



Mountain Maryland Energy Advisory Committee (MMEAC) Member Description

MMEAC Charge:

Garrett County has a long history of energy production due to the presence and abundance of a variety of natural resources. Traditional resource extraction has played a significant role in the county and has provided much needed sources of revenue that continue to support needs of the county and its citizens. This tradition will likely continue but there are a host of additional opportunities that can be investigated to support diversification in energy production that could benefit the county and its citizens. A long-term focus and commitment to exploring all available energy production avenues, while identifying and mitigating potential risks, represent the charge of the Mountain Maryland Energy Advisory Committee.

In addition, the Mountain Maryland Energy Advisory Committee members will generate and document program and policy suggestions that will allow the Garrett County Board of Commissioners to explore a broad-based portfolio approach with an emphasis on guiding energy sector growth while maximizing jobs and other economic benefits while mitigating any negative effects.

Member Responsibilities:

- Assist the Chairman and consultant in carrying out the charge of the MMEAC
- Assist the Chairman and consultant in developing the operational structure of the committee and participate in establishing realistic goals
- Determine and provide availability for MMEAC meetings
- Attend MMEAC meetings, either in person or through remote meeting technology
- Assist with the generation of energy related policy covering various energy sectors
- Prepare for meetings by reviewing committee materials ahead of scheduled meetings
- Engage in thoughtful dialogue and participate in a process to reach consensus on policy recommendations that support the MMEAC charge
- Help identify known subject matter experts to present on various topics in support of the MMEAC charge
- Assist with the development of the final work product by providing suggestions, comments, edits, and general engagement in the process

Member Qualifications:

- Knowledge of energy, planning, and/or policy as it relates to the MMEAC charge
- Willingness to engage in professional and thoughtful dialogue with other MMEAC members and ability to reach consensus on various recommendations generated by the committee
- Ability to work well in group settings
- Ability to allocate the time and effort required to serve on the committee
- Commitment to the committee charge
- Demonstrated track record of being productive on past/current committees or boards
- Knowledge of the demographics and relevant issues in Garrett County and the larger geographic area known as Mountain Maryland

Accountability:

- The MMEAC will ultimately report to the Garrett County Board of Commissioners
- MMEAC members will report to the Chairman of the committee

Time Commitment:

- The MMEAC will complete its work within an 18 month period
- MMEAC members should plan for 1 to 2 committee meetings per month
- MMEAC members should allocate approximately 4 to 8 hours per month to committee activities

The Consultant:

Downstream Strategies offers environmental consulting services that combine sound interdisciplinary skills with the core belief in the importance of protecting the environment and linking economic development with natural resource stewardship.