

Climate Change Steering Committee Report to COG Board of Directors

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How is the Report Structured?

Section	Title	Content
1	Introduction	Overview of committee charge from COG Board
2	Executive Summary	To be prepared
3	Facing the Facts: Our Climate Is Changing	Summary of global climate change data
4	Recognizing the Risks: Potential Impacts of Climate Change on the Metropolitan Washington Region	Summary of local and mid-Atlantic impacts of climate change
5	Taking Stock: Current and Projected Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Regional emissions inventory and analysis
6	Taking Aim: Setting Targets for Reducing Regional Emissions	Background on scientific basis for targets, targets in our region and elsewhere, and recommendations
7	Taking Action: Mitigating Emissions from Energy Consumption	Analysis and recommendations energy mitigation strategies – 3 primary categories: energy efficiency, demand reduction, renewable energy
8	Taking Action: Mitigating Emissions from Transportation and Land Use	Analysis and recommendations on transportation and land use mitigation strategies. 3 primary transportation strategies: VMT reduction, increase fuel efficiency, reduce carbon content of fuel
9	Taking Action: Regional Economic Development	Analysis and recommendations on green jobs
10	Taking Action: Preparing for the Impacts of Climate Change	Initial assessment of adaptation strategies and recommendations
11	Recommendation on Organizational Structure for COG's Climate Change Initiative	Options and recommendation for COG climate change initiative
12	Next Steps	Overview of COG climate initiative for the coming year
13	Terms and Definitions	Glossary of important terms used in the report
14	Bibliography	References cited and used in the report

What's New in the Report?

- Synopsis on global climate change
 - Classical data from Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on greenhouse gas emissions, global warming and sea level rise, connection between man-made emissions and climate change
- Synopsis on local and regional climate impacts

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- Emphasis on mid-Atlantic region and Chesapeake Bay
- Updated recommendations on comprehensive planning and project level analysis (page 37)
- Discussion/recommendation on organizational structure
- Discussion on Next Steps/clarification on work in the coming year

What Else Needs to Be Done?

- Prepare Executive Summary
- Editing
- Improve formatting and layout
- Improve some graphics
- Additional annotation/foundational material for recommendations
- Expand financing section (handout)
- Specifics on Next Steps
- Roster for committee members/alternates
- Corrections
 - Recycling recommendations

What is the Timetable for revising the draft?

Date	Action
May 28	CCSC Meeting/Feedback
June 6	Deadline for CCSC comments to COG staff
June 19	Deadline for staff to provide updated final review draft to CCSC
June 25	CCSC Meeting to review adopt draft final report to COG Board
July 9	Presentation to COG Board/start 60 day comment period
July 25/26	COG Retreat Discussion
Sept 9	End of 60 day comment period
Sept TBD	CCSC Conference Call to review comments received
Sept 24	CCSC Meeting to review/adopt final report
October 8	COG Board adoption of CCSC final report

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Suggested Committee Feedback Process

1. General comments on the report

- a. Overall
- b. Organization
- c. Length
- d. Depth on topics
- e. Any major omissions?

2. Specific comments

- a. By section
- b. On recommendations
 - i. Table on relative timing and priorities
 - ii. Wording changes
 - iii. Additions/deletions