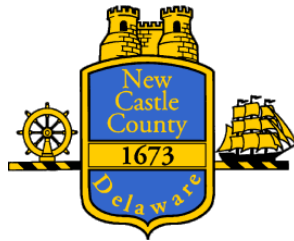


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Michael S. Regan, EPA Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
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April 1, 2024

**RE: New Castle County, Delaware CPRG Application for “Electrifying Communities: Enhancing EV Infrastructure in New Castle County”**

Dear Administrator Regan,

I write as New Castle County Executive in support of the County’s application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG), which will increase the number of charging stations, electric vehicles, and electric park maintenance equipment in our county.

This application offers a unique combination of reducing emissions in our local communities and in county operations. Electric vehicle charging stations at libraries and parks will make electric vehicle infrastructure more accessible to library and park patrons, who may not have access to EV charging stations at their homes or apartments. Many of the locations of the charging stations, such as the Route 9 Library and Innovation Center and the Claymont Library, will be in or near disadvantaged communities.

Not only would this funding complete the county’s 100 Plug Plan, but it also supports other state initiatives, such as DelDOT’s National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan. As electric vehicles become more accessible and affordable, we need infrastructure to support the transition to these vehicles.

This funding will also be used to buy electric lawn mowers and supporting equipment for the county’s Public Works park maintenance activities. Because the county intends to use this electric equipment specifically in parks near and in disadvantaged communities, this investment will reduce air pollution in areas that have borne an unfair burden of environmental pollution.

Finally, the CPRG funding will also be used to purchase ten electric passenger vehicles for the county fleet and increase charging capacity at the New Castle County Government Center for these vehicles. The county already has 22 such vehicles in use, and this grant will allow the county to continue transitioning away from traditional gasoline powered vehicles, setting a positive example for the community and other local governments.

We appreciate your time and consideration of this proposal. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me at [matthew.meyer@newcastlede.gov](mailto:matthew.meyer@newcastlede.gov) or 302-395-5118 with any questions about my support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Matthew S. Meyer  
County Executive

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0803

March 22, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20460

RE: New Castle County, Delaware CPRG Application for "Electrifying Communities: Enhancing EV Infrastructure in New Castle County"

Dear Administrator Regan,

I write to express my strong support for New Castle County's application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG), which will increase the number of charging stations, electric vehicles, and electric park maintenance equipment in the county.

This application offers a unique combination of reducing emissions in our local communities and in county operations. Electric vehicle charging stations will make electric vehicles more accessible to library and park patrons, who may not have access to EV charging stations at their homes or apartments. Many of the locations of the charging stations, such as the Route 9 Library and Innovation Center and the Claymont Library, will be in or near disadvantaged communities. Not only would this funding complete the county's 100 Plug Plan, but it also supports other state initiatives, such as DelDOT's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan. As electric vehicles become more accessible and affordable, we need infrastructure to support the transition to these vehicles.

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Finally, the CPRG funding will also be used to purchase ten electric passenger vehicles for the county fleet and increase charging capacity at the New Castle County Government Center for these vehicles. The county already has twenty-two such vehicles in use, and this grant will allow the county to continue transitioning away from traditional gasoline-powered vehicles, setting a positive example for the community.

I appreciate your time and consideration of this proposal and ask that you contact me once a decision is rendered. Should you have any questions, I can be reached through my staff member, John Gentile at (302) 573-6291.

Sincerely,



Thomas R. Carper  
United States Senator

March 27, 2024

County Executive Matt Meyer  
New Castle County  
87 Reads Way  
New Castle, DE 19720

SUBJECT: New Castle County, Delaware CPRG Application for "Electrifying Communities: Enhancing EV Infrastructure in New Castle County"

Dear Mr. Meyer,

The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) is pleased to support New Castle County's application for funding through the US Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program to increase the number of charging stations, electric vehicles, and electric park maintenance equipment in the county. As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the bi-state, nine county Greater Philadelphia Region, DVRPC works with stakeholders to approve and advance federal transportation infrastructure investment that supports the vision laid out in our Long-Range Plan, *Connections 2050*, for an equitable, resilient, and sustainable region. DVRPC, working with WILMPACO and SJTPO, prepared the Priority Climate Action Plan for the Philadelphia MSA, which includes New Castle County, Delaware. New Castle County's CPRG implementation grant project aligns with the PCAP priority measure to "Implement Actions to Decarbonize Local Government Operations".

This application offers a unique combination of reducing emissions in the MSA's local communities and in local government operations. Electric vehicle charging stations will make electric vehicles more accessible to library and park patrons who may not have access to EV charging stations at their homes or apartments. Many of the locations of the charging stations, such as the Route 9 Library and Innovation Center and the Claymont Library, will be in or near disadvantaged communities. Not only would this funding complete the county's 100 Plug Plan, but it also supports other state initiatives, such as DelDOT's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan. As electric vehicles become more accessible and affordable, we need infrastructure to support the transition to these vehicles.

This funding will also support the County's ability to purchase electric lawn mowers and supporting equipment for its Public Works park maintenance activities. Because the County intends to use this electric equipment specifically in parks near and in disadvantaged communities, this investment will reduce air pollution in areas that have seen unfair environmental pollution. The CPRG funding would also allow the County to purchase ten electric passenger vehicles for its fleet and increase charging capacity at the New Castle County Government Center for these vehicles. The county already has twenty-two such vehicles in use, and this grant will allow the county to continue transitioning away from traditional gasoline powered vehicles, setting a positive example for the community.

Should EPA select this application for CPRG funding, DVRPC confirms our commitment to take the necessary steps to push forward this project by documenting and sharing lessons learned throughout the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ariella Maron". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ariella" and last name "Maron" clearly distinguishable.

Ariella Maron  
Executive Director  
Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission



March 27, 2024

Michael S. Regan  
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RE: New Castle County, Delaware CPRG Application for “Electrifying Communities: Enhancing EV Infrastructure in New Castle County”

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Finally, the CPRG funding will also be used to purchase ten electric passenger vehicles for the county fleet and increase charging capacity at the New Castle County Government Center for these vehicles. The county already has twenty-two such vehicles in use – some of which our Challenge Electric Vehicle grant purchased for the County - and this grant will allow the county to continue transitioning away from traditional gasoline powered vehicles, setting a positive example for the community.

We appreciate your time and consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Drew Slater".

Drew Slater  
Executive Director



# Wilmington Area Planning Council

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March 28, 2024

County Executive Matt Meyer  
New Castle County  
87 Reads Way  
New Castle, DE 19720

RE: New Castle County, Delaware CPRG Application for “Electrifying  
Communities: Enhancing EV Infrastructure in New Castle County”

Dear County Executive Meyer,

The Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) would like to express our strong support for New Castle County’s application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG), which will increase the number of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations, vehicles, and park maintenance equipment.

Greening County operations will result in emissions reductions and entail other benefits, including within Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities (LIDAC). These include the addition of EV charging stations at libraries within LIDAC communities, for example, which have limited public EV stations. In addition, the electrification of lawn mowers used to maintain parks within LIDAC communities will help further reduce regional and localized air emissions.

This application is in alignment WILMAPCO’s Regional Transportation Plan, specifically our aim to *Reduce Carbon Emissions* through clean vehicle infrastructure, fuels, and technology. Moreover, it aligns with the recently completed Priority Climate Action Plan for the Philadelphia MSA, specifically the measure to decarbonize local government facilities and operations.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at: [tzegeye@wilmapco.org](mailto:tzegeye@wilmapco.org) or 302-737-6205 x114.

Sincerely,



Tigist Zegeye  
Executive Director



Partners with you in transportation planning

March 27, 2024

County Executive Matt Meyer  
New Castle County  
87 Reads Way  
New Castle, DE 19720

RE: New Castle County, Delaware CPRG Application for “Electrifying Communities:  
Enhancing EV Infrastructure in New Castle County”

Dear County Executive Meyer,

We write to express our strong support for New Castle County’s application for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG), which will increase the number of charging stations, electric vehicles, and electric park maintenance equipment in the county. As a coalition of environmental, educational and advocacy organizations, we see this proposal as crucial for our collective transition to a cleaner and brighter future.

This application offers a unique combination of reducing emissions in our local communities and in county operations. Electric vehicle charging stations will make electric vehicles more accessible to library and park patrons, who may not have access to EV charging stations at their homes or apartments. Many of the locations of the charging stations, such as the Route 9 Library and Innovation Center and the Claymont Library, will be in or near disadvantaged communities. Not only would this funding complete the county’s 100 Plug Plan, but it would also support other state initiatives, such as the Delaware Department of Transportation’s National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan. As electric vehicles become more accessible and affordable, we need infrastructure to support the transition to these vehicles.

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We resoundingly endorse New Castle County's proposal for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. We believe in its potential to spark a shift in our transportation culture, to hasten the adoption of electric vehicles and to invigorate our public spaces with the ethos of sustainability and resilience.

We appreciate your consideration and encourage your support of New Castle County’s CPRG application. Together, we can drive Delaware, and by extension our nation, towards a greener and more sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Michael Smith  
Executive Director  
Powering Our Future

Charlie Garlow  
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