

## **CEEP September 24, 2025 Committee and Staff Updates**

### **A. BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BEEAC)**

The September 18<sup>th</sup> BEEAC meeting focused on the 2024 utility data analysis, the draft Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) and draft workforce development analysis, and the mid-course review case studies. Members articulated the following areas of interests and follow-up:

- What are the potential adverse impacts of EPA's proposal to amend the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program on future greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories.
- Include electrification of existing buildings in the mid-course jurisdiction case studies.
- The City of Frederick has a rideable contract with [Compost Crew](#) that other jurisdictions can use to support low cost or free curbside composting pickup for neighborhoods.

The recording and related materials can be found on the [meeting page](#). The next BEEAC meeting is November 20.

### **B. AIR AND CLIMATE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ACPAC)**

The September 15<sup>th</sup> ACPAC meeting covered the mid-course review key performance indicators, jurisdiction case studies and the draft CCAP. From those discussion topics, ACPAC members identified areas of interest and potential follow up:

- The need to advocate for more grid-connected renewable energy.
- The environmental impacts of data centers use natural gas turbines for on-site generation.
- Customer electric utility cost increases due to data centers is an equity issue.
- Include battery storage permitting as a key performance indicator in the mid-course review.
- A COG response letter to EPA's proposal to rescind the 2009 Endangerment Finding should include a statement about the widespread adverse health impacts on vulnerable populations.

The next ACPAC meeting is November 17.

### **C. REGIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE DEPLOYMENT (REVD) WORKING GROUP**

The next REVD meeting is on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and will cover local food truck electrification and multifamily electric vehicle charging efforts.

### **D. RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

In September, the Recycling Committee held its annual in-person meeting on Composting featuring speakers from New York City, the City of Laurel, the State of Vermont, Ocean City, and the University of Maryland. The meeting covered topics such as how to deliver mandatory curbside

organics collection service to residents, now to stimulate the establishment of composting infrastructure, and how to use the latest technology to connect unwanted food with those in need. The December 4 in-person meeting will address the topic Navigating Regulatory and Funding Changes.

The committee will be promoting its annual local contest with school and resident prizes to celebrate America Recycles Day, which is November 15.

#### **E. REGIONAL TREE CANOPY SUBCOMMITTEE (RTCS)**

RTCS is reviewing the recently released Chesapeake Bay Program's 2021-2022 Land Use/Land Cover data to examine changes to tree canopy and forest acres compared to prior assessments.

#### **F. GREATER WASHINGTON REGION CLEAN CITIES COALITION (GWRCCC)**

Upcoming GWRCCC events:

- Drive Electric Event with EVADC & Drive Electric DC, September 28, 2025, 10 am- 3 pm, National Mall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Madison Drive, Washington, DC
- GWRCCC Job Fair, September 30, 2025, 10 am – 1 pm, Westphalia Community Center, Upper Marlboro, Maryland. <https://Sept302025-JobFair-UpperMarlboro.eventbrite.com>
- GWRCCC Annual Conference, October 23, 2025, 9 am – 6 pm, Martin's Crosswinds, Greenbelt, Maryland. <https://gwrccc.org/annual-conference/>

#### **G. STAFF PROJECT UPDATES**

##### Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program

The CCAP for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is currently under development. Key elements of the plan include an MSA greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory, GHG projections, GHG reduction measures, a net zero GHG emissions scenario, a co-pollutant benefits analysis, and workforce development analysis. The draft plan will be available for public comment this October and a final plan submitted to EPA by December 1, 2025.

##### Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program

On August 27, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) awarded \$3.9 million to COG through the CFI Program to support the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure. For the Round 1B award, COG partnered with the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Manassas and Arlington, Fairfax, Frederick, and Prince George's Counties to deploy publicly accessible EV charging infrastructure at local government facilities in their communities. The majority of the sites are in or near historically disadvantaged communities, closing the gaps in the existing charging network and bringing greater opportunity to communities

most impacted by the effects of climate change. COG has also partnered with the Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition (GWRCCC) on equitable engagement and workforce development opportunities, including listening sessions with disadvantaged communities, job fairs, and EV infrastructure trainings.

The FHWA-COG CFI agreement was signed by FHWA and fully executed as of January 12, 2025. The signing of the agreement obligated Phase I Pre-Construction funds, which is 15% of the total funds. At this time Phase II funds have not been obligated. Phase I includes initial design plans for EV infrastructure and completion of the NEPA Categorical Exclusion (CE) process for all locations included in this project as well as initial equitable engagement and workforce development activities. Thus far, 6 of the 8 sub-grantee agreements have been executed, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project updates have been made, NEPA CE documentation has begun, and 3 GWRCCC led events will be held this fall, including:

- GWRCCC is seeking employers with any kind of job opportunities, as well as training providers, to participate in the Job Fair being held on September 30, 2025, at Westphalia Community Center in Upper Marlboro, MD. Register [here](#).
- On October 7, 2025, from 6:30-8pm an electric vehicle community listening session will be held at the Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax, Virginia in partnership with the City and County of Fairfax.
- On November 12, 2025, an electric vehicle community listening session will be held at the Lorton Library in Lorton, Virginia in partnership with Fairfax County.