



## Environment and Natural Resources Committee

### Agenda

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

9:30 a.m.

DuPage County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois

- 1.0 Call to Order 9:30 a.m.
- 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements
- [2015 Meeting Schedule](#)
  - [LTA Project Selection](#)
- 3.0 Approval of Minutes—September 3, 2014  
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 4.0 Next Regional Plan – Jason Navota, CMAP Staff  
CMAP is beginning to lay the groundwork for developing the successor to GO TO 2040, which is due to be complete in 2018. CMAP staff are scoping the priorities and needs to begin plan development in fiscal year 2016. As part of that process, an environment team has been tasked with developing a white paper that will catalogue activities related to the natural environment that the agency has conducted since GO TO 2040, assess the current knowledge base, and determine which issues require further investigation in the coming year. CMAP staff will provide an overview of the approach and engage the committee in a discussion concerning next steps.  
*ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion*
- 5.0 Northwest Water Planning Alliance – Tim Loftus, CMAP Staff  
Formed in 2010, the [Northwest Water Planning Alliance](#) (NWPA) is a coalition of river and groundwater dependent communities who have self-organized to collaboratively plan for the use of their shared water resources. The NWPA was born of an intergovernmental agreement involving five counties and five COGs representing over 70 communities and is one of the more substantive outcomes of the Water 2050 planning process. With funding from IDNR, CMAP supports the NWPA with implementation of their [three-year strategic plan](#) that was developed in 2013 with CMAP LTA staff support. Staff will provide an overview of the organization, accomplishments to date, and activities related to strategic plan implementation efforts.  
*ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion*

**6.0 The Greenest Region Compact: A Consensus Sustainability Plan for Municipalities – Edith Makra, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus**

The Greenest Region Compact (GRC) is a simple pledge, taken more than one third of all municipalities in the Chicago metropolitan region in 2007 to take action to improve the environment. This presentation will report on fundamental research to enable a strategic update of the Greenest Region Compact by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. The objective is to propose a framework for a new GRC that is modeled on existing municipal sustainability plans; incorporates successful programs, policies, and other indicators of environmental achievement by municipalities; and aligns with goals and strategies of regional, national and global significance. The environmental achievements of 290 municipalities and more than 30 sustainability plans were analyzed providing unique insights into the environmental priorities of the region. Input into the design of the new GRC is welcome.

*ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion*

**7.0 Other Business**

**8.0 Public Comment**

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair’s discretion. It should be noted that the exact time for the public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

**9.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be January 7, 2015 at 9:30 am.

**10.0 Adjournment**

**Environment and Natural Resources Committee Members:**

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| ___ Ed Collins    | ___ Anne McKibben     | ___ Sean Wiedel      |
| ___ Jack Darin    | ___ Stacy Meyers      | ___ Patricia Werner  |
| ___ Martha Dooley | ___ Joe Schuessler    | ___ Nancy Williamson |
| ___ Jon Grosshans | ___ Deborah Stone     |                      |
| ___ Pete Harmet   | ___ Mike Sullivan     |                      |
| ___ Martin Jaffe  | ___ Wallace Van Buren |                      |