



# North Texas Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition

October 21, 2022



**RISE Coalition Website:** <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/development-excellence/rise-coalition>  
**RISE Coalition Committee Page:** <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/regional-integration-of-sustainability-efforts-ris>

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## RISE Coalition Agenda

1) Welcome and Introductions – Member Roll Call

### **Action Items**

2) Meeting Summary

### **Discussion**

4) FY 2023 Work Program and Project Update

5) Membership Recruitment Strategy

6) Overview of the Inflation Reduction Act and Available Funding

### **Informational Items**

7) NCTCOG Regional Opportunities

### **Other Business**

8) Participant Roundtable

9) Future Agenda Items

10) Next Meeting Date

11) Adjournment

# Action Items

**Meeting Summary:** [Approve July 22 Meeting Summary](#)

# FY 2023 Project Update and Discussion

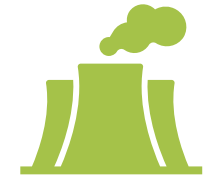
Guided by FY2023 [Work Program](#)

## Summary of FY2023 Goals:

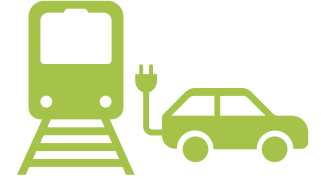
- Hold quarterly public meetings
- Complete Regional GHG Inventory and Emissions Reduction Strategies Toolkit
- Host 2 webinars on key topics of interest
- Hold a Social Equity Workshop
- Hold a workshop series on Weatherization, Energy Efficiency, and Renewables
  - Sponsored by City of Dallas

**Ideas for workshop speakers/subject matter experts?**

## Current Focus Topics



**Regional Emissions Assessment**



**Sustainable Transportation & Air Quality Strategy Analysis**



**Energy Efficiency Programs & Regional Energy Resilience**



**Waste Reduction & Beneficial Reuse Programs**

# Task 2. Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions Project

## **Regional GHG Inventory**

- Data analysis complete and ClearPath entries are underway

## **NCTCOG GHG Inventory Cohort**

- Weekly meetings for progress updates, Inventory and ClearPath assistance
- **Inventory schedule:**
  - NCTCOG and the Cohort will have access to ClearPath until May 2023
    - Second inventory for some cities and forecasting
    - Unlimited access to “Read Only” mode afterwards
    - Draft Reports

# EPA-Funded Organic Waste to Fuel Feasibility Study

- NCTCOG, the University of Texas at Arlington, and our contractor have completed work on this regional study to evaluate the potential for expanding organic waste-to-energy technologies in North Texas.
- Funded through a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency.
- All previous workshop presentations are [available online](#).
- Study outcomes show strong potential in Collin, Denton, Dallas, and Tarrant Counties for new and expanded anaerobic digestion facilities that can accept food waste, FOGs, and wastewater biosolids for processing into renewable natural gas (RNG).
  - Two highlighted potential future projects at Dallas Southside Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Denton Landfill Complex.

The final study will be posted online here by November 1<sup>st</sup>: <https://nctcog.org/envir/materials-management/nct-organic-waste-to-fuel-feasibility-study>

# Coalition Member Recruitment Strategy

## Recent Recruitment Activities:

- September 13, 2022 – Presented at the annual Public Works Roundup to local government staff from around the region.

## FY2023 Current Commitments

- Carrollton
  - Dallas
  - Denton
  - Farmers Branch
  - Fort Worth
  - Lewisville
  - Plano
  - Tarrant Regional Water District
- Members who have already committed should have received their FY2023 Cost Share invoices by email.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the RISE Coalition, email Breanne Johnson at [bjohnson@nctcog.org](mailto:bjohnson@nctcog.org), and check your Cost Share amount at [nctcog.org/envir/development-excellence/rise-coalition/rise-membership](https://nctcog.org/envir/development-excellence/rise-coalition/rise-membership).

**Call for volunteers to serve on the Recruitment Subcommittee**

# **The Inflation Reduction Act**

**Cassidy Ellis**  
**Federal Policy Expert &**  
**New Market Strategy Manager**  
**Ameresco**



# NCTCOG Regional Updates and Opportunities

## REGIONAL INITIATIVES AND UPDATES

### **Property Assessed Clean Energy Regional Program**

- Potential region-wide program administered by NCTCOG
- Presented to NCTCOG Executive Board in August 2022
- Currently preparing a Request for Proposals, to be issued in early 2023

### **Public Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Working Group**

- Monthly working group focused on coordinating EV infrastructure needs and development across the region
- Next meeting: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 from 1-2 pm Central
- To join group, email Michael Kirsch at [mkirsch@nctcog.org](mailto:mkirsch@nctcog.org)

### **EV Ride & Drive Capacity Building**

- Working Group to Brainstorm ways to build EV Ride & Drives into Local Events
- To join group, email [lclark@nctcog.org](mailto:lclark@nctcog.org)

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### **Regional Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Working Group**

**Date:** Wednesday, October 26, 2022

**Time:** 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Email [mkirsch@nctcog.org](mailto:mkirsch@nctcog.org) to attend

### **2022 DFW Clean Cities Fleet Recognition Awards**

**Date:** November 1, 2022

**Time:** 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Register at [www.dfwcleancities.org/events](http://www.dfwcleancities.org/events)

View listing and link to recording of past events related to electric vehicles and other alternative fuels at: [www.dfwcleancities.org/events](http://www.dfwcleancities.org/events)

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### **Trash Free Texas Single-Use Plastics Reduction Work Group**

**Date:** Monday, November 7, 2022

**Time:** 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

NCTCOG and HGAC are seeking feedback from communities and restaurants on two draft toolkits that include resources, templates, and strategies for voluntarily reducing the use of single-use plastics in restaurants.

To attend the meeting, register here: [www.addevent.com/event/VI15035136](http://www.addevent.com/event/VI15035136)

If you are unable to attend, you may still receive the draft toolkits to review by registering at this alternate link: [www.addevent.com/event/sA15079891](http://www.addevent.com/event/sA15079891)

View more NCTCOG events at: <https://nctcog.org/envir/events>

# Other Business

## **Participant Roundtable**

*Members will be called on first, and then others will have the opportunity to share what is happening within their organization*

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## **Future Agenda Items**

# Next Meeting Dates

## Next RISE Coalition Meeting:

**Friday, January 27, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

**In-Person at NCTCOG's Arlington offices**

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**Thank you!**