

# **Maryland Commission on Climate Change**

## **Mitigation Working Group**

### Potential Priorities for 2017 Work Plan

- Support of MDE efforts to enhance the GHG emissions inventory to include methane, black carbon, and two radiative forcing estimates (20-year and 100-year)
- A continued partnership with the CEJSC to identify and conduct outreach meetings/listening sessions with environmental justice and underserved communities
- Support of an enhanced effort by the State and the business community to bring additional clean energy businesses and manufacturing jobs to Maryland, and to sustain those already in existence
- Efforts to identify fossil-fuel dependent workers and communities in Maryland; and to identify, as specifically and quantitatively as possible, the existing and prospective GHG reduction programs and policies that may or do have negative impacts on these groups
- In collaboration with the Adaptation and Response Workgroup, an enhanced effort and research on climate friendly agricultural practices, including carbon sequestration and the healthy soils initiative.
- Additional research and emphasis into the role of the transportation sector and potential programs for emission reductions
- An effort to develop and implement innovative financing programs to support a transition to proven new technologies that can not only reduce GHG emissions (and energy use), but also save consumers money. This effort should focus on both energy and transportation technologies.