

MWAQC FY 2026 WORK PROGRAM

Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

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FY 2026 MWAQC Priorities

- Develop a Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan (RR/MP) for the 2015 ozone NAAQS.
- Track monitoring data for ozone and fine particles to assure the region continues to meet the federal standards and report to MWAQC.
- Identify measures to meet the requirements of maintaining the ozone standard.
- Track regulatory actions related to air quality and the transport of pollution and comment when appropriate.
- Review & comment on transportation conformity assessments for ozone.
- Work with local members to identify and implement initiatives to reduce air pollution and protect residents that live in areas with unhealthy levels of air pollution.
- Communicate to regional and local leaders and the public on improvements to air quality and the need for actions to reduce emissions and improve air quality.

FY 2026 Funding Contributions

Source	Approved FY 2025	Requested FY 2026	Change
State DOT/TPB*	\$197,107	\$202,185	+\$5,078
COG member jurisdictions	\$197,107	\$202,185	+\$5,078
State Air Agencies			
DOEE	\$23,149	\$23,779	+\$629
MDE**	\$87,755	\$90,112	+\$2,357
VDEQ	\$86,203	\$88,297	+\$2,094
States. Subtotal	\$197,107	\$202,185	+\$5,078
TOTAL	\$591,320	\$606,555	+\$15,235 (2.6%)

*Contingent on approval of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

**Funded by the Maryland Department of Transportation

FY 2026 Core Work Areas

1. Emissions Inventory Development
2. Regional Control Measures
3. Transportation Conformity/Mobile Emissions Analysis
4. Public Participation
5. MWAQC Support
6. Program Management

FY 2026 Expenses By Program Area

Work Program Tasks	COG Staff (\$)*	Direct Costs (\$)	Total Costs (\$)	% of Total Budget
1. Emissions Inventory Development	\$55,354	\$2,000	\$57,354	10%
2. Regional Control Measures	\$113,434	\$1,500	\$114,934	19%
3. Transportation Conformity/Mobile Emissions Analysis	\$202,185	\$0	\$202,185	33%
4. Public Participation	\$48,062	\$10,000	\$58,062	10%
5. MWAQC Support	\$117,856	\$12,500	\$130,356	21%
6. Project Management	\$41,620	\$2,048	\$43,668	7%
Core Work Program TOTAL	\$578,507	\$28,048	\$606,555	

*Fully burdened – includes indirect costs

Expense Comparison

Work Program Tasks	Approved FY 2025			Requested FY 2026			
	COG Staff (\$)*	Direct Costs (\$)	Total Costs (\$)	COG Staff (\$)*	Direct Costs (\$)	Total Costs (\$)	Change
1. Emissions Inventory Development	\$50,539	\$2,000	\$52,539	\$55,354	\$2,000	\$57,354	+9.1%
2. Regional Control Measures	\$126,268	\$1,500	\$127,768	\$113,434	\$1,500	\$114,934	-10.0%
3. Transportation Conformity/Mobile Emissions Analysis	\$197,107	\$0	\$197,107	\$202,185	\$0	\$202,185	+2.6%
4. Public Participation	\$43,588	\$10,000	\$53,588	\$48,062	\$10,000	\$58,062	+8.3%
5. MWAQC Support	\$108,226	\$12,500	\$120,726	\$117,856	\$12,500	\$130,356	+7.9%
6. Project Management	\$37,569	\$2,032	\$39,601	\$41,620	\$2,048	\$43,668	+10.2%
Core Work Program TOTAL	\$563,297	\$28,032	\$591,320	\$578,507	\$28,048	\$606,555	+2.6%

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FY 2026 Core Work Areas

1. Emissions Inventory Development

- Develop inventories for 2015 ozone NAAQS attainment RR/MP.
- Participate in quarterly UMD/MDE research meetings and attend inventory trainings/conferences as needed.

2. Regional Control Measures

- Develop necessary contingency measures for use in the 2015 ozone NAAQS RR/MP.
- Assist local members to identify, develop, and implement policies, projects, and programs to reduce emissions and improve air quality in communities across the region.
- Track and take policy actions on federal statutory and judicial regulatory actions.
- Work with CEEPC, COG Board, and others to advance air quality.

FY 2025 Core Work Areas

3. Transportation Conformity/Mobile Emissions Analysis

- Planning/develop mobile emissions inventories needed for the 2015 ozone NAAQS RR/MP.
- Support any conformity analysis of the long-range transportation plan. Review and provide comment on conformity analysis.
- Coordinate with TPB staff on conformity modeling, review files, acquire and q/a data.
- Assist TPB with inputs as well as technical work supporting state environmental planning activities.

FY 2025 Core Work Areas

4. Public Participation

- Support the Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee (ACPAC).
- Develop opportunities for outreach by MWAQC leadership (media interviews, op-eds, COG newsletter and blogs).
- Update/develop materials (press releases, talking points, air quality dashboard).

5. MWAQC Support

- MWAQC New Member Outreach, Executive Committee, MWAQC TAC, State Air Directors, other subcommittee meetings and calls.

6. Program Management

- Manage FY 2026 and prepare FY 2027 Work Program and Budget.
- Quarterly financial and status reports to funders.
- Ongoing program support.

Next Steps

- ✓ Budget Committee (March) – Discussion and revise Work Program as needed
- Technical Advisory Committee (April) – Sign off for MWAQC approval
- MWAQC (May) – Final approval

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