

Catalog of State Actions Agriculture, Forestry, and Waste Management Working Group

A catalog of state-level, GHG-reducing actions and policy options based on actions undertaken or considered by state, local and private actors.

Key to Future Rankings of Options in the Tables that Follow:

Potential GHG Emission Reductions <u>1/</u>	Potential Cost or Cost Savings <u>1/ 2/</u>
High (H): At least 1.0 million metric tons (MMt) carbon dioxide equivalent (CO ₂ e) per year by 2020	High (H): \$50 per metric ton CO ₂ e (tCO ₂ e) or above
Medium (M): From 0.1 to 1.0 MMtCO ₂ e per year by 2020	Medium (M): \$5-50/tCO ₂ e
Low (L): Less than 0.1 MMtCO ₂ e per year by 2020, or 1 MMtCO ₂ e by 2050	Low (L): Less than \$5/tCO ₂ e
Uncertain (U): Not able to estimate at this time	Negative (Neg): Net cost savings
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<p><u>1/</u> Several measures may overlap in terms of emissions reductions and/or cost impacts. Estimates assume measures would be implemented independently from other measures.</p> <p><u>2/</u> Costs are denoted by a positive number. Cost savings (i.e., “negative costs”) are denoted by a negative number.</p>	

Definition of “Priorities for Analysis”:

- **High:** High priority options will be analyzed first.
- **Medium:** Medium priority options will be analyzed next, time and resources permitting.
- **Low:** Low priority options will be analyzed last, time and resources permitting.

Notation of Options:

* **Options marked in bold an asterisk (*)** indicate some of the related state actions that are approved or underway, as described further in the companion options description document. TWG members are encouraged to provide information on other relevant actions.

Agriculture, Forestry, and Waste Management (AFW)

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AFW-1 AGRICULTURE – PRODUCTION OF FUELS AND ELECTRICITY						
1.1	Expanded Use of Biomass Feedstocks for Electricity or Steam Production					Renewable Portfolio Standard; Renewable Electricity Production Credit
1.2	In-state Liquid Biofuels Production					Renewable Fuels Incentive Act; Renewable Fuels Taskforce; biodiesel mixing station on the lower shore in MD
1.3	Manure Digesters/Other Waste Energy Utilization					Clean Energy Incentive Act Note: Currently there are no digesters in MD.
AFW-2 AGRICULTURE – LIVESTOCK						
2.1	Manure Management (manure utilization/methane capture)					Clean Energy Incentive Act
2.2	Changes in Animal Feed					
2.3	Rotational Grazing (Improve Grazing Crops and/or Management)					
2.4	Utilize Biofilters to Control CAFO Emissions					
2.5	Increase Pasturing and Lower Densities					MD Nutrient Management Act

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AFW-3	AGRICULTURE – CROP PRODUCTION					
3.1	Soil Carbon Management					MD funding assistance is available.
3.2	Advanced Nutrient Management					A Nutrient Management Plan is required by MD Nutrient Management Act (1998). MD Department of Ag to provide recommendations on options for nutrient trading this fall.
3.3	Technology Improvements to Increase Efficiency					
3.4	Water Management					
3.5	Drainage Management					The AFW TWG recommends removing this option as not germane to MD.
AFW-4	AGRICULTURE – LAND USE CHANGE					
4.1	Land Use Management that Promotes Grassland Cover					MD does not participate in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) but rather in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).
4.2	Preserve Open Space/Agricultural Land					MD has a many diverse open space initiatives - over \$200 mil/yr.
AFW-5	AGRICULTURE – FARMING PRACTICES					
5.1	Reductions in On-Farm Energy Use					Clean Energy Incentive Act; Farm Energy Audit Program; State Transportation Initiatives
5.2	Promotion of Farming Practices that Achieve GHG					

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	Benefits					
5.3	Programs to Support Local Farming/Buy Local					MD Dept of Ag Buy Local program.
AFW-6	FORESTRY – PRODUCTION OF FUELS AND ELECTRICITY IN FORESTRY AND URBAN TREE MANAGEMENT					
6.1	Expanded Use of Forest Biomass Feedstocks for Electricity, Heat and Steam Production					
6.2	In-state Liquid Biofuels Production					Renewable Fuels Incentive Act
6.3	Improved Energy Capture from Wood Waste Combustion					
6.4	Improved Commercialization of Biomass Gasification and Combined Cycle					
AFW-7	FORESTRY – BIOMASS PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT					
7.1	Forest Protection – Reduced Clearing And Conversion to Nonforest Cover					
7.2	Urban Forestry					MD SIP; New ozone mitigation voluntary measure
7.3	Afforestation/Reforestation					Forest Conservation Act; RGGI.
7.4	Forest Management for Carbon Sequestration					
7.5	Mitigation of Forest Carbon					This option is of less concern than 7.6.

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	Sequestration Loss and Emissions Due to Wildfire					
7.6	Mitigation of Forest Loss Due to Insects/Disease					The biggest problem has been invasive species and pests.
AFW-8	FORESTRY – WOOD PRODUCTS AND WASTE					
8.1	Improved Mill Waste Recovery – Utilization of Sawmill Residues & Emissions					
8.2	Improved Logging Residue Recovery					
8.3	Expanded Use of Wood Products for Building Materials					
AFW –9	WASTE MANAGEMENT – WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES					
9.1	Advanced Recycling					
9.2	Promotion of Bioreactor Technology (Advanced Municipal Solid Waste Management Practices)					Clean Energy Incentive Act
9.3	Source Reduction Strategies					
9.4	Resource Management Contracting					
9.5	Waste Coal Recapture					
9.6	Enhanced Management of Organic Waste					
9.7	Promotion of New & Existing Technologies for Waste Energy Conversion					Clean Energy Incentive Act

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AFW -10 WASTE MANAGEMENT – LANDFILL GAS STRATEGIES						
10.1	Flare Landfill Methane at non-NSPS (smaller) Sites					
10.2	Methane and Biogas Energy Programs					Clean Energy Incentive Act
10.3	Landfill Methane Energy Programs					Clean Energy Incentive Act
AFW-11 WASTE MANAGEMENT – WASTEWATER ACTIVITIES						
11.1	Energy Efficiency Improvements					RGGI
11.2	Lower Waste Processing Needs (lower water consumption, waste production)					
11.3	Install Digesters and Turbines or Engines					Clean Energy Incentive Act
11.4	Restoration of Soil Organic Carbon from Application of WWTP Biosolids					
11.5	Heat Recovery					
11.6	Algae and Bio-oils					