

## Maine Clean Communities

Managed by GPCOG, Maine Clean Communities is one of nearly 100 U.S. Department of Energy designated Clean Cities Coalitions across the country



US DOE Re-Designation Webinar with Stakeholders

working together to reduce petroleum consumption in the transportation sector. Maine Clean Communities is the only Clean Cities Coalition in Maine and works statewide. Bringing together fleets and fuel providers, Maine Clean Communities works to promote the use of alternative fuels (such as natural gas, propane, biodiesel and hydrogen), alternative fuel vehicles and other fuel-saving practices.



In February, Maine Clean Communities did a presentation to the U.S. Department of Energy officials from the National Clean Cities Program for a re-designation of the program for another three years. DOE officials said, **“Your work is consistently high quality, and the coalition provides real value to its stakeholders.”**

## Electric Vehicle Loan program

Maine Clean Communities and GPCOG were awarded a grant from Central Maine Power in September, 2013 for a two-year lease of an all-electric, Nissan Leaf, and the installation of two EV charging stations at our office in Portland.



Gordy Billington, Standish Town Manager, with Clipper Creek Charging Station outside of Standish Town Hall

“Today’s electric vehicles are a glimpse into the future. Very cost effective, clean transportation.”

Gordy Billington

As part of our EV outreach, Maine Clean Communities and GPCOG are loaning the vehicle out to our municipal members and stakeholders to

experience the vehicle firsthand. So far, **South Portland, Portland, Raymond, Scarborough, Casco and Standish** have borrowed the vehicle and many of our staff and some stakeholders have tested out the vehicle as well. The response has been overwhelmingly positive.

The Town of **Standish** has installed an EV charging station and leased a Ford Fusion plug-in hybrid EV that will arrive in July, while the Town of **Scarborough** has approved funding for the two-year lease of a Nissan Leaf. The Cities of **Portland** and **South Portland** were recently awarded grants from CMP as well, and both intend to incorporate EV’s into their fleets. **Portland** is installing at least one charging station while **South Portland** is installing one DC Fast Charger and two Level II charging stations at their Community Center and City Hall.

GPCOG is also collecting data of drivers’ attitudes, experiences and other data points related to vehicle use, performance, and energy costs and overall savings.



South Portland Mayor Tom Blake, Jim Gailey and Jon Jennings, along with Gail Rice of CMP, and Steve Linnell, Maine Clean Communities Coordinator, at South Portland City Hall