every three years, and the results are used to inform the development of future work programs and initiatives.

MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

ICPRB’s new report – COG helped promote the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin’s (ICPRB) new report, “The Economic and Fiscal Costs of Water Supply Disruption to the National Capital Region”, and it received coverage from the Washington Post, NBC 4, WTOP, WUSA 9, DC News Now, and 7 News.

[Washington Post](#) – quotes COG Board Chair Charles Allen

[NBC 4](#) – quotes COG Board Chair Charles Allen

DMVMoves Task Force – The September 23 DMVMoves meeting was covered by Virginia Mercury, 7 News, and CTV News.

[Virginia Mercury](#) – quotes Task Force Members Mark Sickles, Scott Surovell, and Phyllis Randall

Elections security – The September COG Board briefing on election security was covered by Maryland Matters and MyMCMedia.

[Maryland Matters](#) – quotes COG Board Chair Allen and COG Board Members Kate Stewart, Evan Glass, and Phyllis Randall

Airport Passenger Survey – The TPB released the findings from its survey, which provides insights into air passenger travel habits, preferences, and priorities and helps the board assess and plan for the operations of airport facilities and the transportation network serving the region’s major airports. The survey received coverage from NBC4 and WTOP.

[NBC 4](#) – quotes COG Planning Data and Research Program Director Tim Canan



NOAA grant

The Water Resources Team recently received a nearly \$1 million grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to remove large debris, derelict vessels, and trash from the Anacostia Watershed. The story was covered by Fox 5, Chesapeake Bay Magazine, Washington Times, WTOP, CTV News, and the Washington Post.

[Washington Post](#) – quotes from COG Principal Environmental Planner Phong Trieu and COG Environmental Planner Caitlin Bolton

[WTOP](#) – quotes COG Environmental Planner Caitlin Bolton

AGENDA ITEM #4

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM #5

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20002

MINUTES
COG Board of Directors Meeting
September 11, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES: See attached chart for attendance.

SPEAKERS:

Jolene Ivey, Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee Chair
Julie Kimmel, COG Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee Chair
Boris Brajkovic, Montgomery County Election Director
Sarah Graham, District of Columbia Director of Communications
Gretchen Reinemeyer, Arlington County Director of Elections
Matthew Drummond, Federal Bureau of Investigation – Washington Field Office Special Agent

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COG Board Chair Charles Allen called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. COG Membership & Awards Reception – December 11th 4:00-6:00P.M.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

COG Executive Director Clark Mercer briefed the board on the following:

- COG received a PRO Housing grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), totaling over \$3.5 million, to improve access to affordable housing in metropolitan Washington.
- COG was awarded a \$3.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to support the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure.
- COG was awarded nearly \$1 million from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for a new project to remove abandoned boats and large debris from the Anacostia River.
- On July 29th COG's Drought Coordination Committee declared a Drought Watch for the metropolitan Washington region. It was the first Drought Watch declaration since 2010.
- COG's Commuter Connections program will host Car Free Day on September 23rd, which brings awareness to the benefits of travel options such as transit, bicycling, and walking, and also telework.
- On October 2nd, COG will host an event to celebrate the Commuter Connections program's 50th anniversary

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 12, 2024

The minutes from the June 12, 2024, board meeting were approved.

6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Resolution R16-2024 – Resolution authorizing COG to procure and enter into a contract to assess COG’s Department of Human Resources
- B. Resolution R17-2024 – Resolution authorizing COG to receive a grant, procure and enter into a contract to deploy Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations across Metropolitan Washington
- C. Resolution R18-2024 – Resolution authorizing COG to procure and enter into a contract to purchase preparedness planning, program management, administrative and training exercise services
- D. Resolution R19-2024 – Resolution authorizing COG to enter into a feasibility cost share agreement to conduct a feasibility study of a secondary drinking water source for the Metropolitan Washington region

Action: The board adopted Resolutions R16-2024 - R19-2024.

7. 2024 CLIMATE AND ENERGY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

COG Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee Chair Jolene Ivey and COG Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee Chair Julie Kimmel awarded local governments, educational institutions, and non-governmental organizations for their efforts to achieve local and regional climate and energy goals.

8. ELECTION PREPAREDNESS: REGIONAL COORDINATION

The board received a briefing on local election preparedness from Montgomery County Election Director Boris Brajkovic, District of Columbia Director of Communications Sarah Graham, and Arlington County Director of Elections Gretchen Reinemeyer.

Action: Received briefing and discussed.

9. ELECTION PREPAREDNESS: THREATS AND FEDERAL COORDINATION

This agenda item took place in an executive session and was closed to the public. The board was briefed by Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Matthew Drummond on foreign malign influence threats to U.S. elections.

Action: Received briefing and discussed.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

11. ADJORN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

COG Board of Directors
Meeting
September 11, 2024 Attendance

| Jurisdiction | Member | Y/N | Alternate | Y/N |
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| <i>District of Columbia</i> | | | | |
| Executive | Hon. Muriel Bowser | | Ms. Beverly Perry | Y |
| | Mr. Kevin Donahue | | Mr. Tomas Talamante | |
| Council | Hon. Phil Mendelson | Y | Hon. Brianne Nadeau | Y |
| | Hon. Charles Allen | Y | | |
| <i>Maryland</i> | | | | |
| City of Bowie | Hon. Tim Adams | | Hon. Dufour Woolfley | |
| Charles County | Hon. Reuben Collins | Y | Hon. Thomasina Coates | |
| City of Frederick | Hon. Michael O'Connor | Y | Hon. Kelly Russell | |
| Frederick County | Hon. Jessica Fitzwater | Y | Ms. Victoria Venable | |
| City of College Park | Hon. Denise Mitchell | Y | Hon. Fazlul Kabir | |
| City of Gaithersburg | Hon. Robert Wu | | Hon. Neil Harris | |
| City of Greenbelt | Hon. Emmett Jordan | Y | Hon. Kristen Weaver | |
| City of Laurel | Hon. Keith Sydnor | | Hon. James Kole | |
| Montgomery County - Exec | Hon. Marc Elrich | | Mr. Richard Madaleno Ms. Fariba Kassiri Mr. Earl Stoddard | Y |
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| Montgomery County - Council | Hon. Evan Glass | Y | | |
| Montgomery County - Council | Hon. Kate Stewart | Y | | |
| Prince George's County - Exec | Hon. Angela Alsobrooks | | Ms. Tara Jackson | Y |
| Prince George's County - Council | Hon. Tom Dernoga | Y | Hon. Wanika Fisher | |
| Prince George's County - Council | Hon. Ingrid Watson | | Hon. Krystal Oriadha | |
| City of Rockville | Hon. Monique Ashton | Y | | |
| City of Takoma Park | Hon. Talisha Searcy | | | |
| Maryland General Assembly | Hon. Brian Feldman | | | |
| <i>Virginia</i> | | | | |
| City of Alexandria | Hon. Justin Wilson | | Hon. Kirk McPike | |
| Arlington County | Hon. Libby Garvey | Y | | |
| City of Fairfax | Hon. Catherine Read | Y | Hon. Tom Ross | |
| Fairfax County | Hon. Rodney Lusk | Y | Hon. Daniel Storck | |
| Fairfax County | Hon. Jeff McKay | | Hon. Andres Jimenez | |
| Fairfax County | Hon. James Walkinshaw | Y | Hon. Walter Alcorn | |
| City of Falls Church | Hon. David Snyder | Y | | |
| Loudoun County | Hon. Laura TeKrony | Y | | |
| Loudoun County | Hon. Phyllis Randall | Y | Hon. Koran Saines | |
| City of Manassas | Hon. Mark Wolfe | Y | Hon. Sonia Vasquez Luna | |
| City of Manassas Park | Hon. Darryl Moore | | | |
| Prince William County | Hon. Deshundra Jefferson | | Hon. Kenny A. Boddye | |
| Prince William County | Hon. Andrea Bailey | | Hon. Tom Gordy | |
| Virginia General Assembly | Hon. Mark Sickles | Y | | |

Y = present V = virtual

Total: 24

AGENDA ITEM #6

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
October 2024**

A. RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO THE COG 2025 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R20-2024 approving the appointments to the 2025 Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is appointed annually with the task of nominating the three members of the executive committee of the Board of Directors and the four corporate officers. The Nominating Committee is comprised of seven members, balanced geographically among the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and chaired by the current COG Board Chair. If a member of the appointed Nominating Committee is unable to serve throughout the tenure of the committee, the COG Board Chair will appoint an alternate member. Recommended individuals to serve on the 2025 Nominating Committee are as follows:

Charles Allen, District of Columbia (Committee Chair)
Evan Glass, Montgomery County
Phil Mendelson, District of Columbia
Beverly Perry, District of Columbia
Phyllis Randall, Loudoun County
Keith Sydnor, City of Laurel
Mark Wolfe, City of Manassas

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R20-2024.

B. RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO THE COG 2025 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R21-2024 authorizing the appointments to the 2025 Legislative Committee. The Legislative Committee is appointed annually with the task of reviewing and proposing an advocacy platform that outlines the region's federal and state policy priorities for the calendar year. The Legislative Committee is comprised of individuals from each of COG's policy committees and boards. Recommended individuals to serve on the 2025 Legislative Committee are as follows:

Rodney Lusk, COG Board of Directors (Committee Chair)
Christina Henderson, Transportation Planning Board
Tom Dernoga, Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee
Natali Fani-Gonzalez, Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Committee
Takis Karantonis, Region Forward Coalition
Jon Stehle, Food and Agriculture Regional Member Policy Committee
Sarah Bagley, Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee
Anita Bonds, Human Services Policy Committee

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R21-2024.

C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDS FOR A PFAS REDUCTION IN BIOSOLIDS AND FILTRATE PROJECT

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R22-2024 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to partner with WSSC Water and other regional water utilities and research organizations to receive and expend grant funds from the Water Research Foundation in the amount of \$150,000. Water Resource Recovery Facilities (WRRFs) often bear responsibility as point source dischargers of PFAS. As regulations pertaining to the monitoring and mitigation of PFAS concentrations in WRRF effluent evolve across the United States, there is

a growing need for comprehensive assessments. The emergence of monitoring and action-level triggered PFAS source reduction requirements underscore the urgency of this matter. The proposed study aims to offer valuable insights and recommendations regarding the feasibility and efficacy of PFAS separation, concentration, and eradication from the recycled filtrate derived from solids processing. Funding for this effort will be provided to WSSC Water as the Principal Investigator through a grant from the Water Research Foundation and in-kind contributions from regional water utilities and research organizations. COG will provide a match of \$100,000 from the Blue Plains Committees Fund, which is available in the budget of the Department of Environmental Programs.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R22-2024.

D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO RECEIVE A GRANT, PROCURE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO EXECUTE THE “COLLABORATIVELY ADDRESSING DERELICT VESSELS AND LARGE DEBRIS IN THE ANACOSTIA RIVER” PROJECT

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R23-2024 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend grant funds from FY24 NOAA Marine Debris Removal Program in the amount of \$963,132. The resolution also authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to proceed with procurement for a contractor, or contractors, and enter into a contract to remove derelict boats and large debris from the Anacostia waterbodies and to develop outreach material to keep materials from entering the areas. The goal of the project will be to remove large trash debris and derelict vessels from the Anacostia River and Lower Beaverdam Creek. COG will be required to provide a match of \$65,747, which is available in the budget of the Department of Environmental Programs, over the four-year grant period of performance.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R23-2024.

E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY TO ACCELERATE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R24-2024 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an Agreement with George Mason University (GMU) for COG and the Mason Energy initiative to conduct stakeholder engagement and other supportive activities to spur accelerated action on clean energy and climate change for the region. COG will be required to commit up to \$50,000 of partnership sponsor funding, which is available in the budget of the Department of Environmental Programs Regional Environmental Fund and federal Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) funding. The Board is also asked to authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to procure and enter into a contract(s) with COG consultants to provide assistance with stakeholder engagements and other supportive activities to support the joint initiative.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R24-2024.

F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LOUDOUN COUNTY TO DEVELOP A NATURAL RESOURCES STRATEGY AND SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTY'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R25-2024 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend grant funds from Loudoun County, Virginia, in the amount of \$450,000 over 1 year. Funding will be used to develop a natural resources strategy and support implementation of the County's energy efficiency and conservation block grant. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R25-2024.

(SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA – ADDITION OF CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTION R30-2024.)

G. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO RECEIVE A GRANT TO ESTABLISH THE LEARNERS WORKFORCE PROGRAM

The board will be asked to adopt Resolution R30-2024 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend grant funds from Loudoun County in the amount of \$1,000,360. The Learners Workforce Program establishes and staffs the Learners Workforce Program at MWCOG that is paid for by Loudoun County. The Learners Workforce Programs will position MWCOG as the regional leader in workforce innovation, starting with technology-centric training programs for local governments in the National Capital Region (NCR). Funding for this effort will be provided through a grant from Loudoun County. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R30-2024.

AGENDA ITEM #7

FISCAL YEAR 2026 MEMBER DUES AND REGIONAL FEES



PRODUCING RESULTS FOR THE REGION

Overview of COG’s FY2026 Member Dues and Regional Fees

Clark Mercer, COG Executive Director
Julie Mussog, COG Chief Financial Officer

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About COG

- An independent, nonprofit association founded in 1957.
- Brings area leaders together to address regional issues and plan for the future.
- 300 elected officials from 24 local governments, the Maryland and Virginia state legislatures, and U.S. Congress, representing about 6 million residents.
- Home of the Transportation Planning Board, the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization.



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Producing Results for the Region

- Ensuring all major **transportation projects** receive federal funding and approvals.
- Coordinating **air quality planning**, providing air quality forecasts and health advisories.
- Establishing **mutual aid agreements** to ensure cross-jurisdictional response to emergencies.
- Advancing **water quality** initiatives, like brokering and managing the Blue Plains wastewater agreement.
- Leading **homeland security planning**, including support for the UASI program.
- Providing grants to help jumpstart equitable, **transit-oriented communities**.
- Mobilizing action on **climate change**, supporting expanded deployment of electric vehicles (EVs).
- Identifying housing needs, crafting first regional **fair housing** plan in a generation.
- Preparing for **public health emergencies**.
- Helping local governments advance **racial equity** by offering training opportunities and resources.



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Member Benefits: The COG Network

1,500+ government staff and partners engaged in 100+ boards, committees, and working groups.

- Supported by COG staff of 125 subject matter experts and administrative professionals.

COG is the place for convening leaders, setting goals, and tackling regional issues.

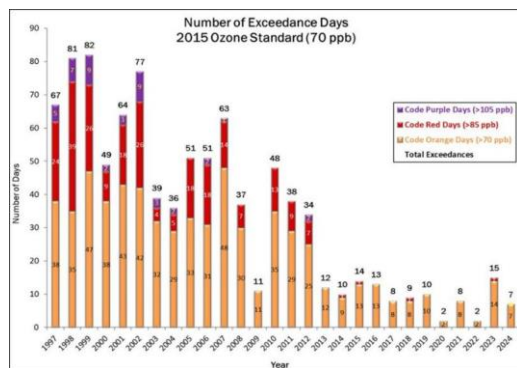
- Regional transit planning and funding, including new DMVMoves initiative.
- Economic development.
- Climate goals and expansion of solar, EV use.
- Affordable housing targets.



Member Benefits: Research & Data

COG staff are a trusted source of regional information, providing members with data to inform decision-making, such as reports on:

- Commuting and travel trends
- Economic indicators and commercial and multi-family construction
- Crime trends and impaired driving
- Homelessness
- Water supply and drought
- Air and water quality progress
- Greenhouse gas emissions inventories



Regional air quality data



Member Benefits: Purchasing

COG seeks out cooperative purchasing opportunities for members and harnesses the purchasing power of member jurisdictions.

Diesel fuel– Agreement has about 20 jurisdictions using it, with an annual savings across the region of about \$500,000 per year (between 3 and 8 percent under market rates, depending on location).

Interoperable radios - The discounts for this contract are between 25 – 40 percent (off of MSRP) and allow for other promotion and saving opportunities like trading in old equipment to get further savings.



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Convening Leaders & Experts on Priority Areas

COG supports committees that serve the interests of its member jurisdictions, including:

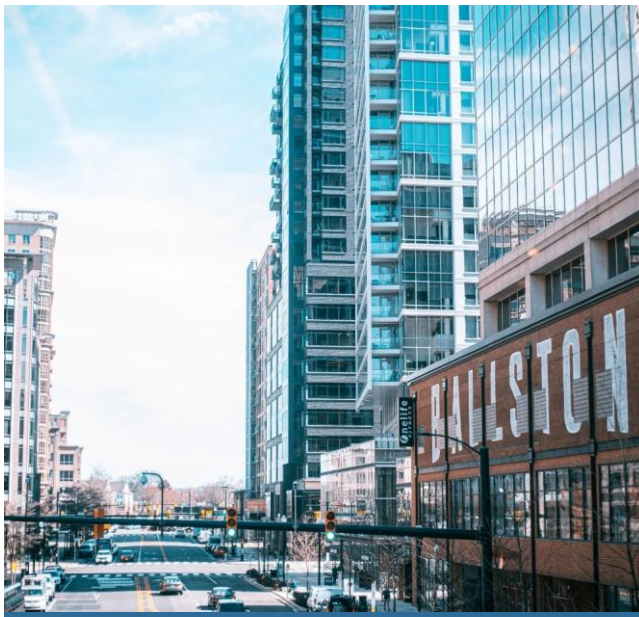
- Anacostia Watershed Steering Committee
- **Chesapeake Bay & Water Resources Policy Committee**
- Chief Administrative Officers Committee
- Chief Information Officers Committee
- Chief Purchasing Officers Committee
- Child Welfare Directors Committee
- **Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee**
- Drought Coordination Committee
- Emergency Managers Committee
- Emergency Preparedness Council
- **Food & Agriculture Regional Member Policy Committee**
- Fire Chiefs Committee
- Health Officials Committee
- Homeland Security Executive Committee
- Homeless Services, Planning, & Coordinating Committee
- Housing Directors Advisory Committee
- **Human Services Policy Committee**
- Planning Directors Technical Advisory Committee
- Police Chiefs Committee
- Public Information Officers Committee
- Recycling Committee
- **Region Forward Coalition**
- Regional Tree Canopy Workgroup
- Snow/Winter Weather Briefings Committee



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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

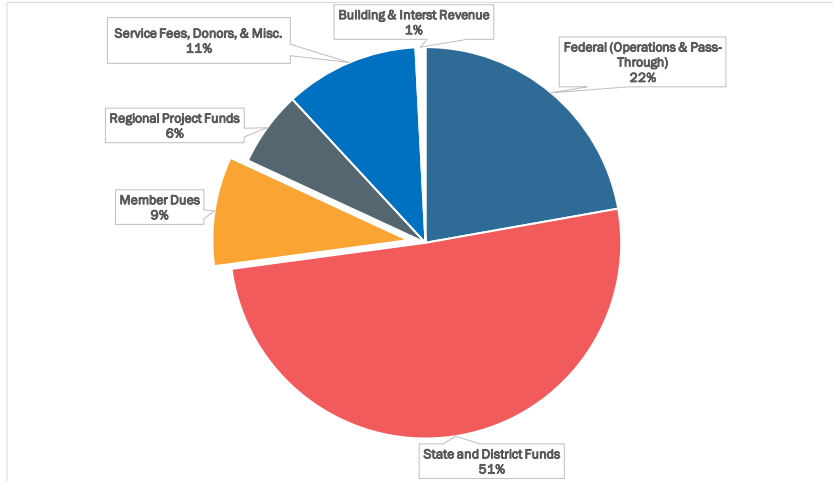


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Member Dues Provide 9% of Total COG Resources



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Member Dues Leveraging Federally Sourced Funds

Deliverables:

- Convene and staff the Transportation Planning Board, with representation from all member jurisdictions.
- Conduct federally mandated metropolitan transportation planning activities to ensure flow of federal transportation funds to local, regional, and state transportation agencies.
- Undertake studies, data collection, and analyses to inform transportation decision making at regional and local levels.
- Meet the requirements that allow member jurisdictions to receive and use homeland security funding.



The Transportation Planning Board at COG develops the region's federally mandated long-range transportation plan.

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Member Dues Leveraging Federally Sourced Funds

- 41% of Member Dues
- For these programs, each \$1.00 in member dues leverages \$8.67 in direct federal funding.

| | Member Dues | Direct Federal | District & States | Regional Funds | Other | Total Resources |
|---|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Regional Transportation Planning (UPWP) | 2,115,100 | 16,920,800 | 2,115,100 | | - | 21,151,000 |
| Homeland Security Staff Support | 167,000 | 2,800,000 | | 653,500 | 10,000 | 3,630,500 |
| Continuous Airport Systems Planning | 28,000 | 300,000 | | | | 328,000 |
| Total | 2,310,100 | 20,020,800 | 2,115,100 | 653,500 | 10,000 | 25,109,500 |

Member Dues Providing Primary Program Support

Deliverables:

- Support regional economic development initiatives, including examining the region’s shortage of affordably priced housing through an economic competitiveness lens.
- Coordinate regional annual point-in-time count of homeless persons, with results and analysis.
- Convene regional health directors and coordinate response to health emergencies.
- Support communication among area officials for emergencies and severe weather events, through coordination calls and 24/7 RICCS notification system.



COG annually coordinates a point-in-time count and report of the number and distribution of persons experiencing homelessness in our region. (Photo credit: District of Columbia Interagency Council on Homelessness)

Member Dues Providing Primary Program Support

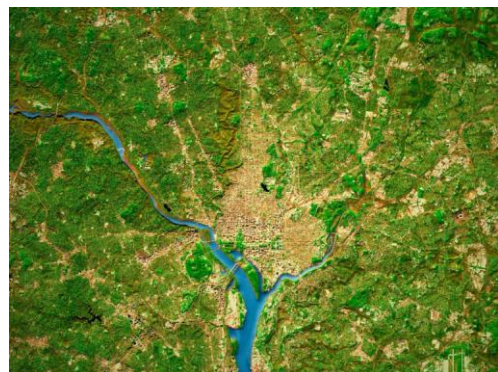
- 16% of Member Dues
- \$875,700 supports regional coordination and planning efforts, where other funding is limited or not available. This funding is critically important for the health, housing, and equity work that has no other source of funding and accounts for 55% of the program funds.

| | Member Dues | Other | Total |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Health Planning & Community Svc. | 382,000 | 20,000 | 402,000 |
| Housing Opportunities | 298,700 | 700,000 | 998,700 |
| Regional Incident System (RICCS) | 195,000 | | 195,000 |
| Total | 875,700 | 720,000 | 1,595,700 |

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 the region's tree canopy and agriculture.
- Conduct pedestrian and bicycle safety campaign.
- Award grants for transportation alternatives and transportation land use connection projects.
- Evaluate the region's climate progress and help implement the 2030 Climate Action Plan.



The COG Board adopted a first-ever regional tree canopy goal in April 2024.

See also the **Regional Environmental, Water, and Public Safety Funds** section.

Member Dues Leveraging Additional Resources

- 31% of Member Dues
- \$1.7 million in Member Dues leverages \$9.0 million from various funding sources, and provides baseline resources to ensure continuity of programs

| | Member Dues | Federal, District & States | UPWP Funds (1) | Regional Funds (2) | Other | Total |
|--|------------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Regional Environmental Resources Planning | 476,900 | 600,000 | | 645,600 | 1,000,000 | 2,722,500 |
| Regional Planning & Coordination | 457,000 | - | 590,000 | - | | 1,047,000 |
| Regional Air Quality Attainment Planning (1) | 203,000 | 207,000 | 207,000 | | | 617,000 |
| Regional Public Safety Planning | 208,000 | - | 68,000 | | 45,000 | 321,000 |
| Regional Water Resources Management | - | - | | 1,697,100 | | 1,697,100 |
| Drinking Water Quality, Security & Response | 65,000 | | | 133,900 | 440,000 | 638,900 |
| Anacostia Watershed Program & Projects | 102,200 | 355,000 | | | 720,000 | 1,177,200 |
| Clean Air Partners | 60,600 | 575,000 | | | 75,000 | 710,600 |
| Air Quality Index, Monitoring & Forecasting | 46,700 | 25,000 | | | | 71,700 |
| Street Smart Safety Education Campaign | 80,000 | 1,000,000 | | | 150,000 | 1,230,000 |
| Agriculture and Forestry Management | 35,200 | | | 104,600 | - | 139,800 |
| Food Security | - | - | | 371,200 | 10,000 | 381,200 |
| Total | 1,734,600 | 2,762,000 | 865,000 | 2,952,400 | 2,440,000 | 10,754,000 |

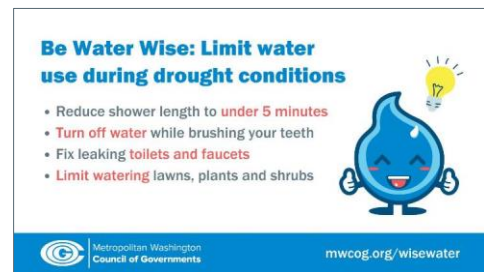
(1) Included in Regional Transportation Planning Program total on page 13
 (2) Regional Environmental and/or Regional Water Funds - See separate section starting on page 24



Additional Membership Services, Benefits, Outreach, and Forums

Deliverables:

- Save members money through COG’s Cooperative Purchasing Program, including cooperative bids and contract riding opportunities. Vendor-paid fees are helping to support the budget.
- Support of initiatives that diversify the economy, promote economic resiliency, and benefit the current and future workforce.
- Member-driven legislative advocacy and development of partnerships with the area business community and non-profits, and other regions.
- Spotlight COG members and programs through media outreach, newsletters, podcasts, and social media.



COG drought messaging generated significant earned media and social media engagements.



Additional Membership Services, Benefits, Outreach, and Forums

- 12% of Member Dues
- \$647,600 is available to support COG as a membership organization by coordinating and conducting 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 | Interest & Bldg Revenue | Other | Total |
|--|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Member Relations | 152,400 | | | 152,400 |
| Public/Media Relations & Communications | 230,200 | | | 230,200 |
| Cooperative Purchasing | - | | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| Executive Office, Governance and Special Reports | 250,000 | 450,000 | 250,000 | 950,000 |
| Institute for Regional Excellence | 15,000 | | 135,000 | 150,000 |
| Total | 647,600 | 450,000 | 535,000 | 1,632,600 |

Proposed Assessment Rate Increase for FY2026

The proposed assessment rate for FY2026 is increased by 3.0 cents from the FY2025 rate.

COG Proposed Assessment Rate
Increase of \$0.03 (3.55%) from \$0.845 to \$0.875

Proposed FY2026 Member Dues

The proposed FY2026 member dues increase is based on a forecast of general operating expenses and estimated changes in revenue and federal match requirements. Note that all jurisdictions are capped at a no more than 10% year over year increase in dues.

COG Member Dues
Increase of \$265,100 (5.0%), from \$ 5,302,900 to \$5,568,000

Basis for the increase: Increase in required match for federal programs, and general cost increases.

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



FY2026 Member Dues by Category

| | | |
|--|------------------|-----|
| Member Dues Leveraging Federally Sourced Funds | 2,310,100 | 41% |
| Member Dues Providing Primary Program Support | 875,700 | 16% |
| Member Dues Leveraging Additional Resources | 1,734,600 | 31% |
| Additional Member Services, Benefits, Outreach, & Forums | 647,600 | 12% |
| Total Member Dues FY2026 | 5,568,000 | |



Member Dues by Jurisdiction

| Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments | | | | FY2025 Assessment Rate: | | 0.845 | Increase of |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| PROPOSED FY2026 Schedule of Membership Dues | | | | FY2026 Assessment Rate: | | 0.875 | 3.55% |
| Jurisdiction | POPULATION FIGURES | | | DUES AMOUNT | | | |
| | FY2025 Population Estimate | FY2026 Population Estimate | Compare to FY2025 | FY2026 Adjusted Contribution (1) | FY2026 Increase (Decrease) | FY2026 Percent Increase | |
| | Alexandria, City of | 180,500 | 170,000 | -5.82% | \$ 148,750 | \$ 688 | 0.46% |
| Arlington County | 245,800 | 248,700 | 1.18% | \$ 217,613 | \$ 9,912 | 4.77% | |
| Bladensburg, Town of (adj) | 9,600 | 9,400 | -2.08% | \$ 4,113 | \$ 57 | 1.39% | |
| Bowie, City of | 61,000 | 57,300 | -6.07% | \$ 50,138 | \$ (1,408) | -2.73% | |
| Charles County | 176,300 | 179,800 | 1.99% | \$ 157,325 | \$ 8,352 | 5.61% | |
| College Park, City of | 32,200 | 34,200 | 6.21% | \$ 29,925 | \$ 2,716 | 9.98% | |
| District of Columbia | 697,700 | 703,800 | 0.87% | \$ 615,825 | \$ 26,269 | 4.46% | |
| Fairfax County | 1,200,400 | 1,211,400 | 0.92% | \$ 1,059,975 | \$ 45,637 | 4.50% | |
| Fairfax, City of | 27,800 | 28,800 | 3.60% | \$ 25,200 | \$ 1,709 | 7.28% | |
| Falls Church, City of | 15,500 | 16,000 | 3.23% | \$ 14,000 | \$ 903 | 6.89% | |
| Frederick County | 293,200 | 297,800 | 1.57% | \$ 225,632 | \$ 20,512 | 10.00% | |
| Frederick, City of | 83,800 | 84,900 | 1.31% | \$ 74,288 | \$ 6,569 | 9.70% | |
| Gaithersburg, City of | 72,500 | 73,100 | 0.83% | \$ 63,963 | \$ 2,700 | 4.41% | |
| Greenbelt, City of | 23,900 | 24,400 | 2.09% | \$ 21,350 | \$ 1,155 | 5.72% | |
| Hyattsville, City of (adj) | 22,100 | 20,700 | -6.33% | \$ 9,056 | \$ (281) | -3.01% | |
| Laurel, City of | 25,700 | 29,400 | 14.40% | \$ 23,888 | \$ 2,172 | 10.00% | |
| Loudoun County | 456,200 | 463,800 | 1.67% | \$ 405,825 | \$ 20,336 | 5.28% | |
| Manassas Park, City of | 19,000 | 19,300 | 1.58% | \$ 16,888 | \$ 1,172 | 7.46% | |
| Manassas, City of | 43,700 | 44,300 | 1.37% | \$ 38,763 | \$ 1,836 | 4.97% | |
| Montgomery County | 1,083,000 | 1,090,000 | 0.65% | \$ 953,750 | \$ 38,615 | 4.22% | |
| Prince George's County | 997,800 | 1,004,800 | 0.70% | \$ 879,200 | \$ 53,688 | 6.50% | |
| Prince William County | 515,200 | 519,500 | 0.83% | \$ 454,563 | \$ 19,219 | 4.41% | |
| Rockville, City of | 70,900 | 71,600 | 0.99% | \$ 62,650 | \$ 2,740 | 4.57% | |
| Takoma Park, City of | 18,300 | 17,500 | -4.37% | \$ 15,313 | \$ (151) | -0.98% | |
| Totals | 6,372,100 | 6,420,500 | 0.76% | \$ 5,567,989 | \$ 265,113 | 5.00% | |

(1) Adjusted Contribution is calculated by multiplying the adjusted population by the approved rate, limited to 10% annual increase per jurisdiction.



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Regional Water and Environmental Funds

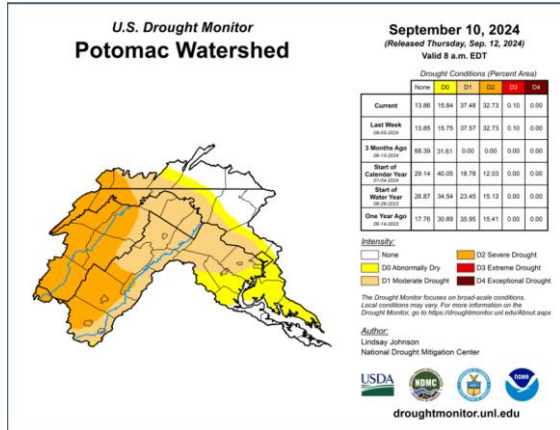


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Regional Water Fund

Deliverables:

- Represent the region in the Chesapeake Bay Program.
- Support local stormwater management programs and compliance with stormwater permits.
- Assist water utilities with implementing resiliency and source water protection plans.
- Manage the region’s Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN).
- Run the Community Engagement Campaign including regional messaging like Protect Your Pipes.
- Implement the regional drought plan.



COG provides monthly water supply monitoring and drought reports from April through October.



Regional Water Fund

- Two-thirds is 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) | Regional Environ Fund | COG Member Dues (2) | Other | Total |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Water Resources Management | 1,697,100 | - | - | - | 1,697,100 |
| Drinking Water Quality, Security & Response | 133,900 | | 65,000 | 440,000 | 638,900 |
| Regional Agriculture and Forestry Management | - | 104,600 | 35,200 | - | 139,800 |
| Community Engagement Campaign | 51,600 | | | 120,000 | 171,600 |
| Regional Water Fund FY2026 | 1,882,600 | 104,600 | 100,200 | 560,000 | 2,647,400 |

(1) Two-thirds of the Regional Water Fund is paid by water and sewer utilities
(2) Included in the Proposed Member Dues on page 37



Regional Environmental Fund

Deliverables:

- Assist local and regional entities in implementing the Climate and Energy Action Plan.
- Provide analysis and assessments that support energy system planning and resiliency for the region’s critical infrastructure.
- Support local and regional recycling programs and public education campaigns.
- Coordinate the Food Policy Council and sustainable farm to table expansion.
- Expand availability of energy financing solutions.
- Expand electric vehicle deployment.
- Support actions to expand the urban tree canopy.



COG is supporting localities across metropolitan Washington as area leaders work to implement policies and actions to increase adoption of electric vehicles in the region.



Regional Environmental Fund

- \$912,900 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.

| | COG | | | Total |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Regional Environ Fund | Member Dues (1) | Other | |
| Environmental Resources Planning | 645,600 | 476,900 | 1,600,000 | 2,722,500 |
| Recycling & Solid Waste | 162,700 | | 50,000 | 212,700 |
| Agriculture & Forestry Management | 104,600 | - | - | 104,600 |
| Water Resources Management | - | - | 1,697,100 | 1,697,100 |
| Regional Environmental Fund FY2026 | 912,900 | 476,900 | 3,347,100 | 4,736,900 |

(1) Included in the Proposed Member Dues on page 37



FY2026 Fee Structure: Regional Water and Environmental Funds

The fee increases for FY2026 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 \$89,700 (5.0%), from \$1,792,900 to \$1,882,600

Regional Environmental Fund

Increase of \$43,500 (5.0%), from \$869,400 to \$912,900

Basis for increases:

- Regional fees are increased in proportion to the annual dues increase, to maintain the balance between funding sources.

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



Regional Public Safety Fund

Regional Public Safety Fund

Deliverables:

- Provide public safety support to the CAOs and supporting committees in identified focus areas.
- Facilitate and update regional agreements including regional mutual aid.
- Develop and update regional public safety policies.
- Manage regional public safety information sharing programs funded by local governments, including the LInX program providing rapid electronic access to public safety data for about 200 federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.



COG's National Capital Region (NCR) Public Safety Leadership Seminar draws participants from multiple disciplines and agencies.

Regional Public Safety Fund

- The Regional Public Safety Fund was created to provide a sustainable solution for the region to support its long-term public safety needs.

The fee increases for FY2026 are based on a forecast of general operating expenses.

Regional Public Safety Fund

Increase of \$31,100 (5.0%), from \$622,400 to \$653,500

Basis for increases:

- Regional fees are increased in proportion to the annual dues increase.

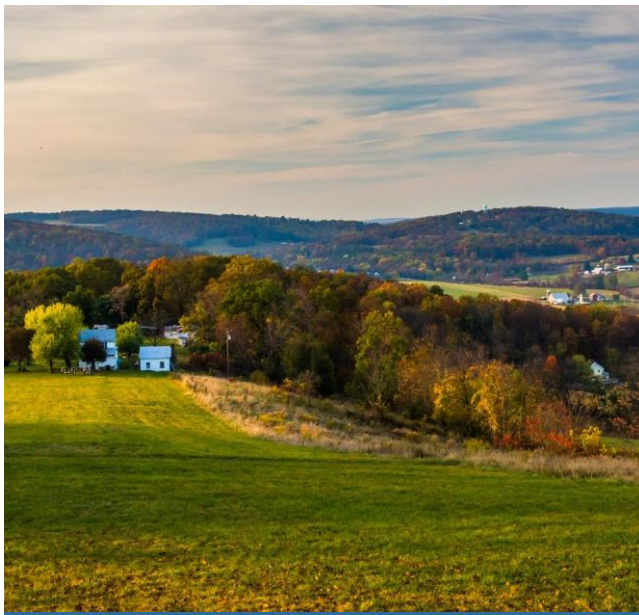
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FY2026 Fee Structure: Regional Public Safety Fund

The base budget of \$653500 for the fund will be shared among core participants on a per-capita basis. Core participants are City of Alexandria, Arlington County, District of Columbia, Fairfax County, Loudoun County, Montgomery County, Prince George’s County, and Prince William County.

Other COG members have joined in this initiative and provide additional funding and capacity. For jurisdictions with populations exceeding 51,000, the FY2026 per capita rate is 11.9 cents. For jurisdictions with populations of 51,000 or less, the fee for FY2026 is set at a flat rate of \$6,349.

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



Food & Agriculture Regional Member (FARM) Fund



Food & Agriculture Regional Member (FARM) Fund

Deliverables:

- Convening regional stakeholders in efforts to build partnerships and establish best practices to improve the regional response to food security and access needs.
- Advocating for greater federal support for food security efforts provided through the Childhood Nutrition Reauthorization Act and the omnibus Farm Bill.
- Advancing regional messaging focused on the promotion of food security.
- Working with regional food producers, farmers, and other entities to address food supply and access.



FARM Policy Committee members participate in a tour of Loudoun County.

Food & Agriculture Regional Member (FARM) Fund

- The Food & Agriculture Regional Member (FARM) Fund was created in FY2023 to address food insecurity issues for the region.

The fee is based on a forecast of the program requirements.

Food & Agriculture Regional Member (FARM) Fund
Increase of \$17,700 (5.0%), from \$353,500 to \$371,200

Basis for increases:

- Regional fees are increased in proportion to the annual dues increase.

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

Summary: FY2026 Member Dues and Regional Fees

| | Proposed FY2026 | Budget FY2025 | Increase |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Member Dues | 5,568,000 | 5,302,900 | 265,100 |
| Regional Environmental Fund | 912,900 | 869,400 | 43,500 |
| Regional Water Fund | 1,882,600 | 1,792,900 | 89,700 |
| Regional Public Safety Fund | 653,500 | 622,400 | 31,100 |
| Regional FARM Fund* | 371,200 | 353,500 | 17,700 |
| Total | 9,388,200 | 8,941,100 | 447,100 |
| Population Estimate | 6,420,500 | 6,372,100 | 48,400 |
| Per Capita Rate | 0.875 | 0.845 | 0.030 |
| Population X Per Capita Rate | 5,617,938 | 5,384,425 | 233,513 |
| Adjust for Adjunct Members (50%) | (13,169) | (13,393) | 224 |
| Adjust for 10% Cap (9% in FY25) | (36,780) | (68,155) | 31,375 |
| Member Dues Assessment | 5,567,989 | 5,302,877 | 265,112 |

Appendix

- Member Dues by Jurisdiction
- Regional Fund Fees by Jurisdiction

Member Dues by Jurisdiction

| Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments | | | | FY2025 Assessment Rate: | | 0.845 | Increase of |
|--|--------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|
| PROPOSED FY2026 Schedule of Membership Dues | | | | FY2026 Assessment Rate: | | 0.875 | 3.55% |
| Jurisdiction | POPULATION FIGURES | | | DUES AMOUNT | | | |
| | FY2025 | FY2026 | Compare | FY2026 | FY2026 | FY2026 | |
| | Population | Population | | Adjusted | Increase | Percent | |
| | Estimate | Estimate | to FY2025 | Contribution (1) | (Decrease) | Increase | |
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| Montgomery County | 1,083,000 | 1,090,000 | 0.65% | \$ 953,750 | \$ 38,615 | 4.22% | |
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| Totals | 6,372,100 | 6,420,500 | 0.76% | \$ 5,567,989 | \$ 265,113 | 5.00% | |

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Regional Fund Fees by Jurisdiction/Utility

Change from FY25

| FY2026 REGIONAL FUNDS Proposed Fee Schedule by Jurisdiction | Regional Water Fund (1) | Regional Environmental Fund | Regional Public Safety Fund (2) | Regional FARM Fund (3) | Total Regional Funds | Regional Water Fund | Regional Environmental Fund | Regional Public Safety Fund | Regional FARM Fund | Total Regional Funds |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Alexandria, City of | 40,634 | 27,048 | 20,171 | 14,839 | 102,692 | 3,694 | 279 | 1,114 | (155) | 4,932 |
| Arlington County | 54,186 | 39,570 | 29,509 | 21,708 | 144,974 | 2,915 | 1,858 | 1,465 | 1,290 | 7,529 |
| Bladensburg, City of | - | - | - | 2,849 | 2,849 | - | - | - | 136 | 136 |
| Bowie, City of (4) | 12,484 | 9,578 | - | 5,002 | 27,064 | (240) | 342 | - | (65) | 37 |
| Charles County | - | - | - | 15,694 | 15,694 | - | - | - | 1,049 | 1,049 |
| College Park, City of (WSSC) | 7,389 | 5,434 | - | 2,849 | 15,672 | 672 | 494 | - | 136 | 1,301 |
| District of Columbia (DC Water) | 375,819 | 111,980 | 83,509 | 39,899 | 611,207 | 17,088 | 4,935 | 3,908 | 1,900 | 27,831 |
| Fairfax County | 375,819 | 192,744 | 143,738 | 39,899 | 752,199 | 17,088 | 8,570 | 6,783 | 1,900 | 34,340 |
| Fairfax, City of | 6,275 | 4,582 | - | 2,849 | 13,706 | 476 | 317 | - | 136 | 929 |
| Falls Church, City of | 3,486 | 2,546 | - | 2,849 | 8,881 | 253 | 168 | - | 136 | 556 |
| Frederick County | - | - | - | 25,994 | 25,994 | - | - | - | 1,639 | 1,639 |
| Frederick, City of | - | - | - | 7,411 | 7,411 | - | - | - | 450 | 450 |
| Gaithersburg, City of (WSSC) | 15,927 | 11,631 | - | 6,381 | 33,938 | 804 | 507 | - | 359 | 1,669 |
| Greenbelt, City of (WSSC) | 5,316 | 3,882 | 6,349 | 2,849 | 18,397 | 331 | 215 | 302 | 136 | 985 |
| Hyattsville, City of | - | - | - | 2,849 | 2,849 | - | - | - | 136 | 136 |
| Laurel, City of | - | - | - | 2,849 | 2,849 | - | - | - | 136 | 136 |
| Loudoun County (Loudoun Water) | 101,052 | 73,794 | 55,032 | 39,899 | 269,777 | 5,894 | 3,801 | 2,984 | 1,900 | 14,579 |
| Manassas, City of | - | - | 6,349 | 2,849 | 9,199 | - | - | 302 | 136 | 438 |
| Manassas Park, City of | - | - | - | 2,849 | 2,849 | - | - | - | 136 | 136 |
| Montgomery County (WSSC) | 375,819 | 173,428 | 129,333 | 39,899 | 718,479 | 17,088 | 7,268 | 5,772 | 1,900 | 32,028 |
| Prince George's County (WSSC) | 375,819 | 159,872 | 111,561 | 39,899 | 687,151 | 17,088 | 10,623 | 5,312 | 1,900 | 34,923 |
| Prince William County | 113,188 | 82,657 | 61,641 | 39,899 | 297,385 | 5,723 | 3,612 | 2,861 | 1,900 | 14,096 |
| Rockville, City of | 15,600 | 11,392 | - | 6,250 | 33,242 | 811 | 514 | - | 360 | 1,685 |
| Takoma Park, City of (WSSC) | 3,813 | 2,784 | 6,349 | 2,849 | 15,796 | (4) | (24) | 302 | 136 | 410 |
| TOTAL | 1,882,625 | 912,924 | 653,543 | 371,164 | 3,820,256 | 89,680 | 43,481 | 31,107 | 17,682 | 181,950 |

(1) Where indicated, water and sewer utilities support the Regional Water Fund on behalf of the local jurisdiction.
 (2) Additional jurisdictions may opt into the Regional Public Safety Fund before the start of FY2026.
 (3) New fund in FY2023.
 (4) RWF fee is pro-rata split by flow



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FY2026: Member Dues and Regional Fees
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October 9, 2024

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RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FY-2026 COG MEMBER FEE ASSESSMENTS

WHEREAS, COG bylaws require that assessment of the annual fee for all members and other participating governments and agencies be fixed no later than January 31 for the subsequent fiscal year beginning July 1; and

WHEREAS, the Budget and Finance Committee comprised of the COG Board executive committee, the chairs of the Transportation Planning Board and the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee, and the COG Secretary Treasurer and Corporate President, reviewed and approved the proposed FY-2026 COG member fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:

The board approves the proposed FY-2026 member fee assessment, and corresponding regional fund fees, as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee.

Staff shall transmit the assessment to member jurisdictions and ask that the proposed assessments be integrated into local government FY-2026 budgets.

AGENDA ITEM #8

APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 & FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN AND BUDGET



MEMORANDUM

TO: COG Board of Directors
FROM: Julie Mussog, COG Chief Financial Officer
SUBJECT: FY2025 – FY 2029 COG Capital Plan
DATE: October 2, 2024

On September 20, 2024, COG presented the 5-year capital plan to the Budget & Finance Committee for approval of current year capital expenditures, and a preview of expected expenditures for the next four years. COG has a Board-designated Capital Expenditure Reserve that is used for the purchase of long-term assets. It is replenished over time through the allocation of depreciation expense to COG's various funding sources.

The FY2025 – FY2029 capital plan proposes expenditures in FY2025 of \$10,750,000 and a total of \$11,025,000 in expenditures over the next five years, \$10.4 million of which is for the office remodel. The Budget and Finance Committee approved moving the FY2025-29 Capital Plan to the Board for full approval.

Approval of the Plan authorizes expenditure of \$10,750,000 in FY2025 for the assets described on page 4 of the Plan. The expenses noted in FY2026 – FY2029 are presented for planning purposes only. These expenditures will be reviewed, modified, and presented to the Budget and Finance Committee and Board of Directors in subsequent fiscal years for final approval.

As always, I am pleased to answer any question or provide additional information.

PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN

FY2025 – FY2029

October 2024

PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN FY2025 - 2029

October 2024

ABOUT COG

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is an independent, nonprofit association that brings area leaders together to address major regional issues in the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland, and Northern Virginia. COG's membership is comprised of 300 elected officials from 24 local governments, the Maryland and Virginia state legislatures, and U.S. Congress.

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SUMMARY NARRATIVE

Introduction

Board Resolution R25-2016 established a Board-Designated Capital Expenditure Reserve to ensure adequate resources for replacement and maintenance of COG's capital assets. Use of the reserve requires approval by the Board of Directors, based on an annual Five-Year Capital Expenditure Plan submitted by the Executive Director through the Budget and Finance Committee.

Approval of the Five-Year Capital Expenditure Plan for FY2025 – FY2029 will authorize use of the Board-Designated Capital Expenditure Reserve for the FY2025 expenditures outlined in the Plan. Expenditures outlined in FY2026 – FY2029 are subject to further review, modification, and approval by the Board of Directors when subsequent plans are presented.

Definition of Capital Expenditure

COG's administrative policies define a capital expenditure as a tangible or intangible asset that can be capitalized in accordance with applicable accounting principles, with a cost of \$5,000 or more, and a useful life of more than one year. COG has two major categories of capital expenditures:

1. Equipment, Software, Data Center, and Website
2. Leasehold Improvements

Five-Year Capital Expenditure Plan FY2025 – FY2029

The Five-Year Capital Expenditure Plan is based on repair, maintenance, and replacement schedules developed with the following goals:

- Maintain equipment, software, and technology solutions to adequately support program and administrative needs
- Maintain COG's website as a source of information for stakeholders
- Maintain existing office and meeting space to ensure usefulness and maintain value
- Prevent a backlog of deferred maintenance
- Minimize the fluctuation of annual depreciation expense in the Work Program and Budget
- Ensure adequate cash resources for both capital expenditures and operations

Proposed expenditures over the five fiscal years presented in the plan total \$11.03 million. The main expenditure will be remodel and buildout of office and meeting room space, IT upgrades, and an update of COG's website.

Changes to Previously Approved Capital Expenditures

OFFICE SPACE REMODEL

The board previously approved a design and construction budget of \$7.3 million to remodel COG's office and meeting room space. This remodel project was suspended in April 2019 to enable the exploration of sale of the building in collaboration with the two other owner organizations with whom COG is a joint owner, and for COG to assess office space alternatives. In January 2020 the board approved the decision not to sell the building and for COG to move forward with the remodel. As of June 30, 2022, approximately \$708,000 has been expended on design, project planning, and administration. The capital expenditures were left in construction in progress as a significant portion of the capital expenditures made to date on the remodel are transferable to a future remodel of existing space.

COG is moving forward with the remodel process and has recently engaged professional staff to start the design process. It is expected that the major construction will begin in the spring of FY2025 and take 7-8 months to complete. Since the approved estimate of \$7.3 million there have been significant cost increases across the board in construction. The latest estimate is the \$10.4 million budgeted for FY2025. We will continue to refine and look for savings as appropriate throughout the process but recognize that the \$7.3 million estimate is no longer enough to fund the renovation.

WEBSITE REFRESH

The board previously approved a budget of \$200,000 for a website refresh to take place in FY2025 this remains on track to be completed in FY2025 at the same amount.

DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT

The board previously approved a budget of \$50,000 for FY2023 with additional expenditures in FY2024 and FY2025 to complete the project for a total cost of \$130,000. \$53,000 has been spent on this project to date and the budget for FY2025 is \$50,000 to complete this project at savings of \$30,000 compared to the original budget. This project allowed COG to remove all material stored offsite and will digitize all documents in a searchable format. This is not only a more efficient search process but results in substantial savings in the long term by removing costly monthly storage fees from the budget. As of June 30, 2022, there are no further offsite storage costs to COG.

NETWORK UPGRADE

The IT Director estimates that we will need \$125,000 over the next two fiscal years to complete the network upgrade.

IT EQUIPMENT & SOFTWARE

This spending relates to the three-year refresh cycle of laptops and peripherals for all COG

employees. It is estimated that COG will need approximately \$50,000 per year to keep hardware and software up to date.

Replenishment of the Capital Expenditure Reserve

Capital expenditures are recovered over time through the allocation of depreciation expense to COG's various programs and funding sources. Board policy requires that an amount equal to annual depreciation expense is transferred to the Capital Expenditure Reserve to replenish the fund.

In addition, this year it is proposed to transfer an additional \$1.3 million from the undesignated fund balance and a \$3 million loan to help fund the office renovation.

Summary

The summary on page 7 of the plan estimates a balance of \$242,600 in the Capital Expenditure Reserve as of June 30, 2025, which reflects the changes noted above, proposed expenditures in FY2025, and the estimated annual replenishment of the reserve and an additional \$4.3 million in funds from both a loan and a transfer from the undesignated fund balance for the office renovation.

Approval of FY2025 Capital Expenditures

Approval of the plan will authorize expenditure of \$10.75 million in FY2025 from the Capital Expenditure Reserve for board room technology updates, document management, other IT upgrades and equipment, and to engage an architectural firm to help assess office space.

Capital expenditures for FY2026 – FY2029 are provided for purposes of long-term planning, and will be reviewed, modified, and presented to the Board of Directors for approval with subsequent annual capital expenditure plans.

SUMMARY OF FY2025 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Approval of this plan by the Board of Directors authorizes the following FY2025 Capital Expenditures:

| Project # | EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE | Useful Life | FY2025 PROPOSED BUDGET |
|---|--|-------------|------------------------|
| CP25-01 | IT Equipment & Software - Other | 3 | \$ 50,000 |
| CP25-02 | Document Management | 5 | 50,000 |
| CP25-03 | Network Upgrade | 7 | 50,000 |
| CP25-04 | Website Refresh | 10 | 200,000 |
| Total Equipment and Software | | | 350,000 |
| | | | |
| Project# | LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS & FURNITURE | Useful Life | FY2025 PROPOSED BUDGET |
| CP25-05 | Remodel Project - Design and related | 10 | 335,000 |
| CP25-06 | Remodel Project - Admin & Mgmt | 10 | 300,000 |
| CP25-07 | Remodel Project-Leashold Improvements | 10 | 6,765,000 |
| CP25-08 | Remodel Project-Furniture and Fixtures | 10 | 3,000,000 |
| Total Leasehold Improvements and Furniture | | | 10,400,000 |
| | | | |
| Total FY2025 Proposed Capital Expenditures | | | \$10,750,000 |

EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, DATA CENTER, AND WEBSITE

| 5-Year Capital Expenditure Plan | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, DATA CENTER, & WEBSITE | Useful Life | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027 | FY2028 | FY2029 | Total |
| IT Equipment & Software - Other | 3 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 250,000 |
| Document Management System | 5 | 50,000 | | | | | 50,000 |
| Website Refresh | 10 | 200,000 | | | | | 200,000 |
| Network Upgrade | 7 | 50,000 | 75,000 | | | | 125,000 |
| Total Equipment, Software, Data Center, & Website | | 350,000 | 125,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | \$ 625,000 |

LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND FURNITURE

| 5-Year Capital Expenditure Plan | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|------------------|
| LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS | Useful Life | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027 | FY2028 | FY2029 | Total |
| Remodel Project - Design and related | 10 | 335,000 | | | | | \$ 335,000 |
| Remodel Project - Administration fees and costs | 10 | \$ 300,000 | | | | | 300,000 |
| Remodel Project - Construction costs | 10 | \$ 6,765,000 | | | | | 6,765,000 |
| Total Leasehold Improvements (Note 1) | | 7,400,000 | \$ - | \$ - | - | - | 7,400,000 |

| FURNITURE | Useful Life | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027 | FY2028 | FY2029 | Total |
|--|-------------|------------------|-------------|----------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Remodel Project-Furniture and fixtures | 10 | 3,000,000 | | | \$ - | \$ - | 3,000,000 |
| Total Furniture | | 3,000,000 | \$ - | - | \$ - | \$ - | 3,000,000 |

| | | | | | | | |
|--|--|-------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| TOTAL PLAN (IT, LEASEHOLD, FURNITURE) | | 10,750,000 | 125,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | \$ 11,025,000 |
|--|--|-------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|

Approval of this plan by the Board of Directors authorizes the replenishment of the Capital Expenditure Reserve:

| Capital Expenditure Reserve | |
|--|---------------------|
| Balance at 6/30/2023 | \$ 5,135,900 |
| FY2024 IT Equipment & Software | (142,800) |
| FY2024 Board room upgrades | (54,400) |
| FY2024 Transfer Undesignated Funds to Reserve | 1,000,000 |
| FY2024 Furniture and minor repair | (28,000) |
| FY2024 Replenish the reserve based on depreciation expense | 381,900 |
| Balance at 6/30/2024 | 6,292,600 |
| FY2025 Remodel project - design & related | (10,400,000) |
| FY2025 IT Purchases | (350,000) |
| FY2025 Transfer Undesignated Funds to Reserve | 1,300,000 |
| FY2025 Loan from Truist | 3,000,000 |
| FY2025 Replenish the reserve based on depreciation expense | 400,000 |
| Capital Expenditure Reserve Balance at 6/30/2025 (forecast) | \$ 242,600 |

Resolution R27-2024
October 9, 2024

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR FY2025 – FY2029
AND FY2025 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Capital Expenditure Reserve Policy approved by Resolution R25-2016, the level, funding, and use of the Board-Designated Capital Expenditure Reserve is based on an annual Five-Year Capital Expenditure Plan; and

WHEREAS, COG By-Laws require the Executive Director to annually submit proposed budgets of the corporation to the Board of Directors for approval or modification; and

WHEREAS, the Five-Year Capital Expenditure Plan FY2025 – FY2029 outlines the proposed Capital Expenditure Budget for FY2025; and

WHEREAS, the Five-Year Capital Expenditure Plan for FY2025 – FY2029 and FY2025 Capital Expenditure Budget have been reviewed by COG staff and the Board's Budget and Finance Committee, with a recommendation for approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The board approves the Five-Year Capital Expenditure Plan for FY2025 – FY2029 and FY2025 Capital Expenditure Budget.

AGENDA ITEM #9

REGIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPLEMENTATION (REVII) STRATEGY UPDATE

Click here to view the EV strategy



→ Regional Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Implementation Strategy

August 2024

Prepared by:



Prepared for:



National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board



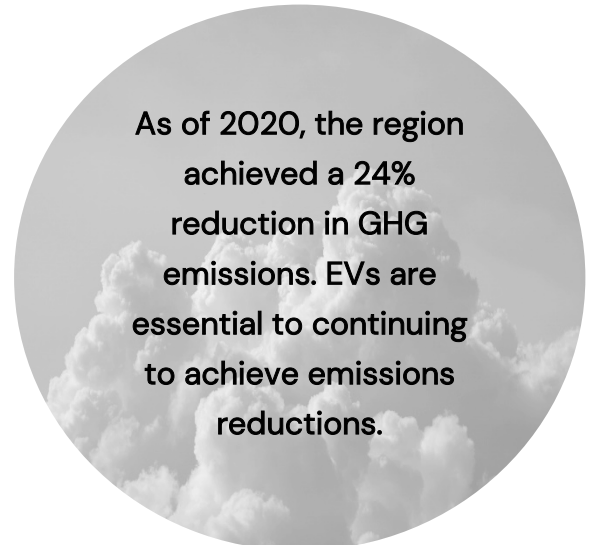
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1 Executive Summary

Climate change poses a threat to health, safety, the environment, and the economy in the National Capital Region. The intensity of climate impacts in the region will depend on the extent of greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions in the next few years, both globally and locally. Transportation is one of the leading contributors to GHG emissions across the nation and region. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 29% of GHG emissions is attributable to the transportation sector in the United States, with light-duty vehicles (LDVs) making up 58% of those emissions.¹ That number is even higher in metropolitan Washington, with 38% of GHG emissions coming from the transportation sector, and 31% of total GHG emissions coming from on-road vehicles.²

The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) Climate Change Mitigation Study of 2021 showed that vehicle technology strategies, including vehicle electrification, are critical to achieving significant reductions in GHG emissions from transportation sources. Both the TPB and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) are committed to reducing GHG emissions in the region. The COG Board established economy-wide goals for the region to reduce GHG emissions 50% below 2005 levels by 2030 and 80% below 2005 levels by 2050. As of 2020, the region achieved a 24% reduction in GHG emissions compared to 2005 levels.³ Reaching the 50% goal by 2030 will require a cross-sectoral approach to emissions reduction, including the transportation sector. In June 2022, the TPB adopted GHG reduction goals for the region's on-road transportation sector commensurate with COG's economy-wide goals.

To help achieve the region's GHG reduction goals, the TPB and COG support the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) and the deployment of EV chargers. The Regional Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Implementation (REVI) Strategy was developed as a follow-up to the CCMS to be a guide to help state and local jurisdictions across the region plan for developing their EV charging infrastructure to support the transition of LDVs to electric power.



¹ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. 2021. Fast Facts on Transportation GHG Emissions. Retrieved from: <https://www.epa.gov/greenvehicles/fast-facts-transportation-greenhouse-gas-emissions>.

² COG. Metropolitan Washington Community-wide GHG Emissions Inventory Summary. Retrieved from: <https://www.mwcog.org/documents/2022/12/27/community-wide-greenhouse-gas-emissions-inventory-summaries-featured-publications-greenhouse-gas/>

³ COG. 2022. "Region surpasses 2020 climate goal." Retrieved from: <https://www.mwcog.org/newsroom/2022/10/12/region-surpasses-2020-climate-goal/>

The REVII Strategy builds on regional planning goals and includes three key objectives.

REVII Strategy Objectives



Identify locations for publicly accessible Level 2 and direct current fast charging facilities to support increased EV adoption throughout the metropolitan Washington region.



Support reliable access to publicly accessible EV charging infrastructure, particularly in areas with limited at-home charging, including multi-family housing (MFH) developments and disadvantaged communities (DACs).



Help ensure that all populations in the metropolitan Washington region, including DACs and individuals living within equity emphasis areas (EEAs), are able to access and benefit from the financial and environmental benefits of EVs.

To meet these objectives, the REVII Strategy includes an assessment of charging infrastructure needs based on anticipated EV demand, and identifies priority locations for deploying chargers, based on considerations such as accessibility and convenience for drivers, support for MFH residents, and equitable access for individuals living and working in EEAs. The results of the REVII Strategy may serve as the region's blueprint to develop a robust regional network of EV chargers as a major element of the region's commitment to reducing GHG emissions from motor vehicles. This strategy should support state and local governments as they prioritize locations for EV charger deployment and apply for funding from federal programs such as the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program.⁴

Encompassing the metropolitan Washington region, the REVII Strategy is a guide for local governments to consult and utilize as they develop and implement their EV charging station deployment processes. The strategy includes an EV charging station siting analysis, which makes general assumptions across jurisdictions to support prioritization of charging locations, but is not intended to be prescriptive. Local governments and private sector suppliers should use the analysis in conjunction with local knowledge to determine the best path forward for deploying EV charging stations in their jurisdictions.

⁴ More information on the CFI Grant Program may be found here: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/cfi/>

This strategy begins with an overview of the current state of EVs and associated infrastructure at the national and regional level to establish a snapshot of the existing market’s transition from internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles to EVs. Currently, the EV market is segmented into two technology platforms: battery electric vehicles (BEVs) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs). The TPB anticipates an increase in EV adoption over the next 20 years due to growing consumer interest, EV model availability and affordability, and technological improvements. The REVII Strategy aims to more rapidly advance consumer adoption of EVs and increase the overall share of EVs in the household vehicle fleet. To support growth in the market, this strategy will help COG member jurisdictions plan for a regional EV infrastructure network that will provide drivers with reliable, accessible, and equitable EV charging opportunities.

Need for Infrastructure Development

To meet the region’s goals for reducing GHGs and increasing the number of light-duty EVs on the road, there is a need for more publicly accessible charging infrastructure. Light-duty EVs are primarily comprised of passenger vehicles with a maximum gross vehicle weight rating below 8,500 pounds. The types of EVs included in this analysis are light-duty BEVs and PHEVs. While hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs) generate lower GHG emissions than conventional motor vehicles, they are not part of this REVII Strategy since they do not use EV chargers.

REVII Strategy Analysis Components



EV Registration Projections and EV Charging Station Needs



EV Charging Station Siting Analysis

Increasing regional EV adoption to support climate goals will require a substantial increase in publicly accessible charging infrastructure. The creation of a regional charging network will, in turn, support the adoption of EVs by increasing charging access and availability, a major barrier to adoption for consumers. The REVII Strategy aims to identify solutions that can address and fill gaps in charging infrastructure around the region by informing member jurisdictions of possible scenarios for EV market growth and their associated infrastructure demands and by offering recommendations for deployment locations.

EV Registration Projections and EV Charger Needs

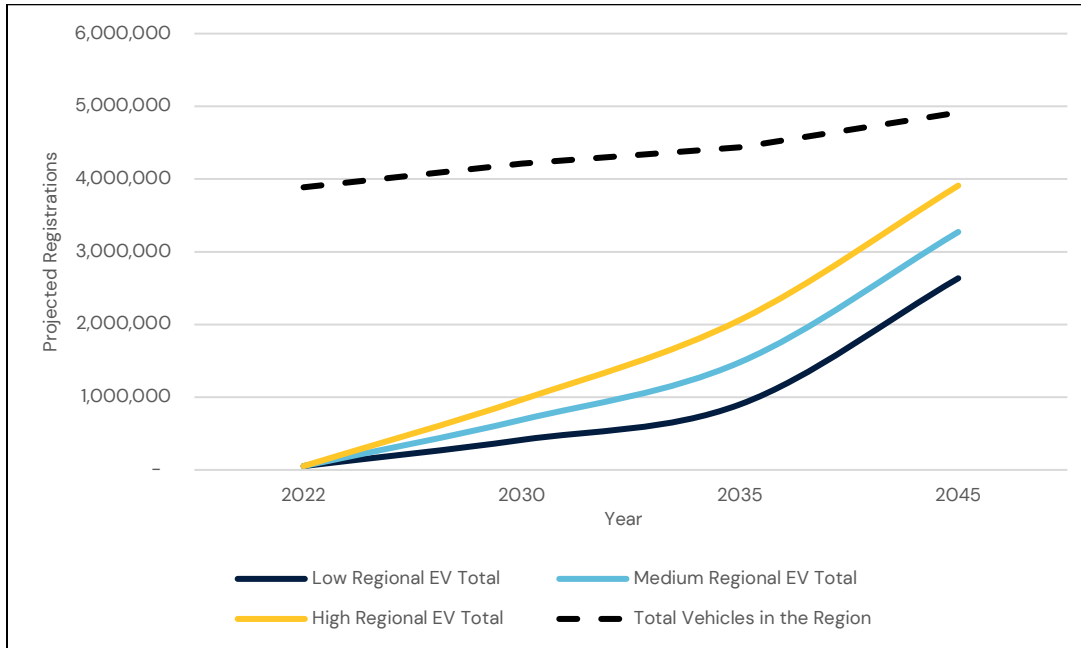
A primary component of the REVII Strategy is to forecast future light-duty EV registrations in the region under various policy scenarios and to use those projections to estimate the approximate number of EV chargers needed to support the growing EV population. Light-duty EV registration projections were calculated for three scenarios (low, medium, and high adoption) at three planning benchmark years (2030, 2035, and 2045) at both the regional and jurisdictional level.

Regional EV Registration Projections

After analyzing EV registration data, evaluating market trends, considering implications of state and federal policy, and assessing the future of market barriers and opportunities, the REVII Strategy estimates that by 2045 EVs may account for anywhere between 57% and 80% of all LDVs in the region. To meet TPB and COG

GHG emission reductions goals for 2050, the region will need to be on a pathway to achieve the high adoption scenario. Registration projections for low-, medium-, and high-adoption scenarios in the region at each planning year are shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1. Light-Duty EV Registration Projections in the Region



Anticipated Regional EV Charging Port Needs

The light-duty EV projections in Figure 1 are used to calculate the approximate number of EV charger ports needed to support future EV adoption across the region.⁵ The estimated number of EV charger ports needed to support the projected future light-duty EV population in the region is available in Table 1 for both Level 2 chargers and direct-current fast charging (DCFC) stations.

Table 1. Projected Publicly Accessible Regional EV Charging Needs

| Scenario | Charger Type | 2030 | 2035 | 2045 |
|----------|------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Low | EV Charging Port Needs | | | |
| | Level 2 | 13,848 | 30,647 | 72,013 |
| | DCFC | 485 | 1,103 | 2,447 |
| | EVs ⁶ | 464,246 | 987,682 | 2,777,657 |
| Medium | EV Charging Port Needs | | | |
| | Level 2 | 21,840 | 44,333 | 86,936 |
| | DCFC | 785 | 1,538 | 2,955 |
| | EVs | 705,096 | 1,515,557 | 3,340,186 |
| High | EV Charging Port Needs | | | |
| | Level 2 | 29,339 | 58,822 | 98,704 |
| | DCFC | 1,052 | 2,024 | 3,320 |
| | EVs | 945,945 | 2,043,433 | 3,902,714 |

⁵ EV charging port estimates are calculated using the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) EVI-Pro Lite tool. This tool estimates charging infrastructure needs and associated electric demands based on EV adoption scenarios.

⁶ EV estimates represent the total number of anticipated EV registrations. EVI-Pro Lite accounts for drivers with home charging access. Assumptions and inputs for the EVI-Pro Lite analysis can be found in Appendix 1.B.

At the time of this assessment, there were approximately 1,586 publicly accessible EV chargers in the region with 3,898 Level 2 EV charging ports and 378 DCFC ports available.⁷ The existing charging ports represent 29% of the Level 2 charging ports and 79% of the DCFCs projected to be needed by 2030 under the low adoption scenario, and 14% of the Level 2 and 37% of the DCFCs projected under the high adoption scenario.

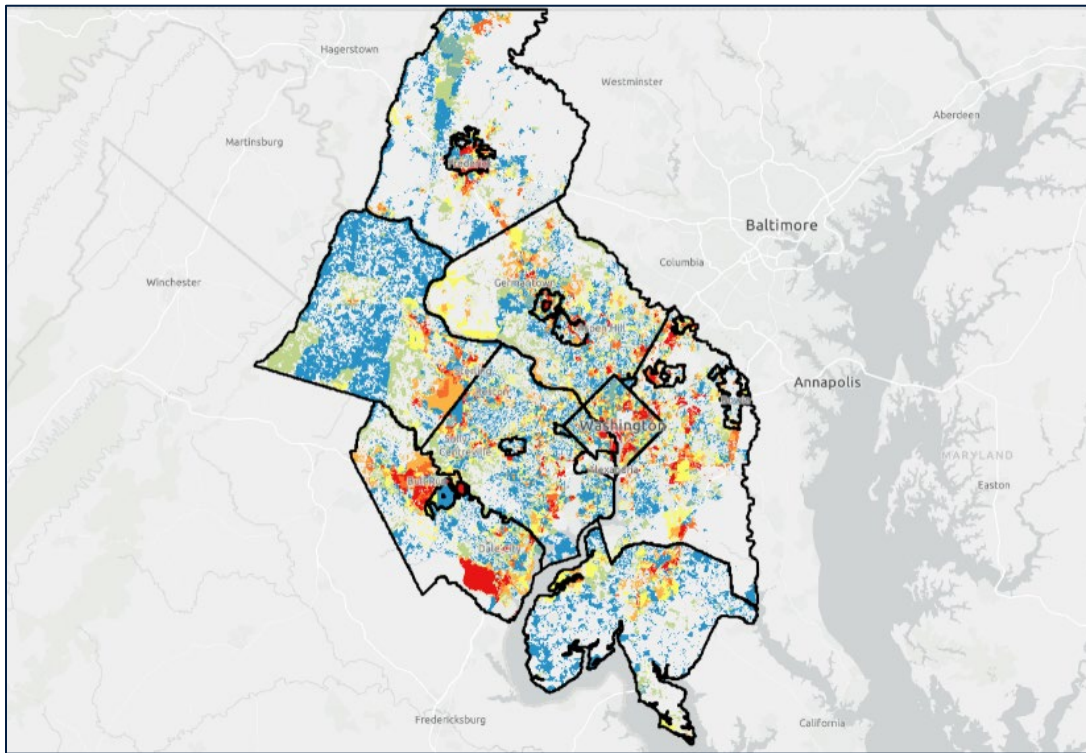
EV Charger Siting Analysis

The first portion of the REVII Strategy looks at the vehicles and infrastructure, also known as EV chargers, needed in the region in coming years. The second portion of the REVII Strategy, the [EV charger siting priority map](#), identifies priority locations for deploying the chargers listed in Table 1. Three different scenarios are available for use by member jurisdictions, depending on their individual preferences: prioritizing DCFC with high utilization, prioritizing Level 2 chargers with an equity focus, and prioritizing DCFC with a MFH focus.

The mapping tool highlights parcels of land that are scored based on their suitability for light-duty EV chargers. Since the REVII Strategy focuses on publicly accessible light-duty EV charging, certain types of parcels are considered generally unsuitable for publicly accessible charger development and excluded from the analysis (e.g., parcels zoned for single-family residences, as many single-family homes will have access to their own charging infrastructure). Parcels are assessed on a scale of less suitable to more suitable for immediate charging infrastructure deployment. A screenshot of the results is shown in Figure 2; red indicates high priority deployment locations and blue indicates low priority locations. Local governments may use the mapping tool to explore the most promising locations for adding EV charger ports under any of the three scenarios based on their prioritization preferences.

⁷ This count only includes publicly available EV charging stations. Because Tesla chargers are exclusive for Tesla owners, they were excluded from this count and the analysis. This data was retrieved from the AFDC Station Locator on December 5, 2023. This data is updated frequently, and more recent counts can be found at: <https://afdc.energy.gov/stations>.

Figure 2. EV Charging Station Analysis Results



While EV charger deployment location recommendations are generally consistent across the three scenarios examined, certain locations prove to be more suitable than others, depending on local priorities. TPB and COG member governments may use the EV projections, charger estimates, and mapping tool to develop a better understanding of their community charger needs and select optimal deployment locations for building out charging infrastructure.

The charger priority map will help member jurisdictions identify locations to deploy the estimated number of needed charging ports. Jurisdictions may choose to deploy charging stations on government property but they are not responsible for deploying charging stations on any private property recommended in this strategy. Rather, jurisdictions may engage and support local business and site owners of private property in high priority areas.

The recommendations contained within this strategy are designed to serve as a guide for local jurisdictions in their EV charger infrastructure deployment planning process. They are not meant to be prescriptive but should provide guidance in the deployment process. The recommendations may be applied in the following ways:

- Jurisdictions may identify local government-owned properties to help site and prioritize the deployment of publicly accessible chargers. EV charging infrastructure should be deployed equitably, considering factors such as lower market demand and network gaps in EEAs and underserved communities. Planners should engage with community members and organizations to ensure EV infrastructure is desired in these communities.
- Local jurisdictions are encouraged to engage private EV charger suppliers and other property owners in high priority mapped areas to encourage them to install publicly accessible EV chargers. Local jurisdictions should widely share information on EV charging benefits, and incentives and subsidy programs to support EV charger deployment.

The parcels identified as high priority for deployment through the REVII Strategy should not be considered requirements for local government EV charger deployments; rather they should serve as a guide for jurisdictions in their planning processes. The REVII Strategy aims to give jurisdictions the materials they need to plan for future infrastructure deployments, while allowing them the flexibility to choose the number of chargers to deploy and the locations that best suit their individual needs.

Note that the REVII Strategy analyses are a snapshot in time. Planned and future EV charger deployment and land use changes are not factored into this analysis. The map and selected geospatial datasets are available for download by jurisdictions on the [REVII Strategy EV siting parcel review website](#).

Jurisdictions can use the strategy at any stage of their planning process, for example:

- Identifying priority locations to help focus planning efforts.
- Crosschecking against locations jurisdictions have already flagged as high interest areas for charging station deployments.
- Selecting high priority parcels for in-depth charging station siting assessments (i.e., checking electrical conduit and infrastructure that exists or needs to be installed)
- Engaging with private property and non-government site owners to encourage and support the deployment of EV charging stations on their property.

AGENDA ITEM #10

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY PLANNING PROGRAM GRANTS



MEMORANDUM

TO: COG Board of Directors
FROM: Hilary Chapman, COG Housing Program Manager
SUBJECT: Housing Affordability Planning Program (HAPP) Grant Award Recommendations
DATE: October 2, 2024

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) and its members are committed to increasing the amount, affordability, and accessibility of the region’s housing supply, particularly near transit. In 2019, the COG Board adopted housing targets calling for an additional 75,000 housing units beyond those which are already planned; at least 75 percent of all new housing should be in Activity Centers or near high-capacity transit station areas; and at least 75 percent of new housing should be affordable to low- and middle- income households. These targets, when taken with other shared goals, are helping the region work toward creating more transit-oriented, equitable, and sustainable communities.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY PLANNING PROGRAM BACKGROUND AND SELECTION PROCESS

In October 2021 the COG Board of Directors adopted Resolution R48-2021, establishing the Housing Affordability Planning Program (HAPP) in 2022. With financial support from the Amazon Housing Equity Fund, the purpose of HAPP is to award small, flexible grants of up to \$75,000 to area local governments and non-profit developers (applying in coordination with a local jurisdiction) engaged in the planning, approval, or development of housing around transit stations. HAPP grants are intended to assist with a variety of housing (rental and ownership) pre-development, project implementation activities, or housing policy and feasibility studies that have the potential to increase the amount of housing opportunities near transit that are accessible to those with lower incomes.

Amazon provided \$500,000 to support a third round of HAPP grants in 2024. COG staff established and convened a meeting of a Selection Panel of local housing experts (shown below) who reviewed and scored the applications. The applications, and recommended grantees, represent COG member governments and traditional and non-traditional non-profit affordable housing developers in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.

| HAPP Selection Panel Member | Affiliation |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Ayan Addou | Virginia Housing |
| Hilary Chapman | COG Staff |
| Michelle Krockner | NVAHA, Founder, Former Executive Director |
| Aseem Nigam | Montgomery County DHCA, Former Director |

HAPP 2024 GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

After careful deliberation, the Selection Panel recommends the following projects receive HAPP grant funding. The program was highly oversubscribed and extremely competitive. As a result, the Selection Panel chose to award less than the maximum grant request to fund more applicants, all of whom have never received a HAPP grant in the past. Two of the projects will create new rental housing units with long-term affordability restrictions. Four will support local government actions to increase opportunities for affordable housing that would not otherwise be possible without outside support. Two proposals will address the need for long-term affordable homeownership opportunities. Six proposals are in a COG-designated Activity Center, seven proposals are near High-Capacity Transit Station Areas, and six proposals will serve residents in Equity Emphasis Areas.

Transit Oriented Development Inclusionary Zoning Feasibility Study **\$50,000**
Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development

“To expand access to affordable rental housing opportunities near existing and future transit sites in Prince George’s County, the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) seeks to conduct an Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) Feasibility Study along the Blue, Purple, and Green Line Metro corridors to determine whether the existing market can support the implementation of an IZ policy, including the impact of the construction and development of new affordable and market rate housing. DHCD intends to contract with National Housing Trust and Partners for Economic Solutions to deliver the IZ Feasibility Study and an accompanying Best Practices Memo, highlighting best practices from the national capital region and across the country for successfully implementing IZ policies that target TOD. The two-part study will outline the necessary components that the County should consider if it intends to implement an IZ policy along the Metro transit corridors and allow DHCD to determine if the public policy objective of creating new affordable rental housing through IZ will balance with the development feasibility of mixed use multifamily rental housing along the Blue, Purple, and Green Line Metro Corridors as key TOD sites.”

5907 Dix Street, NE **\$66,000**
Manna, Inc.

“Manna’s new homeownership project will create 30 new affordable condominium units, for low and moderate-income families, in a neighborhood nearly devoid of family-owned properties. The site is within 1.1 miles of the Capital Heights Metro Station, a high-capacity transit station -- and is within a COG-designated Equity Emphasis Area, consistent within COG Board’s Regional Housing Initiative. The neighborhood surrounding 5907 Dix is slowly emerging with housing choices – but only a few of the new developments offer affordable housing, and even fewer offer affordable home ownership. 5907 Dix will satisfy an unmet need in the community and will also provide homeownership counseling services and down payment assistance.”

West Hyattsville Tenant Protection/Apartment Preservation Feasibility Study **\$59,000**
City of Hyattsville

“The City of Hyattsville proposes to use HAPP grant funds to evaluate the feasibility of full and partial preservation, provide funding feasibility strategies, and an implementation process for strengthening or expanding the affordability of four (4) transit and amenity rich naturally occurring affordable housing (NOAH) communities. Over 1,000 tenant households living in the 4 apartment communities are at risk of permanent displacement if their homes are redeveloped into market rate housing. The feasibility analysis, including a road map of strategies to preserve these 4 communities, is a necessary first step to prevent this potential outcome.”

1518 Residences at Metropolitan AME **\$65,000**
Metropolitan AME and Daniel Alexander Payne Community Development Corporation

“Metropolitan AME Church (“Metropolitan AME”) and the Daniel Alexander Payne Community Development Corporation (“Payne CDC”) are engaged in pre-development of an 11-story residential tower to be constructed on a 17 x 88-foot parcel at the rear of our historic church located at 1518 M Street NW in downtown Washington, DC. This residential tower will serve as a home for 28 unhoused, at-risk (meaning those on the verge of ending up living on the street) military veterans who are in desperate need of stable housing and supportive services. The anticipated total project cost is \$18.1 million. Metropolitan AME and the Payne CDC have been engaged in this project since 2021 when we participated in a cohort, hosted by Enterprise Community Partners, to assist 12 churches in the DMV in developing their church properties.”

Sagner Avenue Affordable Housing Redevelopment Study **\$65,000**
Frederick County Division of Housing

“As part of Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater's strategy for addressing affordable housing in Frederick County, the Division of Housing is assessing all County-owned land for the potential to be developed as affordable housing. A HAPP grant is requested to conduct a feasibility study for the Sagner Avenue project, which is a County-owned property in downtown Frederick. The property is within walking distance of a transit center and is also located in a Regional Activity Center and an Equity Emphasis Area. An affordable housing project at this site will provide low- and moderate-income households with access to transit and to employment opportunities in downtown Frederick.”

Downtown Affordable Housing Study **\$65,000**
City of Manassas

“The City would like to conduct a study on two properties directly adjacent to and across from the Manassas VRE Station. 9116 Prince William Street is a city owned property that is part of the Manassas VRE parking lot while 9500 Liberty Street is a privately held parcel across from the Manassas VRE Station. Both parcels’ locations adjacent to this high-capacity transit station and within an Equity Emphasis area make them prime candidates for affordable housing. The city is seeking a HAPP grant to study the feasibility and potential configuration of their development.”

Big Green Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Project
L'Enfant Trust

\$65,000

“The L'Enfant Trust's (“Trust”) upcoming development project will rehabilitate a more than 30-years vacant, severely deteriorated and blighted historic property (1220 Maple View Place, SE, affectionately known as “Big Green”) in the Anacostia Historic District in DC's Ward 8 into two, affordable family-size units. Anacostia is a predominantly Black neighborhood endangered by decades-long disinvestment and the tensions between the need for economic investment and the risk of displacing long-time Black residents. The Trust's small but impactful rehabilitation project will bring much-needed affordable homeownership opportunities to a community at risk of being displaced by rising housing costs and gentrification pressures. This project brings an underused historic property back to productive use, eliminating one of the many neglected, vacant properties in the neighborhood while also helping to preserve the community's rich cultural heritage and sense of identity – Anacostia was the cherished home of Frederick Douglass. This project supports the entire Anacostia community ecosystem of 56,000 residents by eliminating derelict properties that attract drug activity and crime thereby improving the safety and quality of life of nearby neighbors. This project will create unique family-size homeownership opportunities in a community that experiences low homeownership rates and wealth disparities. Homeownership is a proven tool to help uplift disadvantaged communities, close racial wealth gaps, build equity and ensure more longtime DC residents can stay and build wealth in DC for generations to come. Affordable homeownership also fuels economic growth, and job creation for the entire community.”

AHC-Goodwill: Advancing Environmentally Sustainable and Community Oriented Development

\$65,000

Affordable Homes and Communities (AHC, Inc.)

“Affordable Homes & Communities (AHC) and Goodwill of Greater Washington (Goodwill) are creating an innovative redevelopment, which will become the first co-location of affordable housing on top of a Goodwill store anywhere in the country. This first-of-its-kind site will feature a childcare center as a key project enhancement, in partnership with Northern Virginia Family Services (NVFS), to provide affordable and inclusive childcare that will benefit AHC residents and Goodwill employees. Our redevelopment will feature 128 new rental homes, serving families earning 30%, 50%, and 60% of Area Median Income. Our funding request centers on the civil engineering work we must complete in order to meet the environmentally friendly, community-conscious requirements of the Arlington Civil Engineering Plan.”

Housing Affordability Planning Program (HAPP) Summary of Grant Award Recommendations

| Project Name | Jurisdiction & Sponsor | Recommended Award |
|--|--|-------------------|
| Transit-Oriented Development Inclusionary Zoning Feasibility Study | Prince George's County DHCD | \$50,000 |
| 5907 Dix Street, NE | Manna, Inc./ District of Columbia | \$66,000 |
| West Hyattsville Tenant Protection / Apartment Preservation Feasibility Study | City of Hyattsville | \$59,000 |
| 1518 Residences at Metropolitan AME | Metropolitan AME & Daniel Alexander Payne Community Development Corporation / District of Columbia | \$65,000 |
| Sanger Ave. Affordable Housing Redevelopment Study | Frederick County Division of Housing | \$65,000 |
| Downtown Affordable Housing Study | City of Manassas | \$65,000 |
| Big Green Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Project | L'Enfant Trust/ District of Columbia | \$65,000 |
| AHC-Goodwill: Advancing Environmentally Sustainable and Community Oriented Development | Affordable Homes & Communities (AHC) / Arlington County | \$65,000 |
| Total: | | \$500,000 |

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2024 HOUSING AFFORDABILITY PLANNING PROGRAM (HAPP)
GRANT AWARDS**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) and its members are committed to increasing the amount, affordability, and accessibility of the region’s housing supply, particularly near transit; and

WHEREAS, these housing targets, when taken with other shared goals on transportation, equity, and climate, are helping the region create more transit-oriented communities and address long-standing inequities; and

WHEREAS, at its October 2021 meeting, the COG Board of Directors adopted Resolution R48-2021 endorsing the establishment of the Housing Affordability Planning Program (HAPP), supported by funding from the Amazon Housing Equity Fund; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of HAPP is to award small, flexible grants of up to \$75,000 to area local governments and non-profit developers (applying in coordination with a local jurisdiction) engaged in the planning, approval, or development of housing around transit stations; and

WHEREAS, in May 2024 COG announced the application period for a third round of HAPP grant awards and established a HAPP Grant Selection Panel to review the applications and recommend grant awards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:

The Board commends the work of the HAPP Grant Selection Panel and approves the panel’s recommendation to fund the following projects:

| Project Name | Jurisdiction & Sponsor | Award |
|---|---|--------------|
| TOD Inclusionary Zoning Feasibility Study | Prince George’s County Dept. of Housing and Community Development | \$50,000 |
| 5907 Dix Street | Manna, Inc. | \$66,000 |
| City of Hyattsville | West Hyattsville Tenant Protection / Apartment Preservation Feasibility Study | \$59,000 |
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| L'Enfant Trust | Big Green Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Project | \$65,000 |
| Affordable Homes & Communities (AHC, Inc.) | AHC – Goodwill: Advancing Environmentally Sustainable & Community Oriented Development | \$65,000 |
| Funding Total: | | \$500,000 |

AGENDA ITEM #11

CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK 2024 HUNGER REPORT

2024

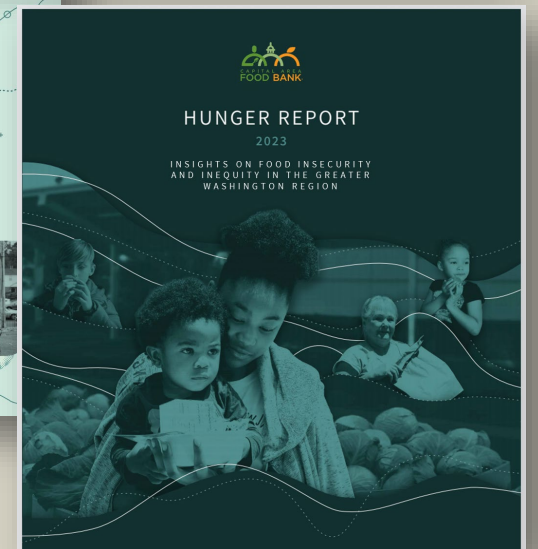
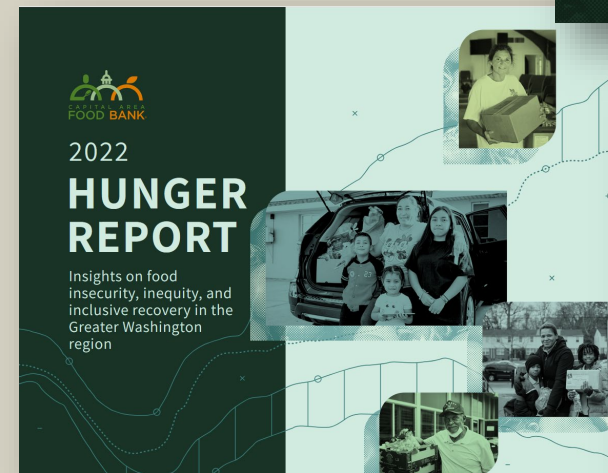
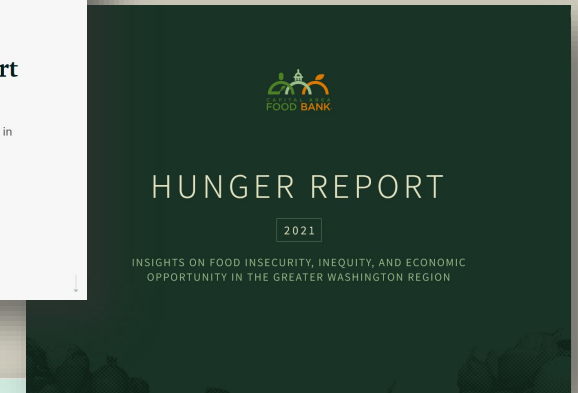
HUNGER REPORT

Insights on hunger and
inequity in Greater
Washington



Hunger Report Overview

- CAFB has published a Hunger Report **every year since 2020**
- These reports seek to offer **insights on the landscape of food insecurity** and underlying inequities in our region
- We conduct **original research** with our clients and the general population, and we publish our findings for all stakeholders
 - Policymakers
 - Corporations
 - NGOs
 - Media



2024 Study Overview

- For the third year in a row, CAFB partnered with highly trusted independent social research organization **NORC at the University of Chicago**
- We now have enough data to **begin charting trends** in the prevalence, severity, and geographic distribution of food insecurity
- The study was a **general population survey**, which is the most reliable and accurate tool available for understanding the prevalence of key concerns and opinions in the context of broader society
- Our study engaged over **3,800** people across the DMV and is **statistically representative down to the county level**

Client-Centered Research & Story-telling

- CAFB has worked closely with the **Client Leadership Council** in the creation of the Hunger Report



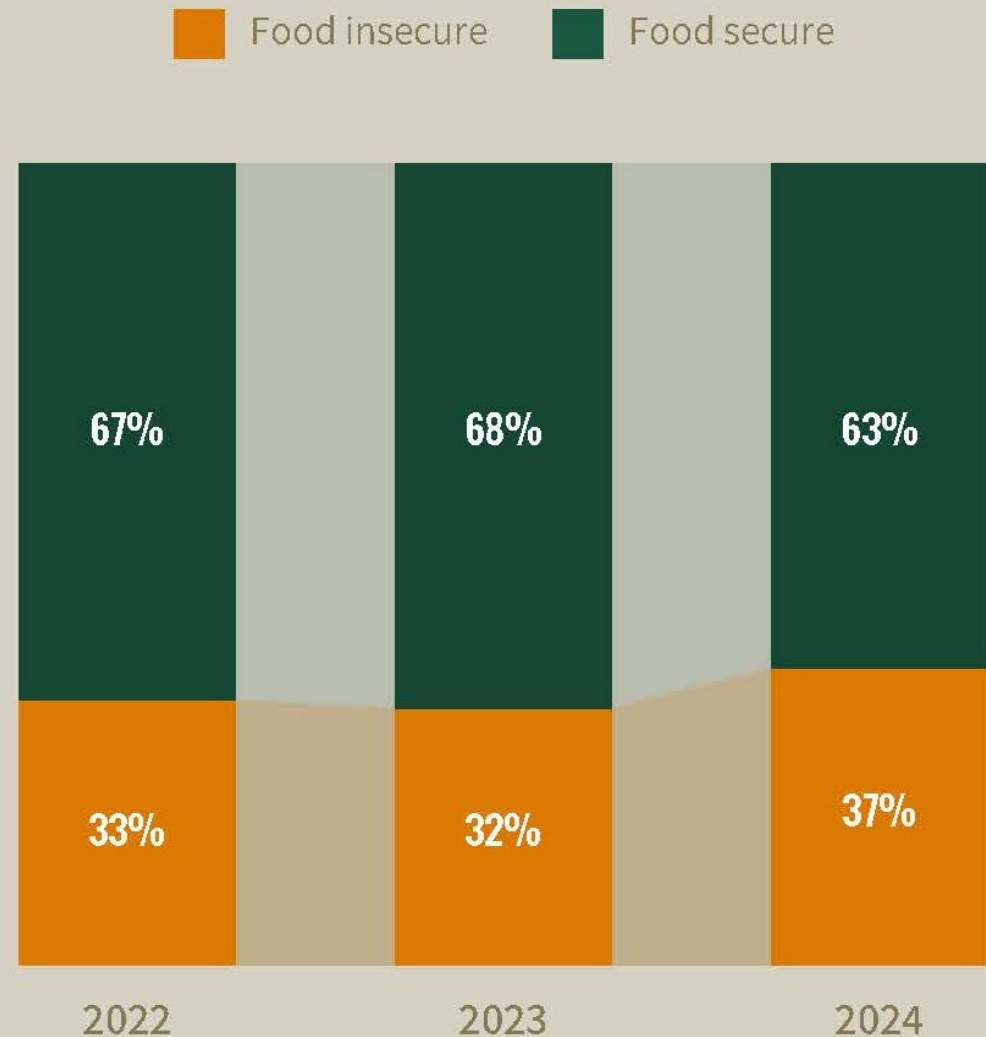
Chelsi, a single mom with a bachelor's degree, works full time but still struggles to support her three kids. To make ends meet, she takes on extra jobs, missing valuable time with her family.

- Role of the CLC
 1. Providing input on the research goals for our 2024 study
 2. Testing the questionnaire NORC developed
 3. Providing feedback on the outline and narrative for the Hunger Report
 4. Sharing personal stories that give a human voice to the data from the study

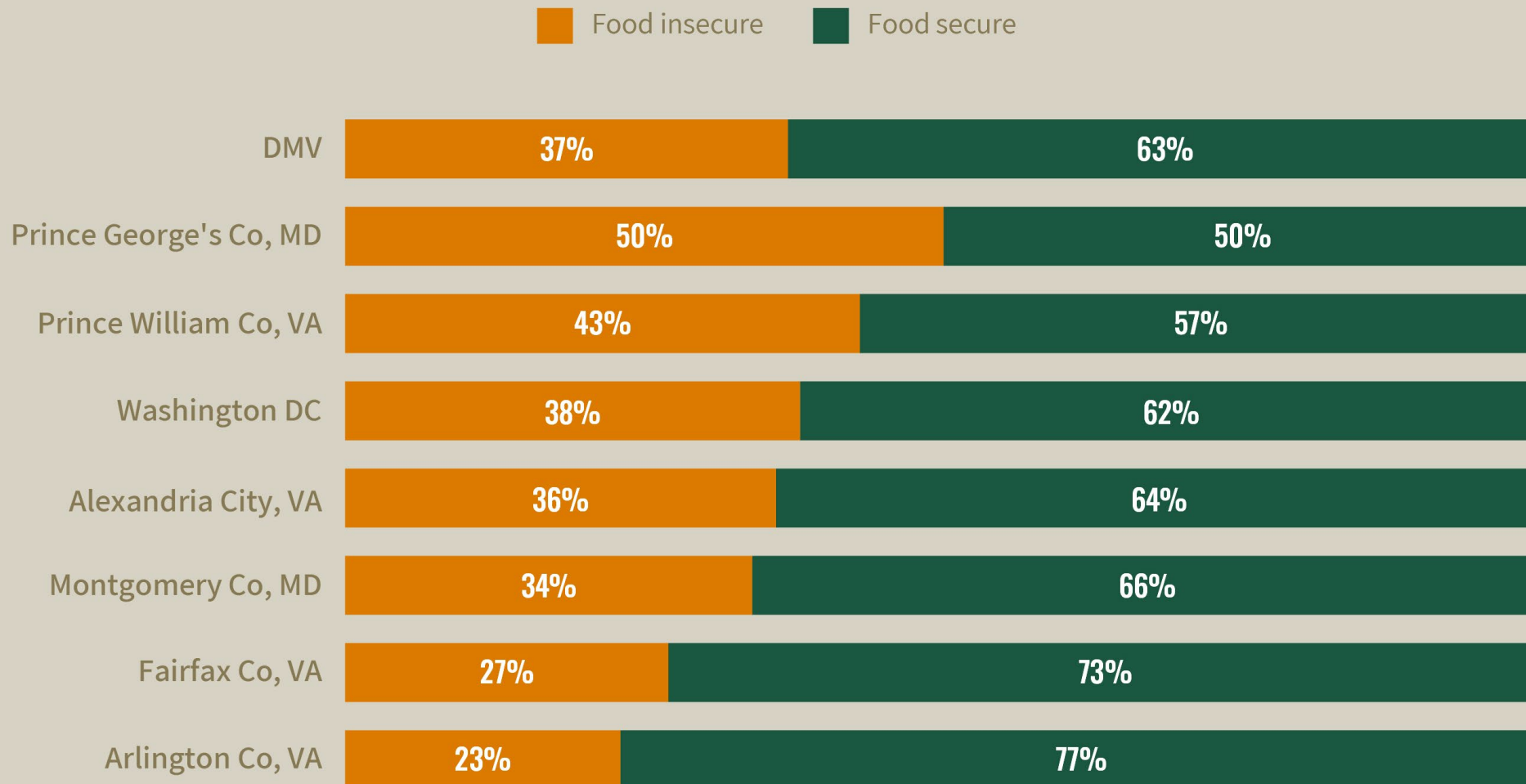
Key Finding #1:

Food insecurity has increased to 37%

- Across virtually every geography and demographic across the DMV, **food insecurity is on the rise**
- From 2023 to 2024, food insecurity increased 5%, **from 32% to 37%**
- Beyond the positive macroeconomic headlines of the last year, many of our neighbors are **experiencing a different reality**

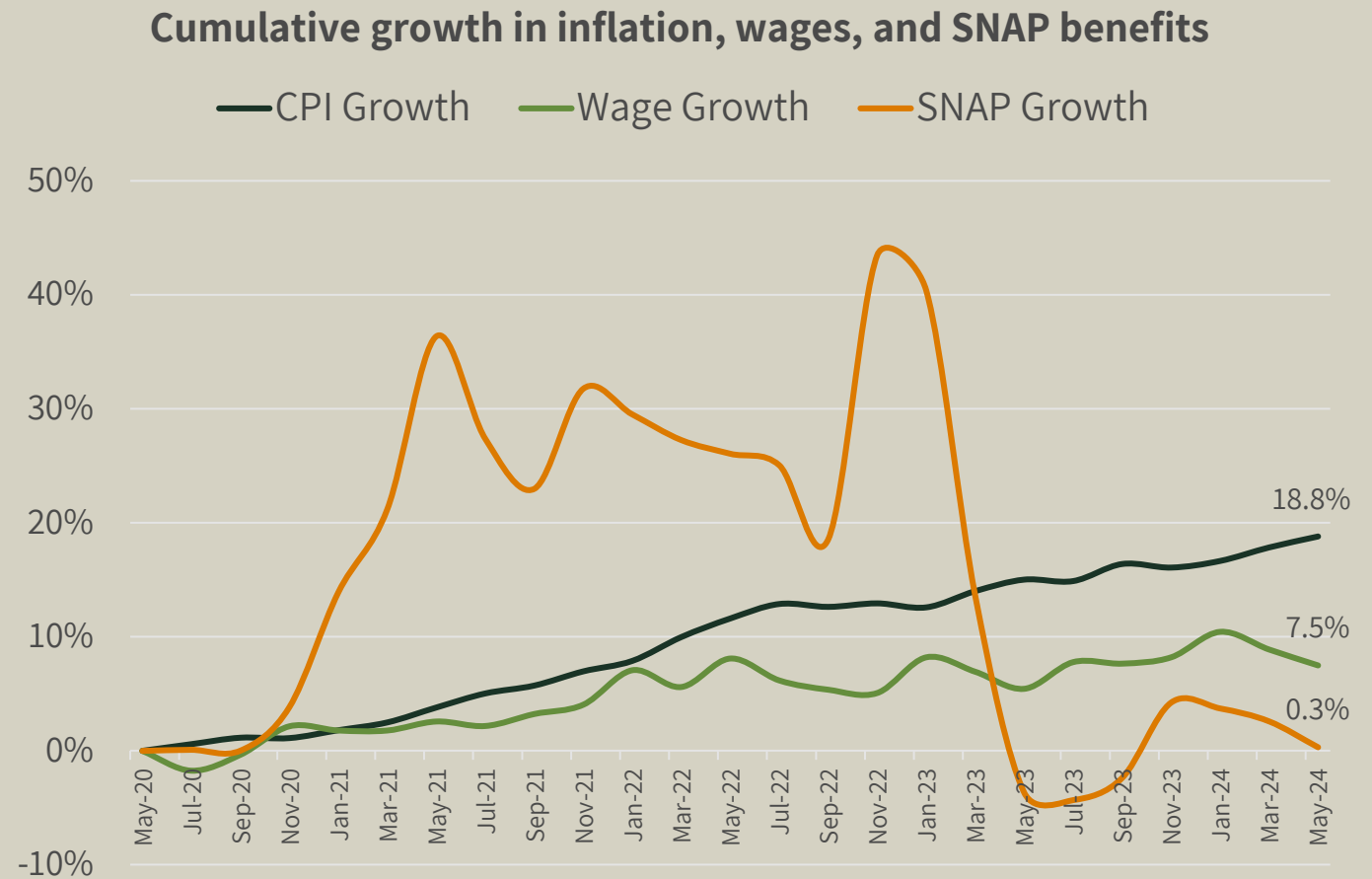


Key Finding #2: At the county level, food insecurity rates range from 23% to 50%



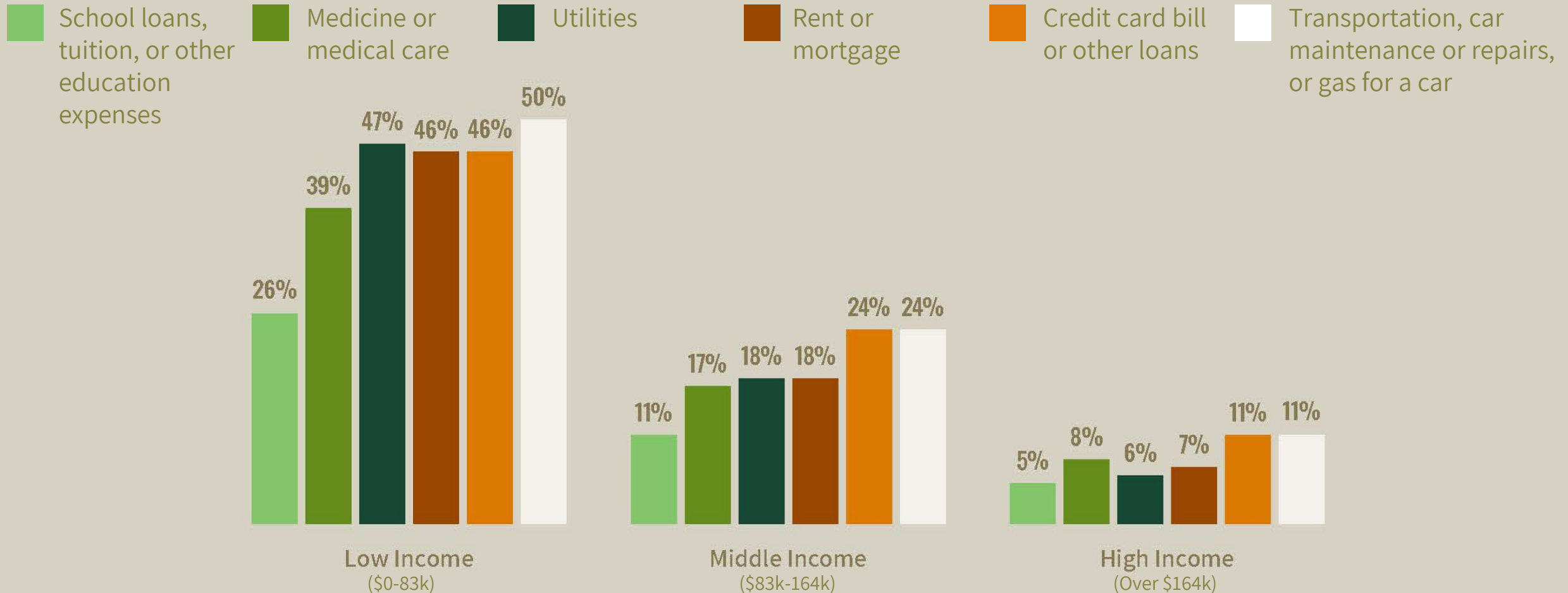
Key Finding #3: Primary drivers of food insecurity are inflation, ongoing employment hardships, and loss of pandemic-era supports

- While recent headlines are celebrating low year-over-year inflation rates, the **total increase since 2020 is 18.8%**
- **Wage growth has not kept pace** with inflation over that timeframe
- By 2024, all **pandemic-response government programs had ended** or reverted to pre-pandemic levels.



Key Finding #4: People across the income spectrum are facing serious trade-offs between food and other expenses

Households experiencing trade-offs with food and other costs



Key Finding #5: The food insecure population is working and largely educated

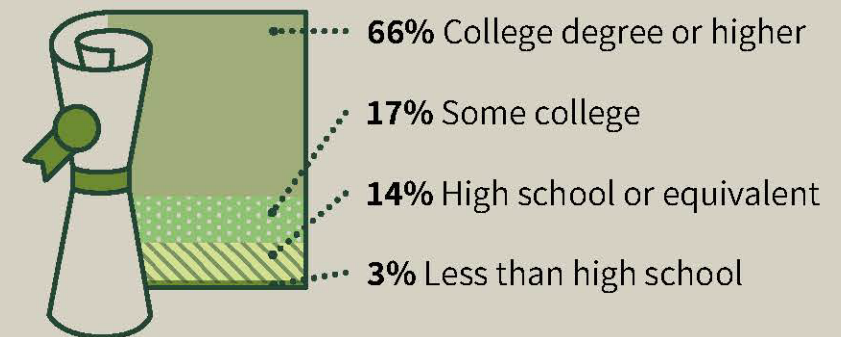
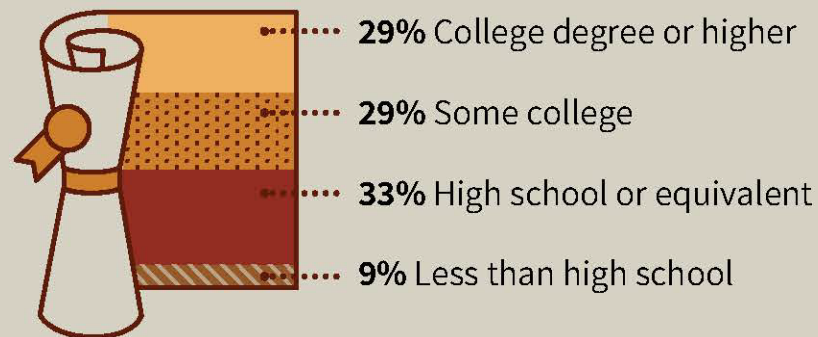
FOOD INSECURE

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EMPLOYMENT



EDUCATION



Key Finding #6:

Food insecurity has risen most sharply in the middle class



Key Finding #7:

People of color are 2-3x more likely to be food insecure than white people



Key Finding #8:

There are 103k food insecure children in the DMV



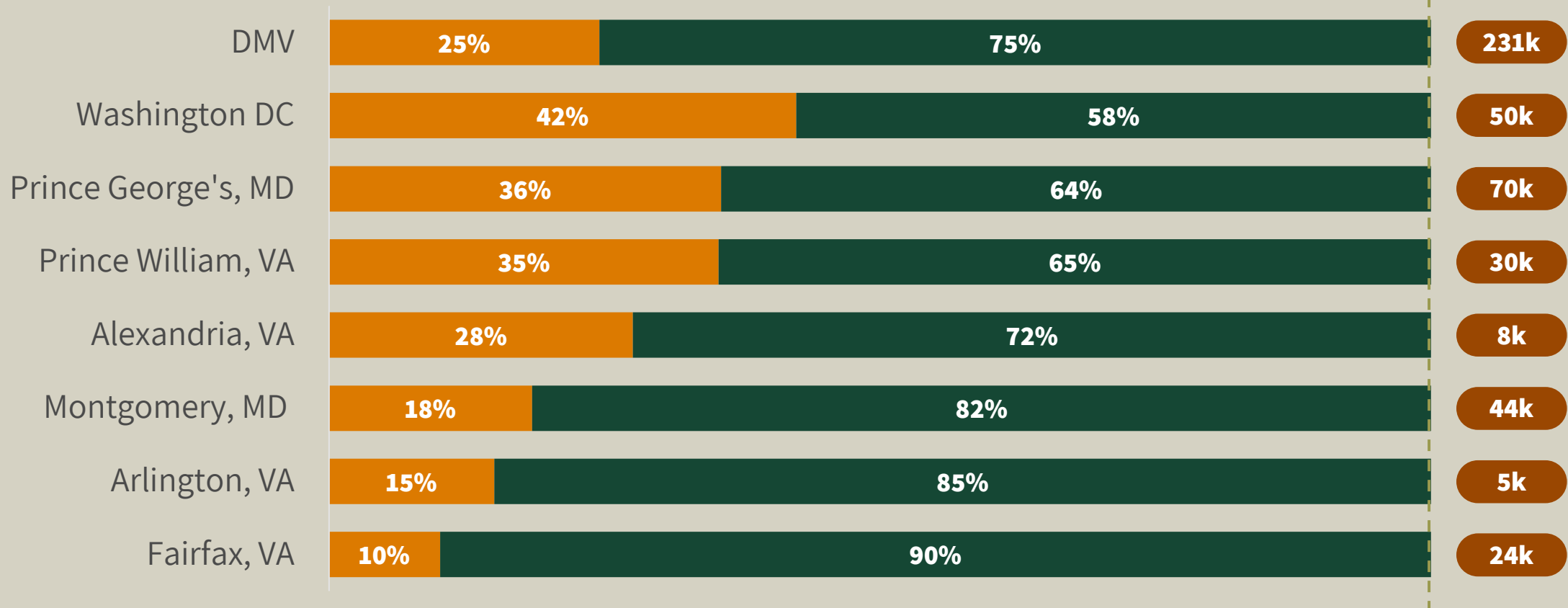
Key Finding #9:

There are 231k food insecure seniors in the DMV

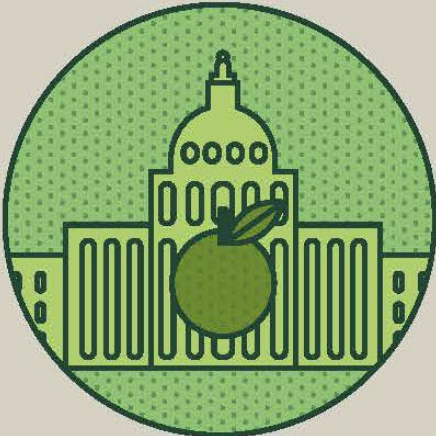
Food insecurity among adults age 60+

Food Insecure Food Secure

of food insecure seniors



Recommendations for Addressing Food Insecurity



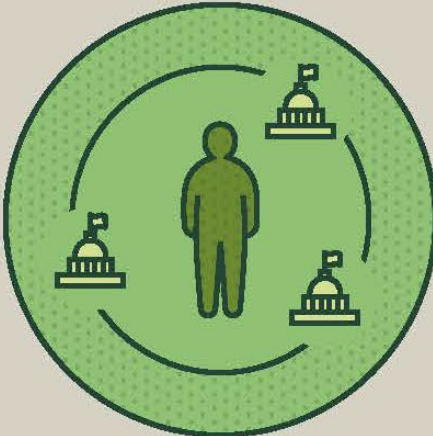
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Maintain and strengthen federal programs



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Adopt state policies for food access



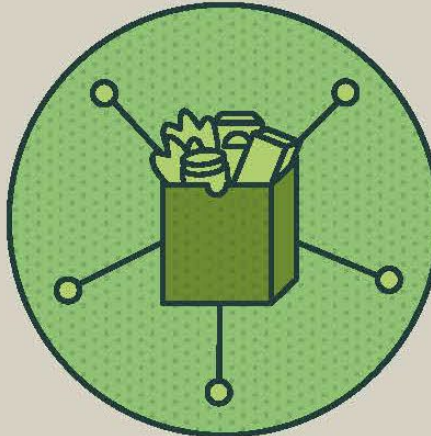
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Address economic hardship holistically



4

Upskill the food insecure population



5

Increase accessibility of emergency food

Recommendation 1: Maintain and strengthen federal programs that support food security

Enhance **TEFAP** food offerings to align with client needs and increase funding to administer the program

02

01 Strengthen **SNAP** and reduce barriers to accessing the program

03 Reduce **CSFP**'s administrative burden for program participants

Recommendation 2: Adopt state-level policies that expand food access

Invest in programs that enable food banks to source fresh local food



04

Increase minimum SNAP benefits through state supplements



01

Support the expansion of Food Is Medicine programs

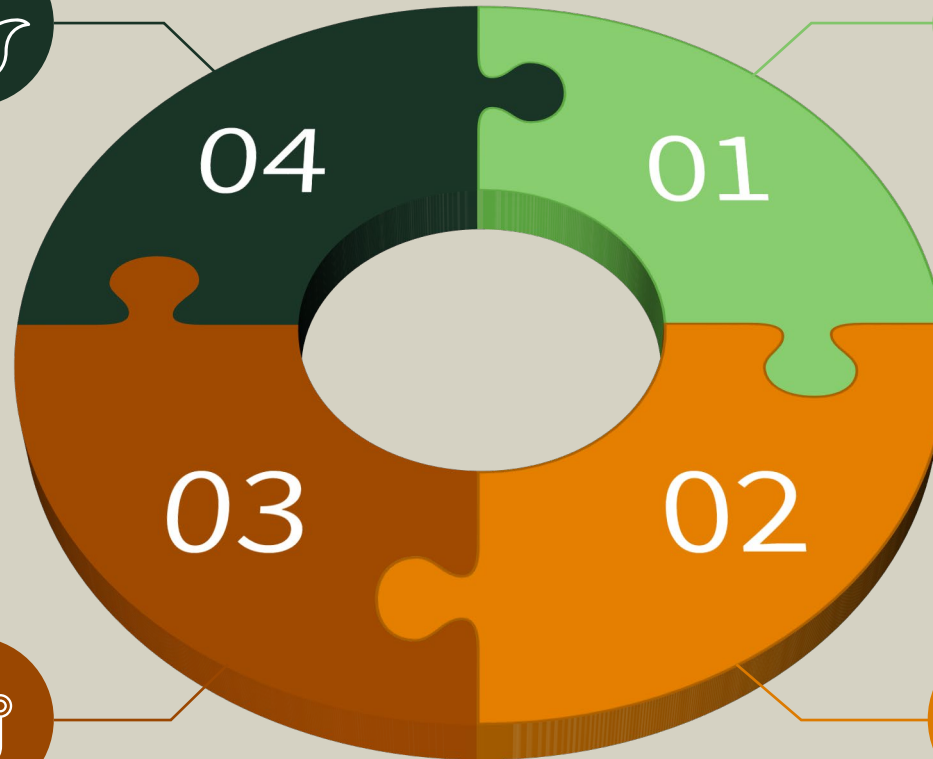


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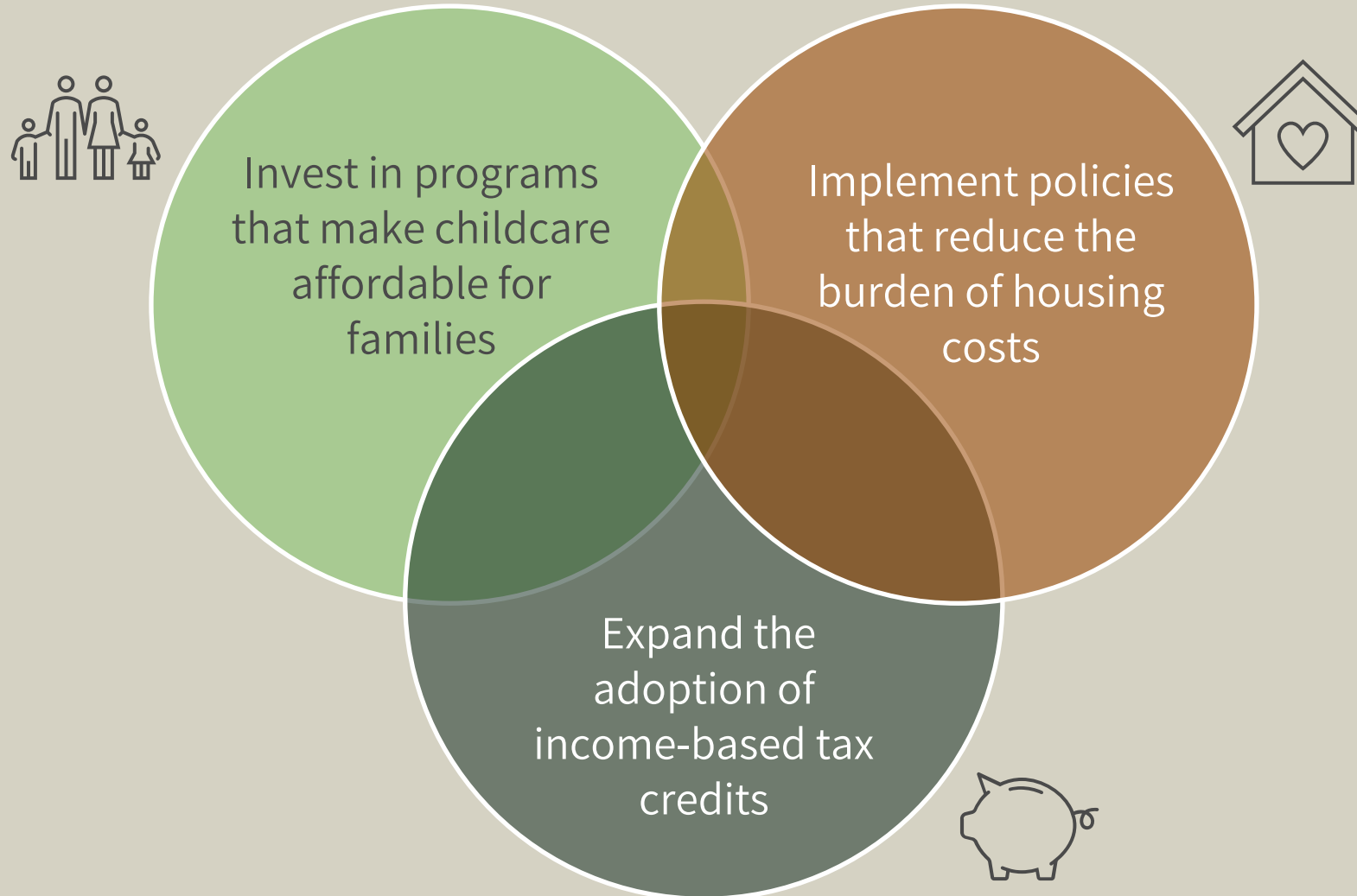
Enact universal school meals



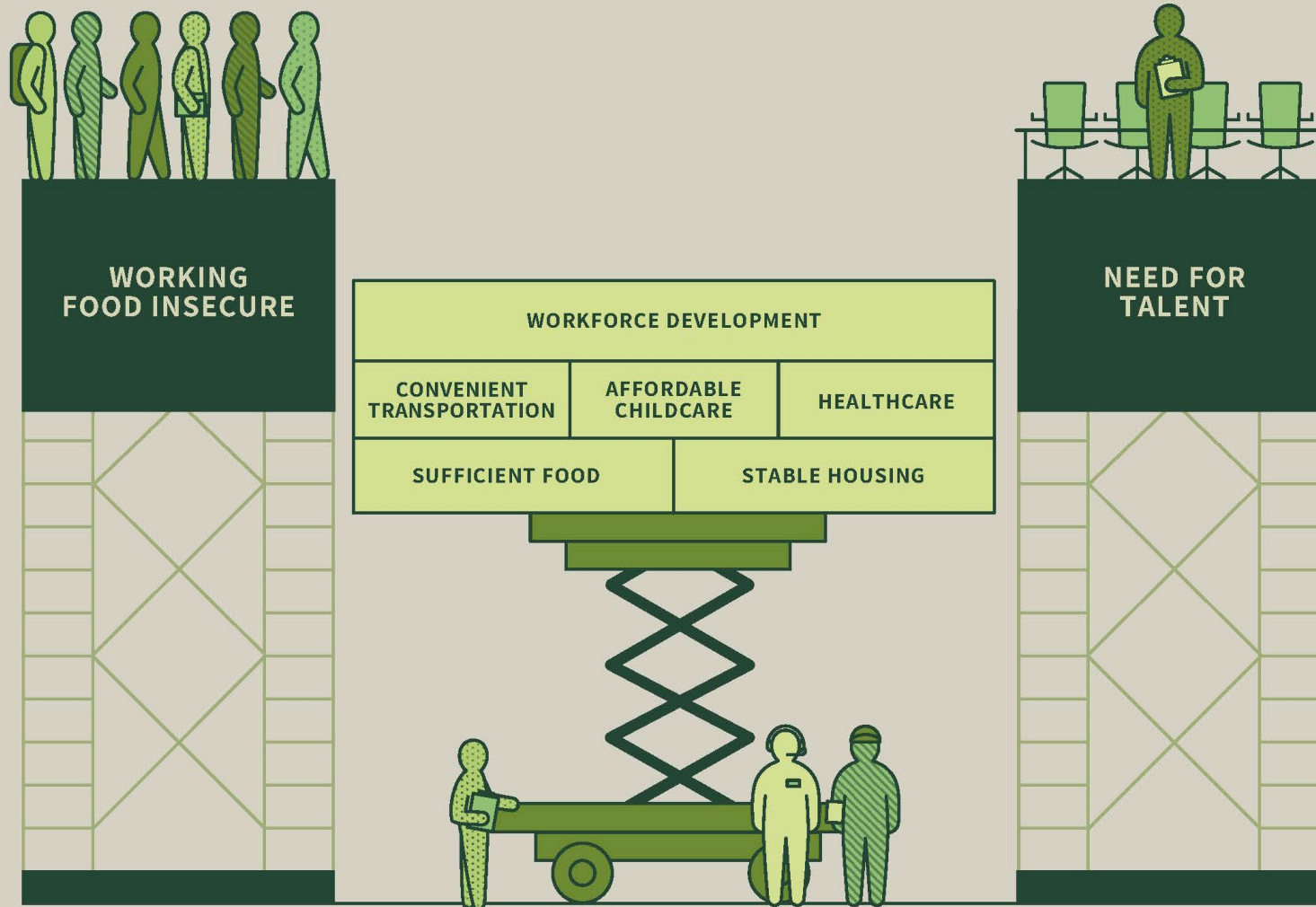
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Recommendation 3: Support programs and policies that address economic hardship holistically



Recommendation 4: Invest in workforce development bundled with basic needs support to increase opportunity



Recommendation 5: Reduce barriers to accessing charitable food

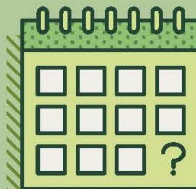
- The 2024 study found that **54%** of food insecure people **have not accessed any charitable food** in the last year.
- Several opportunities exist to address barriers to access

AWARENESS



48%

Not being sure if I qualify for assistance



46%

Not knowing when food will be offered



45%

Not knowing what organizations offer free groceries or meals

CONVENIENCE



39%

Not being able to attend when food is offered

STIGMA



31%

Not wanting to share my personal information



30%

Not wanting friends, family, or neighbors to know I need help



29%

Not feeling comfortable at food distributions

Sharing Data to Increase Impact

- **CAFB can share findings that are tailored** to specific issues or geographies beyond what was presented:
 - ✓ County-level cuts of all findings
 - ✓ Data by race, age, income, household structure, receiving gov't benefits, food security status, and more
- **Other questions** from the survey not included in the Hunger Report:
 - ✓ Receipt of various government benefits
 - ✓ Public opinion on various issues facing our community
 - ✓ Household food budgets, including earned income and gov't benefits
 - ✓ Preferences for types of institutions to visit for charitable food assistance
 - ✓ Time and transportation factors for accessing charitable food
 - ✓ Dietary restrictions

2024 HUNGER REPORT

Q&A



**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION ENDORSING FEDERAL AND STATE ACTIONS TO REDUCE FOOD INSECURITY AND TO
HARMONIZE AND STREAMLINE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR KEY PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 24 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

WHEREAS, COG has recognized the importance of food security and the numerous benefits of having locally and regionally produced food including, healthy food access, diverse sources of supply and distribution, food system resilience, protection of our agricultural lands, and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the COG Board of Directors affirmed the need to create a forum for cross-sector, systems based learning, collaboration, and action to increase food security, food system resilience, equity, and the capacity of the region to provide for more of its food needs by establishing the Food and Agriculture Regional Member Policy Committee (FARM); and

WHEREAS, FARM and the Board have urged state and federal action to increase resources for healthy school meals, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the federal Child Tax Credit, and more, since FARM's creation; and

WHEREAS, the Board, in addition to the FARM and Human Services Policy Committee (HSPC), have been briefed by Capital Area Food Bank and other local and regional partners on factors driving persistent, high levels of food insecurity in the region, including growing rates amongst middle class families; and

WHEREAS, the Board and its policy committees are committed to increasing collaboration at COG and with regional partners to support bringing more resources to addressing food insecurity and its root causes like poverty, economic insecurity, and inequality; and

WHEREAS, addressing persistent food insecurity requires concerted and bold local, state, regional, and federal action with evidence-based approaches, innovation, and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 era programs and funding were demonstrably effective in reducing poverty, facilitating the lowest level of food insecurity for households with children recorded, and building new partnerships between the region's farmers, schools, and food assistance providers; and

WHEREAS, local and state governments and regional organizations must continue to build upon gains made during the pandemic despite a dramatic retraction of federal funds for basic human needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:

The Board supports immediate multi-pronged action at the local, state, and federal levels to improve deployment of existing resources and advocates for greater investment in policies, programs, and practices which reduce food insecurity.

The Board directs FARM and HSPC to work with the Executive Director, or his designee, to:

1. Provide the Board with a plan for state and federal outreach on U.S. Farm Bill priorities, SNAP benefits, Healthy School Meals for All, an expanded federal Child Tax Credit, and programs that enable food assistance providers and institutions to source local and regional food by mid-January 2025.
2. FARM shall also work with Capital Area Food Bank, Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, and other partners to develop and implement recommendations that will harmonize and simplify requirements for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) for seniors and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), resulting in fewer administrative costs and more money for the food provided through these programs.
3. The Board directs the Executive Director, or his designee, to share this resolution and recommendations from items 1 and 2 above with Congressional leadership, the members of the metropolitan Washington regional Congressional delegation, and elected leaders in the Maryland and Virginia General Assemblies, as well as the Council of the District of Columbia.
4. Finally, the board requests that FARM and HSPC report back in one year's time on progress made on the board's charge.

AGENDA ITEM #12

OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #13

ADJOURN