



# August 2024 Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- [2024 Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference](#), Durham, NC, August 13-15
- [DEQ VEEP Northern Region Workshop](#), Virtual, August 15
- [Ethanol Emergency Response - Train the Trainer](#), Virtual, August 20
- [It's Electric: Community Transportation Expo & Party](#), Charlottesville, VA, August 23
- [Zero Emission Bus Conference](#), Philadelphia, PA, August 27-29
- [Virginia Clean Energy Summit](#), Richmond, VA, October 16-17

*Click the events for more info.*

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## Connected Communities 2.0: \$65 Million Funding Available



Connected Communities 2.0 is a funding announcement opportunity releasing \$65 million for the innovation of grid-edge technology. This funding aims to provide new tools for utilities, grid planners and operators, automakers and other smart charge management providers, and the communities they serve for building, transportation, and industrial loads on the electric grid.

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[DOE Grants \\$1.7B for](#)

[Virginia Secures Large](#)

## Manufacturing Conversions to EVs

### Automotive Conversion Grant Selectees

THESE PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY UNION REPRESENTATION



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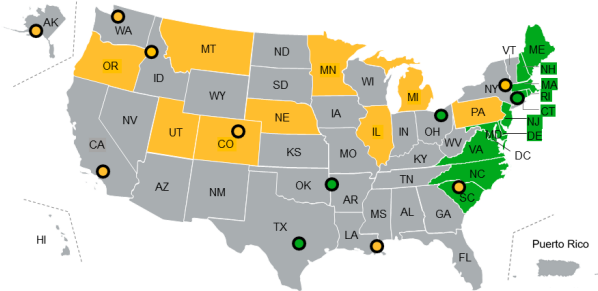


The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has announced that \$1.7 billion will be given across Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland and Virginia to support the conversion of 11 shuttered or at-risk auto manufacturing and assembly facilities.

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## Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Award

Application Type: ■ Coalition ■ Individual ○ Local/Tribal



The EPA announced 25 recipients for funds awarded through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program, among which is Virginia's Commonwealth Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The DEQ will receive \$99,999,999 and plans to disperse the funds to competitive grants.

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## VCC Announces New Leadership Roles for the Board of Directors

At the July 18th, 2024, VCC Board of Directors meeting, the Board elected new leadership roles for the coming year. The Board and VCC staff would like to sincerely thank outgoing board chair Nell Boyle for her excellent leadership and service.

Pictured: Newly-elected Board of Directors Chair Whitney Kopanko of Sonny Merryman

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## DOE Announces Domestic Battery Recycling Awards

## Virginia School District Cuts Emissions with Propane Buses

MESC Selectees for the  
Retailers Battery Collection and Recycling Program

BATTERY COLLECTION POTENTIAL FOR 6M+ LBS PER YEAR



BatteriesPlus+



Staples



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The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has announced \$14 million to increase consumer battery recycling and create a more sustainable domestic battery supply chain. Selected projects will provide over 1,000 collection points across the country for spent batteries from consumer products, allowing consumers easy and free access to turn in old batteries and battery-containing devices to reduce e-waste.

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Newport News Public Schools is an urban Virginia school district that educates approximately 26,500 students in 41 schools. The district transports around 24,000 students via 202 bus routes on which buses are required to navigate tight city roads and heavy stop-and-go traffic. The district operates 317 total school buses; 153 of them are propane school buses.

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## Hurricane Preparation: Charging Your EV Before the Storm

Electric vehicle charging is an important task that requires some planning. EVs don't need to be charging all of the time, but it is wise to prepare for situations or trips ahead of time, especially when there is a risk of a hurricane in the area or other severe weather.

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**New and Returning Members**



# OASIS CHARGING

**New Gold Level Member!**



**Returning Non-Industry Level Member!**



**Returning Coalition Level Member!**

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