

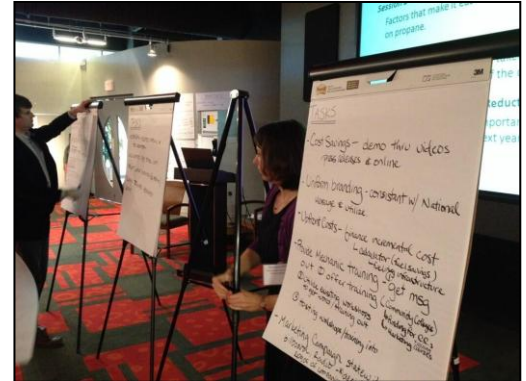


Spring 2014 CCFC Projects & Activities Update

Current Projects

Alternative Fuel Implementation Team (AFIT) for North Carolina

This 2-year effort funded by the US Department of Energy is aimed at making it easier for fleets to use alternative fuels. Comprised of NC's Clean Cities Coalitions based in Asheville, Charlotte and the Research Triangle, and led by the NC Solar Center, this team is working with industry leaders to create an Alternative Fuel Toolkit specifically designed for fleets in the state. The toolkit will include local case-studies, resources and offer barrier reduction strategies based on feedback from over 120 project participants.



CNG Workshop Held for Fleets in City of Monroe

CCFC partnered with the Monroe-Union County Economic Development Department to present a CNG Workshop at Southern Piedmont Community College. After a general overview of the alternative fuel, coalition stakeholders including Charlotte Solid Waste Services and Frito-Lay provided an overview of their local experiences, sharing best practices and lessons learned. The workshop concluded with a brief tour of the CNG fueling station at God Bless the USA, Inc., a private refuse hauling company based in Monroe. The station consists of two fueling posts powered by an Ingersoll Rand twin 40 horsepower compressor. Attendees were also able to watch GBUSA staff fuel one of Monroe's two bi-fuel CNG pickups.



CCFC Tapped as National Clean Cities Mentor Coalition

For a second time, CCFC has been asked to serve as a Clean Cities Mentoring Coalition within the US Department of Energy's National Program. Serving in the areas of Coalition Sustainability and Fleet Outreach, CCFC staff is available as just one of seven coalitions tapped to aid other coalitions across the country as part of our shared mission of reducing dependence on foreign oil.



Current Projects (continued)

CONNECT Our Future: Sustainable Communities Planning Initiative



We live and work in one of the fastest growing regions in the country. Within 40 years another 1.8 million people will live in the greater Charlotte region. Where and how will our region grow? Spend five minutes online and you'll help create a preferred path for our region's future. Visit <http://ConnectOurFuture.metroquest.com> to tell us what you think about four distinct options that could guide how the Charlotte region will grow.

Upcoming Conferences & Events

Energy Independence Summit: March 30 – April 2, 2014 in Washington, DC

The 2014 Summit will provide the latest information on what the current state of play in Washington means for alternative fuels and vehicles, as well as an opportunity to meet the key Administration and Congressional leaders who will chart the future of the transportation energy industry. CCFC will join 100 other Clean Cities Coalitions and meet with North Carolina representatives on Capitol Hill.



CCFC 10th Anniversary Celebration: May 29th from 6:00 – 8:00pm at the Foundation for the Carolinas
In honor of our 10th Anniversary as an officially designated U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities coalition, the Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition will be hosting a celebration event! Please save-the-date and join us as we recognize the achievements of past and current stakeholders.

Southeast Alternative Fuels Conference and Expo: October 22-24, 2014 at the Raleigh Convention Center

This conference will provide the opportunity for education and networking among fleet managers, industry experts and other decision makers. Presentations and breakout sessions will focus on alternative fuels and fleet efficiency options covering technical details, policies and programs as well as successful fleet implementation stories.



About the Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition

We support and promote the reduction of petroleum dependence, improvements in air quality, and increased alternative fuel usage through education, funding access, and public/private partnerships. We're a local effort of a North Carolina regional planning agency called the Centralina Council of Governments, which involves Anson, Cabarrus, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly, and Union counties.

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