

CEEPC September 23, 2026 Staff and Committee Updates

A. STAFF PROJECT UPDATES

No staff updates.

B. COMMITTEE UPDATES

BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BEEAC)

At BEEAC's September 17 meeting, COG staff presented findings from the 2025 utility data analysis and provided a preview of the region's new interactive utility data dashboard. As Part I of the *Resilience Efforts and Strategies in the Region* series, Dr. Jim Kinter, Director of the Virginia Climate Center at George Mason University, provided an overview of the *Virginia Climate Assessment* and discussed the establishment of Virginia's new State Climate Office. Brandy Espinola, Climate and Sustainability Program Director at the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center, highlighted the Center's resilience technical assistance programs and shared best practices for developing and operating resilience hubs. Sakina Khan, Director of COG's Community and Economic Services team, presented an overview of the region's first Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy planning effort and discussed how the strategy can help advance coordinated regional economic, resilience, and sustainability priorities. The presentations highlighted ongoing efforts across the region to strengthen climate resilience, support local communities, and improve coordination among governments, institutions, and stakeholders.

BEEAC's next meeting is November 19.

AIR AND CLIMATE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ACPAC)

At its September 21 meeting, COG staff presented an overview of regional trends in gas and electric utility disconnections, highlighting recent findings and emerging patterns across the metropolitan Washington region. Laurence Daniels, Director of Litigation Services for the District's Office of the People's Counsel, discussed energy affordability challenges facing District residents and provided an overview of *Tracking and Enhancing Energy Affordability for District Residents*. His presentation examined factors contributing to energy burden and affordability concerns, as well as recommendations to help improve access to affordable utility services. Committee members also reviewed and discussed a draft memorandum on air quality monitoring that is being prepared for transmittal to the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) and CEEPC. The discussion

focused on opportunities to strengthen regional air quality monitoring efforts and support informed decision-making through improved data collection and analysis.

ACPAC's next meeting is November 16.

REGIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE DEPLOYMENT (REVD) WORKING GROUP

Planning is underway for the upcoming fall and winter meetings. Invitations and agendas will be distributed in advance of each meeting.

REGIONAL TREE CANOPY SUBCOMMITTEE (RTCS)

A draft Tree Canopy Action Plan is under RTCS review and plans are to circulate it for CEEPC, and partner review for October.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The Recycling Committee will hold its annual meeting on organics management on September 24 at COG in a hybrid format.

America Recycles Day (November 15) contest applications are now open, with COG-sponsored prizes available for regional participants.

GREATER WASHINGTON REGION CLEAN CITIES COALITION (GWRCCC)

No update.