



Clean Cities Atlanta Petroleum Reduction Program

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Clean Cities Atlanta Project?

The Clean Cities Atlanta Alternative Fuel and Advanced Technology Vehicle Project was created as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act under the Clean Cities Transportation Sector Petroleum Reduction Technologies Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The project is designed to increase the use of alternative fueled and advanced technology vehicles in Metro Atlanta as a means of reducing U.S. dependence on imported petroleum, increasing fuel economy and reducing emissions. It is commonly referred to as the Clean Cities Atlanta Petroleum Reduction Program.

How is the project funded?

The project is largely funded through a \$14.9 million grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), on behalf of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Vehicle Technologies and \$24.5 million in local cost share that will be infused into the project over the next 2-4 years in an effort to increase the use of alternative fuel vehicles and advanced technology vehicles in Metro Atlanta.

What will be the lasting impact of the project?

The project generally provides infrastructure that supports use of alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicles. More specifically, the region stands to gain a landfill gas conversion facility to produce renewable energy at a DeKalb County landfill, five publicly accessible Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling stations, one upgraded station to accommodate additional CNG fueling capacity, and 200 alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicles that will be deployed by Metro Atlanta-based companies, as well as city and county governments. In addition to the environmental and health benefits, this project will ultimately help maintain the competitiveness of Atlanta as various groups continue work to attract new businesses and jobs.

What is the Clean Cities Program?

Clean Cities strives to advance the nation's energy security by supporting local decisions to adopt practices that contribute to the reduction of petroleum consumption. Clean Cities has a network of approximately 90 volunteer coalitions, which develop public/private partnerships to promote alternative fuels and advanced vehicles, fuel blends, fuel economy, hybrid vehicles, and idle reduction. Clean Cities is part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's Vehicle Technologies Program.

What is Clean Cities Atlanta and what is its role in the project?

Clean Cities Atlanta <http://www.cleancitiesatlanta.net/> is a government-industry partnership that works to reduce America's petroleum consumption in the transportation sector. Over the last 15 years, the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities project has established local coalitions across the country that promote the growth of alternative fuels and showcase the potential of advanced and energy efficient vehicles. One of the first coalitions to be designated, Clean Cities Atlanta sponsors the Clean Cities Atlanta Petroleum Reduction Program.

What is the Center for Transportation & the Environment and what is their role?

The Center for Transportation and the Environment (www.cte.tv) is a member-based, nonprofit organization that facilitates the research, development, demonstration, commercialization, and market acceptance of advanced transportation technologies and alternative fuels. CTE is also a leader in the measurement and evaluation of commuter behavior and the efficiency and effectiveness of transportation demand management (TDM) programs. CTE provides project management and administration services for the Clean Cities Atlanta Project.

Are there other Clean Cities ARRA Funded Projects?

Yes. Clean Cities chapters and numerous projects across the nation have received ARRA funding including awards in California, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Virginia.

Who are the local sub-recipient partners for the project?

Clean Cities Atlanta sub-recipient partners on the Clean Cities Atlanta Petroleum Reduction Program include [DeKalb County](#), [City of Atlanta/Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport](#), [the Center for Transportation and the Environment](#), [City of College Park](#), [Coca-Cola Refreshments](#) – a division of The Coca-Cola Company, [The Parking Spot](#), [PS Energy Group, Inc.](#), [Sustainable Atlanta](#) and [United Parcel Service](#).

What are the project's objectives?

The project is designed to increase the supply of alternative fuels, increase availability of alternative fuels, and reduce the demand for petroleum-based fuels. The project will increase availability and supply of alternative fuels by constructing a Landfill Gas-to-Compressed Natural Gas conversion facility at a DeKalb County landfill; adding five Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling stations; and increasing capacity at a sixth station in the metro Atlanta region. Finally, the project will reduce the demand for petroleum-based fuels by deploying 200 alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicles.

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