

MIDCOURSE REVIEW

NEXT STEPS

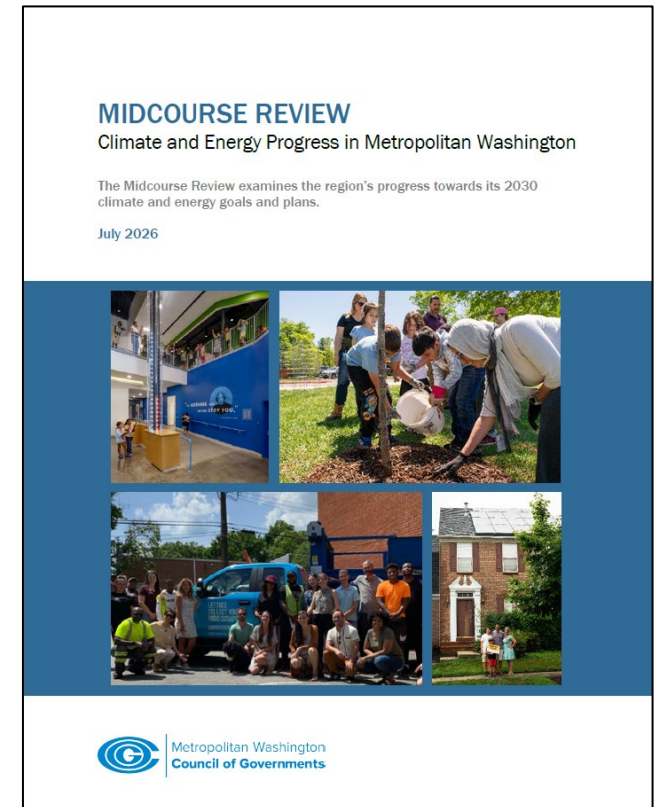
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CEEPC Meeting
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Midcourse Review (MCR)

- COG Board Resolution R45-2020 directs the Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) to report back a mid-point evaluation of the progress towards these goals and make recommendations for any new actions needed.
- The MCR is a *technical report evaluating trends* of goals and key performance indicators to support decision making and next step actions. Many local climate action highlights!
- At its September 2026 meeting, the COG Board received a presentation on the MCR and endorsed Resolution 33-2026 that accepted the [MCR Report](#), reaffirmed existing regional climate goals, and encouraged accelerated and expanded local climate action.



Key Takeaways from the COG Board Discussion

Board Member comments and questions focused on a few key areas, including:

There was broad acknowledgement of MCR finding that the region likely won't reach the 2030 goal without acceleration and expansion of efforts. The low-hanging fruit has been initiated, but the climb gets steeper, and there is less federal support.

- Importance of communicating public messaging focusing on the dollars and cents, local examples, and why taking action matters. Include public health.
- Support expanding action via streamlining project timelines for permitting and procurement.
- Interactive climate and energy progress dashboard will provide an opportunity for COG member jurisdictions to track progress and compare progress to neighboring jurisdictions.
- COG Board discussion can be reviewed here: <https://www.mwcog.org/events/2026/9/9/cog-board-of-directors/>

Climate and Energy Progress Dashboard Demo

COG Climate and Energy Progress Dashboard Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Renewable Energy Systems

Tree Canopy

Green Buildings

Electricity Consumption

Natural Gas Consumption

Electric Vehicles

EV Charging Ports

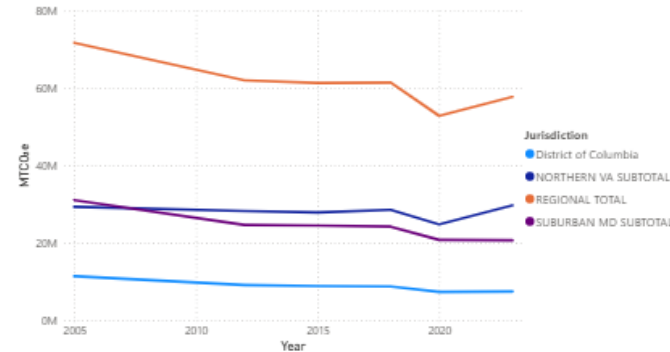
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City of Alexandria	City of Rockville	Town of Bladensburg
City of Bowie	City of Takoma Park	
City of College Park	District of Columbia	
City of Fairfax	Fairfax County	
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Net Greenhouse Gas Emission Trends (MTCO₂e)



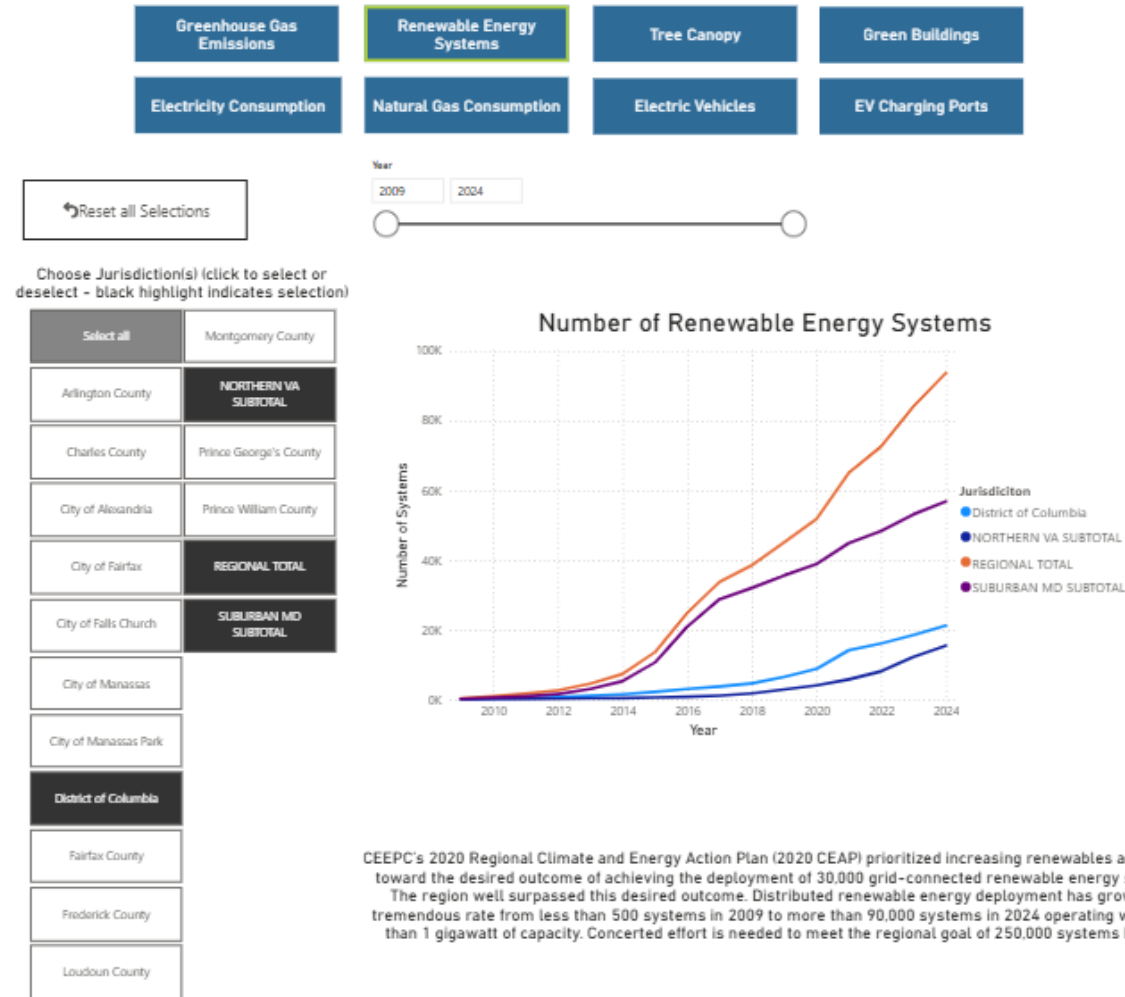
Approximately 90 percent of metropolitan Washington GHG emissions come from building energy consumption and transportation. The remainder of emissions comes waste, land use (agriculture, forests and trees), and fugitive emissions. Metropolitan Washington community-wide GHG net emissions decreased by 20 percent between 2005 and 2023, despite a 23 percent growth in population. Expedited cross-sectoral actions will be needed throughout the region to achieve the goal of 50 percent by 2030.

For more information, see COG's local and regional [GHG summary fact sheets](#).

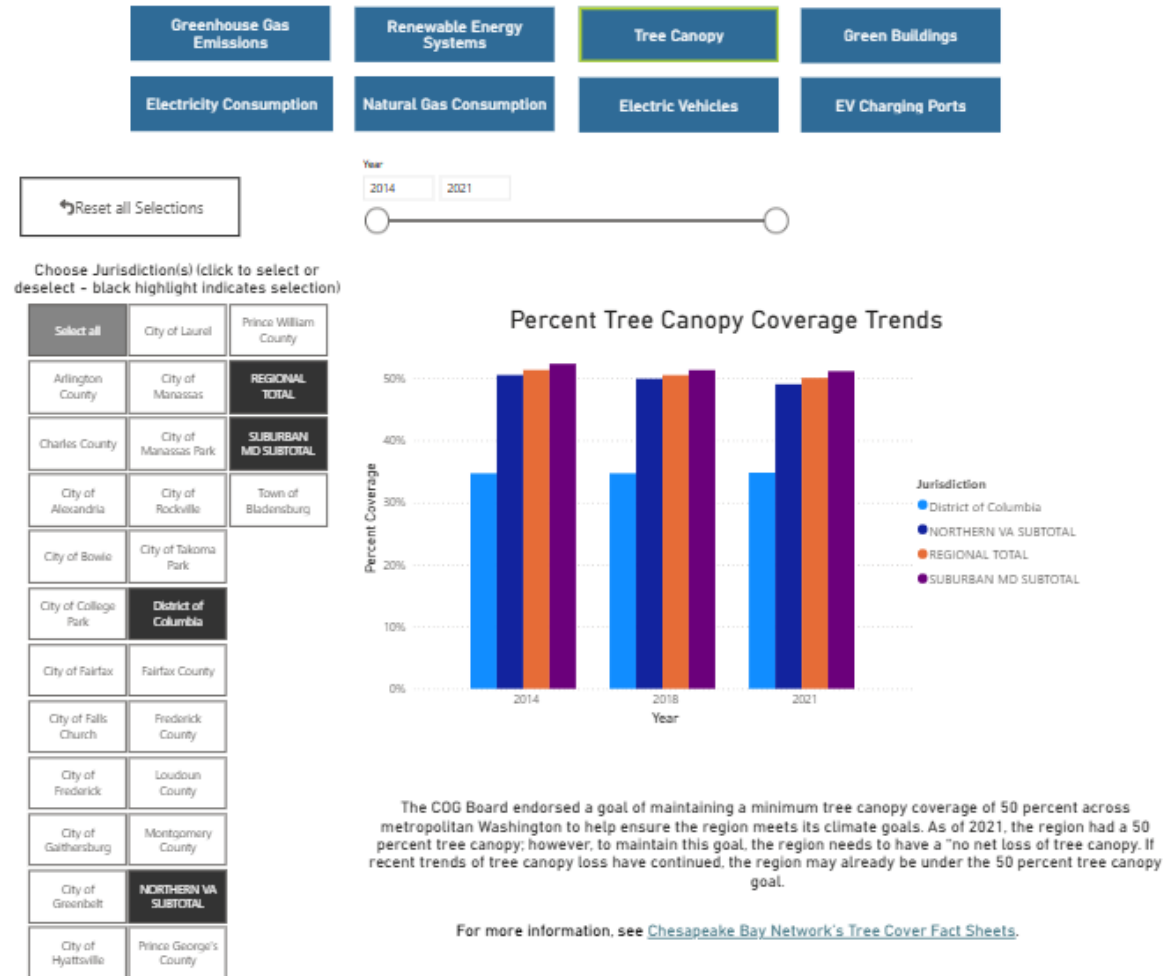


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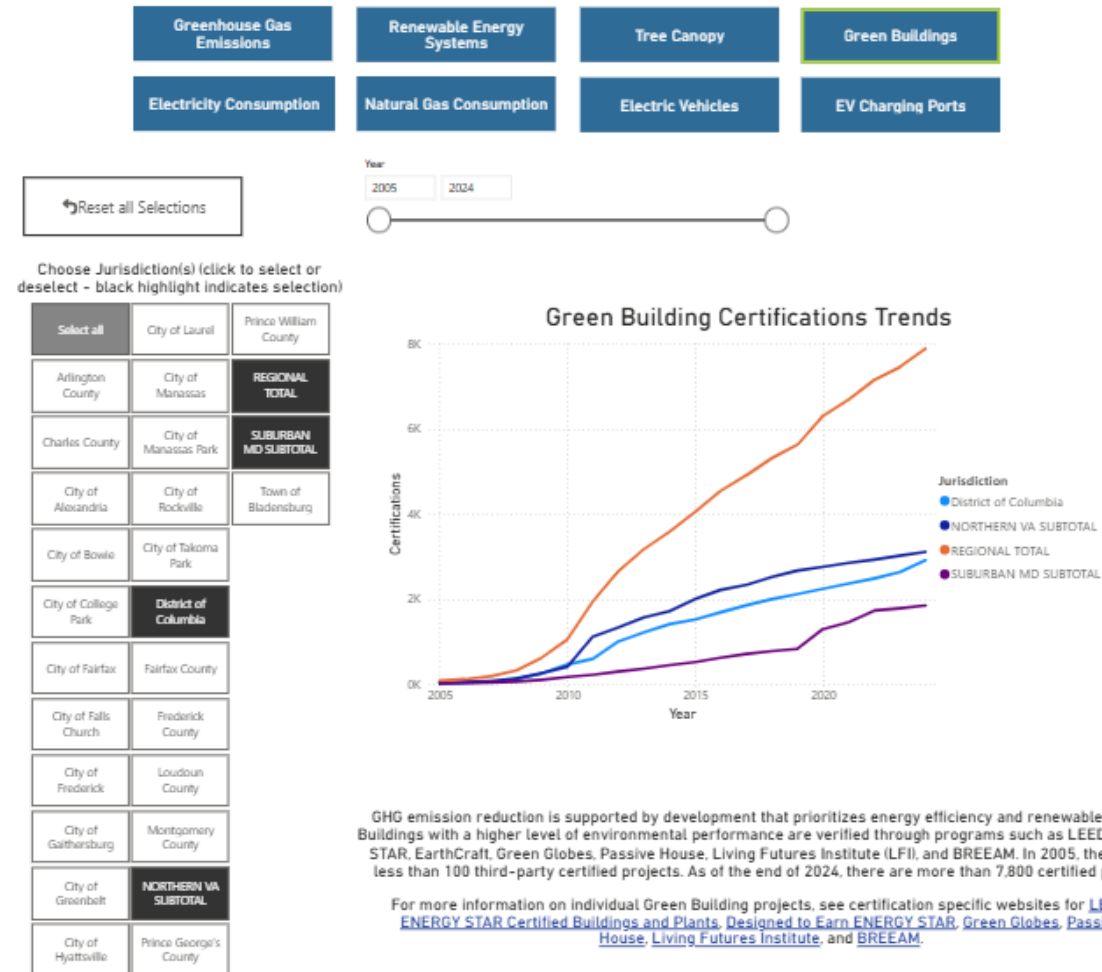
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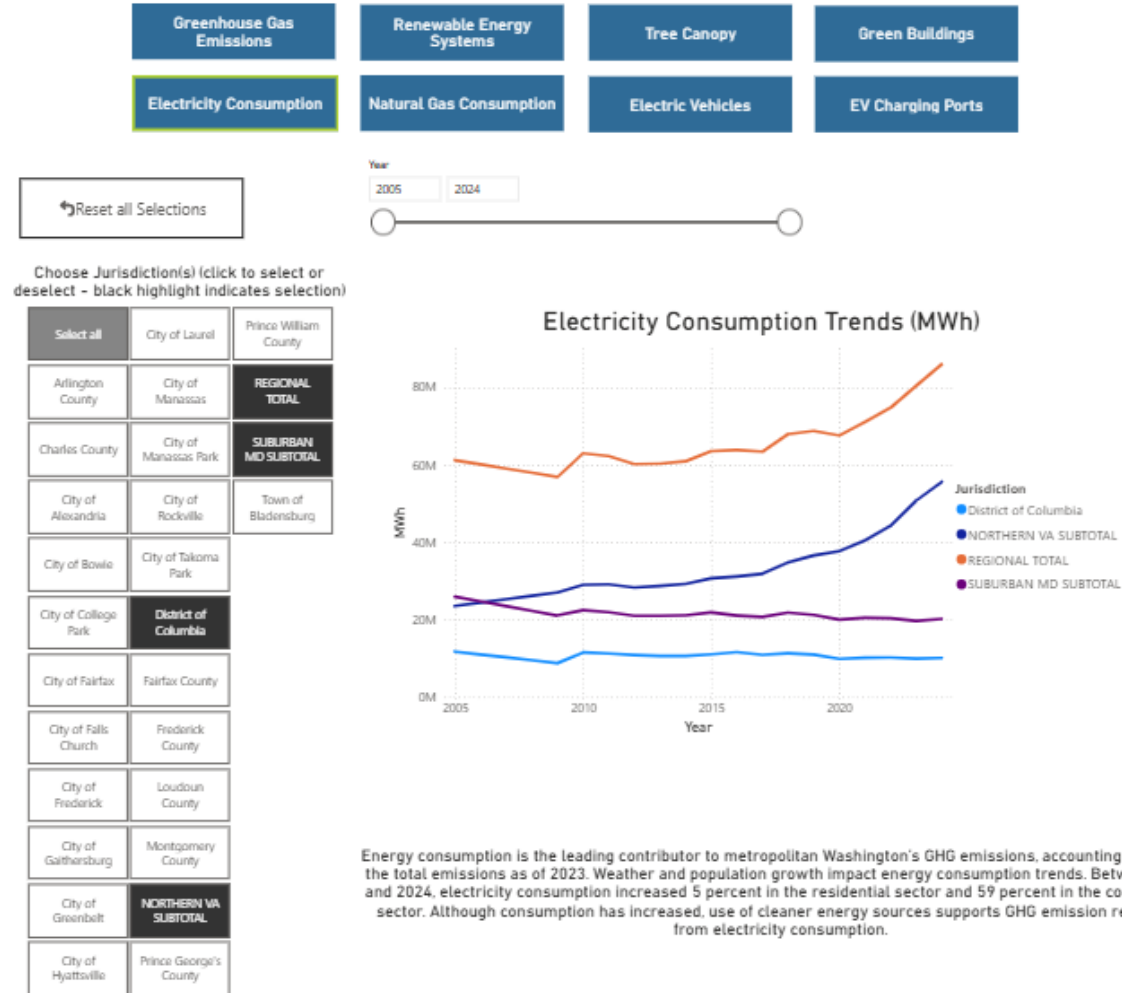
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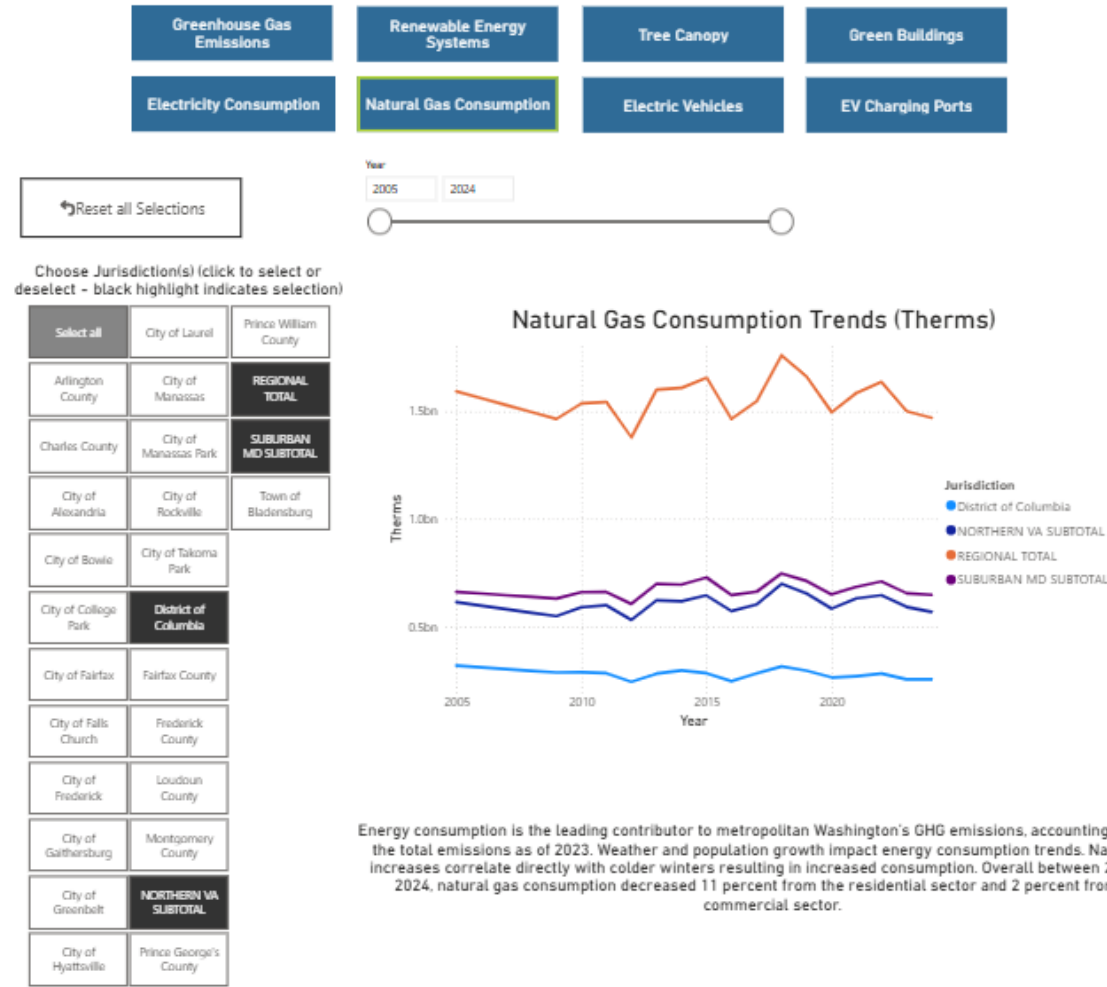
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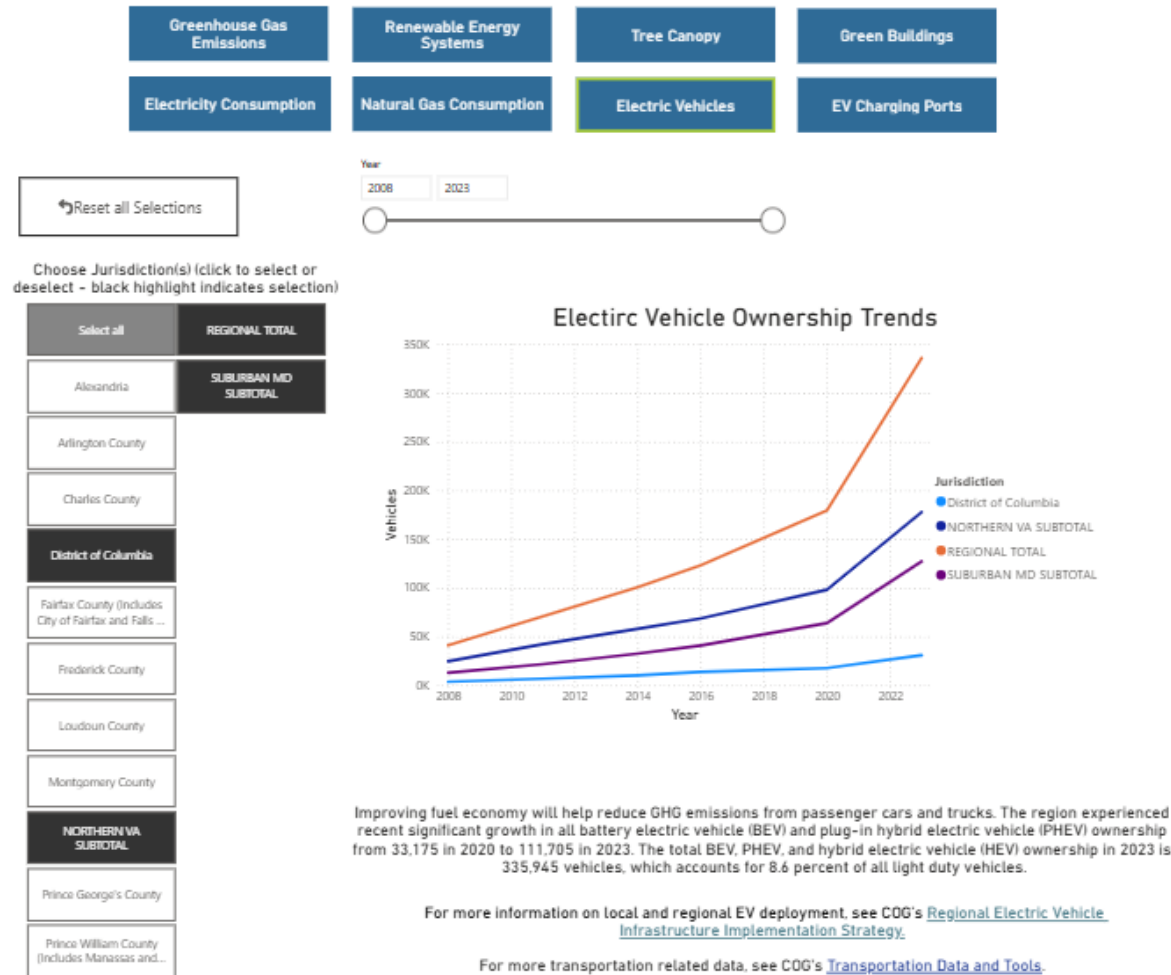
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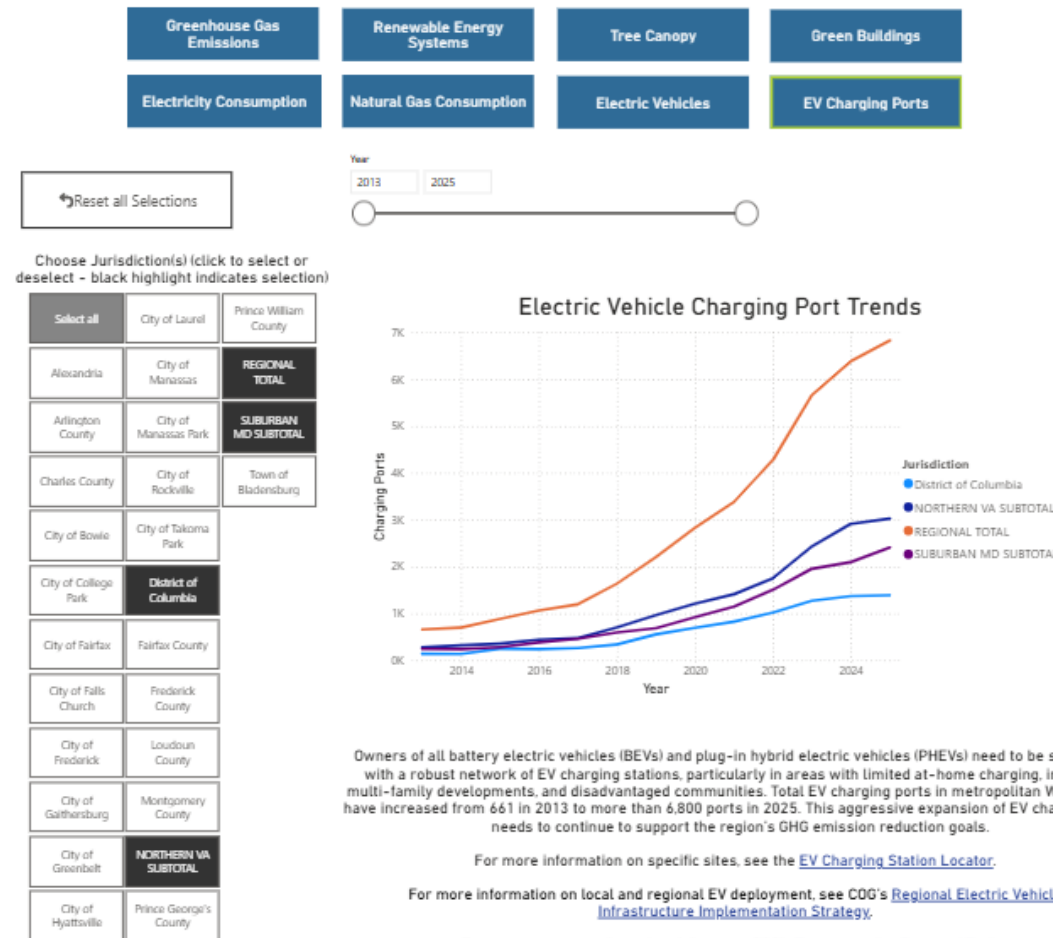
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Next Steps Discussion Ideas

WHAT SUPPORT DOES YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY NEED TO ACCELERATE AND EXPAND CLIMATE ACTION? WHAT CAN CEEPC DO TOGETHER TO SUPPORT ACCELERATED AND EXPANDED ACTION?

- **Public messaging** - Trainings (i.e., ICLEI), webinars to talk with one another, or develop factsheets on climate topics for elected officials to use (e.g., why solar, why EVs, why heat pumps, or to make budget decisions)?
- **Cooperative procurement** - COG cooperative climate contracts will be re-bid next year. COG staff welcome ideas on expanding the planning and implementation support scope. Local jurisdictions can lead cooperative procurements that go beyond COG lead contracts.
- **Legislative advocacy** – Enhance proactive CEEPC Legislative Committee engagement?
- **CEEPC meetings topics** – A series on key strategies to facilitate action, share national best practices to expand efforts, state/utility/PJM policy initiatives, battery storage, or data center community benefits agreements?

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