

## State News for NSPE Members

### DC Region Sets Ambitious Goal for Rooftop Solar

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments passed a resolution this November that sets a goal of having solar panels installed on 250,000 rooftops in the Washington, DC, metro region by 2030, the [Virginia Mercury reports](#).

Members of the energy industry say meeting the target will take some work given the number of rooftop arrays Virginians, in particular, have installed so far, but programs are in place to help put panels on roofs as well as an increasing number of funding opportunities.

In 2020, MWCOG approved a Climate and Energy Action Plan that called for the region to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, one of the primary drivers of climate change, by 50% from 2005 levels. Last week, climate scientists reported that average global temperatures on November 17 had exceeded the global average for the preindustrial 1850-1900 period by 2 degrees Celsius, an amount long seen by researchers as a key warming threshold.

Among other goals to reduce emissions, MWCOG's climate plan calls for about 2% of the region's energy to come from onsite renewables, those outside of large, centrally located power sources operated by utilities to power the grid. [Read more](#).

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### DC Infrastructure Academy to Continue Mission at Spingarn High School

The historic Spingarn High School in Northeast will soon serve as DC Infrastructure Academy's (DCIA) training center, all as part of an effort to prepare DC residents for an increasingly technological society, [according to the Washington Informer](#). Mayor Muriel Bowser announced the \$64 million transformation of the campus on November 16 with Department of General Services director, and Spingarn alumnus Delano Hunter by her side.

Once completed, the facility will support DCIA's mission of training residents for in-

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