



# TOWN OF BLADENSBURG WORK SESSION | DECEMBER 9, 2024

December 09, 2024 at 5:30 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710

## AGENDA

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1. **Call to Order – 1 minutes**
2. **Approval of Agenda – 1 minutes**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
  - [A.](#) Town Council Work Session Minutes | November 18, 2024
4. **Unfinished Business**
  - [A.](#) Presentation | Bates Trucking | Trial of the Electronic Truck for Recycling 30 days (4 Collections) Council Discretion on whether the Town would like to participate - 10 minutes
5. **Financial Business**
  - [A.](#) **ORDINANCE NO. 04-2025** | AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET PROCESS AND CODIFY THE TOWN COUNCIL AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS – 3 minutes
6. **New Business**
  - [A.](#) **ORDINANCE NO. 09-2025** | AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR THE PROPER CARE, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC TREES WITHIN THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG. - 3 minutes
  - [B.](#) **Resolution 10-2025** | A Resolution to Adopt the Tree City USA Principles and Tree Care Standards in the Town of Bladensburg – 3 minutes
  - [C.](#) **Resolution 11-2025** | A Resolution of Support for the Clean Energy for Local Governments (CELG) FY25 Application for Medium and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicles – 3 minutes

D. **Resolution 12-2025** | A RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF TO THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG) TO THE COG BOARDS AND POLICY COMMITTEES FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR. - 3 minutes

**7. Adjournment**



# TOWN OF BLADENSBURG WORK SESSION | NOVEMBER 18, 2024

November 18, 2024 at 5:30 PM

4229 Edmonston RD, Bladensburg, MD 20710

## MINUTES

**Attendance:** Mayor James, CM Brown, CM Blount, CM McBryde, CM Dixon, TA Bailey Hedgepeth, TC Watson, Treasurer Tinelli, and Chief Collington.

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the agenda. CM Dixon moved the motion, and CM Blount seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

#### A. Town Council Work Session Minutes | October 14, 2024

Mayor James called for a motion to approve the October 14, 2024, Town Council Work Session minutes; CM Blount moved the motion, and CM McBryde seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

### 4. Unfinished Business

#### A. Presentation | Flood Mitigation Project: Edmonston Channel and Quincy Run – Public Outreach Update

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth introduced Ms. Joanna Smith from Prince Georges County of Public Works and Transportation. Ms. Smith presented the council with details regarding the project. The project included a design to reduce flooding within Bladensburg along the Edmonston Channel and Quincy Road. This was an informational Item, and a copy of the presentation was included with the packet.

#### B. Ordinance 04-2025 | An ordinance to enact the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Process

Town Administrator Bailey Hedgepeth discussed the dates and the budget process.

## 5. Financial Business

### A. Presentation | ARPA Recap

Treasurer Tinelli provided a detailed review of the ARPA funds expenditures, balance, and how the town plans to utilize the remaining funds.

### B. Budget Ordinance 05-2025 | A budget ordinance to amend the FY 2025 for the acceptance of the US Department of Justice COPS Grant funding.

Chief Collington gave a brief update on the COPS grant and why the town should accept the budget transfer into this year's budget.

### C. Budget Ordinance 06-2025 | A budget ordinance to amend the FY 2025 for the acceptance of the Maryland Smart Energy Communities (MSEC) FY2024 Grant Program of \$100,000 (Total Grant \$400,000).

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth discussed the Maryland Smart Energy Communities FY 2024 grant program of \$100,000.

### D. Budget Ordinance 07-2025 | A budget ordinance to amend the FY 2025 for the acceptance of the 2022 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Award for \$22,500.

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth discussed the 2022 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Award for \$22,500.

### E. Budget Ordinance 08-2025 | A budget ordinance to amend the FY 2025 for the acceptance of the SFY25 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Award for \$40,000

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth discussed the S. FY25 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program award for \$40,000.

## 6. New Business

### A. Resolution 08-2025 | A Resolution to the Town of Bladensburg Acknowledging Harriet Tubman Appreciation Month, November 2024

Mayor James mentioned that this request was sent for the Council's approval to recognize November as Harriet Tubman Appreciation Month.

- B. Resolution 09-2025 |** A Resolution Recognizing Municipal Government Works Month for November 2024

Mayor James mentioned that this resolution will be read entirely at the 7 o'clock meeting. She discussed that November is Municipal Government Works Month.

- C. Contract Approval |** Approval of a contract with ECOSITE LLC to develop engineering and project documents for Prince George's County Stormwater Grants managed by Chesapeake Bay Trust

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth mentioned this agreement with ECOSITE, who will work with us specifically on our Chesapeake Bay Trust grants, and that the company will be providing grant assistance and engineering services.

- D. Contract Approval |** Council ratification of an addendum of the contract with Modaxo for Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) due to a change of ownership for the remainder of the term.

Town Administrator Bailey-Hedgepeth discussed the contract ratification and the addendum of the contract with Modaxo.

- E. Contract Approval |** Approval of a contract with NEW HOLLAND AUTO GROUP or other vendors (using State Contract Bidding Exception) to purchase four (4) replacement vehicles for the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$187,878.00

Chief Collington explained this contract would allow the town to replace four (4) police department vehicles that the LGIT had totaled.

## 7. Adjournment

Mayor James called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. CM McBryde moved the motion; CM Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm.



## Agenda Item Summary Report

<b>Meeting Date:</b> December 9, 2024	<b>Submitted by:</b> Michelle Bailey Hedgepeth, Town Administrator
<b>Item Title: Bates Trucking   Recycling Electric Truck Pilot Program</b>	
<b>Work Session Item</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Council Meeting Item</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Documentation Attached:</b> Presentation – Municipal Volterra Promo
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	
Direction from Council on whether the Town would like to participate in 30 days (4 Collections) Trial of the Electronic Truck for Recycling	
<p><b>Summary:</b> Bates Trucking approached the Port Town and other municipalities this summer about a pilot program involving an electronic recycling truck. The Towns have expressed interest in Electric vehicles because of shared “green” and Sustainable Community Goals. If we move forward, the town or the port towns must apply for funding and purchase an EV trash truck.</p> <p>This would involve testing the vehicle in the winter so that Bates can determine its usefulness and battery life. Due to colder conditions, EVs often have lower mileage rates in the winter. Thus, Bates Trucking would request that the pilot program be conducted in either January or February 2025.</p> <p>Bates has provided the following video links so that the Council can familiarize itself with the truck's operations.</p> <p><a href="#">McNeilus Volterra ZSL eRCV.mp4 on Vimeo</a>  <a href="#">Electrification at Oshkosh: The Future is Now</a>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GolvG-WkdJY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GolvG-WkdJY</a>  <a href="https://mcneilusgarbagetricks.com/news/mcneilus-kicks-off-road-rally-featuring-volterra-zsl">https://mcneilusgarbagetricks.com/news/mcneilus-kicks-off-road-rally-featuring-volterra-zsl</a>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Ph5op2g0EI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Ph5op2g0EI</a></p> <p>Staff seeks Council direction on if they would like to participate and if they have any questions regarding the operations. Bates has notified staff that they are not willing to send mailers or brochures to residents on this pilot and that this update is their public outreach would be this presentation to the Town Council.</p> <p>Bates Trucking will be available to answer questions on this matter.</p>	
<b>Budgeted Item:</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Budgeted Amount:</b> \$ NA <b>One-Time Cost:</b> NA <b>Ongoing Cost:</b>	<b>Continued Date:</b>
<b>Council Priority:</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Approved Date:</b>



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# Agenda Item Summary Report

<b>Meeting Date:</b> November 18, 2024		<b>Submitted by:</b> Michelle Bailey Hedgepeth, Town Administrator Vito Tinelli, Treasurer	
<b>Item Title: 04-2025   AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET PROCESS</b>			
<b>First Reading   Ordinance 04-2025: AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET PROCESS AND CODIFY THE TOWN COUNCIL AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS</b>			
<b>Work Session Item [ ]</b> <b>Council Meeting Item [X]</b>		<b>Documentation Attached:</b> Ordinance 04-2025	
<b>Recommended Action:</b>			
Review and approval of the Budget Process for FY 2026: this is the first reading of the ordinance.			
<b>Summary:</b> The Town Administrator is proposing the adoption of this Ordinance to provide a framework for the Budget Process for FY 2026.			
<b>Budget Process and Timeline</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ordinance Introduction</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ On <b>November 18, 2024</b>, at the regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting, the Budget Enactment Ordinance will be introduced. This ordinance will outline the official steps and processes for the FY 2025-2026 budget cycle.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Budget Calendar Finalization (Second Reading)</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The Town Council will finalize and approve the official <b>Town Budget Calendar</b> at the <b>December 9, 2024</b>, Council Meeting. This calendar will outline the dates for all review sessions, hearings, and meetings related to the FY 2025-2026 budget.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>January 2025 Budget Review   Town Council Meeting</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ On <b>January 13, 2025</b>, a comprehensive <b>Budget Review</b> for Fiscal Year 2025 will be held, and key budget issues and initial departmental needs will be presented and discussed.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Budget Session #1   Town Council and Events</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ On <b>February 18, 2025</b>, the first public <b>Budget Session</b> will be held, focusing on Town Council Budgets and Town Events.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Budget Session #2   Introduction and Public Safety</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ On <b>March 10, 2025</b>, the Town Council will receive an Introduction to the revenues and a review of <b>the Public Safety budget</b>, with presentations from the Police Department with their requests for the upcoming fiscal year.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Budget Session #3   Finance, Clerk, and Town Administrator</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ On <b>March 18, 2025</b>, a <b>Special Council Meeting</b> will be held to review budget requests from the <b>Finance Department</b>, <b>Town Clerk</b>, and <b>Town Administrator</b>.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Budget Session #4   Special Budget Meeting   Public Works and Public Safety</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ On <b>April 1, 2025</b>, another <b>Special Council Meeting</b> will focus on budget requests from the <b>Public Works</b> and review <b>Public Safety</b> items discussed in March.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>First Reading of the Budget Ordinance</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ On <b>April 14, 2025</b>, the <b>First Reading</b> of the Budget Ordinance will occur during the Town Council Meeting.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Tax Rate and Constant Yield Hearings (if needed)</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ On <b>April 14, 2025, or May 12, 2025</b>, the Town Council Meeting would meet to set a new tax rate or conduct a Tax Rate or Constant Yield Hearing. This is a separate meeting</li></ul></li></ul>			

- **Budget Session #5 | Special Council Budget Meeting**
  - On **April 29, 2025**, the Town Council will hold a **Special Budget Meeting** for any remaining discussions and adjustments.
- **Proposed Budget Adoption – Second Reading**
  - On **May 12, 2025**, during the Town Council Meeting, the **Proposed Budget** for FY 2025-2026 will be presented for **Adoption**.
- **Alternative Budget Adoption Date**
  - An **Alternative Budget Adoption Date** is scheduled for **June 9, 2025**, if further revisions or discussions are necessary.

I've attached a graphic budget calendar that illustrates this process. The town is undertaking this process so that it can move towards the Distinguished Budget Format that is recognized by GFOA. GFOA is an organization that recognizes and maintains standards for local, state, and federal government financial professionals.

This is the first reading of the ordinance and it will come back to the Council in November

<b>Budgeted Item:</b> Yes [ ] No [X] <b>Budgeted Amount:</b> \$ TBD <b>One-Time Cost:</b> Yes <b>Ongoing Cost:</b>	<b>Continued Date:</b>
<b>Council Priority:</b> Yes [ ] No [ ]	<b>Approved Date:</b>

**TOWN OF BLADENSBURG**  
4229 Edmonston Road  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 04-2025:**

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET PROCESS AND CODIFY THE TOWN COUNCIL AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Bladensburg operates on an annual budget cycle that includes public engagement, review, and approval of its financial plans for the upcoming fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town intends to formalize and streamline the budget process by enacting an ordinance that codifies the involvement of the Town Council and the public, providing clear timelines and processes for the review and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Administrator is committed to presenting this structured budget schedule to enhance transparency, address budgetary concerns early, and ensure that the Town’s financial planning is comprehensive, and efficient; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Bladensburg, Maryland, as follows:

**Section 1. Budget Process and Timeline**

- **Ordinance Introduction**
  - On **November 18, 2024**, at the regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting, the Budget Enactment Ordinance will be introduced. This ordinance will outline the official steps and processes for the FY 2025-2026 budget cycle.
- **Budget Calendar Finalization (Second Reading)**
  - The Town Council will finalize and approve the official **Town Budget Calendar** at the **December 9, 2024**, Council Meeting. This calendar will outline the dates for all review sessions, hearings, and meetings related to the FY 2025-2026 budget.
- **January 2025 Budget Review | Town Council Meeting**
  - On **January 13, 2025**, a comprehensive **Budget Review** for Fiscal Year 2025 will be held, and key budget issues and initial departmental needs will be presented and discussed.
- **Budget Session #1 | Town Council Budget and Town Events**
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- **Budget Session #2 | Introduction and Public Safety**

- On **March 10, 2025**, the Town Council will receive an Introduction to the revenues and a review of **the Public Safety budget**, with presentations from the Police Department with their requests for the upcoming fiscal year.
- **Budget Session #3 | Finance, Clerk, and Town Administrator**
  - On **March 18, 2025**, a **Special Council Meeting** will be held to review budget requests from the **Finance Department, Town Clerk, and Town Administrator**.
- **Budget Session #4 | Special Budget Meeting | Public Works and Public Safety**
  - On **April 1, 2025**, another **Special Council Meeting** will focus on budget requests from the **Public Works** and review **Public Safety** items discussed in March 10, 2025.
- **First Reading of the Budget Ordinance**
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- **Alternative Budget Adoption Date**
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**Section 2. Public Participation**

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the Town will ensure that public notice is given for all budget meetings and hearings in accordance with local and state laws, and all meetings will be open for public comment and participation to promote transparency and community involvement in the fiscal planning process.

**Section 3. Effective Date**

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall take effect within twenty (20) days of its passage.

**AND BE FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED** that upon passage, this Ordinance shall be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and Town Clerk and shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose. In addition, this Ordinance shall be published by posting a certified copy of it in the Town Hall for ten (10) days following its adoption pursuant to Article II, Section 209 of the Charter of the Town of Bladensburg, Maryland and will be effective the \_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

ATTEST: MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

\_\_\_\_\_  
Regine Watson, Town Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Takisha James, Mayor

First Reading: November 18, 2024  
Second Reading: December 09, 2024

Adopted:  
Effective:

# Budget Calendar

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Tax Rate and Constant Yield Hearings (if needed)	• On <b>April 14, 2025, or May 12, 2024</b> , the Town Council Meeting would meet to set a new tax rate or conduct a Tax Rate or Constant Yield Hearing. This is a separate meeting.
Budget Session #5   Special Council Budget Meeting   Wrap Up	• On <b>April 29, 2025</b> , the Town Council will hold a <b>Special Budget Meeting</b> for any remaining discussions and adjustments.
Proposed Budget Adoption   Second Reading	• On <b>May 12, 2025</b> , during the Town Council Meeting, the <b>Proposed Budget</b> for FY 2025-2026 will be presented for <b>Adoption</b> .
Alternative Budget Adoption Date	• An <b>Alternative Budget Adoption Date</b> is scheduled for <b>June 9, 2025</b> , if further revisions or discussions are necessary.





# Agenda Item Summary Report

<b>Meeting Date:</b> December 9, 2025	<b>Submitted by:</b> Michelle Bailey Hedgepeth, Town Administrator
<b>Item Title: 09-2025   AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A FRAMEWORK FOR PROPER TREE MAINTENANCE</b>	
<b>First Reading   Ordinance 09-2025:</b> AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR THE PROPER CARE, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC TREES WITHIN THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG.	
<b>Work Session Item [ ]</b> <b>Council Meeting Item [X]</b>	<b>Documentation Attached:</b> Ordinance 09-2025
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	
Review and approval of an Ordinance on tree maintenance. This is the first reading of the ordinance.	
<p><b>Summary:</b> The Town Administrator is proposing the adoption of this Ordinance to provide a framework for tree maintenance if the Town becomes a Tree City USA.</p> <p>The Town of Bladensburg's tree maintenance ordinance focuses on the care, preservation, and maintenance of trees within public spaces, aiming to protect the town's natural environment and enhance community aesthetics. Key components typically include provisions for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Tree Planting and Removal:</b> Guidelines are established for planting new trees and managing the removal of dead, diseased, or hazardous trees to maintain public safety and tree health.</li> <li><b>Public and Private Tree Care:</b> The ordinance outlines maintenance responsibilities for public trees (e.g., those on streets and in town parks) and, in some cases, private trees that could impact public spaces or utilities.</li> <li><b>Permit Requirements:</b> Specific actions, such as the removal or significant trimming of large trees, may require a permit, ensuring town oversight.</li> <li><b>Enforcement and Penalties:</b> The ordinance may include penalties for unauthorized tree removal or neglect of tree maintenance responsibilities, helping to enforce compliance.</li> </ol> <p>This ordinance reflects Bladensburg's commitment to a sustainable and green community by regulating tree maintenance and enhancing the urban forest.</p> <p>This is the first reading of the ordinance, and it will come back to the Council in January.</p>	
<b>Budgeted Item:</b> Yes [ ] No [X] <b>Budgeted Amount:</b> \$ TBD <b>One-Time Cost:</b> Yes <b>Ongoing Cost:</b>	<b>Continued Date:</b>
<b>Council Priority:</b> Yes [ ] No [ ]	<b>Approved Date:</b>

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**ORDINANCE NO. 09-2025:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG  
ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR THE PROPER CARE, MAINTENANCE, AND  
MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC TREES WITHIN THE TOWN OF BLADENSBURG.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Bladensburg has resolved to become a member of Tree City USA, and part of this membership is a commitment to proper care and maintenance of the trees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council are supportive of green endeavors and have been certified by Sustainable Maryland as part of this certification is requires the expansion and adoption of new green policies and initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have adopted Resolution 08-2025 in which the Council Town consents to join Tree City USA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has engaged with the Neighborhood Design Center to conduct a tree assessment which is also a requirement for the Tree City USA designation; and

**Section 1: Purpose** The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a framework for the proper care, maintenance, and management of public trees within the Town of Bladensburg. This ordinance aims to ensure the health and longevity of the Town’s urban forest, enhance public safety, and promote environmental sustainability.

**Section 2: Authority:** The Town and Public Works manages and cares for public trees. The town and community partners will plant, maintain, prune, and remove trees on streets, in parks, and other public spaces within the town of Bladensburg. The Town shall also enforce the provisions of this ordinance and ensure compliance with applicable standards and guidelines.

### **Section 3: Public Tree Care**

#### **1. Planting of Public Trees:**

- The Town and its community partners shall be responsible for selecting appropriate tree species for planting on public property, considering factors such as climate adaptability, growth characteristics, and potential impact on infrastructure.
- Public tree planting initiatives shall be conducted in consultation with the community and may involve partnerships with local organizations, schools, and residents.

#### **2. Maintenance of Public Trees:**

- The Town and its community partners shall establish and implement a regular maintenance program for public trees, which includes watering, mulching, fertilizing, and pruning.
- Pruning activities shall be carried out to promote trees' health and structural integrity, prevent interference with public utilities, and eliminate hazardous conditions.
- The Town will invest at least 1% of its budget on the maintenance and care of public trees as per the guidelines of Tree City USA.

#### **3. Removal of Public Trees:**

- The Town and its community partners shall have the authority to remove any public tree that poses a risk to public safety, is diseased, or is dead.
- Before removal, an assessment shall be conducted, and the decision shall be documented. Trees will be removed when possible and then replanted to maintain the urban canopy.

**Section 4: Community Involvement** The Town encourages active community participation in caring for public trees. Educational programs, volunteer tree-planting events, and partnerships

with environmental organizations shall be promoted to engage residents in the stewardship of the Town’s urban forest.

**Section 5: Penalties and Enforcement:** Any unauthorized planting, pruning, or removal of public trees shall be subject to penalties as outlined in the Town’s enforcement guidelines. The DPW is empowered to enforce this ordinance and take necessary actions to protect public trees.

**Section 6: Effective Date**

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall take effect within twenty (20) days of its passage.

**AND BE FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED** that upon passage, this Ordinance shall be authenticated by the signature of the Mayor and Town Clerk and shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose. In addition, this Ordinance shall be published by posting a certified copy of it in the Town Hall for ten (10) days following its adoption pursuant to Article II, Section 209 of the Charter of the Town of Bladensburg, Maryland. It will be effective the \_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

ATTEST:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

\_\_\_\_\_  
Regine Watson, Town Clerk

By:\_\_\_\_\_  
Takisha James, Mayor

First Reading: December 9, 2024  
Second Reading: January 13, 2025

Adopted:  
Effective:



## **Town of Bladensburg, Maryland**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 10 - 2025**

**Date Introduced: December 9, 2024**

**Date Adopted: December 9, 2024**

**Date Effective: December 9, 2024**

#### **A Resolution to Adopt the Tree City USA Principles and Tree Care Standards in the Town of Bladensburg**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Bladensburg recognizes the essential role that trees play in enhancing the quality of life for its residents, including providing environmental, economic, and social benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arbor Day Foundation’s Tree City USA program offers a framework for communities to manage and expand their public trees and demonstrates the commitment to community forestry; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in the Tree City USA program requires the Town of Bladensburg to meet the core standards of maintaining a tree board (The Green Team), adopting a tree care ordinance, ensuring an annual community forestry budget, and observing Arbor Day with an official proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Bladensburg is committed to sustaining and improving its urban forest, thereby contributing to the health and well-being of its residents, enhancing property values, and promoting environmental stewardship; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of the Tree City USA principles aligns with the Town’s ongoing sustainability initiatives and the long-term vision of creating a greener, healthier, and more vibrant community;

#### **TREE CARE IN BLADENSBURG**

**WHEREAS**, the Town is committed to the preservation and care of mature trees, which offer the greatest environmental benefits, as well as the planting and nurturing of new trees to ensure the long-term sustainability of the urban forest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Bladensburg has established guidelines and practices for tree care that include regular pruning, disease prevention, and the responsible removal of hazardous trees to ensure the safety and well-being of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town encourages community involvement in tree care efforts, including education on the benefits of trees, volunteer tree-planting events, and partnerships with local organizations and schools to foster environmental stewardship among residents;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Bladensburg will work with state, local, and other community partners in the stewardship of local trees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Bladensburg Administration and Public Works will provide support for this organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Bladensburg will budget funding for this membership and dedicate 1% of its budget towards trees as per the organizational guidelines; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Town Council of Bladensburg, that the Town hereby adopts the principles and standards of the Tree City USA program and commits to fulfilling the requirements to achieve and maintain the Tree City USA designation;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Town Council encourage all residents, businesses, and organizations within the Town of Bladensburg to actively participate in and support the Town’s urban forestry initiatives.

**SIGNED** this 9th day of December 2024.

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Regine Watson  
Town Clerk

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Takisha D. James, Mayor





# Agenda Item Summary Report

<b>Meeting Date:</b> December 9, 2024		<b>Submitted by:</b> Michelle Bailey Hedgepeth, Town Administrator	
<b>Item Title: 10-2025   A Resolution to Adopt the Tree City USA Principles and Tree Care Standards in the Town of Bladensburg</b>			
A Resolution to Adopt the Tree City USA Principles and Tree Care Standards in the Town of Bladensburg			
<b>Work Session Item [X]</b> <b>Council Meeting Item [X]</b>		<b>Documentation Attached:</b> Resolution	
<b>Recommended Action:</b>			
Approval for the Town Administrator to join Tree City USA and for the Town of Bladensburg to adopt Tree City USA Principles.			
<b>Item Summary:</b> Resolution 10-2025 affirms the Town’s commitment to environmental sustainability, urban forestry, and the overall enhancement of the community’s quality of life. By becoming a designated Tree City USA, the Town seeks to align itself with national urban tree care and management standards.			
<b><u>Key Provisions:</u></b>			
<b>Commitment to Tree Management:</b> Establishes the Town's dedication to its urban tree canopy's care, maintenance, and expansion. Recognizes the importance of trees in improving air quality, reducing urban heat, enhancing aesthetics, and providing environmental and social benefits to residents. Designation of a Tree Board or Department: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Formalizes the responsibility for overseeing urban forestry efforts within the Town.</li><li>• Ensures proper planning, management, and advocacy for tree-related initiatives.</li></ul>			
<b>Annual Community Tree Budget:</b> Commits to allocating a portion of the Town’s budget to tree care, maintenance, planting, and education. Meets or exceeds the minimum per capita funding requirement to maintain Tree City USA designation.			
<b>Tree Care Ordinance Compliance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supports the enforcement of the Town’s tree maintenance ordinance to guide the planting, removal, and protection of trees on public property.</li><li>• Establishes guidelines for maintaining tree health and public safety.</li></ul>			
<b>Arbor Day Observance:</b> Commits the Town to celebrate Arbor Day annually, engaging the community in tree planting events, educational activities, and awareness campaigns.			
<b><u>Impact and Vision:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Environmental Stewardship:</b> Positions Bladensburg as a leader in sustainability and green initiatives within Prince George’s County.</li></ul>			

- **Community Engagement:** Encourages residents, businesses, and organizations to participate in urban forestry efforts.
- **Long-term Planning:** Ensures the Town’s tree canopy continues to grow and thrive, benefiting future generations.

**Conclusion:** Resolution 10-2025 demonstrates the Town of Bladensburg's proactive approach to urban forestry and environmental sustainability, solidifying its commitment to maintaining a healthy, vibrant, and green community.

The Town Administrator will be available to answer any questions about this matter.

<b>Budgeted Item:</b> Yes [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] No [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] <b>Budgeted Amount:</b> \$ TBD <b>One-Time Cost:</b> Yes <b>Ongoing Cost:</b>	<b>Continued Date:</b>
<b>Council Priority:</b> Yes [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] No [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]	<b>Approved Date:</b>

# Tree City USA®

Creating greener communities nationwide



**TREE CITY USA®**  
An Arbor Day Foundation Program

**Cooler temperatures. Cleaner air. Healthier residents.**

The benefits trees bring to urban environments are endless — and by meeting the four Tree City USA standards, your community can experience them firsthand.



## PROGRAM SUMMARY

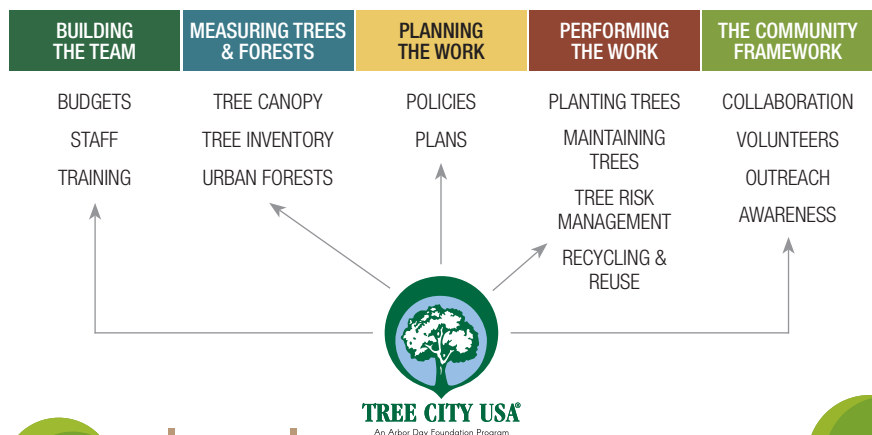
The Tree City USA program was founded in 1976 to celebrate towns and cities committed to growing their urban canopy. Led by the Arbor Day Foundation, with partners at USDA Forest Service and National Association of State Foresters, it provides the foundational framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their tree cover.

Program applications are completely free. Many cities renew their Tree City USA status every year, making them eligible for a Growth Award and other urban forestry opportunities.

## THE FOUNDATION OF URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

The Tree City USA program has helped more than 3,600 communities across the country build out their urban forests. Recognition forms the base layer for five different areas of growth, including expansion of personnel, financial investment, defined policies and plans, and engagement with residents.

### GROWTH AWARD QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES



## STANDARDS FOR RECOGNITION

To receive recognition, a community must meet four core standards for its public trees:

### ✓ Standard 1: Form A Tree Board Or Department

Delegating responsibility for city- or town-owned trees is the first official step to becoming a Tree City. By forming a tree board or department, cities can create a more organized and effective urban forestry plan.

### ✓ Standard 2: Establish A Tree Care Ordinance

A public tree care ordinance assigns clear authority over public trees and provides clear guidance for planting, maintaining, and/or removing trees from streets, parks, and other public spaces.

### ✓ Standard 3: Maintain A Community Forestry Program With An Annual Budget Of At Least \$2 Per Capita

Your community most likely already spends at least \$2 per capita on the planting, care, and removal of trees. This is intended to demonstrate an ongoing investment into your public trees.

### ✓ Standard 4: Proclaim and Observe Arbor Day

Celebrating Arbor Day and passing an official holiday proclamation helps create pride for your city's entire urban forestry program.



## BENEFITS OF RECOGNITION

By becoming a Tree City, your community will:

- Receive flags, signs, and other materials to proudly display your award
- Educate residents about the value of trees and green space
- Gain national recognition for your commitment to environmental stewardship
- Create a cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful urban landscape

## GETTING STARTED

Interested in joining, but not quite sure where to begin? It's as simple as following these five steps!

1. Make the case to friends and leaders in your community
2. Contact your state's urban and community forestry coordinator
3. Work together to fulfill the four Tree City USA standards
4. Celebrate Arbor Day
5. Submit your free application!



Learn and apply today at [arborday.org/treecityusa](http://arborday.org/treecityusa)





## **Town of Bladensburg, Maryland**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 11 - 2025**

**Date Introduced: December 9, 2024**

**Date Adopted: December 9, 2024**

**Date Effective: December 9, 2024**

#### **A Resolution of Support for the Clean Energy for Local Governments (CELG) FY25 Application for Medium and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicles**

**WHEREAS**, the Towns of Bladensburg and Colmar Manor have a shared commitment to enhancing the quality of life for their residents by providing essential services, including accessible transportation for seniors and disabled residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port Towns Call-A-Bus program plays a critical role in supporting mobility and independence by offering reliable transportation for short trips to vulnerable populations; and

**WHEREAS**, the current vehicles used for this service are high-emission, fossil fuel-powered vehicles that contribute to environmental degradation and increased operational costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Maryland Energy Administration's Clean Energy for Local Governments (CELG) FY25 program provides grant funding to support local governments in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and transitioning to clean energy solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Towns of Bladensburg and Colmar Manor are jointly seeking funding through the CELG FY25 program to replace the Port Towns Call-A-Bus vehicles with electric vehicles, which will significantly reduce emissions, lower maintenance costs, and provide a sustainable, eco-friendly transportation option; and

**WHEREAS**, the acquisition of electric vehicles aligns with the Towns' commitment to sustainability, public health, and environmental stewardship, while continuing to prioritize accessible transportation services for seniors and disabled residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg, Maryland, in collaboration with the Town of Colmar Manor:

1. **Support of Application:** The Town of Bladensburg formally supports the joint application for the Clean Energy for Local Governments (CELG) FY25 program to secure funding for replacing the Port Towns Call-A-Bus vehicles with electric vehicles.
2. **Commitment to Collaboration:** The Town of Bladensburg will work collaboratively with Colmar Manor to ensure the successful implementation of this project, including planning, acquisition, and service continuation.
3. **Focus on Service and Sustainability:** The Town reaffirms its commitment to providing essential transportation services to its residents while advancing its sustainability goals by adopting clean energy technologies.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Town Council authorize the submission of all necessary documents and information required for the CELG FY25 application and direct Town staff to take all actions necessary to facilitate this grant application and project.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg.

Attest:

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Regine Watson  
Town Clerk

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Takisha D. James, Mayor





## Agenda Item Summary Report

<b>Meeting Date:</b> December 9, 2024	<b>Submitted by:</b> Michelle Bailey Hedgepeth, Town Administrator
<b>Item Title: 11-2025   A Resolution of Support for the Clean Energy for Local Governments (CELG) FY25 Application for Medium and Heavy-Duty Zero Emission Vehicles</b>	
A Resolution of Support for the Clean Energy for Local Governments (CELG) FY25 Application to replace the Port Towns Call A Bus.	
<b>Work Session Item [X]</b> <b>Council Meeting Item [X]</b>	<b>Documentation Attached:</b> Resolution
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	
Approval for the Town Administrator to join with Colmar Manor to replace the current Call A Bus with an electric vehicle.	
<p><b>Item Summary:</b> Resolution 11-2025 expresses the Town of Bladensburg's formal support for a joint application with the Town of Colmar Manor to the <b>Clean Energy for Local Governments (CELG) FY25 program</b>, administered by the Maryland Energy Administration. This grant is due in January 2025.</p> <p><b>Purpose:</b> The grant funding will be used to replace the current commercial and Mid to Large vehicles, specifically the Port Towns Call-A-Bus vehicles, which are high-emission, fossil fuel-powered vehicles, with <b>electric vehicles</b>.</p> <p><b>Key Objectives:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Sustainability:</b> Transitioning to electric vehicles aligns with the Towns' commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting environmental stewardship.</li> <li>2. <b>Service Continuity:</b> The new vehicles will continue to provide critical transportation services focused on seniors and disabled residents, ensuring accessibility for short trips within the community.</li> <li>3. <b>Collaboration:</b> Highlights the partnership between Bladensburg and Colmar Manor in enhancing transportation services while advancing shared sustainability goals.</li> <li>4. <b>Efficiency:</b> Electric vehicles are expected to lower maintenance and fuel costs, providing a cost-effective solution for this essential service.</li> </ol> <p><b>Commitments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Town of Bladensburg commits to working with Colmar Manor on the application process, planning, and implementation of the project.</li> <li>• Authorizes Town staff to complete the necessary steps to secure the funding and ensure the successful replacement of the Call-A-Bus vehicles.</li> </ul> <p><b>Conclusion:</b> This resolution demonstrates Bladensburg's dedication to sustainable practices, enhancing public services, and fostering regional collaboration to benefit residents, particularly vulnerable populations such as seniors and those with disabilities. The Town Administrator will be available to answer any questions about this matter.</p>	
<b>Budgeted Item:</b> Yes [ ] No [X] <b>Budgeted Amount:</b> \$ TBD <b>One-Time Cost:</b> Yes <b>Ongoing Cost:</b>	<b>Continued Date:</b>
<b>Council Priority:</b> Yes [ ] No [ ]	<b>Approved Date:</b>



## Agenda Item Summary Report

<b>Meeting Date:</b> December 9, 2024	<b>Submitted by:</b> Michelle Bailey Hedgepeth, Town Administrator
<b>Item Title: COG Appointments</b>	
<b>Resolution 12-2025:</b> A RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF TO THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG) TO THE COG BOARDS AND POLICY COMMITTEES FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR.	
<b>Work Session Item [X ]</b> <b>Council Meeting Item [X]</b>	<b>Documentation Attached:</b> Resolution Board Listing and Descriptions Board Costs
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	
Staff recommends appointing council members and staff to the COG boards and policy committees for the 2025 calendar year.	
<p><b>Item Summary:</b> The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) requests that the Town make appointments to the COG boards and policy committees for the 2025 calendar year.</p> <p>COG encourages municipalities to select individuals who have a strong interest in the subject matter covered by the board or committee, who can act as a representative for the city or county, and who can commit to actively participating. Attached to this item is a summary of all Boards and committees. For this process, the council will only be selecting representatives for the following:</p>	
<b>Board/Committee</b>	<b>2024 Appointment</b>
<b>2025 Appointments</b>	
<b>Human Services Policy Committee</b> (Appoint 1 member and 1 alternate)	Member Name: Marilyn Blount Alternate: Kalisha Dixon
<b>Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee</b> (Appoint 1 member and 1 alternate)	Member Name: Takisha James Alternate: Michelle Bailey
<b>Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee</b> (Appoint 1 member and 1 alternate)	Member Name: Trina Brown Alternate: Kalisha Dixon
<b>Food and Agriculture Regional Member Policy Committee</b> (Appoint 1 member and 1 alternate)	Member Name: Carrol McBryde Alternate: Marylin Blount
<b>Budgeted Item:</b> Yes [ X ] No [ ] <b>Budgeted Amount:</b> Part of membership <b>One-Time Cost:</b> <b>Ongoing Cost:</b>	
<b>Continued Date:</b>	
<b>Approved Date:</b>	
<b>Council Priority:</b> Yes [ ] No [ ]	



**Town of Bladensburg, Maryland**

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-2025**

**Date Introduced: December 09, 2024**

**Date Adopted: December 09, 2024**

**Date Effective: December 09, 2024**

A **RESOLUTION** APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF TO THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG) TO THE COG BOARDS AND POLICY COMMITTEES FOR THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Bladensburg is a member of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) and actively participates in various boards and committees; and,

**WHEREAS**, each year, COG asks its members to confirm and appoint members of various members and alternates who will serve each year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council, in a December Council work session, discussed the appointments and made recommendations; and,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL** hereby appoints the following individuals as members and alternates to the following boards and policy committees for the calendar year 2025.

Board/Committee	2024 Appointment	2025 Appointments
<b>Human Services Policy Committee</b> (Appoint 1 member and 1 alternate)	Member Name: Marilyn Blount Alternate: Kalisha Dixon	Member Name: Alternate Name:
<b>Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee</b> (Appoint 1 member and 1 alternate)	Member Name: Takisha James Alternate: Michelle Bailey	Member Name: Alternate Name:
<b>Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee</b> (Appoint 1 member and 1 alternate)	Member Name: Trina Brown Alternate: Kalisha Dixon	Member Name: Alternate Name:
<b>Food and Agriculture Regional Member Policy Committee</b> (Appoint 1 member and 1 alternate)	Member Name: Carrol McBryde Alternate: Marylin Blount	Member Name: Alternate Name:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be and is hereby adopted this 9th Day of December 2024 and shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Regine Watson  
Town Clerk

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Takisha D. James, Mayor

COG BOARDS AND POLICY COMMITTEES

COG is comprised of three independent policy boards and various supporting advisory and technical committees.

INDEPENDENT POLICY BOARDS

**COG Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors is COG's governing body and is responsible for its overall policies, functions, and funds. The board acts on committee or staff recommendations, discusses current and emerging multi-jurisdictional problems, and receives briefings on issues facing the region as a whole. Policy items on the agenda are normally generated from COG's policy and technical committees; business or administrative items are usually generated from staff. The COG Board meets monthly on the second Wednesday of the month.

**Transportation Planning Board**

The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region and plays an important role as the regional forum for transportation planning. With participation from the District of Columbia and State Departments of Transportation and the region's local governments, the TPB prepares intermediate-range and long-range plans and programs that permit federal transportation funds to flow to the metropolitan Washington region. The TPB meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month.

**Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee**

The Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) is the entity certified by the mayor of the District of Columbia and the governors of Maryland and Virginia to prepare an air quality plan for the region and ensure compliance with the Federal Clean Air Act. MWAQC coordinates air quality planning activities among COG and other entities, including the Transportation Planning Board; reviews policies; resolves policy differences; and forges a regional air quality plan for transmittal to the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia and, ultimately, to the Environmental Protection Agency. MWAQC meets bi-monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

**POLICY COMMITTEES**

Policy committees are advisory committees of the COG Board.

**Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee**

Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee (CBPC) advises the COG Board on Bay-related policies and tracks developments under the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program for implications to local governments. It also considers questions of potable water supply and waste water treatment. CBPC regularly prepares position statements in response to state and federal legislation affecting the Bay. CBPC meets bi-monthly on the third Friday of the month.

**Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee**

The Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) advises the COG Board on climate change, energy, green building, alternate fuels, solid waste and recycling policy issues, and other environmental issues as necessary. CEEPC is responsible for managing implementation of the COG Climate Change Report adopted by the COG Board on November 12, 2008. This responsibility includes development of a regional climate change strategy to meet the regional greenhouse gas reduction goals adopted by the board. CEEPC meets bi-monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

**Food and Agriculture Regional Member Policy Committee**

The Food and Agriculture Regional Member Policy Committee (FARM) supports development of long-term regional direction and collaboration toward a more resilient, connected food and farm economy (food system) across urban, suburban and rural communities in the metropolitan Washington region. FARM meets bi-monthly on the second Friday of the month.

**Human Services Policy Committee**

The Human Services Policy Committee (HSPC) advises the COG Board on a variety of issues including housing, homelessness, public health, foster care, child welfare, mental health, and substance abuse. Recent actions have included reports on homelessness in the region. HSPC is composed of elected officials, department managers, and directors from the local and state levels. HSPC meetings bi-monthly on the second Friday of the month.

**National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council**

The National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council (EPC) oversees and implements the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan<sup>SM</sup> (RECP); coordinates activities of the various Regional Emergency Support Function (RESF) Working Groups as they develop specific procedures and relationships; develops training or tests of various components of regional emergency preparedness. The EPC is composed of elected officials, public safety professionals and agency representatives at the state and federal level. The council meets on an ad-hoc basis to conduct tabletop exercises.

**\*Region Forward Coalition** – The Region Forward Coalition will not meet regularly in calendar year 2025. COG will take this time to evaluate and align the mission of this group with the needs of the region. New members will be requested for appointment in 2026.



**Approved by the MWCOG Board of Directors, October 09, 2024**

# City of Bladensburg

To be invoiced to:	For:	FY2026	FY2025
City of Bladensburg	Member Dues	\$ 4,113	\$ 4,056
City of Bladensburg	Regional FARM Fund	\$ 2,849	\$ 2,714
<b>Total Member Dues and Regional Fees</b>		<b>\$ 6,962</b>	<b>\$ 6,770</b>

If your jurisdiction participates in other COG programs, such as Anacostia Restoration or the Community Engagement Campaign, FY2026 assessments and contributions will be determined by committee at a later date. Please contact the MWCOG CFO at (202) 962-3362 if you have questions.

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS 2025 SCHEDULE OF BOARDS AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS													
COMMITTEES	Start Time	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
COG BOARD	12:00 PM	15	12	12	9	14	11	25-26 Annual Retreat	No meeting	10	8	12	10 Annual Meeting
TPB	12:00 PM	22	19	19	16	21	18	16	No meeting	17	15	19	17
MWAQC	12:00 PM		26			28				24			3
FARM	10:00AM		14		11		13		8		10		12
CEEPC	10:00 AM	22		26		28		23		24		19	
CBPC	10:00 AM	17		21		16		18		19		21	
HSPC	12:00 PM	10		14		9		11		12		14	
EPC	*The EPC will meet on an ad hoc basis for table top exercises and coordination.												