

# Driving EV Awareness Through Outreach

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# Agenda

- 1. EV Actions
- 2. Why Outreach
- 3. EV Case Study
- 4. Outreach Strategies
- 5. Resources
- 6. Q&A



# **Municipal Energy Actions**

	Energy Efficiency	Renewable Energy	Alternative Fuel Vehicles
Municipal Operations	<ul> <li>Energy Efficiency for Municipal Facilities</li> <li>Energy Tracking and Management</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>On-Site Geothermal</li> <li>On-Site Solar <ul> <li>+10 pt storage/resilience</li> <li>+5 pt solar thermal</li> </ul> </li> <li>On-Site Wind</li> <li>Buy Renewable Energy</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fleet Inventory</li> <li>Purchase Alternative Fuel Vehicles</li> <li>Meet Green Fleet Targets</li> </ul>
Community Energy Use	<ul> <li>Energy Assistance Outreach</li> <li>Commercial Energy Efficiency Outreach</li> <li>Residential Energy Efficiency Outreach</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Make Your Town Solar Friendly</li> <li>Municipally Supported Community Solar</li> <li>Solar Outreach</li> <li>Renewable Government Energy Aggregation (R-GEA)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Make Your Town Electric Vehicle (EV) Friendly</li> <li>Public EV Charging Infrastructure</li> <li>Electric Vehicle Community Outreach</li> </ul>

# **Electric Vehicle Actions**

### **Fleet Inventory**

• Awards points for evaluation of current vehicle use and fleet efficiency

### **Purchase Alternative Fuel Vehicles**

Awards points for purchase of electric and other AF vehicles for municipal fleet

### Sustainable Fleets (Sustainable Jersey for Schools)

Awards points for purchase of electric and other AF vehicles for school fleet



# **Electric Vehicle Actions**

### **Public EV Charging Infrastructure**

• Awards points for installation of public charging stations

### Make Your Town EV Friendly

- Awards points for:
  - Adopting Model Statewide EVSE Ordinance
  - First Responder training for EVs
  - Permitting/inspection best practices
- **EV Community Outreach**
- Awards points for supporting adoption of EVs through outreach to multiple types of vehicle owners



# **EV Community Outreach**

### For 10 points

- Select at least two of six potential target audiences
  - Residents, multifamily property owners, commercial property owners, local workplaces, auto dealerships, and commercial fleet operators
- For each selected audience, complete at least two outreach tasks
  - Materials webpage, social media post, flyer, mailed letter, video
  - Events webinar, in-person training, tabling at a green fair, EV Show

### For an additional 5 points

• 2-3 Letters of Certification from target audience members verifying that they are installing EVSE, purchasing an EV, or training staff in EV sales

# **Outreach and Collaboration**

### Show community members

- Benefits of EVs
- How the community is supporting EV adoption

### Live events, EV shows and Ride & Drives

- Boost consumer interest/confidence
- Reinforce range and affordability of EVs
- Fill a gap in hands-on EV experiences
- Effective at overcoming barriers to adoption
- Offer access to EVs in underserved communities





# ELEBRATING THE CARBON-FREE COMMUTE





# SUSTAINABLE PRINCETON leading community change

**Established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 2012**, we work alongside residents, businesses, nonprofits and local government to make our community more sustainable. We envision Princeton as a model town that examines every action through the lens of sustainability, ensuring a healthy environment, strong economy, and well-being of all community members now and in the future.

### **OUR MISSION**

Inspire our community to develop and implement solutions that positively impact the environment. We strive to lead community change to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, strengthen resilience to the impacts of the changing climate and protect the local ecosystem.

# WHERE IT ALL STARTED

# AN ELECTRIC EVENING.





# **ALL ABOUT THE CARS**

# WHERE WE TOOK IT

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# ELEBRATING THE CARBON-FREE COMMUTE

EV test drives

Food vendors

Cames

Prizes

eBike test rides

Live entertainment





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Westminster Choir College parking lot

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> Walk or bike! Limited parking available

MORE INFO SustainablePrinceton.org/Events







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# 2022 OVERVIEW.

- 12 Organizations & Vendors
- 16 e-Bikes
- 22 First Responders attended an EV safety class
- 25 EV owners
- 50 test drives
- 300 attendees!

# **EXAMPLE 1** CELEBRATING THE CARBON-FREE COMMUTE SEP 30 • 4-7 PM • WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE LOT





# LEVERAGING COLLABORATION .

- NRG Energy sponsor
- NJEVA
- NJCAR
- NJDEP
- PSE&G
- National Drive Electric Week (NDEW)
- PPS High School Community Bike Club
- Princeton University: Art Museum and Transportation and Parking Services
- First responders
- Princeton Municipality









Sustainable Princeton is a registered nonprofit with a mission to develop and implement solutions that positively impact our environment.

Learn more about what you can do to reduce our community footprint at:

www.sustainableprinceton.org



### ABOUT PRINCETON'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP)

The CAP identifies multiple strategies to promote public transit, bicycling, and walking within Princeton, and to expand access to electric vehicles and other low-emission alternatives.

### LEARN MORE

www.sustainableprinceton.org/



### **EVENT PASSPORT**

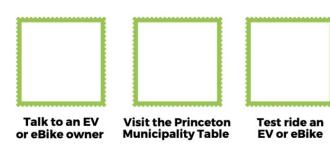




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Visit the Walk or bike to Sustainable eCommuter Fest Princeton table (get stamped at the PBAC Bike Valet)



Bring your stamped passport to the Sustainable Princeton table to enter the raffle to win amazing prizes!

Each stamp = 1 raffle ticket

### **EVENT MAP**

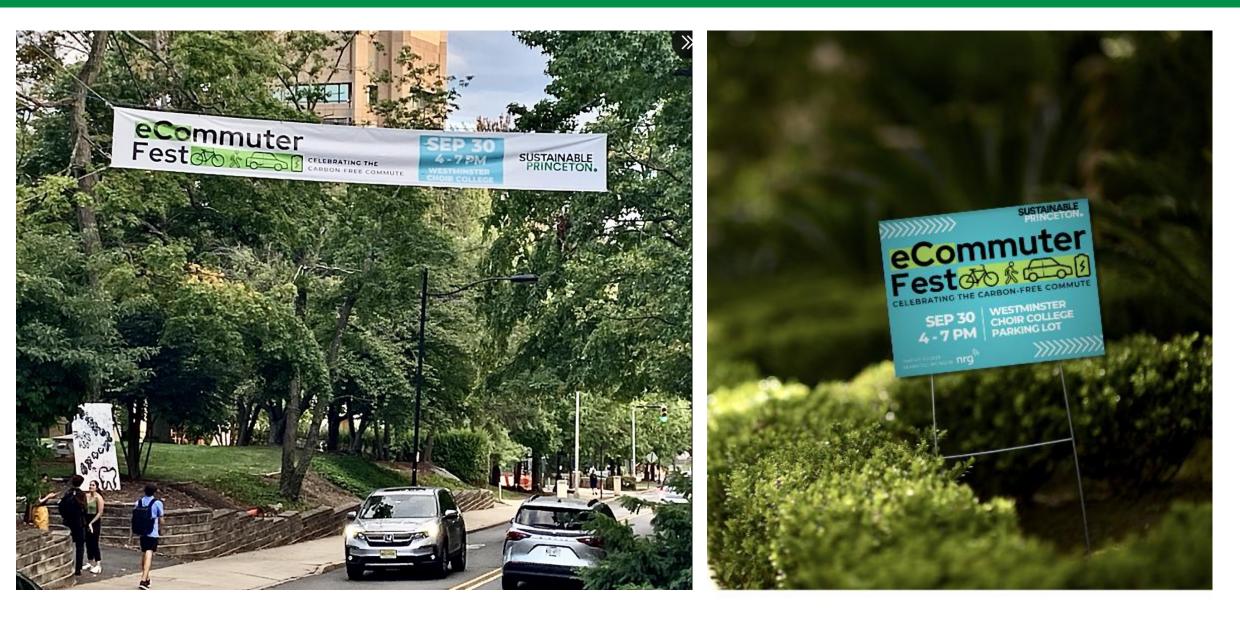


- **ENTERTAINMENT: Sustainable Jazz**
- LOCAL EV OWNER SHOWCASE

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# **GETTING THE WORD OUT**

# **GET SEEN OFF THE SCREEN**.



# **GIVE LOCAL PRESS SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT**.

### September 21, 2022 An Expanded eCommuter Fest Moves to Choir College Campus

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eCOMMUTER FEST IS TOMORROW! (4-7 pm // Westminster Choir College parking lot) **FOLLOW US TO eCommuter** Fest A to the CELEBRATING THE CARBON-FREE COMM

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### By Anne Levin

During the pandemic, Sustainable Princeton's eCommuter Fest drew crowds of up to 600 peor Shopping Center, eager to examine electric vehicles and learn about how to get around withou environment. With the easing of COVID, the latest rendition of the festival - taking place Fric 30 on the Westminster Choir College campus — is likely to be even more popular.

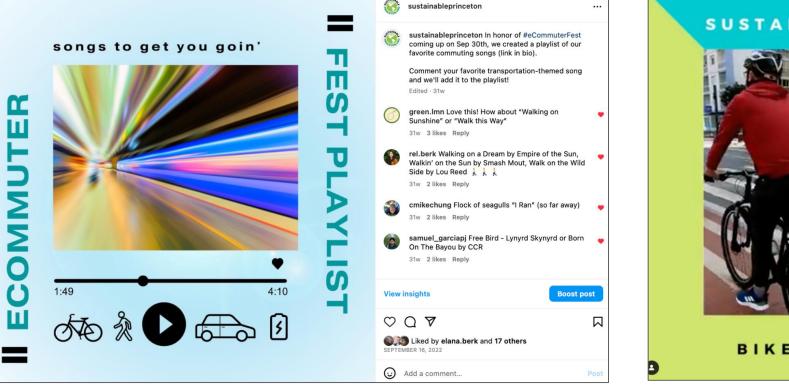
This year's ride and drive event, which moved from the shopping center because of con celebrates the latest in carbon-free commuter technology. It will begin with an opening stateme prizes will be offered.

### **By Pam Hersh**

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**Princeton**, NJ – If you want to see the latest and greatest in electric vehicles and electric bicycles be sure to check out Sustainable Princeton's "eCommuter Fest: Celebrating the Carbon-Free Commute" on Friday September 30, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Westminster Choir College parking lot. You will be able to kick the tires and even take a test drive in a Toyota, Ford, Tesla, GEM vehicles, or Polestar. If you prefer two wheels instead of four, take a spin on a Zero Motorcycle or an e-bike from Pedego, Princeton eBikes, and Sourland Cycles.

# **CREATE THE SURROUND SOUND**



### SUSTAINABLE COMMUTE



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sustainableprinceton 🚵 When it's just a little too far by foot, but you want to cut down on your carbon footprint, bikes are the perfect choice. Not to mention, with a bikeability score of 88, biking is convenient and possible for most trips in Princeton.

Lectric bikes, or e-bikes, assist with an electric motor, making them less physically strenuous than classic bikes, and still a carbon-free alternative to traditional private vehicles. Typically, e-bikes can go about 30-60 miles on a full charge, and it takes a few hours to charge a fully depleted battery.

If you've never had an opportunity to ride an e-bike, then our upcoming eCommuter fest is just the event for you. Local bike shops, @Pedegoprinceton @princetonebikes and @Sourland\_Cycles, will be bringing bikes to test ride. If classic bikes are more your speed, the Princeton High School Bike Club @phsbikingclub is offering free bike tune-ups and repair clinics!

Princeton's Climate Action Plan envisions all community members having access to safe, affordable, low-carbon transportation. Emissions from transportation account for 28% of Princeton's GHG emissions. The best way to

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# MAKE IT EASY WITH MEDIA KITS.

### Media Kit





### Bring your friends, fans and followers to eCommuter Fest!

Since 2018, Sustainable Princeotn's "EV Ride & Drive" event has been a well-loved, and well attended event drawing in crowds of about 600 residents. This is a prime opportunity to connect with like-minded neighbors and community members. It benefits us all to have as many people attend as possible, so we've created some fun, personalized social media posts you can share on your own platforms as well as a printable flyer you may choose to hang in your office, store or favorite community spot.

- Social media images have been included in the "social media posts" folder. Choose one that fits you best!
- The flyer is also attached. You can share it digitally, for example in an email newsletter, or you can print it.

Below are some sample captions that you can customize for your social media posts. Tag Sustainable Princeton in your posts so we can " like'' and comment on it!

Facebook and Instagram: @sustainableprinceton

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SEP 30 WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE PARKING LOT

### [CAPTION FOR CAR DEALERS]

We'll be at eCommuter Fest offering test drives of some of our newest models of electric vehicles. If you've never been behind the wheel of an EV you'll be hooked as soon as you get behind the wheel.

Visit SustainablePrinceton.com.Events to learn more. #eCommuterFest #NDEW2022

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<u>4 - 7 PM</u>

WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE PARKING LOT

**CHOIR COLLEGE** 

**PARKING LOT** 



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**SEP 30** 

4-7 PM

WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE PARKING LOT

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Friday, Sep 30th: The event "eCommuterFest" at the Westminster Choir College parking lot, Princeton NJ from 4-7 P.M. Sustainable Princeton #Padthai #SweetChilliLoadedFries

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# **SUCCESS & LESSONS LEARNED**

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	Rank	Municipality	County •	Total Personal Vehicles	Number of PEVs (Jun 2022)	PEVs (Dec	Percentage of EVs	EV Index (Number x Percentage) 斗
	1	Millburn township	Essex	13,020	591	975	7.49%	73.01
	2	West Windsor township	Mercer	18,347	630	1,061	5.78%	61.36
	3	Princeton	Mercer	15,263	540	929	6.09%	56.54
	4	Jersey City city	Hudson	88,454	1,077	2,115	2.39%	50.57
	5	Livingston township	Essex	20,000	527	999	5.00%	49.90
	6	South Brunswick township	Middlesex	29,797	1,305	1,207	4.05%	48.89
	7	Montgomery township	Somerset	15,454	485	863	5.58%	48.19
	8	Edison township	Middlesex	59,239	2,004	1,592	2.69%	42.78
	9	Monroe township	Middlesex	32,072	1,459	1,161	3.62%	42.03
	10	Montclair township	Essex	21,667	519	903	4.17%	37.63

Number of personal EVs by zip code from the Dec 2022 NJDEPs AFV data to the number of EVs by municipality, and many municipalities had a big jump in EV numbers from **June to December 2022. Princeton had a 72% increase**! Princeton now has the third-highest EV Index score (Number x Percentage) in the state.

# WHAT'S NEXT?

# PLANS FOR 2023.

- Return to Shopping Center!
- Entertainment
- Increase number of unique EVs
- Expand beyond EVs to include other modes of transportation









# EXPANDING THE "E".



Electric Eco-Friendly Equitable

### EL MUNIBUS ES GRATUITO Y DISPONIBLE AL PÚBLICO EN GENERAL!

MuniBus (1 ruta // Lunes a sábado // 7:30 AM - 8:50 PM)

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No hay servicio en días festivos. Consulte el sitio web para el calendario de dias festivos.







# YOU CAN DO IT TOO!

# **TOOLS & RESOURCES**.

- Planning Checklist
  - National Drive Electric Week Event
     Planning Resources + Giveaways
- Make it your own
  - Know your community!



### CHOOSE A DATE, TIME AND LOCATION

- □ Choose a date and time that people will be able to attend your event. Events during lunchtime or after work tend to have better attendance. **Note:** In New Jersey, car dealerships are closed on Sundays (and unable to work events) and Saturdays are their high traffic days.
- □ Choose a location that is easy for people to find and if possible, within walking/biking distance or accessible via public transportation to reduce the number of cars.
- □ If test drives will be given, make sure cars can safely and easily get in and out of the event location.
- TIP: Locations with large parking lot surfaces and multiple entrances are ideal for test-drive locations. You may need to work with local police to block entrances or roads for the test-drive.

### bit.ly/evchecklist



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# Got questions? Reach out to us!

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# EV Outreach in Your Community

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# EV Outreach Resources from NJDEP

- 1. Ride & Drive Events
- 2. Destination Electric
- 3. PlugStar Dealer Training
- 4. Multi Unit Dwelling Toolkit
- 5. Social Media

# **DEP can run an EV Ride & Drive for you**

Test drives change minds!

EV Ride & Drives are great at green fairs, annual town celebrations and large employers.



Cual EV Test Drive: Aug 3rd @ 6pm to learn about electric vehicles? Join a free EV virtual test driv

Talk to experts about incentives, charging and more.





## CHARGING NEARBY

# Showcase public charging in your town or city







# **PlugStar Certified Dealer**

**ELKINS CHEVROLET** is a

Staff at this dealership know how to:



Better assist customers looking for electric vehicles (EVs) Direct customers to information on EV incentives

Provide guidance on EV charging and best practices

Go to **PlugStar.com** to find more information on available incentives Contact the EV Support Program for your EV related questions: support@pluginamerica.org 1(877) EV-HELP-1 Tell your local auto dealers about the PlugStar Dealer Training and Certification Program

### **DEP Multi-Unit Dwelling Toolkit**



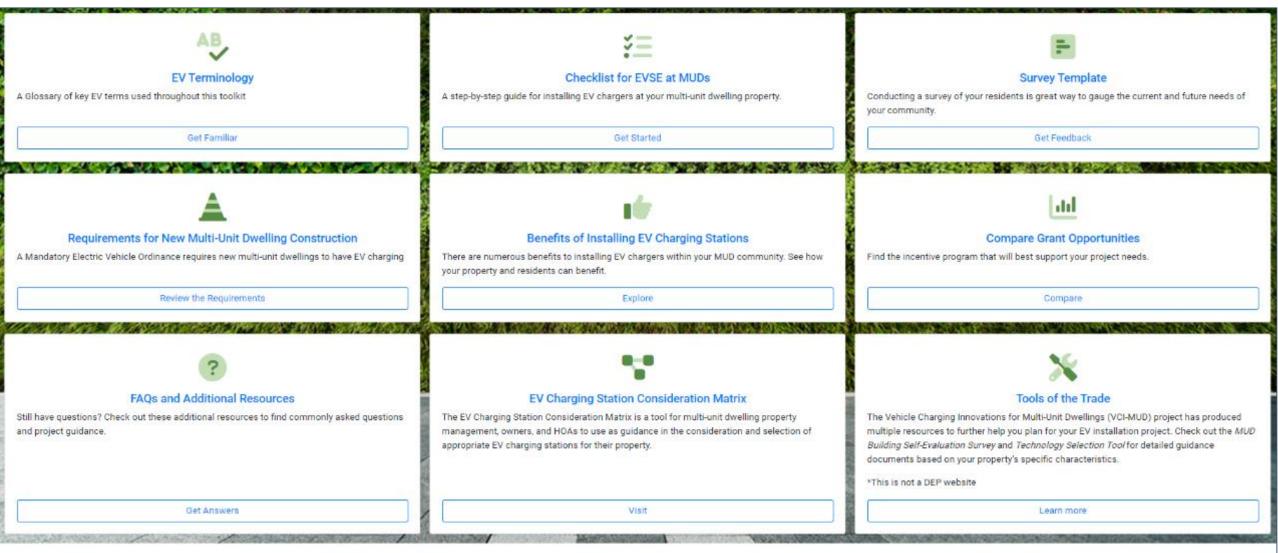
#### Multi-Unit Dwelling Toolkit

Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDs) house more than 1/3 of New Jersey residents. Limited access to electric vehicle (EV) charging at MUDs is a major barrier to transportation electrification. These multi-family households often lack easy access to at-home charging, due to the lack of private garages, driveways, or proximity and availability of an electrical source. Access to reliable home charging is a major determining factor for someone considering an EV as their next vehicle since most charging occurs overnight at home, allowing drivers to take advantage of off-peak electrical rates. Lack of access to EV charging at home is an important equity issue, because non-residential EV charging options (e.g., workplace or public charging stations) are generally more expensive. Our goal is to ensure all residents have equitable access to clean transportation which includes charging stations at MUDs.

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Due to the the many different types of MUDs, no one-size-fits-all solution exists for charging projects. This toolkit is a guide to encourage and support the installation of EV charging in multifamily communities and has been developed with New Jersey's existing legal and development framework in mind.

## **DEP Multi-Unit Dwelling Toolkit**





## Using Social Media to Promote EVs

- Rebates, grants and incentives
- Amplify press releases
- Promote webinars (especially when your staff is presenting!)
- Share EV basics, charging basics
- Brag about EVs in local fleets
- Important industry news & trends
- Brag about local public chargers

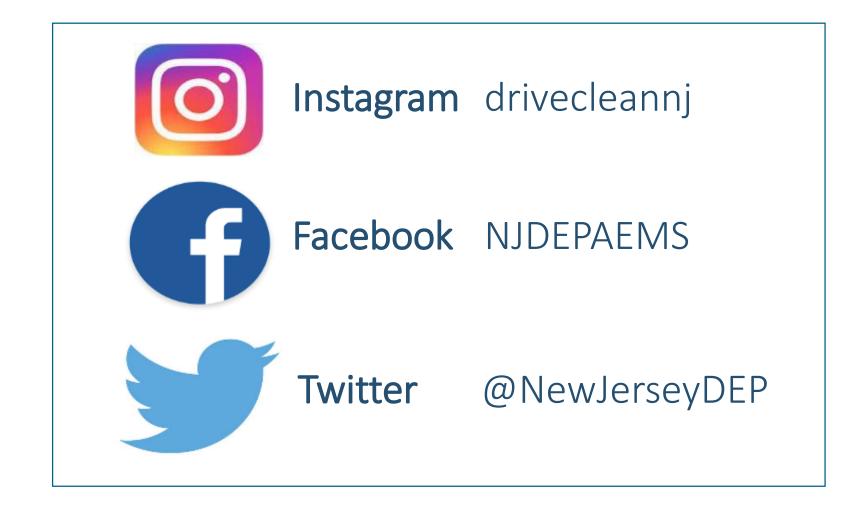


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We'll promote your posts too!

## EV outreach resources from DEP

#### DEP EV Ride & Drive events

dep.nj.gov/drivegreen/ride-and-drives/

#### **Destination Electric**

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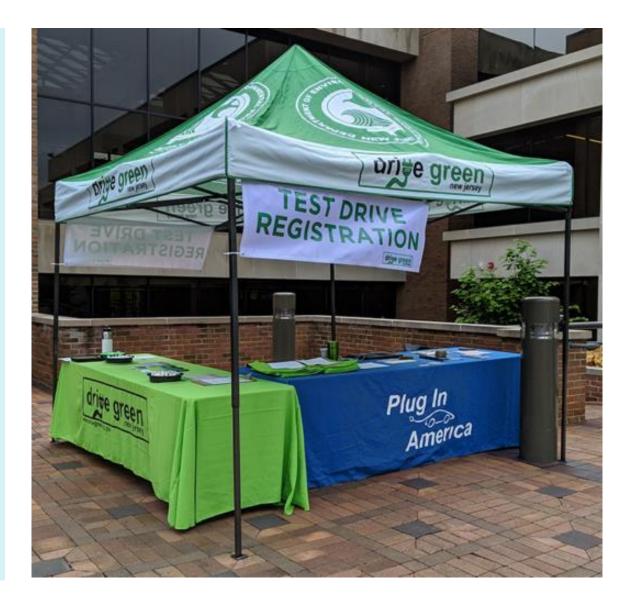
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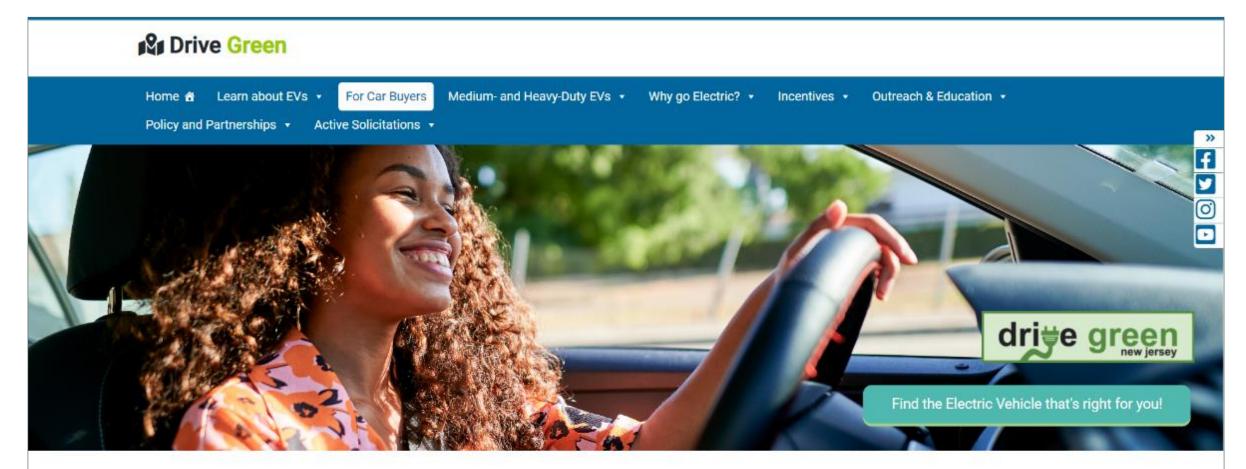
Multi-Unit Dwelling Toolkit dep.nj.gov/drivegreen/multi-unit-dwelling-toolkit/

DriveGreen New Jersey – DEP's EV Website

dep.nj.gov/drivegreen/



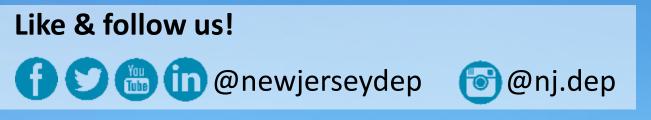
### Visit our Website for more EV info dep.nj.gov/drivegreen/



Learn the Basics

Learn the Benefits

Find an Electric Vehicle Dealer or Retailer The Benefits Add Up When You Drive Green





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# Thank you!

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# NJ BPU:

# Driving EV Adoption

May 5, 2023 Sustainability Summit

## **EV Policy**

New Jersey is implementing a suite of strategies in a concerted effort to increase the number of lightduty electric vehicles (EV) on the road and to ensure sufficient public electric vehicle charging infrastructure.



# Requirements for New MUDs

As a condition of preliminary site plan approval, permit applications involving new multi-unit dwellings with more than five units must comply with the following:

- Immediately: 15% of parking spaces shall be make-ready and 1/3 of those shall have EVSE installed;
- Within 3 years: install EVSE in an additional 1/3 of the original 15% ;
- Within 6 years: install EVSE in the final 1/3 of the original 15%; and
- **Overall**, at least 5% of EVSE per site must be accessible for people with disabilities.

## Requirements for New Parking Lots & Garages

- Requirements are based on the number of parking spaces in a new lot or garage (see chart below).
- Once over 100 parking spaces, at least one of which shall be accessible for people with disabilities.

Number of Parking Spaces	Number of Make- Ready Required (can be EVSE)
< 50	1
51-75	2
76-100	3
101-150	4
> 150	4%

Program	Description	Eligible Vehicles (Only Battery Electric Vehicles)	Level 2 Chargers (Energy Star certified, Pre-Qualified Network)	Fast Chargers (DCFCs)
Charge Up NJ	Residents, point of sale program for personal vehicles	MSRP <\$45,000 = \$4,000 MSRP \$45,001-55,000 = \$2,000	Residential Chargers = \$250	N/A
Clean Fleet	For State, County, Municipal, and other Local Government	\$4,000, limits based on population	Public chargers = \$5,000 Fleet charger = \$4,000 *Make ready for fleet only up to \$5,000 Limits based on population	\$50,000 Make ready for fleet up to \$50,000 Limits based on population
MUD	Multi- unit dwellings with at least 5 units and dedicated off street parking	N/A	\$4,000, properties located in Overburdened Municipalities \$6,000 Up to 6 per property	N/A
EV Tourism	Competitive solicitation for tourism locations (i.e. downtowns, parks, historic sites, etc.)	N/A	Public chargers = \$5,000, up to 6 per location	\$50,000, up to 2 per location
RGGI MHD EV Charging	Charging for MHD Vehicles, community or fleet charging	See EDA's NJZIP voucher program	N/A	\$225,000 for community charging \$175,000 for fleet charging
It Pay\$ to Plug In	NJDEP program for public and private charging uses	Periodic competitive solicitations	\$750 per Level 1 charging port; \$4,000 per Level 2 charging port.	Periodic competitive solicitations

### **Utility Programs**

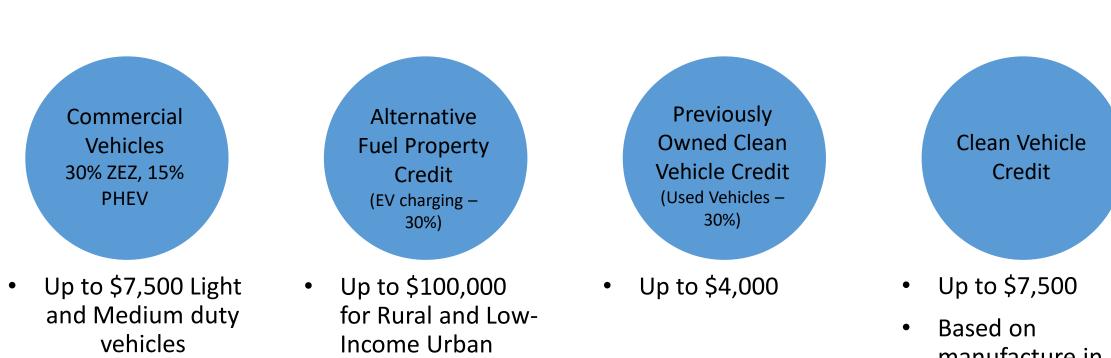
- Make-Ready for residential, L2 workplace, L2 MUD, L2 public and DCFC public chargers.
- No utility ownership until Areas of Last Resort.
- MUD rates must be substantially similar to residential rates.
- Demand Charge Solution.
- Can cover no more than 90% of total cost of project with federal, state and utility funding.
- Must be a universal charger, proprietary charges must be collocated, receive smaller incentive.
- Data sharing.
- Each utility has its own program requirements and caps.

#### 💮 What does *Make-Ready* mean? A Guide to Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Customer-Side "Behind the meter' Utility-Side "To the meter" Make-Ready Elements Charger Electric Vehicle Meter Power Lines Papel Conduit & Wiring Make-Ready is the pre-wiring of the electrical infrastructure at a site to enable it to accommodate a charger easily & efficiently, Make-Ready infrastructure includes service panels, junction boxes, transformers, meters, conduit, wiring, etc. Make-Ready does not include activation, hook-up or price of charger(s). \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Electric Vehicle a vehicle that has a battery Port(s) or equivalent energy the part of the storage device that can be Charger charger that charged from an electricity equipment that connects to the supply external to the powers the port(s) electric vehicle vehicle with an electric plug Site/Location physical address of the charger(s) New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection • Bureau of Mobile Sources dri<del></del>e green July 2021 DriveGreen.nj.gov

### Make Ready

The infrastructure required to power an EV charger is called the Make-Ready work. As of 2022, all four electric utilities provide programs to incentivize those costs.

### **Federal Tax Credits**



- Up to \$40,000 for • Heavy Duty vehicles
- - Up to \$1,000 for individual

manufacture in US and battery mineral sourcing

### **More Information**

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Session slides will be available on sustainablejersey.com by 5/12.

### **Upcoming Events and Opportunities**

#### FREE ENERGY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SCHOOLS AND MUNICIPALITIES IN ELIZABETHTOWN GAS, NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS, AND SOUTH JERSEY GAS SERVICE TERRITORIES

Free technical assistance to identify and apply for utility incentives and New Jersey's Clean Energy Program (NJCEP) incentives for energy efficiency audits and facility upgrades. This technical assistance is funded by Elizabethtown Gas, New Jersey Natural Gas, and South Jersey Gas.

#### For more information please visit: <u>bit.ly/EnergyTAforMunisandSchools</u>

#### 2023 MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION CYCLE

The next deadline to apply for certification is **May 12, 2023**. The final application deadline is **July 27, 2023**. View the full cycle timeline on the 2023 Certification Cycle page.

For more information please visit: <a href="https://www.bit.ly/MuniCertCycle">bit.ly/MuniCertCycle</a>

#### 2023 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM

Atlantic City Electric and Sustainable Jersey are pleased to offer **\$50,000** to support municipal environmental stewardship and resiliency projects in Atlantic City Electric's service territory. Municipalities are encouraged to work with local organizations on applications, which are due **June 29, 2023**. An informational webinar will be held on **May 15, 2023 from 1:00pm - 2:00pm**.

For more information please visit: http://www.bit.ly/SustainableCommunitiesGrantProgram

#### TRI-COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY GENERAL MEETINGS

This Sustainable Jersey Regional Hub will host virtual meetings on a variety of sustainability topics throughout the year. The next meeting is **May 31, 2023 from 7:00pm - 8:00pm**.

For more information please visit: http://www.bit.ly/Tri-CountySustainability

#### **2023 SCHOOL CERTIFICATION CYCLE**

The final deadline to apply for certification and Digital Schools Star Recognition is **June 15, 2023**. View the full cycle timeline on the 2023 Certification Cycle page.

For more information please visit: http://www.bit.ly/SchoolsCertCycle

#### TREES FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM, TREE-PLANTING GRANTS FOR NJ PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

The Trees for Schools program will provide **\$2.5 million** in grants to New Jersey public school districts, county colleges and state colleges and universities to fund the planting of trees on campuses across New Jersey. Competitive grants of **\$10,000 to \$500,000** will fund costs associated with planning, site preparation, trees, planting, watering, monitoring and related expenses over a three-year period. Applications are due on **July 13, 2023**, for spring 2024 plantings. An informational webinar will be held on **May 18, 2023 from 3:00pm - 4:30pm**. The Trees for Schools program is a collaboration of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, The College of New Jersey and Sustainable Jersey.

For more information please visit: <u>bit.ly/TreesforSchools</u>

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