

Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee
PROPOSED 2013-2016 WORKPLAN GOALS
Land Use

Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's (COG) is in the process of developing a list of short-term goals and actions that will assist the region in achieving the long-term *Region Forward* targets and goals in the *2008 National Capital Region Climate Change Report* and is currently seeking stakeholder input on proposed goals.

Region Forward is a commitment by COG and its member governments, who together seek to create a more accessible, sustainable, prosperous, and livable National Capital Region. *Region Forward* targets have been established to help the region address challenges and move towards long-term goals for the region. *Region Forward* draws its greenhouse gas emission reduction target from the *2008 National Capital Region Climate Change Report*.

The Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) was created in 2009 by the COG Board of Directors to provide leadership on climate change, energy, green building, alternative fuels, solid waste and recycling issues and to help support area governments as they work together to meet the goals outlined in the *2008 National Capital Region Climate Change Report*. In January 2010, CEEPC adopted the 2010-2012 Workplan and is now in the process of updating it to a 2013-2016 Workplan. Proposed goals related to land use are as follows:

Status*	CEEPC Workplan Goals	Progress
New	80% of jurisdictions adopt land use plans that allow for and incentivizes walkable, higher density, mixed use, and/or mixed income development in regional activity centers (i.e. near transit and job centers).	Unknown
	x% of jurisdictions implement form-based/flexible codes in regional activity centers.	Unknown
	x% of jurisdictions identify, promote and incentivize the redevelopment of greyfield sites in regional activity centers.	Unknown
	x% of jurisdictions identify, promote and incentivize the redevelopment of brownfield sites and otherwise contaminated lands (such as leaking underground storage tanks).	Unknown
	x% of jurisdictions have one or more of its facility(ies) at a former greyfield, brownfield and/or otherwise contaminated site(s).	Unknown
	x% of jurisdictions allow for and encourage urban agriculture in zoning codes, where appropriate.	Unknown
	x% of jurisdictions adopt a land use plan and/or development tool that preserves open space, farmland and forests. (ex. Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve and Transfer of Development Rights)	Unknown
	x% of jurisdictions foster commercial farming by allowing community-supported farms, horticulture nurseries and greenhouses as principal or accessory uses in zoning code.	Unknown
	x% of jurisdictions include incentives in zoning code to encourage fresh food markets (such as floor area, building height and parking requirement reduction incentives).	Unknown

*The Status identifies the goal as one of the following:

- Existing: The goal exists in the 2010-2012 Workplan and is proposed for the 2013-2016 Workplan

- Revised: The goal exists in the 2010-2012 Workplan and a revision is proposed for the 2013–2016 Workplan
- New: The goal does not exist in the 2010–2012 Workplan and is proposed as a new goal for the 2013–2016 Workplan

The land use goals in the short-term CEEPC Workplan are designed to assist the region meet the following long-term *Region Forward* targets:

<i>Region Forward Target</i>
By 2020, reduce regional GHG by 20% below 2005 levels and by 2050, reduce regional GHG emissions by 80% below 2005 levels.
Beginning in 2012, capture 75% of the square footage of new commercial construction and 50% of new households in Regional Activity Centers.
By 2020, all new residential and commercial buildings will be built using sustainable design practices equivalent to LEED Silver Standards.
Increase the rate of bicycle and pedestrian construction.
Reduce pedestrian and bicycle fatalities across the region.
All regional activity centers will have transit access
By 2050, 50% of all sentinel watersheds will be in good or excellent condition.
Beginning in 2012, the region will maintain more than 450,000 acres of agriculture land in farms.