



May 2022 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- [ACT Expo](#), 5/9-5/11
- [Technology Happy Hour: Cummins](#), 5/19 at 4 PM

Click the events for more info!



On April 25, 2022, the Virginia Green Travel program recognized 20 Virginia organizations and seven individuals for their outstanding efforts to protect the environment and support green tourism in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The awards were presented during the 9th annual **Virginia Green Travel Conference**.

“The Virginia Green Travel Certification program works to support and promote those businesses that are committed to reducing the environmental impacts of their operation,” Tom Griffin, executive director of the **Virginia Green Travel Alliance**, said. “The Virginia Green Travel Star Awards recognize the businesses and individuals that have demonstrated outstanding commitments to the environment in the past year. We are proud to recognize Virginia Clean Cities as a true partner in our efforts to promote sustainable tourism in Virginia!”

Virginia Clean Cities (VCC) will accept an award for the “Most Innovative & Impactful Green Project” for its work on the **Mid-Atlantic Electrification Partnership**, a multi-year project which seeks to further electric vehicle infrastructure in Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia and Washington, DC. VCC’s

Sarah Stalcup-Jones will receive the Virginia Green All-Star Award for her commitment and work on electric school buses as well as her education and research in the clean transportation industry.

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Virginia Clean Cities Celebrates National Bike Month

May is National Bike Month, promoted by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities from coast to coast. Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling — and encourage more folks to give biking a try.

Biking creates healthier communities, reduces emissions, and reduces our reliance on imported oil. Whether you ride for fun, fitness, time with family, or essential trips to the workplace or the shops, active transportation positively impacts our society!

There are many ways you can celebrate Bike Month this May. Bike to Work Week 2022 will take place May 16-22, and Bike to Work Day is on Friday, May 20th. So join us in celebrating National Bike Month!



Join us on May 19th at 4 pm EST for our Technology Happy Hour featuring Patrick Campbell from Cummins, Inc., who will be joining us to talk about Cummins' new 15L long-haul low-emission natural gas engine, the X15N!

Natural Gas can be a great alternative fuel, especially for heavy-duty fleets. It is a time-tested technology, powered with abundant, low-priced domestic fuel, and provides significant emissions reductions! In addition, Cummins' new engine meets future EPA NOx regulations and, when used with renewable natural gas, has the potential to be a carbon-negative solution for fleets.

Email VCC Program Coordinator, **Sarah Stalcup-Jones**, for more information about being a featured stakeholder.

If you want to check out our past sessions visit our **YouTube channel**.

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Virginia Clean Cities Earth Month Overview



Thank you to everyone who came out and saw Virginia Clean Cities at various events during Earth Month!

We kicked off Earth Month on April 6th by attending an event in Richmond where a brand new BrightDrop EV 600 delivery van and a few Hyundai Ioniq 5s were on display at InCharge Energy's facility in Richmond.

Next up was a doubleheader on April 7th when VCC staff traveled to Woodstock, VA, and Salem, VA, for an EV charger ribbon cutting and an electric school bus demonstration.

It was then off to the Student Sustainability Summit 2022 at the Staunton Innovation Hub on April 9th where VCC was invited to speak on two panels about sustainable research and community organizations, show off our E-bike and plug-in hybrid electric vehicle, and connect with college students from all over the Shenandoah Valley.

On April 20th, here at our office in Harrisonburg, we celebrated the Great Community Give, a sunrise to sunset event that promotes charitable giving to support nonprofit organizations in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. We celebrated with a ride and drive of our three Arcimoto demo vehicles and showed off some additional EVs and alternative fuel vehicles.

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EVNoire, GWRCCC, Meeting with Biden-Harris Staff on Advancing Racial Equity in Energy, Environment and Transportation



The Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition (GWRCCC) a public-private partnership that promotes the use of clean, American transportation fuels, improved air quality and environmental justice and EVNoire, the nation's largest network of diverse electric vehicle (EV) drivers and enthusiasts, united on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the grounds of the White House for a meeting and discussion with key staff from the Biden-Harris Administration on "Advancing Racial Equity in Energy, Environment & Transportation."

The meeting increased the awareness among Biden-Harris staff and stakeholders about opportunities to advance equitable multimodal electrification, alternative fuels and environmental education and outreach, as well as workforce and economic development opportunities and advance public health.

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Dominion Energy Smart Charging Infrastructure Pilot Program



Are your employees returning back to the workplace? You can offer them the added benefit of charging stations while saving your company money!

The Smart Charging Infrastructure Pilot (or "SCIP") Program supports electric vehicle (EV) adoption in Virginia and will inform the design of managed charging programs and other EV customer offerings in the future.

The SCIP Program provides rebates for qualifying EV charging stations, charging infrastructure and installation, commonly referred to as "make-ready," and network fees.

Become an EV charging station site host in six easy steps:

1. Apply to the Program
2. Submit Program Forms
3. Confirm Participation
4. Install Charging Station
5. Verify Completion
6. Receive Rebate Payment

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GET READY: Clean School Bus Funding

Community Guidance



ALL: Sign up for [Clean School Bus Program news](#). These email announcements will have the latest news and developments on program funding and how to apply.

ALL: Attend a [Clean School Bus informational webinar](#) or watch the recordings. Learn about Clean School Buses, hear new program information, and access funding opportunities from EPA and other partners.

SCHOOLS Create a fleet inventory. This information will help you characterize the buses in your fleet to best determine what buses may be the best candidates for replacement with new electric or alternative fuel buses.

The following tool is available for your use: [2022 Clean School Bus Inventory Sheet \(xlsx\)](#) (March 2022).

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JMU Issues Rideable Contracts for EV Chargers

In a pioneering effort for the Commonwealth of Virginia, James Madison University has issued contracts for electric vehicle service equipment (EVSE). Five state contracts are now live on JMU's [contract management system](#). These contracts allow other public universities, state agencies and local governments to purchase EVSE through the rideable (or cooperative) contracts.

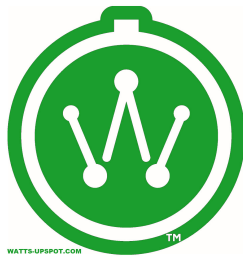
The five contracts with pricing and technical specifications can be viewed online [here](#). Both Level 2 charging and direct current fast charging (DCFC) options are available in the contracts.

Several of the vendors on contract are either small businesses or minority-owned. The selected vendor contracts can be viewed below.

- [Autoflex, Inc. \(contract # UCPJMU6203\)](#)
- [Bethel Electric Construction Company \(contract # UCPJMU6204\)](#)
- [Independent Lighting \(contract # UCPJMU6206\)](#)
- [NovaCHARGE, Inc. \(contract # UCPJMU6205\)](#)
- [OpConnect, Inc. \(contract # UCPJMU6207\)](#)

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New and Returning Members!



New Diamond Level Member!



Returning Gold Level Member!



Returning Coalition Level Member!

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