

# **Regional Green Government Challenge**



**June 28 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Williams Mullen Center  
200 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street | Richmond, VA 23219**

On June 28, VACo and VML will hold a regional forum for local governments interested in the Green Government Challenge. A second forum may be held sometime in August in the western part of the state (date and location TBD).

The purpose of the forums is to provide information on the Green Government Challenge, a friendly competition designed to encourage implementation of specific environmental policies and practical actions that reduce the carbon emissions generated by the local government and the broader community. Many of the action items present opportunities for VACo members to build partnerships (both public and private) to develop more resilient communities. For example, points can be earned by participating in the FEMA Community Rating System (CRS) program, a certification process that reduces risks and damages due to flooding with the reward of lower insurance premiums for policyholders. Another example is the ability to earn points by facilitating or supporting a "solarize" initiative in your community to lower the cost of solar panel installations through bulk purchasing. The regional forums will include detailed presentations with instructions on how to complete many of the action items.

The 2016 version of the challenge will be launched in June. At that time, VACo and VML members will be able to register for completing specific action items to earn points towards becoming a "Certified Green Government." VML Members will be recognized at the annual conference in Virginia Beach in October. VACo Members will be recognized at the Annual Conference in November in Bath County.

## **Tentative Agenda**

Welcome and Introductions

Presentation on the Environment and Sustainability Management System  
Harry Gregori, Faculty Fellow, Virginia Tech

Presentation of the 2016 Go Green Scorecard

Lunch

Roundtable Discussions