

## Water & Environment Subcommittee Notes—10/11/2023

### Agenda Item 2:

- Matt reviewed the intention of the planning grant and how this supports the region @ each project level of CCAP and PCAP.
- Brief review of implementation grant with clarification that EPA does not intend to fund future rounds related to the CPRG
  - Further clarification that because project is in PCAP does not mean that project will be funded through EPA for implementation.
  - Must submit application to EPA for implementation funding
- As part of PCAP process since there is no future funding identified for implementation MVRPC is expanding the PCAP to include GHG inventory for all three MSA counties
  - Will do a project call to seek nominations for projects to be included in PCAP for region
  - Small discussion on project funding related to implementation. Clarification there are tiers in which projects will be awarded.
  - **Further discussion on what level of project detail should be included in PCAP for projects to be eligible for implementation funding. The group had varying opinions from specific projects all the way to broad generalized sector it would fit under, but Carol with SSG did state specific reduction measures should be included regardless of the level of project detail.**
    - *Action: MVRPC emailed EPA for clarification, still awaiting response.*
- SSG provided an overview of how they will collect information for both the PCAP and CCAP
  - There will be other opportunities outside of this specific implementation funding round to fund other projects through the BIL and Inflation Reduction Act programs.
  - PCAP will focus on high priority near term implementation ready action
  - CCAP will focus on long term priorities to reach goals
  - SSG presented info on how they plan to gather data for both section of plan
- Discussion opened up on what goals and priorities the committee would like to see included in the plan
  - DYT: consider microgrid solar at the water treatment plant and airport, geothermal as an option in grid plans, preservation and redevelopment of buildings as oppose to new construction
  - Montgomery Co: want to explore how to reduce energy from building sector, i.e. specific numbers and how much reduction can get from commercial sector

- OSU Extension, Miami Co.: promotion of GHG reduction into the agricultural producers and sector in county. There are some that are interested in exploring this opportunity
- Discussion on challenges that may arise
  - Because this is a new topic to region will need extensive education to general public and elected leadership for support of work. Should understand why it is important and what benefits will come of it.
  - Dayton had a lessons learned for capturing biogas emission which took a 2.5-year planning process. Willing to share with group
- Final discussion on what roles does committee see themselves playing in planning process
  - Montgomery Co. is willing to facilitate discussion process for building sector engagement. They have an extensive network
  - MVRPC asked the group to help with awareness to the region on projects for PCAP and possibly present projects
- Links provided during the meeting:
  - CPRG Implementation Grants NOFO: <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/cprg-implementation-grants>
  - MVRPC CPRG page: <https://www.mvrpc.org/environment/air-quality/climate-pollution-reduction-planning>
  - Project Types excerpt: [https://www.mvrpc.org/sites/default/files/cprg\\_implementation\\_grants\\_project\\_types\\_list\\_r.pdf](https://www.mvrpc.org/sites/default/files/cprg_implementation_grants_project_types_list_r.pdf)
  - Project/Program Nomination Form: [https://mvrpc.formstack.com/forms/cprg\\_project\\_nominations](https://mvrpc.formstack.com/forms/cprg_project_nominations)
  - <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-09/cprg-impl-webinar-2023-09-21.pdf>
  - [https://cdn.savingplaces.org/2023/05/24/11/14/36/697/The\\_Greenest\\_Building\\_Full.pdf](https://cdn.savingplaces.org/2023/05/24/11/14/36/697/The_Greenest_Building_Full.pdf) (Greenest Building report) shared by Monica Snow
- Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.