

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

Day Labor Briefing
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- About 117,600 day laborers look for work every day in U.S.
- East Coast hiring sites are the largest. On average, 40 day laborers gather at each site.
- 79% of day laborers gather in unofficial hiring sites, while 21% of day laborers gather in organized day labor centers.

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Issue for Local Governments

- Public Safety
- Human Services
- Local Business



COG Human Services Policy Committee examines day labor issue and organizes two regional summits on the topic.

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June 2005 - Oakland Site Visit



November 2005 – First Summit

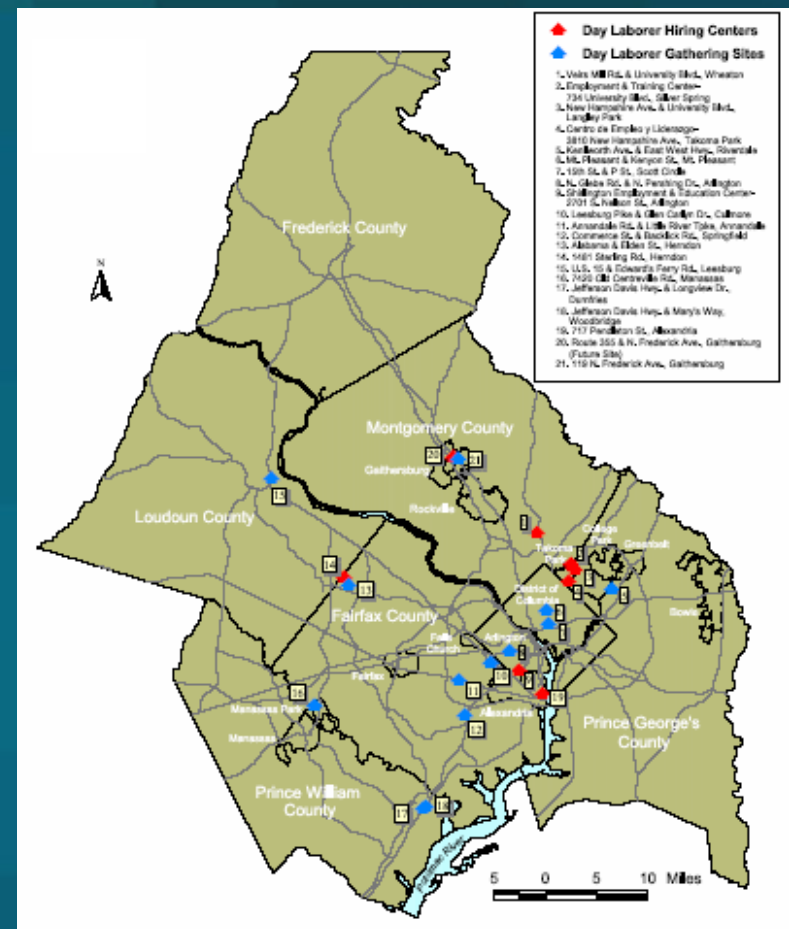


March 2006 –
Second Summit

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Lessons Learned

- Region's strong economy is #1 reason the area is attracting day laborers.
- Regulated day labor centers throughout the region have shown success in managing the issue.



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Recommendations --- Resolution R19-06

- Regulated day labor centers are promising management tools for local governments.
- US Congress needs to pass comprehensive immigration reform.

