

# Joint Subcommittee on Fuel Efficient Vehicles and Transportation Funding

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Virginia Clean Cities

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**Hampton Roads Clean Cities Coalition** 

### **AMERICAN ENERGY FOR TRANSPORTATION**



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### **Clean Cities**

National US DoE voluntary program to promote energy independence in transportation

90 Coalitions nationwide

One designated Coalition in Virginia (Hampton Roads)

Statewide effort ongoing

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Putting Alternative Fuel Vehicles on the Nation's Streets and Highways





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# Begins with Commonwealth leading by example

Executive Order 48: A mechanism already in place



#### Low Cost of a Biodiesel Blend

Price calculator for biodiesel blends								
		B2	B5	B10	B20			
gallons:		100	100	100	100			
petro gals:		98	95	90	80			
bio gals:		2	5	10	20			
petro price:		2.250	2.250	2.250	2.250			
petro total:		220.50	213.75	202.50	180.00			
bio price:		2.450	2.450	2.450	2.450			
bio total:		4.90	12.25	24.50	49.00			
total cost		225.40	226.00	227.00	22 <u>9.0</u> 0			
avg price gal:		2.254	2.260	2.270	2.290			
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fed tax		0.244	0.244	0.244	0.244			
va tax		0.175	0.175	0.175	0.175			
total with tax		2.673	2.679	2.689	2.709			

Compare the bottom green bar to the top green bar to see how much more it costs to use blends of biodiesel vs. conventional petroleum diesel at today's prices. It is easy to control the costs by varying the blend

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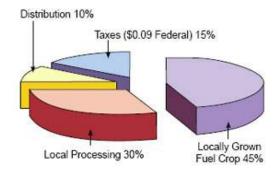
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### Not without a bit of economic pain

### No silver bullet solutions



In the long term – nurturing the alternative energy industry we already have in Virginia, growing it and attracting new players should be considered an investment in our state's economy, environment, energy security and quality of life.



Potentially \$0.90 of every dollar stays local

Source: Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension. Publication Number 442-880. Available online: http://www.ext.vt.edu/pubs/ageng/442-880/442-880.html





So progress is possible even when economic winds are blowing in our faces instead of at our backs





### Invest an "opportunity cost"













Do this:



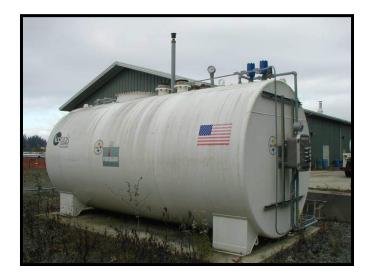
Example of a government fleet fueling facility in San Antonio TX. The fleet pumps are inside the fence. The alternative fuels, pictured, are publicly accessible.

### Or, better yet, do this:



E85 is sold at a conventional fueling station that is used by the public and by government FFV fleets

Don't do this:



Fuel tank with remote dispensing installed in consumer-hostile industrial location enclosed in fenced perimeter.







### Implement the Biofuels Production Incentive Fund and Grant Program

To increase the level of economic benefit accruing to the Commonwealth from local production of energy from locally produced feedstocks







### Use the new biofuels industry to finance incentives

Again, all incentive programs come with a dose of pain



### **VA Transportation Fuel Consumed**

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#### Annual quantities in thousand barrels

Year	Gasoline	Diesel	Jet	Ethanol***	Biodiesel*
2002	90,030	24,930	9,955	1,480	12**
2003	91,498	25,375	11,461	1,951	24**
2004	92,953	29,027	16,754	2,056	60**
2005*	93,557	28,426	18,845	2,529	120**

Source: US Energy Information Administration

\*2005 totals are estimated; 2006 not available

\*\* Biodiesel consumption is an educated guess

\*\*\* Ethanol is included in gas totals and will be much higher in 2006-7

# 3.9 billion gallons of gasoline used in VA in 2005 equals about 10 days of national consumption at the 2005 rate of 375 million gallons per day.



# Step Two

#### An innovative incentive that does not use motor fuels tax revenue:

Illinois drivers seeking relief from soaring gas prices are eligible for a \$1,000 rebate with the purchase of a new hybrid or other fuel efficient vehicle.

Under its Green Rewards program, the Treasurer's Office has committed \$2 million in rebates to make high-mileage hybrid vehicles, which run on gasoline and electricity, more affordable.

Participating banks and credit unions agree to accept a discounted deposit rate from the state for one year in exchange for providing the \$1,000 rebates to Illinois residents. The program is open to all banks and credit unions in Illinois.



Aside from quantifiable economic benefit, the benefits which are less obvious and difficult to quantify are of equally important value:

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How do you calculate the benefits to human and planetary health of cleaner air resulting from the reduced carbon dioxide and toxin emissions of a hybrid electric car, plug-in hybrid, hydrogen ICE or fuel-cell powered vehicle or a car or truck powered by compressed natural gas or propane?

What's the worth to a state of having enough local feedstock and biodiesel production capacity to supply even a limited amount of fuel for emergency and essential vehicles in the event of a short-term petroleum supply crisis?

If just 10 percent of petroleum was displaced in a decade or so by renewable alternative fuel sources, improved efficiency and advanced technology vehicles, how would petroleum prices, the economic and political power of unfriendly crude-oil producing nations, and the supply of precious non-renewable fossil fuels be affected?



# The hardest question of all, though, is what is the potential cost of doing nothing?

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#### **Dragon Run Biodiesel Project**



http://www.mppdc.com/dragon/index.shtml

Located in the Middle Peninsula of Virginia, the Dragon Run Watershed encompasses parts of Essex, King and Queen, Middlesex, and Gloucester Counties. "The Dragon Run Steering Committee, the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission (MPPDC), and the Virginia Coastal Program are co-sponsoring the development of a Special Area Management Plan, or SAMP, for the Dragon Run Watershed." The SAMP's purpose is to "support and promote community-based efforts to preserve the cultural, historic, and natural character of the Dragon Run, while preserving property rights and the traditional uses within its watershed" (Source: MPPDC)

As part of the Dragon Run Special Area Management Plan managed by the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission (MPPDC), a study titled "Opportunities for Sustainable Natural Resource-Based Development in the Dragon Run Watershed" (referred hereafter as the Yellow Wood study) was conducted in October 2005. The overall purpose of the project was to identify and explore Photo: I economic development activities and opportunities that sustain traditional land Source uses while enhancing the natural resource base or at least minimizing adverse impacts. Seven areas were selected for further exploration, including biodiesel utilization (and vehicles. The Yellow Wood study found biodiesel utilization to be an example of enterprise that sustainable natural resource-based economic development for the Watershed, whether carried private sectors.

As a result, Virginia Clean Cities was contracted by the MPPDC to continue further exploration ( and present recommendations based on survey summaries and stakeholder interest detailing p provide sustainable natural resource-based economic benefit to the watershed community cen production of biodiesel as a cleaner, healthier, domestic alternative to fossil fuel.

Virginia Clean Cities is currently working on a variety of tasks related to this project, and will pe project completion in October 2007.

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#### Virginia Hydrogen Economy Roundtable

Virginia Clean Cities coordinates the Virginia Hydrogen Economy Roundtable, representing participants from over thirty organizations, whose purpose is to determine the potential role for hydrogen systems in Virginia's energy future. The Roundtable completed work on "Virginia's Vision and Strategy for the Hydrogen Economy" and are now working on implementing the recommendations, such as hydrogen teacher training workshops.



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#### VA-MD-DC E85 Infrastructure Project

Objective: Make E85 publicly available in up to 12 locations in Virginia, Maryland and DC by providing grant funds to station owners to help defray the cost of conversion.

#### Where:

\* I-95 from Maryland to North Caroina \* I-64 from Charlottesville to Virginia Beach \* Near federal and state E85-capable fleets

When: By September 30, 2008

- \* Define and develop E85 supply chain
- \* Partnerships with ethanol producers, fuel distributors/retailers, vehicle dealers, owners of fleet Flex Fule Vehicles (FFV) General Motors Corporation is a key partner
- \* Grant money helps defray the capital costs and risk

#### Grants and Tax Credits:

- \* Up to \$20,000 in grants available per E85 hose
- \* 30% federal tax credit for infrastructure

\* Grant money, tax incentives, GM marketing support and government fleet dedication can reduce capital cost and lower investment risk, especially when; an existing tank can be converted to E85, an additional tank can be added to a new build. and/or a large FFV fleet will agree to fuel at the facility.

#### 2-year Project Cost:

- \$767,000 total project
- \* \$284,000 federal portion (37%; 1 of 13 competitive DOE awards)
- \* \$483,000 match (63%, sources: VA, MD, DC private)



#### First E85 Station Opening

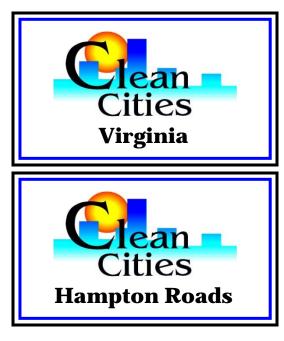
The first recipient of money from the Virginia-Maryland-DC E85 grant managed by Virginia Clean Cities will be Mid-Atlantic Petroleum Properties LLC for adding the renewable corn-based fuel to a station on Wisconsin Avenue in the tony Georgetown neighborhood of Washington DC. Mid-Atlantic converted an existing diesel tank at the Chevron-branded location, one of about 50 retail locations owned or supplied by the company. Owners Carlos and May-May Horcasitas have plans to add £85 soon to as many as five or six additional Mid-Atlantic stations within the Capital Beltway, mostly in DC.

Many thanks for making E85 publicly available in DC to Mid-Atlantic









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Virginia Clean Cities organizes "Advancing the Choice" events which bring in expert speakers to discuss alternatives to imported petroleum fuels



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Virginia Clean Cities' organized a ribbon cutting ceremony in honor of Hampton Roads' first public biodiesel pump opening and Virginia Beach Public Schools switch to B20 in over 200 school buses.



Virginia Clean Cities organizes "ride and drive" opportunities for the public to test drive various alternative fuel vehicles



Virginia Clean Cities staff speak at all types of events ranging from media events to conferences and K-12 educational forums.