

# LAND of SKY CLEAN VEHICLES COALITION

## JULY NEWSLETTER

*Welcome! The Land of Sky Regional Council's Clean Vehicles Coalition monthly newsletter is a curation of the top content for the month, including news, upcoming events, and more. The Coalition is actively working with local and regional partners to develop projects and secure funding to increase the use of alternative fuel vehicles in the Western North Carolina region. Follow us on social media to learn more!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**AUG 7** **12 NOON**

**YOU'RE INVITED**  
**BILL MOORE COMMUNITY PARK, FLETCHER**  
IN APPRECIATION FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR REGION.

Land of Sky Regional Council invites you to join us for a summer celebration with elected officials, government employees and community members. Lunch will be provided by Carolina Ace BBQ. A vegetarian option will also be available.

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**LAND of SKY REGIONAL COUNCIL SUMMER BBQ**  
REGIONAL NETWORKING TASTY FOOD

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*Sustainable Fleet Tech Conference and Expo - Aug 13-15*

Join us at the **Durham Convention Center for the 2024 Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference & Expo, August 13-15!** This event is perfect for fleet managers, government officials, sustainability champions, researchers and those passionate about the future of sustainable transportation. Explore interesting topics like alternative fuels, advanced technologies and autonomous vehicles. Connect with industry leaders and discover cutting-edge solutions for a cleaner future.



**Register now** to be part of this event!

# Smoky Mountain Air Quality Update

Join the WNC Clean Air Campaign for an informative presentation about air quality!



WEDNESDAY,  
**AUGUST 21**  
at Appalachian  
Highland Science  
Learning Center

## Where?

107 PURCHASE RD,  
WAYNESVILLE, NC 28785

10:00AM - NOON

## Guest Speakers:

**JIM RENFROE**

## More information:

BYOB LUNCH w/ Picnic  
afterward (weather  
permitting)

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## RECENT EVENTS

*NCDOT Community Engagement Webinar - June 26*



The NCDOT recently hosted a Community Engagement Webinar on June 26th from 3:00 to 4:30 PM ET, where participants provided feedback on EV charging and learned about the benefits of the NEVI Program. If you missed the live event, the recording is now available to view on the [NCDOT YouTube channel here](#).

## *FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES*

### ***EPA Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant 2024***

The EPA has opened its [Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant program for 2024](#). The IRA funded program plans to spend \$932M to fund projects in areas that are in non-attainment for [current air quality standards](#). This program funds replacement of class 6 and 7 vehicles with zero-emission class 6 and 7 vehicles, including allocations for school bus, transit bus, and work truck replacements and allowances for charging infrastructure installation, workforce training, and some project costs. [Applications are due by July 25](#).

### ***Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program Round 2***

Part two of the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program is here! This initiative, under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, provides \$2.5 billion over five years to deploy EV charging and alternative fueling infrastructure nationwide. Eligible applicants, including states, local governments, and tribal authorities, can apply for up to \$1.3 billion in grants by August 28. Additionally, the reapplication window due by July 1st, has closed. Visit the CFI Program website for more information. [More information here](#).



## *IN THE NEWS*



## Buncombe County Project Highlighted in DEQ's \$1.11 Million Grant Awards

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Air Quality (DAQ) has awarded \$1.11 million in grants for projects aimed at reducing air pollution from diesel-powered mobile sources. One notable project in Buncombe County received \$285,400 in funding. Ingles Markets Inc. will use this grant to replace two diesel freight terminal switch tractors with electric terminal switch tractors. This initiative is expected to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions and reduce 15.6 tons of nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions over the lifetime of the equipment.

For more information about the Mobile Sources Emissions Reduction grant program, visit [DAQ's website](#).

### OUR STORY AND THE CLEAN CITIES PROGRAM

The Clean Vehicles Coalition is a Clean Cities program of Land of Sky Regional Council in the Western North Carolina area. The Coalition was designated by the United States Department of Energy on July 26, 2012, as an official Clean Cities program for the five-county area surrounding Asheville, including Buncombe, Henderson, Haywood, Madison and Transylvania counties. Clean Cities is a program of the United States Department of Energy that works with states and communities across the country to promote the use of cleaner, alternative fuels and vehicles. Cleaner/alternative fuels include compressed natural gas, propane, ethanol, biodiesel, electricity, and hydrogen. Click the images below to learn more.



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