



March 2023 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- [Technology Happy Hour: Blossman Gas](#), virtual, March 16
- [Virginia Green Conference & Travel Awards](#), VA Beach, March 21 - 22
- [Clean Energy Schools Symposium](#), DC, March 26 - 28

Click the events for more info!



Next Month: Join us at the Rally in Richmond!

VCC honors Virginia's green fleets and stakeholders with this special event held at the Main Street Station in Richmond. VCC will also hold a legislative awards program, technology workshop and present the stakeholder of the year. This event is an annual fundraiser to raise program funds to advance clean alternative fuel programs in Virginia. Your participation in this event will further our accomplishments. Join vendors, industry leaders, and fellow enthusiasts.

Event includes vendor booths, an awards ceremony and more. **Free for current VCC coalition members!**

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Rideable EVSE contracts available



These contracts allow other public universities, state agencies and local governments to purchase electric vehicle charging equipment through the rideable (or cooperative) contracts. 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. Selected vendors include:

- Autoflex, Inc.
- Bethel Electric Construction Company of Maryland
- Independent Lighting
- NovaCharge, Inc.
- OpConnect, Inc.

The full contracts and supporting documents can be found at [JMU Contract Management](#) or [VASCUPP](#).

VCC is hiring!



VCC is hiring for a Program Coordinator to join our team. The Program Coordinator acts as the project manager for Virginia Clean Cities efforts and coordinate various local events and initiatives to best leverage resources, increase the number of alternative fuel vehicles on the road, and increase alternative fuel use to facilitate petroleum reduction.

This is an exciting time to work in clean transportation, please spread the word!

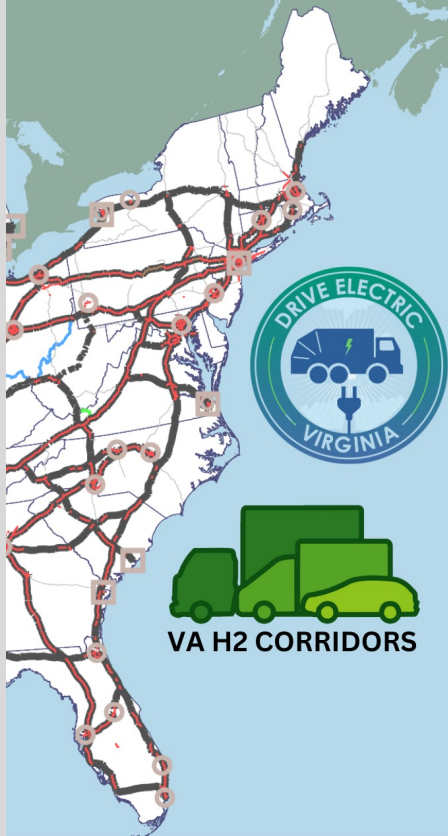
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East Coast commercial ZEV corridor announced

This month, the U.S. Department of Energy announced assistance to Virginia communities, fleets and our neighboring states to accelerate the creation of zero-emission vehicle corridors that expand the nation's EV charging and hydrogen (H2) infrastructure.

The Department has awarded \$7.4 million to seven projects to develop medium- and heavy-duty EV charging and hydrogen corridor infrastructure plans that will benefit millions of drivers across 23 states. Virginia joined the East Coast cohort led by Calstart.

"VCC at James Madison University is proud of the



federal partnership in bringing forward the Virginia infrastructure planning effort,” said Alleyn Harned, Executive Director of VCC. “Clean transportation fuels like electricity, hydrogen and biofuels can present lower cost for large vehicles and wide environmental benefit, and hydrogen planning allows for fuel cell electric or traditional combustion transportation.”

Contact aharned@vacleancities.org if you would like to be involved in this effort for Medium and Heavy Duty Zero Emission Vehicles in electric or hydrogen in Virginia.

Geospatial Energy Mapper tool



Our partners at the U.S. Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory have developed a comprehensive mapping tool under the Mid-Atlantic Electrification Partnership. The Geospatial Energy Mapper (GEM) is an interactive web-based decision support system that allows users to locate areas with high suitability for clean power generation and potential energy transmission corridors in the United States. Browse and download data layers, or create a custom suitability model to identify areas for energy development.

[GEM TOOL](#)

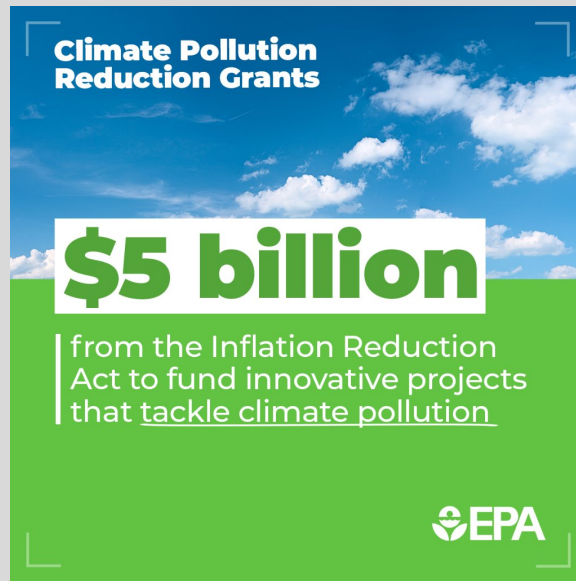
Innovations in auto-gas



Join us and featured speaker Steve McCoy, Vice President of Business Development at Blossman Gas, on March 16th at 4 PM for the Virginia Clean Cities Technology Happy Hour. Steve will be joining us to talk about the benefits of propane auto-gas and renewable propane, highlighting the benefits of landfill diversion, reduced fleet costs and carbon reduction!

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Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program Guidance now available



Today, the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** announced program guidance for **planning grants** under the \$5 billion **Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program**, which is part of President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act.

This two-stage program – with \$250 million in noncompetitive planning grants, followed by \$4.6 billion in competitive implementation grants – will encourage states, air agencies, municipalities, and tribes to create and implement comprehensive climate pollution plans that ensure reductions and maximize benefits, especially for low income and disadvantaged communities.

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New and Returning Members!

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New Coalition Level Member!

Interested in becoming a Virginia Clean Cities Member? Check out our membership page [here](#) or [contact us](#) with any questions!

Already a VCC member? Send us an [email](#) with any late breaking news or announcements that you want featured in next months newsletter!

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