

# August 2021 Stakeholder Newsletter

## James Madison University submits RFP for Electric Vehicle Chargers



Through the assistance of Virginia Clean Cities, James Madison University has opened a Request for Proposal for the installation of electric vehicle chargers. JMU's RFP is **cooperative** and available for other state and local governments' use.

**View the RFP Here** 

Virginia Sheriff's
Association to add EVs to
state contract



The Virginia Sheriff's Association (VSA), an organization representing 123 sheriff's offices in Virginia, will be updating its **state vehicle procurement** in October.

To meet the growing demand from local governments, officers and citizens, the new contract will have a larger selection of electric vehicles that can be procured.

EVs expected to be listed this year include models from Tesla, General Motors, Ford, Chrysler and Nissan

The VSA's contract is cooperative and can be used by other local governments and even state agencies. This new development will significantly ease the transition to EVs in government fleets.

Read More



Interested in becoming a featured stakeholder at our next Technology Happy Hour? **Technology Happy Hour** is a VCC special event where we provide a platform for stakeholders to share their newest technologies with the public! Email VCC Program Coordinator, Sarah Stalcup, **sstalcup@vacleancities.org**, for more information about being a featured stakeholder!

If you are looking to learn more, catch our upcoming Technology Happy Hour with new VCC stakeholder <u>ElectraTherm!</u> If you want to check out our past sessions visit our <u>YouTube channel</u>.

Register here for upcoming Technology
Happy Hour

### Resilient Virginia 2021 Conference is in the books!



On August 25, Virginia Clean Cities' own Alleyn Harned spoke on one of the first panels of the **2021 Resilient Virginia Conference**. The virtual conference took place from August 25 - 27. It featured a wide range of speakers discussing the idea of resiliency and how Virginia can work to analyze its strengths and identify weaknesses in its ability to handle man-made disasters, public health challenges, and socio-economic stressors.

VCC was proud to participate in this year's conference and discuss the different ways you can reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with the transportation industry. In addition, Alleyn discussed the opportunity to implement EVs and other low emission vehicles here in Virginia. To learn more about those use cases and see additional information, check out VCC's Fuels/Tech page.

Read more about the Resilient Virginia 2021 Conference here



# Fleets: It's not too late to join EV WATTS!

Municipal fleets have just a few weeks to sign up for the **EV WATTS project**. As a fleet manager you'll receive free EV fleet data analysis provided by our project partners. There is no cost to participate. Interested parties please

contact bvlk@vacleancities.org today!

## The Virginia Clean Cities team continues to grow! Welcome Liam and Amy!



Welcome Liam Sullivan as a new VCC Program Coordinator!

Liam graduated from The Ohio State
University in 2020 with a B.A. in Political
Science. Prior to starting on at VCC, Liam
worked as the Business Development &
Communications Program Assistant at
Clean Fuels Ohio, a fellow Clean Cities
Coalition. Beyond work, Liam enjoys
spending as much time outside as possible
either rock climbing, running, or cycling.



Welcome Amy Eckberg as a new VCC Program Coordinator!

Prior to starting work at VCC, Amy was a Natural Resources and Parks Superintendent for the City of Raleigh where she oversaw management of two nature preserves. In 2020 Amy received her Master's degree from Virginia Tech's Executive Master's in Natural Resources program through the Center for Leadership in Global Sustainability. Making a difference in climate change by promoting sustainability within local communities is



something Amy is excited about working on in her role at VCC.

When not working, you're bound to find Amy making pottery, out exploring a local park, or hiking with her black lab somewhere around the Roanoke area where she lives.

## **National Drive Electric Week 2021 is coming!**



Take part is this nationwide celebration to raise awareness of the many benefits of electric vehicles! National Drive Electric Week will be filled with in-person demonstrations, ride & drives, networking and other EV themed festivities from September 25th to October 3rd.

#### Check out these upcoming VA events

<u>Electricarpalooza 2021- September 25</u> (Perkinson Center for the Arts & Education, Chester, VA)

Arlington Drive Electric Event - September 25

(Kenmore Middle School, Arlington, VA)

Rocktown Energy Festival Harrisonburg - October 2

(Harrisonburg Farmers Market, Harrisonburg, VA)

**Electric Vehicle Fall Festival 2021 - October 3** 

(Dominion Raceway, Thornburg, VA)

## **New and Returning Stakeholders**













