February FAQs

Q: Do you anticipate state legislative recommendations to achieve CPRG plan objectives?
A: Because the measures included in this plan are voluntary in nature, no additional regulatory authority is required to enable their implementation.

Q: Does the chart of emissions reflect any data about methane leaks linked to using natural gas?
A: All emission sources are included in that inventory information and is sourced from EPA state-level inventories. It is also supplemented with data from Drawdown, Georgia. You can find more information here. [Drawdown Georgia Resources (gatech.edu)](gatech.edu)

Q: Have you considered implementing community-scale reuse programs as a method of waste reduction/diversion?
A: We have included recycling, composting, and general waste diversion. Please refer to our list of priority measures, now available on our website. Until EPD submits it's PCAP, the draft list of priority measures is subject to change.

Q; In addition to increasing the availability and use of renewable energy, is there any intent to reduce the reliance on fossil-fuel based energy generation?
A: The intent of the CPRG is to support a variety of measures to reduce GHG emissions from across six key sectors (electricity generation, industry, transportation, buildings, agriculture/natural and working lands, and waste management).

Q: Do you have a sense of (and/or visual) for the geographic spread of survey respondents? And/or how does this geographic spread compare to the LIDAC-identified communities?
A: Georgia EPD is still undergoing analysis for the survey. We have over 500 responses and an initial scan reveals we do have some good coverage across the state. We worked with partners like Partnership for Southern Equity to make sure dissemination was reaching beyond the Atlanta Metro area.
Georgia EPD also has additional incomplete responses that might have additional information that we can pull from, and the end of the survey asked respondents for the zip codes but analysis is still in progress.

Q: I was very surprised to see rooftop solar not make the list of recommended measures. Why would we only focus on community solar and DG for cooperative? And why no focus on utility-scale renewables.
A: The aim is to list identified priority measures. The Distributive Renewable Energy measure has been updated to include utility-scale renewables.
Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) applied for Solar for All and their application targeted roof top solar. GEFA applied for $250 million.

Q: Can coalitions include the State EPD and the ARC. Or is it best to go through the ARC to create an accurate coalition?
A: Under CPRG, a coalition is defined as consisting of two or more eligible applicants including tribal consortia, and coalitions of agencies from states, municipalities, tribes, and/or territories) A coalition can apply to jointly implement one or more measures included in an applicable state, MSA, tribal, or territorial PCAP.

Q: What is the geographic scope of this plan?
A: For our plan, it covers the entire state of Georgia. The 29 counties in the Atlanta MSA are covered by the ARC plan.

Q: If EPD decides to submit – what process are you considering related to how local governments would be able to apply? Would it include a need to have multiple cities/counties involved, would EPD facilitate the creation of coalition, or would local cities/governments be able to apply as a standalone?
Q: Is Georgia considering any multi-state measures for the implementation grant?
A: At this time, we don't have anything to share about our implementation grant. The state is exploring several options and will make an announcement when a decision is made.
We are going to focus on our priority climate action plan right now. We want to make sure that the PCAP is complete and thorough so local governments can apply to implementation grant funds.

Q: As an industry representing a large publicly purchased construction material, the low bid environment does not encourage or help any decarbonization efforts in industry. Did your evaluation look into the State of Georgia's influence on industry's ability to decarbonize?
A: These measures were developed in conversation with multiple partners around the state, which included some representatives. Measures are aimed at trying to be as broad as possible. We're also focusing on the effort of reducing GHG emissions and having a measurable impact on the community and benefits.

Q: Were commercial buildings specifically excluded from the energy efficiency and electrification strategy? Is so, why?
A: Please refer to our list of priority measures, now available on our website. Until Georgia EPD submits it's PCAP, the draft list of priority measures is subject to change.

Q: Claudette mentioned the impressive carbon sink that our state's forests provide. Could you speak a little more to how this will be incorporated into the PCAP? Would this include acquisition of natural areas?
A: Under CPRG, carbon sink or absorption of carbon, carbon sequestration can be counted and therefore will be included in the PCAP inventory measurements.

Q: Will the PCAP be made public as soon as it is submitted (March)?
A: As soon as an approved final PCAP is submitted to EPA, Georgia EPD will post it on our website.

Q: Will there be any geographic diversity project located requirements? But what if you're applying in the same area but not with that same group? You know, how would you even know?
A: There's no formal process for that. It is helpful, if you are covered by ARC, to send an email to climate@atlantaregional.org. Everywhere in Georgia, including ARC, send an email to georgia.cprg@dnr.ga.gov.
At this moment Georgia EPD does not have a formal coordination process but are addressing requests on a case-by-case basis.

Q: Will implementation grant applications be posted online?
A: EPA plans to make award announcements in June and distribute awards in October.

For more information, please refer to EPA's website.
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