



## EFFORTS TO REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE ASHEVILLE REGION

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#### Air Quality Issues in WNC



- Mid 90s Call for Action by NPS and USFS
  - 3 Air Quality Issues GL Ozone, Acid Deposition & Haze
  - LOSRC AQ Assessment and Regional Conference
  - SAMI Call for Local, State and Federal Action (Gov. Summits)
- 1998 Regional Clean Air Campaign Established
  - Education and Outreach to Public and Decision Makers
  - Message Energy Conservation, Drive Less and Low Emission Vehicles
  - Clean Air Car Fairs
- Air Quality has Improved Significantly in 15 years
  - NC Clean Smokestacks Act Huge emission reductions
  - Cleaner Fuels, Engines and Vehicles

## CVC Background and Mission



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The Land-of-Sky Clean Vehicles Coalition was created in 2004 to promote alternative fuel vehicle adoption in the Asheville

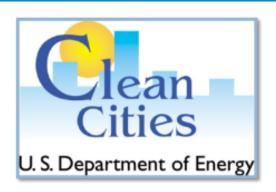
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## Clean Cities Designation



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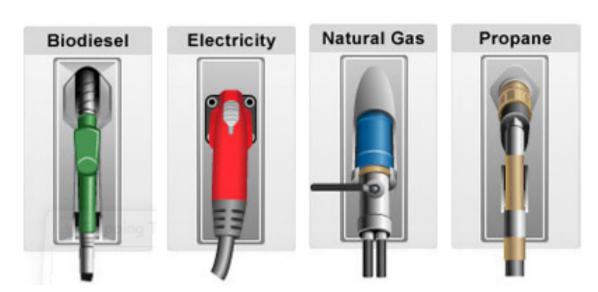
- LOS Clean Vehicles Coalition Designated on July 27, 2012
- □ Clean Cities Program Goal: support local partnerships to reduce petroleum use in US transportation sector, primarily by promoting cleaner, domestic fuels and vehicles
- Support: Networking, Funding Opportunities, Technical Assistance

# Clean Cities Alternative Fuels Portfolio



#### Alternative Fuels Promoted by CVC

- Biodiesel
- Electricity
- Natural gas
- Propane
- Ethanol (E85)
- Hydrogen



 Portfolio now includes Idle Reduction, Fuel Efficient Vehicles (Hybrids) and VMT Reduction

#### Benefits of AFVs



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**Fuel Economy** 



**Energy Security** 



**Fewer Emissions** 



Fuel that is cheaper, cleaner, and made in America

### Drive Less, Smarter, Cleaner



- Walk, Bike or Ride Transit
- Live Close to Work or School
- Telecommute (Work at Home)
- Car/Vanpool to work, school, meetings
  - New Park and Ride Lot (Waynesville)
  - New Trans. Demand Management Program
- Combine Errands to Reduce Trips
- Green Driving
- Engines Tuned up;
- Purchase Fuel Efficient Vehicle (www.FuelEconomy.gov)

## Idling - Why care?

- Idling is expensive
- Idling pollutes
- Idling threatens health









#### Coalition Services



Education and Outreach and Training

Forum for Discussions and Networking

Fleet Assistance and Assessments

Funding for Stakeholder Projects

## **Funding**



- Stakeholder/Project Funding (Over \$12 Million)
  - US DOE Clean Cities Program Grants
    - ARRA (Stimulus) Grants (SEPDP, CBS)
    - Mountains to Sea EV Readiness
    - National Parks Initiative
    - SADI AFV Pilot Demonstration Project
  - NC DOT Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ)
  - NCSU Clean Fuels Advanced Transportation (CFAT)
  - US EPA/NC Division of Air Quality (Diesel Emission Reductions)
  - Propane Education and Research Council (PERC)

#### Biodiesel



- Used in any Diesel Vehicle without Modification
- Blue Ridge Biofuels local Producer <u>Moved</u>
   <u>Production but Distribution Center Here</u>
- Users include MSD, Asheville, NC DOT, Great Smoky Mountains National Park; Tennoca Construction
- Lost Several Commercial Pumps but Fleet Use
   Steady
- Outreach Campaign: Workshops and Videos





### Propane Auto-gas



#### **Propane Autogas**

- Propane is the most used alternative transportation fuel in the world
- Propane Road Shows in 2010, 2012 & 2013
- Current Success Stories
  - Mountain Mobility
    - 10 Vans; DOT Funds (Clean Air Excellence Award)
  - Buncombe Co. Sheriff's Dept.
    - 10 cruisers; SEPDP \$
  - □ Biltmore Estate 8 shuttle buses/2 SUVs and onsite fueling
  - Haywood & Jackson Co. Transit (Macon Co soon)
- Blossman Research and Technology Center & Fueling Station





#### Propane Auto-gas



#### **Propane Autogas**

- Blossman/Alliance Autogas received EPA Certification for Ford F-150 Pickup and Ford Transit Van
- F-150 Coast to Coast Tour ending in Homecoming in Asheville on May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Propane Mowers at Warren Wilson College, Blue Ridge Parkway and Great Smoky Mountains National Park





#### Compressed Natural Gas



- Public CNG stations
  - City of Asheville (2005)
  - Altech-Eco (2007)
  - Henderson Co. (2012)
  - □ PSNC (2013 & 2015)
  - □ Sixth Soon for Tractor Trailers?
- Altech-Eco Energy NGV Conversion Facility
- Carolina Blue Skies DOE Grant
  - Over \$1 million
  - 37 CNG Vehicles for Asheville, Hendersonville, Henderson Co. and Mission Hospital
  - Expanded Asheville/Henderson Co CNG Fueling Stations





## High Speed Electric Vehicles

















#### Electrics - PHEV vs. BEV



#### **Chevrolet Volt**



- ➤ Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV)
- ➤ Auxiliary gas engine charges battery
- ➤ Electric Range: 53 miles electric
  - + 367 miles in hybrid mode
- ➤ 18.4 kWh Li-ion battery
- ➤ 2016 MSRP: starts at \$33,995
- >\$7,500 federal tax credit

#### **Nissan LEAF**



- ➤ Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV)
- ➤ All-electric, no tailpipe
- ➤ Electric Range: 84-107 miles electric
- ➤ 30 kWh Li-ion battery
- ➤ 2016 MSRP: S model starts at \$29,010
- >\$7,500 federal tax credit



#### Electric Vehicle Deployment



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Dealerships are selling EVs in Region



Over 200 electric vehicles in the Asheville region and 4,000 in NC



Duke Nissan LEAF



Eaton Mitsubishi i



## **EV Charging Levels**









	Level 1	Level 2	DCFC
Miles Recovered Per	~ 4 mi	~ 10-20 mi	~ 140 mi.
Hour of Charge			
Voltage	120V	208/240V	208/480V
EV Connector	J1772 AC	J1772 AC	SAE AC/DC Combo or CHAdeMO
Hardware Cost	Comes with EV	Res: \$500-\$1,500 Com: \$1,500-\$7,500	\$20,000 - \$30,000
Installation Cost		Res: \$500-\$1,500 Com: \$3,000-\$10,000	\$5,000-\$15,000

## Charging Station Deployment



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112 Public & workplace charging stations

at 50 locations in the Asheville region (2-16)































### Charging Station Deployment

 DC Fast Chargers installed at AB Tech., Asheville Public Works, Aloft Hotel, Asheville Outlets, Waynesville, Biltmore Park Town Square and Great Smoky Mountains

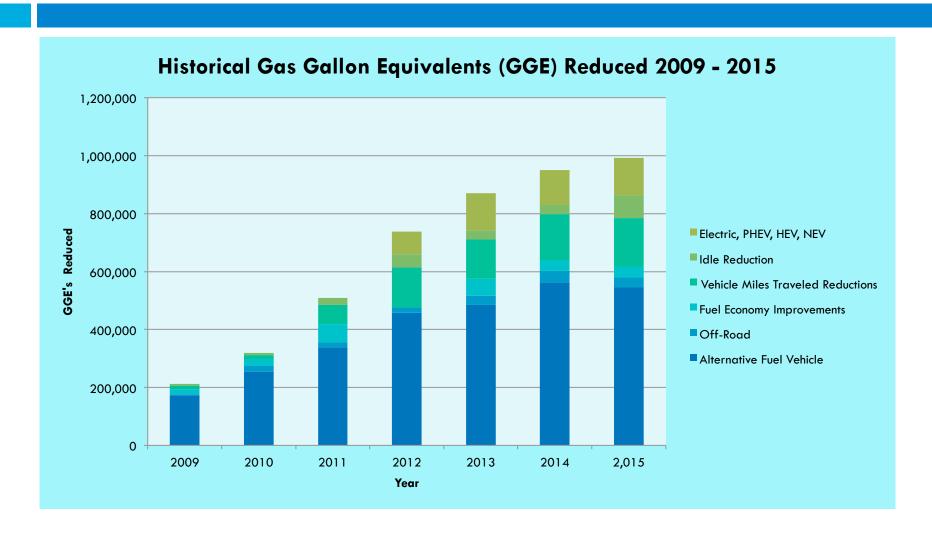
**National Park** 

- 8 Tesla Super Chargers installed at Asheville Outlets
- First EV Chargers in TransylvaniaCounty at Brevard College
- CFAT Proposal for 20 Level IIs at 9 Sites in WNC



## Coalition Accomplishments: Petroleum Reduction

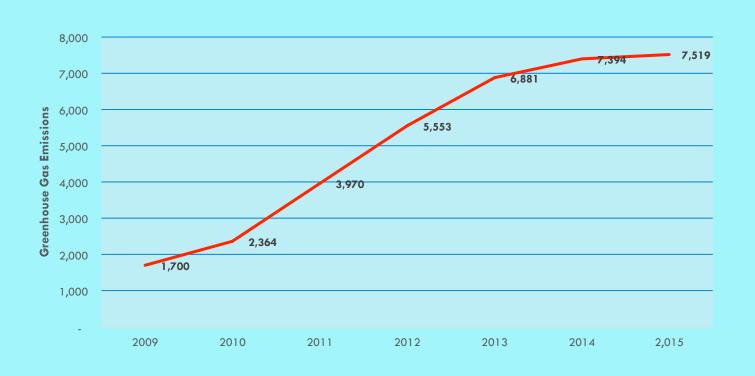




#### Greenhouse Gas Reductions



#### Historical GHG in Tons Reduced 2009 - 2015



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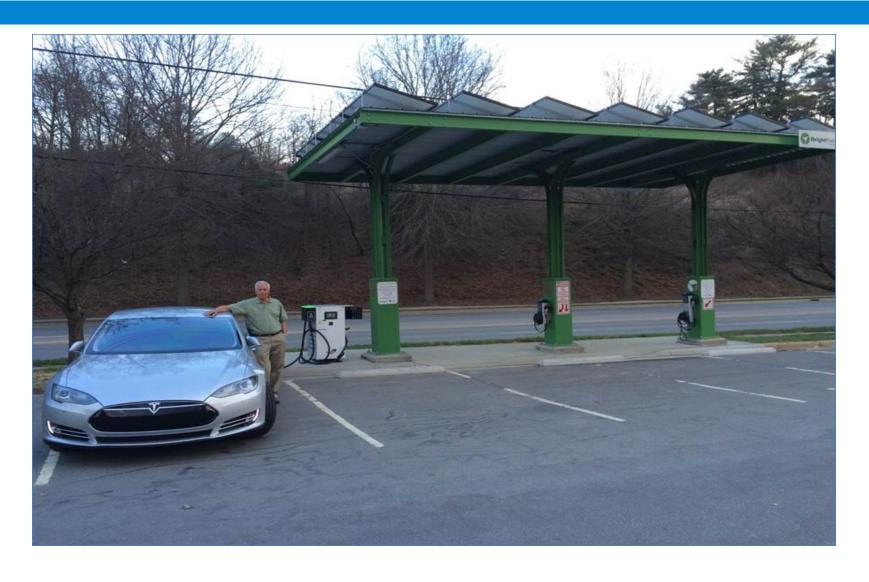


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## **Brightfield Charging Station**







# Coalition Background and Upcoming Re-Designation



#### DOE Clean Cities Goals

- Petro Reduction
  - Displaced appox. 7 Billion Gals to Date
  - Displace 2.5 Billion Gallons per year by 2020
- ■Coalitions 15% Increase in Petro Displacement <u>per year</u>

