

CEEPC March 25, 2026 Staff and Committee Updates

A. STAFF PROJECT UPDATES

Electrify DC Network and Homeowners Hub

COG collected and aggregated housing data across the region. The tracked data included occupied housing units, owner-occupied housing units, and ownership-occupation rate. The average ownership-occupation rate in the region is 53%. The collected data is expected to help determine the level of effort needed to support electrification of the residential sector across the region.

Midcourse Review

The Draft Midcourse Review Report is available for CEEPC comment now through April 8, 2026. Please submit comments to Maia Davis (mdavis@mwcog.org).

Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventories

The 2023 GHG Inventory Fact Sheets have been published for all COG member jurisdictions, northern Virginia, and the COG region along with an associated video and methodology guide. For more information, please see:

<https://www.mwcog.org/environment/planning-areas/climate-and-energy/greenhouse-gas-inventories/>.

Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Phase I – Planning

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 in partnership with Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Manassas and Arlington, Fairfax, Frederick, Prince George’s Counties and the Greater Washington Clean Cities Coalition (GWRCCC). Phase I Pre-Construction funds, in which 15% of the total funds have been obligated, is currently underway and involves completion of the NEPA Categorical Exclusion (CE) process for all 37 proposed EV charging locations included in this project, developing equitable engagement and workforce development opportunities. The first NEPA submission for the City of Manassas EV charging stations is currently under review by FHWA and the remaining submissions are under development. The following engagement and workforce development activities have taken place this far in Phase I:

- GWRCCC Job Fair was held on September 30, 2025, at Westphalia Community Center in Upper Marlboro, MD.

- On October 7, 2025, an electric vehicle community listening session was held at the Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax, Virginia in partnership with GWRCCC and the City and County of Fairfax.
- On November 12, 2025, an electric vehicle community listening session was held at the Lorton Library in Lorton, Virginia in partnership with GWRCCC and the City and County of Fairfax.
- On January 22, 2026, on Public Policy Day at the Washington Auto Show, COG and GWRCCC hosted a cross-sectoral government and industry training event titled Charging Ahead: Reliable, Accessible, and Equitable EV Charging in Metropolitan Washington forum where regional partners discussed advancing dependable, community-serving EV charging infrastructure across metropolitan Washington.
- On February 25, 2026, Arlington County hosted an event to kick off the County's climate action plan and featured a tabling event (including climate and EV focused tables), a small EV showcase, a climate literature nook hosted by the library, and an author's speech and book signing. The County, COG, and GWRCCC hosted a table gathering public feedback on existing EV chargers at County facilities and types of curbside EV charging the public may prefer in residential areas as well as apartments, condos, and shops. The County and GWRCCC brought EVs for the EV showcase.
- The City of Manassas First Friday event on March 6, 2026, theme was Go Green and featured a Sustainable Transportation Tabling Event with the City of Manassas, OmniRide, VRE, and COG. COG solicited input on what the community sees as barriers to EVs and where in the community they would like to see EV charging stations.

Upcoming engagement events this spring include the Thurmont Green Fest with Frederick County on April 11, 2026, and the [City of Alexandria's Electric Vehicle Ride and Drive and Showcase](#) on April 18, 2026.

B. COMMITTEE UPDATES

BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BEEAC)

The February 19th meeting was a working group session through the Homeowner Hub modules. Local governments engaged in discussion on the modules, providing feedback on their effectiveness to advance regional electrification in the residential market.

The highest ranked modules were:

1. Vetted contractor list
2. Information by project, including average cost, savings, lifespan, and difficulty and
3. Information on products and services.

The ranking will be used to determine featured elements on the Homeowners Hub.

BEEAC's next meeting is April 16.

AIR AND CLIMATE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ACPAC)

Amendments to ACPAC's bylaws were approved by the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee Executive Committee at its February meeting. At the March 16 meeting COG staff conducted member orientation. Members also discussed COG's February 25th data center energy forum with comments focused on the following points:

1. Air pollution related issues should be part of the analysis and a factor when local governments consider if data centers should be located in their jurisdictions
2. Growing concern over the use of behind the meter non-renewable energy sources to power data centers and
3. Growing concern over the cost of more data centers connecting to the grid, additional electric infrastructure needs, and higher electricity rates passed on to residential customers.

ACPAC's next meeting is May 16.

REGIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE DEPLOYMENT (REVD) WORKING GROUP

The REVD Working Group convened on March 19, 2026, chaired by Amy Posner, Electric Vehicle Planner for Alexandria. The session opened with an Office Hours segment, providing members with an opportunity to share updates and exchange insights on EV programs including implementation challenges, funding resources, and lessons learned

from the field. Delaney Dixon from NASEO presented on EV charging permitting and zoning, walking the group through best practices for streamlining the approval process for EV charging infrastructure. The meeting concluded with presentations on EV charging as a service from Spark Charge and Electrada. Each outlined the company's approaches to helping organizations adopt a charging-as-a-service model to advance transportation electrification.

REGIONAL TREE CANOPY SUBCOMMITTEE (RTCS)

The Regional Tree Canopy Subcommittee is working on their Action Plan strategies. The April meeting will focus on the many Partnerships for tree canopy.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

No update. The committee's next meeting is in April.

GREATER WASHINGTON REGION CLEAN CITIES COALITION (GWRCCC)

No update.