



# STAKEHOLDER UPDATE

DECEMBER 2019

## VCC and UPS Awarded \$1.84 Million in Clean Diesel Funding



Virginia Clean Cities at James Madison University has received a \$1.84 million grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to work with UPS on replacing 69 diesel tractor-trailer trucks in the Mid-Atlantic region with trucks that use either cleaner domestically produced compressed natural gas or newer, cleaner diesel engines.

The project, called the Mid-Atlantic Nitrous Oxide Reduction Program (MANOR), will run for two years. UPS has matched the EPA grant with about \$8 million. "They're substantially committed to this project," said Matt Wade, deputy director of VCC. "The goal is to assist them with this transition to these cleaner and more affordable fuels thus improving air quality in these highly trafficked interstate and urban areas where they operate." [{more}](#)

## Blue Bird Delivers 15,000th Propane School Bus

## PLATINUM





NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (October 22, 2019) - The 18 buses delivered to Newport News Public Schools may look ordinary, but a unique fuel powers them: propane. Their arrival marked a special milestone - the 15,000th propane bus delivered by Blue Bird.

Newport News Public Schools operates a fleet of 335 buses; 62 are fueled by propane, an emission-reducing, cost-effective alternative fuel. The district has run propane buses for two years and will add 11 more by the end of 2019.

"We continue to replace our school district's aging diesel buses with propane," said Shay Coates, transportation director of Newport News Public Schools. "Propane not only reduces emissions, but also saves our district thousands of dollars in fuel and maintenance costs each year."

The shift away from diesel is part of a national trend. School district and school bus contractor use of propane school buses has increased 800 percent in the last seven years, according to the Propane Education & Research Council. "Currently more than 1 million students at over 900 public and private schools ride propane buses each day," said Tucker Perkins, president and CEO of PERC, who also presented Newport News School District with the PERC Clean Energy Innovation Award. [{more}](#)

## CMAQ Government Fleet Alternative Fuel Vehicle Incentive is Accepting Applications

The CMAQ Government Vehicle Incentive program, which had been paused since 2017, is now once again accepting applications from qualifying local and state government fleets. There is a new process and new restrictions on what the Program can reimburse, so please go to the program website for more information.

<https://vacleancities.org/reports-2/cmaq-incentive-program/>

## VCC Publishes the Final Report for the Biofuels Infrastructure Project



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In 2015, Virginia and Maryland responded to a funding opportunity from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) under the Biofuel Infrastructure Program to form a two-state, Mid-Atlantic Biofuels Infrastructure Partnership (BIP) to install biofuel fueling pumps at 40 fueling stations. The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) administered the Program with assistance of Virginia Clean Cities. Program partners included experienced retail partners, Protec Fuels and Sheetz, Inc., Virginia and Maryland U.S. Department of Energy-designated Clean Cities Coalitions, agriculture and energy offices, grain associations, and other agricultural entities; along with private sector marketing and infrastructure concerns. To see the Final Report, please visit [{more}](#).

## The Virginia SAVES Program can Fund Your Alternative Fuel Vehicle Project!



The Division of Energy within Virginia's Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy ("DMME"), based on authority granted under Governor of Virginia's Executive Order 36, has established the [VirginiaSAVES Green Community Program](#). VirginiaSAVES (which stands for Sustainable, Verifiable Energy Savings) is a unique public/private partnership sponsored by the DMME to provide subsidized financing for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and alternative fuel loans for both private and local government properties and entities within the Commonwealth of Virginia. DMME has initially capitalized the Program with \$20 million of Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds ("QECBs") allocated to the Program under the Executive Order, with the ability to provide more QECB allocations as needed from additional QECBs available within the Commonwealth.

The benefit of using the QECBs to fund the Program is that they offer a direct pay credit subsidy from the U.S. Treasury to offset the interest rate on the financing, with this Credit Payment historically being between 2-3% and fixed over the life of the financing of up to 20 years or longer. [{more}](#)

## Vehicle-to-Grid Technology Successfully Demonstrated in Danville



In a successful initial deployment, Fermata's First Vehicle-to-building deployment was able to save \$650 in demand charges in 60 minutes. [{more}](#)

## Join VCC and our Stakeholders at the 2020 Clean Fuel Policy Day in Richmond



We invite you to join VCC in supporting the second annual gathering of clean fuel vehicle stakeholders during legislative session to discuss clean fuels policy priorities. [Clean Fuel Policy Day](#) is scheduled for January 21st, 2020 in Richmond, Virginia. This event has several opportunities available for well-placed recognition across a spectrum of stakeholders during the event. Additionally, sponsorships for this event will support VCC's policy work throughout the year. Sponsors will be able to present a page of collateral material in the program, and be recognized in the planning activities. [{more}](#)

## Donate Your Vehicle to VCC and Earn a Tax Deduction!



Virginia Clean Cities is a certified motor vehicle charity consigner! If you have a vehicle rusting away in your parking lot that you need to be rid of, and want a tax-deduction for it, we'd love to take it off your hands! [{more}](#)

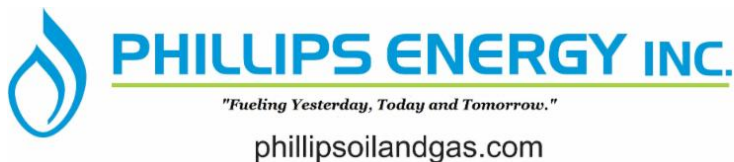
### Support VCC with a Monthly Contribution of \$10, \$25 or \$50

We count on a growing membership base to support the organization and its activities, and you can help our operation by joining us as a stakeholder, sponsor, or partner.

For more information about Coalition Membership, please visit the Coalition's [Join Us](#) membership page.

You can now support Virginia Clean Cities with a recurring monthly donation of as little as \$10. Your generous support helps VCC deploy EV charging stations, propane schools buses, and CNG transit vehicles. [{more}](#)

### New and Returning Stakeholders





## Upcoming Events

**December 13, 2019:** [Mobility Energy Productivity Webinar](#)

**January 21, 2020:** [Clean Fuel Policy Day](#)- Richmond, VA

For a full list of upcoming events, please visit  
<http://www.vacleancities.org/events>

Thank you for your support of our organization, and we hope you enjoy this newsletter!

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