

Jeremy Tarr:

Jeremy Tarr will discuss North Carolina's strategy for addressing climate change, including NC Governor Roy Cooper's 2018 Executive Order 80 "North Carolina's Commitment to Address Climate Change and Transition to a Clean Energy Economy" (EO 80). The order calls for a 40% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from 2005 levels by 2025, establishes the NC Climate Change Interagency Council, and calls upon that council to develop strategic plans on clean energy, zero-emission vehicles, workforce readiness, and resilience. EO 80 gives particular focus to transitioning the state's motor fleet to zero-emission by directing cabinet agencies to use zero-emission vehicles whenever "feasible." Development and implementation of the EO 80 strategic plans involves a wide range of stakeholders in the government, private, and nonprofit sectors. Jeremy will share lessons learned from North Carolina, constructive partnerships with stakeholders, and next steps for 2020.