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City of Troy Purchase Electric Vehicles, Charging Stations

City adding five new Nissan Leaf electric vehicles (EVs) to municipal fleet, replacing older, less fuel efficient cars

Five additional EV charging stations to be installed for city, public use

TROY, NY – Mayor Patrick Madden today announced that the City of Troy has added five electric vehicles to their municipal fleet, purchased entirely through a New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) grant the City received as part of being designated a Clean Energy Community in January.

Mayor Madden said, “With the support of NYSERDA and New York State, the City of Troy is continuing to diversify our green energy investments to help reduce costs and improve efficiencies in daily city operations. The addition of electric vehicles and charging stations will reduce our carbon footprint and promote energy-efficient transportation options for the public, part of our ongoing commitment to implementing climate-smart policies in our community.”

The five new electric Nissan Leaf vehicles will replace older, less fuel-efficient vehicles in need of frequent repairs. Replacing older cars with EVs capable of travel up to 150 miles on a single charge will save the city significant costs on fuel and maintenance. The vehicles will be used by the Bureau of Code Enforcement staff for day-to-day operations.

Funding for the purchase of electric vehicles was in part from a grant it received as the result of [Troy's designation as a Clean Energy Community](#). The Clean Energy Community designation recognizes Troy's leadership in reducing energy use, cutting costs and driving clean energy locally. Five additional electric vehicle charging stations

will also be purchased through the NYSERDA grant. For more information on Clean Energy Communities, visit www.nyserda.ny.gov/cec.

Alicia Barton, President and CEO, NYSERDA said, “The City of Troy is making clear their commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create a cleaner and greener community while building confidence among residents, businesses and visitors that they will have access to reliable charging facilities when driving their EVs in Troy. I applaud Mayor Madden for showing real leadership when it comes to adopting clean energy solutions that allow the city and the public to reduce their carbon footprint and move New York ever closer to meeting Governor Cuomo’s ambitious clean energy and climate goals.”

The City of Troy’s grant administered by NYSERDA is also supported by Lafarge Mitigation Funds which are available for local governments in Albany, Rensselaer, Columbia and Greene Counties through the standard Clean Energy Communities grant application process. This additional funding for these four counties is made available through the settlement of a lawsuit by the State of New York against Lafarge North America, Inc.

Charging stations will be installed in the 5th Avenue Garage and Green Island Parking lot, available for public use when not being utilized by city vehicles. The stations will have capacity to charge 10 vehicles simultaneously.

The deployment of electric vehicles and charging stations is part of the City’s ongoing commitment to implement local climate-smart programs and initiatives. In 2018, the City completed the first phase of their solar energy installation project. The 2.1 megawatt system provides 20 percent of the city’s annual electric needs while saving an estimated \$2 million in municipal energy costs over the next decade. In August, the city will adopt an updated Property Assessed Clean Energy law that allows commercial properties to install energy efficient heating and cooling systems and finance them through a benefit assessment on property value.

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