



## CEEPC May 28, 2025 Committee and Staff Updates

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

The Built Environment Energy and Advisory Committee hosted a panel discussion on workforce development called, Building a Climate-Ready Workforce in the Washington Region, at its April 17 meeting. Panelists included representatives from ICF Consulting, DMV-Emerald Cities Collaborative, Prince George's Community College and Montgomery County Community College. As part of EPA's [CPRG Comprehensive Climate Action Plan](#) (CCAP) grant program requirements, COG is required to conduct an analysis of anticipated workforce shortages that could prevent achieving the goals described in the CCAP and identify potential solutions and partners. The discussion underscored the importance of regional coordination, early education pathways, and scalable models for workforce equity. It also laid the groundwork for more focused outreach and analysis in the CCAP development process and highlighted promising practices for building a climate-ready workforce across the Washington region. The recording and related materials can be found on the meeting page [here](#). The next BEEAC meeting is June 12.

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

ACPAC hosted the final community listening session on the new EJ Toolkit at its May 19 meeting. Equival Partners presented preliminary feedback received from engagement with community members and organizations. Three areas of concern are energy costs and reliability issues, data center impacts on air quality, prolonged heat events and flooding. ICF Consulting also provided an update on the CPRG Comprehensive Climate Action Plan requirements and presented draft details on the data center measure, including GHG inventory and projections. Related materials can be found on the meeting page [here](#). The next ACPAC meeting is July 21.

ACPAC also launched its annual Climate and Energy Leadership Awards Program on Earth Day. Winners serve as a role model for the region, and are recognized in front of local, regional, and national officials for their innovative climate stewardship projects and programs that engage and serve the region's underserved communities. This year five awards will be presented:

- (2) GOVERNMENT AGENCY (local, state, regional, quasi-govt, utilities or authorities)
  - Small Jurisdiction (population < 90k)
  - Large Jurisdiction (population > 90k)
- (2) NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION (non-profit, for-profit, citizen or community-based groups)
  - Non-profit
  - For-profit
- (1) EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION (K-12, public, private, or higher education)

The deadline to submit an [application/project summary file](#) is June 30, 2025. For more information, visit the awards page [here](#).

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

The Regional Electric Vehicle Deployment Working Group held its latest meeting to discuss key initiatives, strategies, and research supporting the transition to zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles in the region. The Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) presented on the coordinated multi-state effort to advance zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) adoption. Key discussion points include surpassing the goal of 3.3 million EVs on the road by 2025, the importance of sustained state and local leadership amid evolving federal support and a call for local governments to leverage their roles in planning, permitting, and stakeholder engagement, especially as federal funding becomes more uncertain. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) also presented tools and research designed to inform infrastructure planning for commercial EVs. Their work emphasized the unique operational needs of medium- and heavy-duty vehicles and the critical role of data in driving effective policy and investment decisions. Two tools are:

- *Fleet Ready*, a platform providing detailed, real-world vehicle operation data to guide fleet electrification and charging infrastructure siting and
- *EVI-X*, a suite of modeling tools that support large-scale infrastructure network planning, station design, and economic feasibility analyses.

### **D. RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

The Recycling Committee will be running separate, paid advertising campaigns in May and June. For May, it is the Battery Management Campaign with the message: “Batteries Can Spark Fires: They don’t belong in the trash or recycling. Avoid overcharging.” This is a \$72,500 media buy paid for by private and public sector sponsors across broadcast radio, digital radio, web digital ads, and paid social media posts. The June Go Recycle Campaign will run on the same media platforms with the message: “WASTED – 1/3 of all food we buy, we throw away. Plan your shopping to save money and reduce waste.” This buy is for \$65,000 and paid for by private and public sector sponsors.

In May, the Recycling Committee held two meetings. The first was on Tire Recycling and Disposal, the second on Getting Better Data. Recordings and other materials may be found at [https://www.mwcog.org/events/2025/?F\\_committee=162](https://www.mwcog.org/events/2025/?F_committee=162).

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

The Regional Tree Canopy Subcommittee is convening as subgroups to work on drafting recommendations for the RTCS Action Plan. The Chesapeake Bay Program’s tree canopy (land use/land cover data) is being released in June. The RTCS can provide CEEPC with a synopsis for the July meeting.

## **F. STAFF UPDATES**

### 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) 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. A new measure has been drafted for stakeholder review on data centers, and a meeting is being hosted for interested local governments on May 29 to review. This summer COG will be hosting meetings with workforce development stakeholders to inform the workforce development analysis with the next meeting to be held on June 18. This fall the draft plan will be available for public comment and a final plan submitted to EPA by December 1, 2025.