

CEEPC November 19, 2025 Committee and Staff Updates

A. BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BEEAC)

The November 20th meeting will focus on energy assistance programs and battery energy storage systems (BESS). Panelists include representatives from state Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) agencies, area utilities, and the National Energy Assistance Directors Association to discuss the status of LIHEAP funds and potential contingency plans. The Clean Energy States Alliance will provide a comparative review of state energy storage procurement mandates, targets, and goals. The recording and related materials will be posted on the [meeting page](#).

B. AIR AND CLIMATE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ACPAC)

The first draft of the EJ Toolkit Refresh is under review by ACPAC with comments due by November 21. Staff will review comments and release a second draft for comments to COG committees, including CEEPC and BEEAC, as well as community-based organizations. The final version is expected by the January 2026 ACPAC meeting.

The November 17th ACPAC meeting will include a presentation on the draft EJ Toolkit update, which highlights new elements of the update and a presentation from the Energy Justice Lab on its research and programs related to household energy insecurity. The committee will also discuss member recruitment.

C. REGIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE DEPLOYMENT (REVD) WORKING GROUP

The October 23rd meeting featured presentations on regional efforts to electrify food trucks and expand electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure. Montgomery County described its pilot program, funded by the Maryland Energy Administration, which offers incentives and loans to food truck operators to replace polluting generators with battery systems, highlighting both successes and logistical challenges. The DC Department of Energy & Environment shared its rapid pilot project, which electrified four food trucks through outreach, demonstrations, and tailored battery installations, emphasizing the importance of vendor engagement and exploring new models like centralized battery hubs. Finally, Alexandria presented its multifamily EV charging initiative, providing technical assessments and grants to condos and apartments to overcome cost and installation barriers, with a focus on future-proofing and equitable access. The presentations highlighted the value of pilot programs, stakeholder collaboration, and innovative approaches to advancing clean transportation solutions.

D. RECYCLING COMMITTEE

COG was the “state” coordinator for America Recycles Day (ARD) 2025 on November 15th for the metropolitan Washington area. COG offered regional prizes of REI gift certificates. Keep America Beautiful (KAB) is the national organization that promotes ARD. COG hosted an online pledge form for its local contest on the [COG website](#).

E. REGIONAL TREE CANOPY SUBCOMMITTEE (RTCS)

The Regional Tree Canopy Subcommittee’s future Tree Action Plan is focused on tree preservation and was the focus of the October RTCS meeting. The District Department of Transportation’s Urban Forestry Division presented DC’s unique tree preservation laws for special and heritage trees, and Arlington County shared their regulation designed to protect the critical root zones of mature trees during construction.

F. GREATER WASHINGTON REGION CLEAN CITIES COALITION (GWRCCC)

The **GWRCCC Job Fair**, supported in part by COG’s Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grant, took place on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Westphalia Community Center in Upper Marlboro, MD. The GWRCCC Job Fair aimed to connect job seekers with employers and workforce partners from various industries, with an emphasis on clean energy careers including DaiTech, IBEW Local 26, and Power52. The event advanced workforce development, strengthened existing partnerships, as well as establishing new connections across the Greater Washington region, and promoted access to career pathways. Prior to doors opening for the event, job seekers were lined up out the door and around the building.

One of the September 2025 Job Fair Promotional Flyers:

GREATER WASHINGTON REGION CLEAN CITIES COALITION

JOB FAIR

MANY EMPLOYERS & TRAINING PROVIDERS WILL BE ON SITE!

TUESDAY 09.30.25 | 10 am - 1 pm
Westphalia Community Center
8900 Westphalia Rd | Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

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September 2025 Job Fair Event Overview:

Category	Details
Total Registered Attendees	1955
Total On- Site Registrants	700
Number of Employers/Organizations	25
Number of Volunteers	5

Pictures from the September 2025 Job Fair:



CFI Community Listening Sessions: COG, GWRCCC, Fairfax City and County coordinated to hold the CFI project's first two Community Listening Sessions on EVs and Clean Transportation. The first Community Listening Session was held at the Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax, Virginia. The community center is co-located in an area with Fairfax City and County facilities, including a health center and police station. The event was held on October 7, 2025, from 6:30 – 8:30p.m. The agenda included:

- Welcome and Opening Remarks, City of Fairfax
- Purpose of the Conversation, GWRCCC

- Why Clean Transportation and Electric Vehicles, GWRCCC
- Local Initiatives, Fairfax City and County
- Background on the Clean Fueling Infrastructure Project, COG
- Community Engagement Activities and Q&A facilitated by GWRCCC
- Closing Remarks
- Electric Vehicle Showcase

One of the October 2025 Community Listening Session Promotional Flyers:



Upon entry participants were given stickers to mark on a board what their biggest concerns/barriers related to electric vehicles and clean transportation. GWRCCC facilitated the participants in a Q&A discussion to hear community opinions on why EVs matter and where they would like to see EV chargers located in their community. There were additional written survey questions for the audience to respond to and maps of the county on foamboard for participants to mark where they'd like to see EV charging with push pins and stickers. GWRCCC, Fairfax City and County each brought fleet vehicles that were parked near the entrance of the building. After closing remarks, participants were led to the entrance where staff were available to show off their vehicles, their features, and answer questions. Vehicles such as the Ford Mach-E, Nissan Leaf, the Fire Marshall's Ford EV Lightning truck, and more were included in the EV Showcase.

October 2025 Community Listening Session Event Overview:

Category	Details
Total Attendees	30
Organizations	4
Number of Volunteers	5

The second Community Listening Session featured the same partners and a similar format to the October event and was held on November 13, 2025 at the Lorton Library from 5:30 – 7:30pm. This is

in the southern part of the county, and the county has not yet had the opportunity to engage citizens in this part of the county on EVs.

Pictures from the October 2025 Community Listening Session:



G. STAFF PROJECT UPDATES

Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Phase I – Planning: The most significant activities COG and its partners took in the third quarter of this CFI Project were Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and State TIP (STIP) updates, working on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Categorical Exclusion (CE) form and narrative, creating projects online in the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPAC) website for all 37 EV charging deployment sites, hosting the project’s first Job Fair, and planning 2 Community Listening Sessions.

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program: The Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), led by COG, includes 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 CCAP was released for a public comment period between the first week of October through November 10, 2025. Approximately a dozen comments were received that touched on topics such as data centers, environmental justice, water, and

transportation. The comments and responses will be shared with the CPRG Steering and Technical Committees. The final plan submitted to EPA by December 1, 2025.