

CENTRALINA CLEAN FUELS COALITION: IMPACTING THE GREATER CHARLOTTE REGION THROUGH OUR STAKEHOLDERS



Who We Are

The Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition (CCFC) has been in existence since 1997 and was formally designated in 2004 as a Department of Energy Clean Cities program. Our mission is “to reduce petroleum dependence, improve air quality, and stimulate regional economic development, while promoting, accelerating, and expanding the use of alternative fuels and advanced vehicle technologies in the transportation sector.” CCFC is a local effort of the Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG), a 9-county state designated regional planning agency in the greater Charlotte Region.

Stakeholders

The Coalition consists of stakeholders from the public and private sectors that come together voluntarily to share information and resources, educate the public, help craft public policy, and collaborate on transportation projects. The level of commitment and support for CCFC from public and private organizations is in place and growing.

Major Projects and Accomplishments

“CCFC keeps my team on the forefront of technology in the alternative fuels arena.”

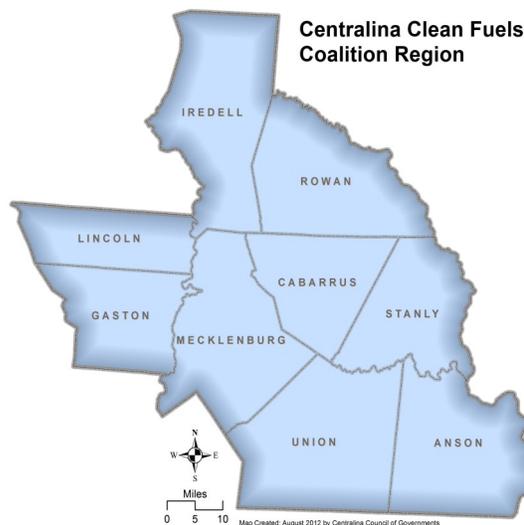
-Chris Facente UNCC Automotive & Motor Fleets Supervisor

CCFC has helped to avoid the production of over 19,531 tons of greenhouse gas emissions and has displaced an estimated 4.1 million gallons of petroleum in 2015 alone. Since its inception, CCFC has helped public and private coalition stakeholders secure more than \$14 million in grant funds for over \$34 million in total Clean Cities related project work in the region. Major accomplishments include:

- ◆ Administered the North Carolina Plug-in Electric Vehicle (PEV) Readiness Initiative: Plugging in from Mountains to Sea (M2S) grant, whose statewide partners collaborated to form the PEV Taskforce. The project implemented five community specific PEV Readiness Plans, along with the creation of a statewide NC PEV Roadmap. CCFC continues to guide PEV implementation in NC and serve as a national model.
- ◆ Since 2010, has served as a mentor in the Clean Cities Mentoring Program through the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, lending knowledge and expertise that helps to build sustainable and successful coalitions nationally.
- ◆ Coordinated over \$11.3 million in projects that deployed nearly 70 vehicles and alternative fuel infrastructure, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded Carolina Blue Skies Project in the Greater Charlotte Region.
- ◆ Serves as a Clean Fuel Alternative Technology (CFAT) Education and Outreach Partner, which includes assisting 24 organizations in the region who have been awarded over \$2.5 million in funding for vehicle and infrastructure projects.

What We Do

Clean Cities coalitions help to advance the nation’s economic, environmental, and energy security interests by supporting local actions to cut petroleum use in transportation. CCFC uses national research, funding and expertise to support networks of local stakeholders and provide customized technical assistance to fleets, implementing alternative and renewable fuels, idle-reduction measures, fuel economy improvements, and new transportation technologies.



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