



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE REGIONAL MEMBER (FARM) POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, April 11th, 2025
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
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DRAFT AGENDA

10:00 A.M. 1. WELCOME AND RECENT MEETINGS

Councilmember Andrew Friedson, FARM Chair
Supervisor Laura TeKrony, FARM Vice Chair

Chair Friedson will provide a welcome and invite any new FARM members who haven't introduced themselves to do so. He will also recap FARM's February meeting, including a few updates. Along with Vice Chair TeKrony, he will share March member retreat highlights.

Recommended Action: Approve February meeting summary.

10:15 A.M. 2. UPDATE FROM CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK

Radha Muthiah, President & CEO, Capital Area Food Bank

Ms. Muthiah will share updates from the Capital Area Food Bank on changes in demand and corresponding service updates. She will also review recent federal funding losses and what they may mean for CAFB and partners.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing.

10:30 A.M. 3. FOOD WASTE PREVENTION AND COMPOSTING IN THE DMV

Andrew Friedson, FARM Chair

Kate Urbank, Site Director, Food Rescue US-DC

John Snarr, Coordinator, Solid Waste and Recycling Committee, COG

Michelle Blair, Sustainability Manager, Economic and Community Development, City of Laurel, MD

Erik Grabowsky, Chief, Solid Waste Bureau, Arlington County, VA

As part of National Food Waste Prevention Week, Chair Friedson will introduce local and regional leaders working to prevent food waste and to mitigate impacts of discarded food.

Ms. Urbank will discuss food rescue in and around DC, and highlights from this year's [DC-MD-VA Food Waste Prevention Week](#). Mr. Snarr will give an overview of the state of food waste composting across the region, noting trends and challenges. He'll introduce two members of COG's Solid Waste and Recycling Committee. Ms. Blair will discuss the City of Laurel's new law requiring organics composting, and Mr. Grabowsky will share lessons learned from Arlington County's on-street compost bins at multifamily buildings and other programs.

Recommended Action: Receive briefings and discuss.

11:35 A.M. 4. NEW FARM BUSINESS AND MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

Councilmember Zachary Parker, FARM Vice Chair

Andrew Friedson, FARM Chair

COG Staff

Councilmember Parker will share FARM's recent legislative outreach and an update from the District of Columbia. Ms. Daigle will provide a federal and state legislative and policy update.

Members are encouraged to share local, state, or federal updates, and any issues or questions on their minds to inform FARM's June Policy Forum and 2025 and 2026 Strategic Framework.

Mr. Bieber and Ms. Smith will present an overview of FARM's FY26 budget. They will also share next steps for drafting FARM's Strategic Framework and review several FARM vacancies. Chair Friedson will facilitate member discussion, identify next steps, and call for announcements as time permits.

Recommended Action: Receive briefings and discuss.

12:00 P.M. 5. ADJOURN

Andrew Friedson, FARM Chair

The next FARM meeting is Friday, June 20th at COG starting at noon.