



NIRPC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING
August 6th, 2026

GRANT FUNDING

Community Partnerships Grant Program

- Project Key Characteristics: Control of Invasive species, capture and treat stormwater runoff, restore Great Lakes Shoreline and riparian corridors, restore, enhance and protect coastal wetlands, nearshore and other habitats.
- Up to \$300,000 per project award. No Match required. \$1,125,000 available.
- 18 Month project period.

Key Dates:

- 9.4.26 – LOI due
- 10.2.26 – LOI decision and invitation to submit full proposal.
- 11.13.26 – Full Proposal Due.
- 3.15.27 – Project start date.
- 9.15.28 – Project complete.

Here is a link to the [Program Documents](#).

Tesla Wall Charger Donation

- We have Tesla Wall Charger (48 AMP) donations for Municipalities and Nonprofits.
- Please reach out if interested. (19 Universal Wall Chargers/9 Pedestals)

GM Level 2 Charger Donation

- (18) Level 2 Chargers (48 AMP)

Indiana Clean Diesel Funding (October 2026)

- Estimated ~\$10M available for onroad Class 4-8 GVWR and offroad diesel replacements.
- up to 25% off new clean diesel replacements
- up to 35% off new CNG and LPG replacements
- up to 75% off new all-electric replacements
- up to 50% off Port Drayage Clean Diesel Replacements

PROJECT UPDATES

GOEVIN Funding Awards Announced (updated 8.4.26)

- Over \$3.3M announced to fund publicly accessible DCFC and Level 2 Projects across the State.

Direct Current Fast Chargers Project Selections

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Ports</u>	<u>Charging Speed</u>
Pilot Travel Centers LLC	1401 Ripley St Lake Station, IN 46405	\$151,200.00	4	175
Pilot Travel Centers LLC	3221 E. 181 st Ave. Hebron, IN 46341	\$125,000.00	4	175
Pilot Travel Centers LLC	29445 Burr St. Gary, IN 46406	\$200,000	4	175

Level 2 Project Selections

<u>Applicant Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Ports</u>	<u>Charging Speed</u>
Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission	6100 Southport Rd Portage, IN 46368	\$2,200.00	2	7.2



Porter County Convention, Recreation, and Visitor Comm.	1215 N State Road 49 Porter, IN 46304	\$2,200.00	2	7.2
Schererville Automotive	1400 Indian. BLVD Schererville, IN	\$10,000.00	2	7.2
South Shore JLR, LLC	5781 US Hwy 30 Crown Point, IN 46307	\$10,000.00	2	7.2
Viking Medical Center LLC	1425 Glendale Blvd Valparaiso, IN 46383	\$10,000.00	2	7.2

IN NEVI Round Update (Update Forthcoming)

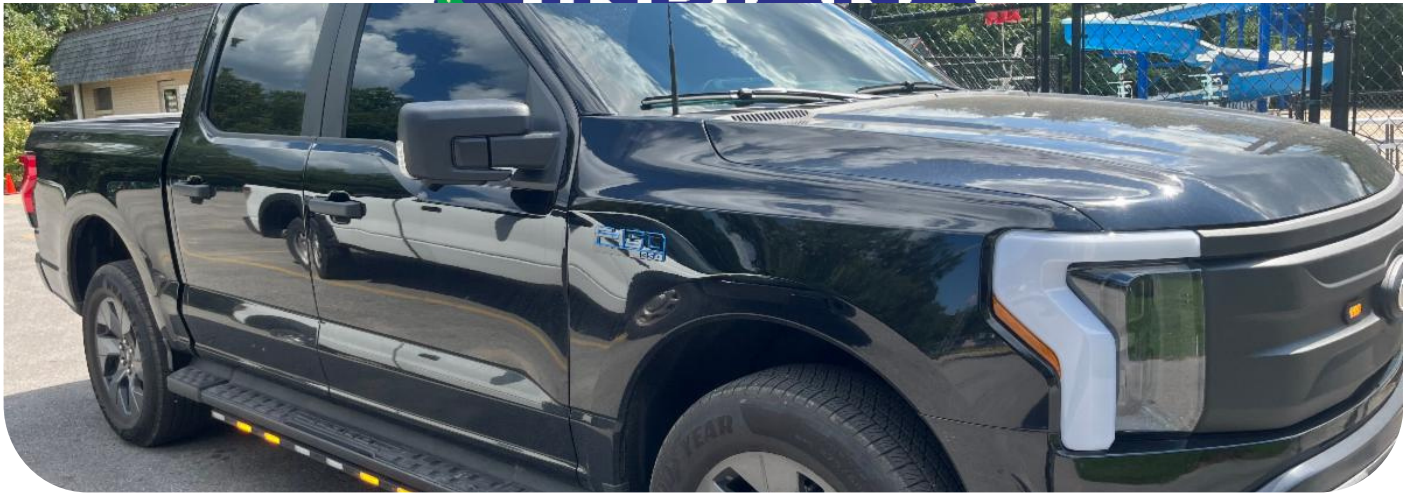
- Restarting after pause in January 2025 and lawsuit. No upcoming RFP in 2026.
- Review of 39 awarded locations.
- Around ~\$75 Million remaining.
- Removed specific distance requirements between stations from AFC.
- Fewer impediments to states declaring AFC buildout
- More updates to come after review of 2024 awards.

Midwest ZEVI

- Working with Hanover Community Schools students to fund EV Grand Prix Program/Race Kart.
- Final report coming out this month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 25, 2026 – Clean Air Golf Outing @ White Hawk Country Club (Crown Point)
September 17th, 2025 – National Drive Electric Week at NIRPC from 10:30am – 1:00pm.
November 17 & 18, 2026 – DCI CleanTech Conference (Michigan City)



Lake & Porter County Zero Emission Vehicle Project

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Lake & Porter County Zero-Emission Vehicle project aims to help local municipalities implement light-duty electric vehicles and Level 2 charging infrastructure into their fleets in an effort to reduce emission in Northwest Indiana. This is an opportunity for local governments to pilot EVs in their fleets and experience the benefits and cost-savings first-hand. The project is sponsored by the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) and managed by Drive Clean Indiana.



QUOTE FROM PROJECT PARTNER

“Ultimately, this project reflects good stewardship to the environment, but also demonstrates our willingness to keep up with technological advancements in transportation.”

- City of Lake Station Mayor Bill Carroll

PROJECT IMPACT



Over **\$2.9M** awarded in funding



25 municipalities across Lake & Porter County involved



80 electric vehicles



20 Level 2 charging stations

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Participating municipalities will continue to receive their vehicles throughout 2026.

01

Lake & Porter County

25 municipalities will deploy electric vehicles and charging stations into their fleets.

02

2026 Vehicle Rollout

A total of 36 vehicles will be deployed to 13 communities beginning in Q1 of 2026.

03

Emissions Reduced

The project will improve air quality by reducing the fleets' GHGs by 60.5%, CO by 100%, NOx by 100%, and VOC by 100%.

Interested?
View our
membership
levels and
apply here:



Have questions?
Contact our office:



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If your community is looking to implement any clean transportation activity please reach out to Drive Clean Indiana. Please contact our office with any questions on Clean Fuels and Transportation Decarbonization opportunities for your organization!

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