

# EPA CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

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## PLANS FOR ENGAGEMENT EVENTS FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

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Metropolitan Washington  
**Council of Governments**

# CCAP Engagement

## Goals

- Build support for the CCAP and inform the plan with key stakeholders' projects and programs
- Build regional collaboration and active participation throughout the CCAP process
- Effectively incorporate LIDAC members' input in the CCAP through meaningful engagement
- Incorporate and support jurisdictions' ongoing community engagement efforts
- Inform and create awareness with community members throughout COG members' jurisdictions and the MSA

### Indicators that Drive Approaches for LIDAC Engagement

- Limited English Proficiency
- Race
- Unemployment
- Low Income
- Education level

## Tools

- Website, Project Materials and Summary Sheet, Listening Sessions, Interviews/Small Group Discussions, Webinars, and options for social media, special workshops/forums/public meetings.

# Key Audiences

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COG  
Committees

MSA Localities  
(outside of COG)

Solar and  
EV Forums

Data Centers &  
Other Focus  
Topics

Communities

Local Climate  
Leaders

Climate/Energy  
Advisory  
Committees

Community-  
based  
organizations  
(CBOs)

Tribes

LIDACs, EEAs,  
& EJ populations



# Engaging COG Committees

*Integrating into scheduled committee meetings.*

## Full CCAP Report

- CPRG Steering and Technical Committees
- Climate Energy & Environmental Policy Committee (CEEPC)
- Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee (ACPAC)

## Buildings and Energy Sectors

- Built Environment & Energy Advisory Committee (BEEAC)

## Waste Sector

- Recycling Committee

## Transportation Sector

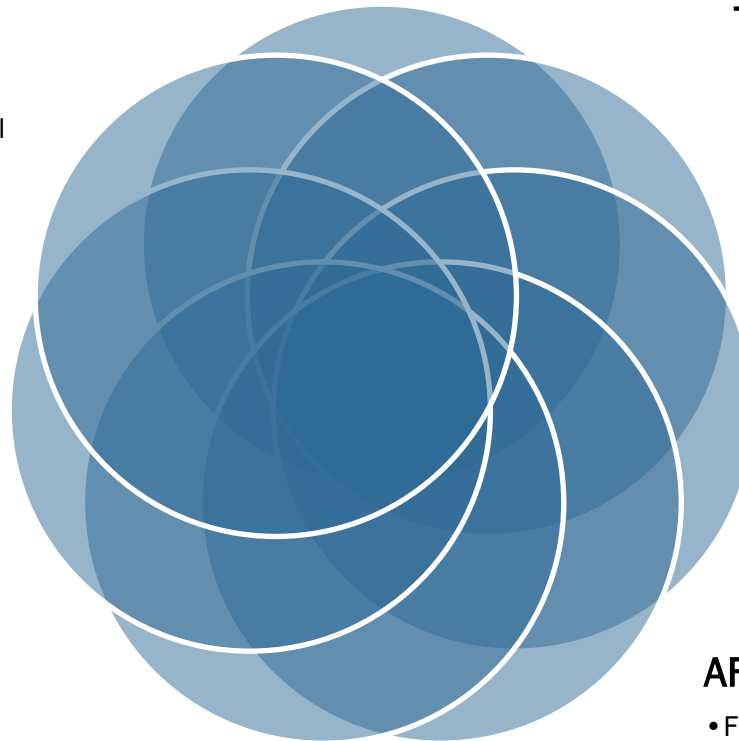
- Transportation Planning Board (TPB)
- TPB-Tech
- TPB-CAC
- Freight Committee

## LIDAC Analysis

- Chief Equity Officers Committee
- MWAQC, Environmental Justice Subcommittee

## AFLOU Sector

- Food and Agriculture Regional Member (FARM) Committee
- Regional Tree Canopy Subcommittee



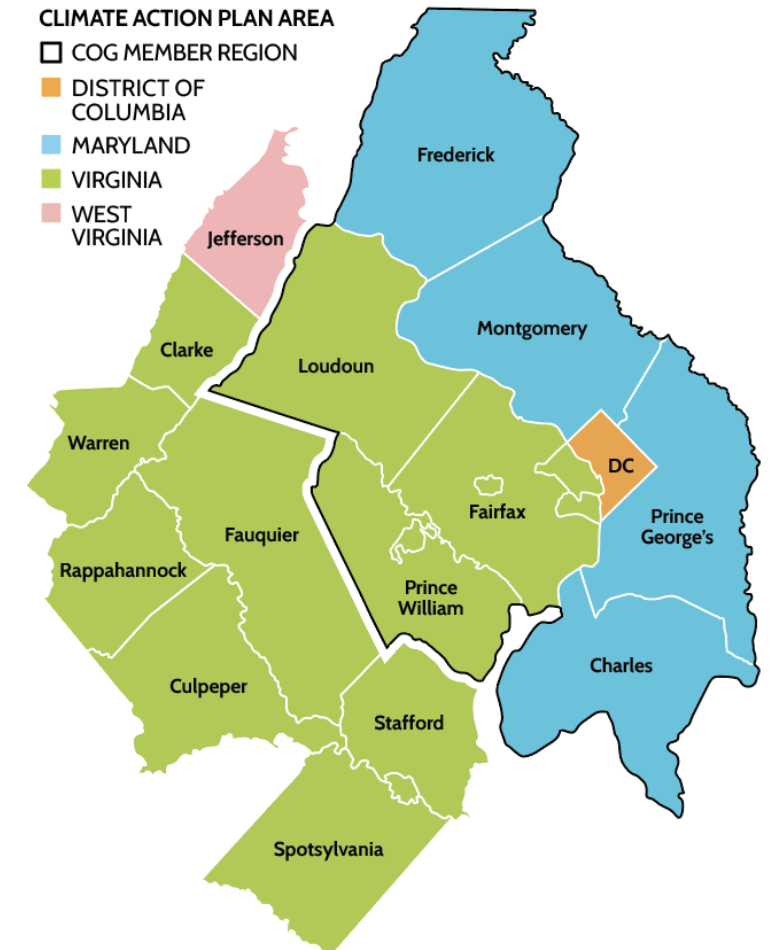
# Engaging MSA Localities (outside of COG)

## Nine non-COG member localities within the MSA

- Regional planning commissions
- Local climate leaders/groups/advisory committees
- Regional CBOs (e.g., Piedmont Environmental Council)

## What we want to accomplish

- Introduce CPRG effort and PCAP outcomes
- Gain understanding of area stakeholders and related programs/plans/efforts/issues
  - Invitees to region-wide engagements
  - Integrate into existing measures and actions, where aligned, and identify gaps and solutioning
  - Could inform additional engagement topics
  - Build relationships and resources



# Topic-based Engagements

*Special events, small group meetings and listening sessions.*

## Solar

- Oct. 2024 Fall Forum
- Potential solar working group
- Spring 2025

## EV Forum – *next week!*

- Jan. 30, 2025

## What we want to accomplish

Gain and share understanding regional progress, upcoming projects and opportunities, challenges, solutions/resources, and focuses for future collaboration and problem-solving



Word Cloud of participant representation at the Oct. 28, 2024 Solar Forum.

This one-day workshop was cohosted with the Mason Energy, a George Mason University Initiative, with ~75 attendees.

<https://www.mwcog.org/events/2024/10/28/clean-energy-forum-focus-on-solar/>

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*Additional topics – potential listening sessions, workshops.*

- Data Centers
- Asset/Building Portfolios of
  - Educational Institutions (schools & higher education)
  - Hospitals & Healthcare
- Industry and Utilities
- Workforce

# Community-focused Engagements

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## *Workshops and Information Sessions.*

### **Local Climate Leaders and Groups Workshop (regionwide)**

- Inform and share analysis and GHG modeling results
- Share summary of PCAP Measures and CCAP gaps
- Collect input on solutioning, more fully understand challenges and needs
- Foster relationship building between organizations/efforts and across region

### **General Public Webinars (regionwide)**

- Inform and collect input
- Connect to local programs and ongoing efforts for future involvement
- Share final report



# Community-focused Engagements

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*Building Relationships and Foundations: Informing engagement by working with community leaders and active outreach partners to understand interests, priorities, and define next steps.*

## **Tribal Communities**

Patawomeck Indian Tribe in VA and Accokeek Foundation in MD (Piscataway)

- Build relationships with Tribal Councils and community (including youth)
- Develop shared understanding of organizational scopes, GHG sources, priorities, and areas with aligned support for action
- Information sharing and learning

## **LIDACs, EEAs, EJ Populations & Support/Advocacy Organizations**

*Approach informed by preceding Agenda Item*

- Understand and learn community priorities
- Identify feasible and applicable solutions

# Questions and Next Steps

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