

GENERAL UPDATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

WATER RESOURCES GENERAL

Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC)

CEEPC's annual climate and energy surveys were sent to wastewater and water utilities and service providers in January. The survey asked questions related to sustainability, green purchasing, and alternative fuel vehicles. The information collected in the survey will be aggregated to highlight regional results and highlight utility best practices in the CEEPC Annual Climate and Energy Progress Report. Most surveys have been received but a few have not. It is not too late to submit the survey. Water sector results will be reported at the May 1 WRTC meeting.

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Green Streets

The Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) adopted a regional **Green Streets Policy** at their February 19th meeting. The resolution, policy inventory, and resources fact sheet are available [here](#). This year, TPB will sponsor training on Green Streets best practices for personnel responsible for the design, construction, and maintenance of streets and produce a summary and resource guide on Green Streets best practices.

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Climate Adaptation

COG has been serving on the Core Planning Team with representatives from NASA, National Capital Planning Commission, US General Services Agency, US Global Change Research Program, and Smithsonian to host the Building a Climate Resilient National Capital Region series of workshops and webinars. The workshops and webinars included one series in fall 2013 that focused on strategies to mitigate climate impacts to 'Built Systems', and a second series now underway with a focus on 'Workforce, Community, and Natural Systems'. The workshops are focusing on the federal core areas. Several federal agencies and COG stakeholders --local governments and regional service agencies -- are among the training participants. Findings will be presented in a memo later this year. More information and materials are posted [here](#).

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WASTEWATER

COG Service Area Maps

A series of COG region-wide county-based maps are being updated for COG's members and water utilities, displaying wastewater and drinking water treatment plant service areas and Regional Activity Centers (RACs). These maps will link COG's efforts to develop thriving communities throughout the metropolitan region with COG's water infrastructure efforts.

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DEA Drug Take Back

On April 26th from 10am-2pm, the Drug Enforcement Agency will be holding a take back day for unwanted medications. There will be collection sites throughout the COG region and COG's Community Engagement Campaign (CEC) will help to publicize the event. See [this link](#) for more information.

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STORMWATER

COG held a Stream Restoration Technical Session on Feb. 25 attended by more than 45 people from across the region. Presenters shared information about the new Bay Program protocols for receiving nutrient and sediment reduction credits for stream restoration work and presented case studies on load reduction calculations and prioritization of local streams. The participants drafted a list of questions for state regulatory and Chesapeake Bay Program staff that were unable to attend. COG staff will solicit feedback from these officials and share it with the workshop participants and members of the Water Resources Technical Committee. The presentations are posted on the WRTC [website](#).

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CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM

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The state of Maryland, the Chesapeake Bay Program and other parties have commissioned several studies to evaluate the accumulation of sediment behind the three large dams on the lower Susquehanna River and how new patterns of scour and deposition are affecting water quality in the Bay. Reports from these parallel studies are expected to be issued in 2014. COG staff is tracking the study results and expects to provide a presentation to the CBPC later this year that will document the impact of the sediment build-up on the Bay TMDL and what options are being considered for addressing the issue.

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UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

March 26 - CEEPC Meeting (Board Room, 10 am - 12:00 pm)

April 3rd - NVRAC Luncheon "[Envision Rating System: What is it and why would I use it?](#)" (P.J. Skidoos, Fairfax, VA, 11:45 am - 1:15 pm)

April 4 - The National Capital Region Water Resources Symposium: “[Water Resources and Infrastructure: Emerging Problems and Solutions](#)” (University of the District of Columbia)

April 9 - COG Board of Directors Meeting- with water infrastructure focus

April 25- COG Region Forward Meeting- with focus on sustainability and what it means in the *Region Forward* context. The meeting will address what sustainability can look like and how to encourage broad implementation across the National Capital Region.

April 26 - [DEA Drug Take Back Day](#) (various regional locations, 10 am - 2:00 pm)

May 1 - WRTC Meeting

May 16 - CBPC Meeting