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Welcome to KCFC August 2026 Newsletter

This month marks an exciting new phase as we advance our focus on green agriculture infrastructure, launch regional electric vehicle projects, and help area school systems pursue new federal funding opportunities. We are also pleased to preview our upcoming annual meeting on November 2nd at Kentucky State University and share important insights on sustainable funding and campus-based ecosystem initiatives.

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Program Director's Message

Dear KCFC Members, Partners, and Stakeholders:

Welcome to the August 2026 edition of the Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition (KCFC) Newsletter!

Following our successful inaugural board meeting last month, KCFC's renewed leadership network is moving forward with purpose- advancing clean transportation and accelerating alternative fuel deployment across the Commonwealth.

This past month has been one of our most active periods to date as we translate strategic plans into tangible infrastructure projects. A key operational priority is accelerating the deployment of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations leveraging available funding through the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Settlement. To move these projects forward efficiently and get off the ground as quickly as possible, our team is engaging with key regional stakeholders, equipment vendors, and prospective site hosts. These efforts include coordinating site assessments, navigate 50% cost-share rebate opportunities, and expediting project development and installation.

Planning is also well underway for the 2026 KCFC Annual Meeting scheduled for November 2nd. We recently visited Kentucky State University's Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm to evaluate the venue and advance event logistics. This year's meeting will spotlight Kentucky's clean-energy initiatives and feature live exhibition of clean-fuel and electric farm equipment. We cordially invite all stakeholders, members, farmers, vendors and farm owners across the country to attend our Annual Meeting.

We are energized by the growing momentum throughout Kentucky and look forward to working all of you to build a cleaner, more efficient, and more sustainable transportation network.

Thank you for your continued engagement, partnership, and support as we work together toward a more sustainable future.

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Funding Opportunities: DOT Bus Fleet and Volkswagen Settlement Programs

DOT Bus Fleet Funding: The U.S. Department of Transportation has announced a $610 million funding opportunity to modernize public transit bus infrastructure. Approximately $589 million is available to help eligible local government and transit entities purchase, or lease low- and zero-emission buses. An additional $21 million will support the purchase, lease, or rehabilitation of buses, as well as the construction and improvement of bus facilities. The program includes support for propane, CNG, hybrid-electric, hydrogen fuel cell, and battery-electric buses, offering an excellent opportunity to eligible agencies to modernize their fleets and advance cleaner transportation.

Application Assistance: KCFC is actively contacting Kentucky school districts to inform them about these critical vehicle transformation resources.

Deadline: The final day to submit an application is September 21, 2026.

Get Help: If your school district or municipality is looking to purchase or lease low-emissions or no-emission buses, KCFC is ready to help you get an application submitted.

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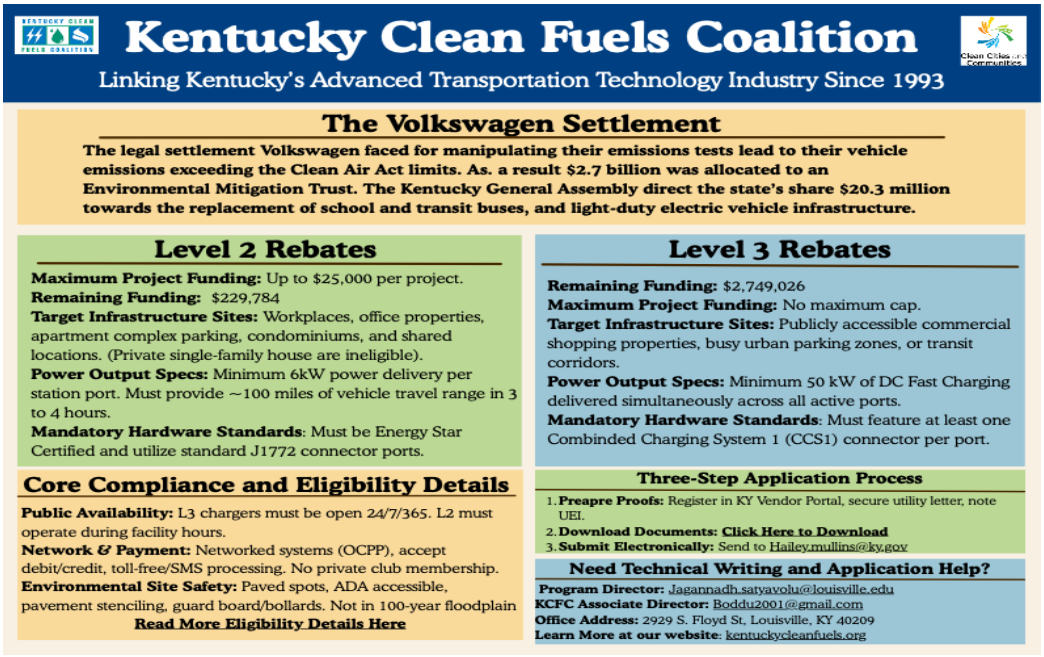
Reach out to our team immediately to get started!!

Volkswagen Settlement Programs

Kentucky has a significant opportunity to modernize its transportation network. The Commonwealth is using funding from the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Settlement to reduce transportation-related emissions and expand clean-fueling infrastructure communities across the state. A major priority of this initiative is the deployment of public and fleet electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. The program supports two primary types of chargers:

- **Level 2 Charging Stations:** These units are ideal for locations where drivers park for a few hours, such as workplaces, public parking lots, multi-family housing complexes, and shopping areas.
- **Level 3 DC Fast Charging Stations:** These high-powered chargers can fill an EV battery in a fraction of the time, making them critical for highway corridors, rest stops, and fleet depots that require quick vehicle turnarounds.

Please find the instruction and eligibility details below:



Current Activities: August 2026

Accelerating Regional EV Infrastructure

This month, KCFC is accelerating efforts to add EV charging access at commercial centers, academic institutions, and public transit hubs. We are actively collaborating with five prominent regional organizations to evaluate potential locations, develop implementation plans, and finalize charging station deployments:

• **Academic & Healthcare Hubs**: Driving network planning with both the University of Louisville Academic Campus and the UofL Health Campus to expand public charging infrastructure.

• **Agricultural Footprint**: Partnering with Kentucky State University (KSU) to introduce sustainable charging infrastructure to regional farming networks.

• **Transit & Commerce**: Aligning with logistics providers and local businesses positioned near the Louisville International Airport corridor to scale freight and commuter options.

• **Leading by Example**: In addition to these major community projects, we are evaluating site plans to install a brand-new dedicated EV charging station right at our own KCFC office to better serve our visiting coalition members!

KCFC and Bluegrass Greensource Explore Great River Road Collaboration

KCFC is exploring a partnership with Bluegrass Greensource (BGGS) to advance clean transportation along Kentucky's Great River Road in Ballard, Carlisle, Hickman, and Fulton counties. Working with the University of Louisville's Conn Center under the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities and Communities program, KCFC would provide technical assistance,

workshops, infrastructure-planning support, and partnership development, while BGGS would lead local outreach and community engagement.

The partners plan to consult with local officials, businesses, tourism organizations, and civic groups; identify potential alternative-fuel infrastructure sites; conduct public workshops; and develop educational materials. The collaboration is expected to produce a community engagement plan, trained local partners, and an initial infrastructure-site map, strengthening local capacity and helping attract future clean transportation investment to Kentucky's Mississippi River corridor.

Staffing Update

- The KCFC team would like to welcome and congratulate **Mr. Grant Krummen** as he transitions to a full-time position at KCFC as our Sustainability and Outreach Coordinator.

- We have also welcomed two new board members in our leadership team and the details will be shared in our next month newsletter.

Announcement: KCFC Annual Meeting

2026 Annual Meeting is scheduled for **November 2nd** at Kentucky State University.

• **Theme**: Advancing Kentucky's clean fuels and sustainable energy initiatives in agriculture.

•**Featured Exhibition**: A live showcase of alternative-fuel and electric farm equipment from leading agricultural equipment manufacturers.

• **Venue**: Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm at Kentucky State University.

We cordially invite all stakeholders, members, farmers, and farm owners across the country to attend our Annual Meeting. For details, please contact us: KCFC

Special Article: Navigating State Funding with Ms. Hailey Mullins



Image 1: The KCFC Team with Ms. Hailey Mullins

The KCFC team recently had the opportunity to meet with Ms. Hailey Mullins, State Government Program Manager for the Volkswagen Mitigation Settlement. The discussion focused on program implementation, applicant eligibility, funding priorities, and important requirements for proposed projects.
Ms. Mullins confirmed that KCFC may assist eligible stakeholders throughout the application process and connect them with qualified vendors and service providers. She also clarified an important program requirement: Vendors may no that will deploy, own, or manage the infrastructure must submit the application as the lead applicant. However, applicants are encouraged to collaborate with experienced equipment suppliers, technology providers, and installation contractors.
Ms. Mullins highlighted the following requirements for organizations preparing proposals:

- **Compliance and Quality Standards:** Proposed projects must comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility requirements and meet all applicable technical, equipment, and program standards.
- **Funding availability and Timing:** Applications will be considered on a first-come, first served basis.**:** Interested organizations should therefore begin planning and submit complete applications as early as possible, **meaning early submission is vital.**

The program's final deadline **August 1, 2027**, and the deadline will not be extended. For details, please click here: Volkswagen-Settlement

KCFC sincerely thanks Ms. Mullins for her time, leadership, and detailed guidance. Her insights are invaluable as KCFC works with fleets, municipalities, educational institutes, and local businesses to deploy cleaner, more sustainable transportation solutions across the Commonwealth.

UofL Sustainability Program: A candid interview with Dr. Justin Mog



Image 2: Dr. Justin Mog with his bike

KCFC members recently had the pleasure of meeting with Dr. Justin Mog, Director of the University of Louisville Sustainability Department. His office reflects his personal commitment to Sustainability from commuting by bicycle to cultivating a workspace filled with thriving plants. His genuine enthusiasm for environmental stewardship was evident throughout our conversation.

Dr. Mog highlighted four important ways UofL supports Louisville's food economy:

1. Local food procurement: Incorporating local-food sourcing requirements into campus dining contracts.

2. Farmers Markets: Hosting various farmers markets over the years, including the Gray Street Farmers Market, to bring fresh, seasonal products directly to students, employees, and community members.

3. Community Supported Agriculture: Providing farmers with upfront financial support through Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs.

4. **Campus Food Production:** Growing food on campus grounds, through initiatives such as the Zero Waste Pumpkin project in partnership with Louisville Grows.

Beyond sustainable agriculture, UofL continue to promote environmentally responsible transportation on the campus. The university is heavily invested in eco-friendly mobility through a bike-friendly campus, Lime E-scooters, and car-sharing initiatives. Looking ahead, , UofL is teaming up with KCFC to exploring opportunities to expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the university campuses. Through this collaboration, KCFC could help the university identify state and federal funding opportunities, connect with qualified technology and installation partners, and engage student interns to support EV charging and other campus sustainability initiatives.

KCFC sincerely thanks Dr. Mog for sharing his knowledge, experience, and vision. We look forward to working with UofL to advance suatainable agriculture, clean transportation, and environmental stewardship throughout the campus and the broader Louisville Community.

Other Items of Interest

Green Transportation Summit & Expo (GTSE) Merger



GTSE is officially merging with RE+ 26, the largest clean energy event in North America. This combined event brings together clean transportation leaders and renewable energy experts under one roof. Fleet managers can connect directly with zero-emission vehicle experts, infrastructure developers, and alternative fuel providers.

- **Save the date:** The event will take place from **November 16–19, 2026**.
- **Venue:** Las Vegas Convention Center located at 3150 Paradise Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89109.
- **Registration:** Official registration for the conference opened in **June 2026, book your spot here:** GSTE Expo

State of Soy: Why This Construction Fleet Switched to Biodiesel

The Iowa Soybean Association showcased a video on how Turner Construction successfully implemented a new drop-in biofuel throughout its heavy construction equipment fleet. The project highlights how a major company achieved net-zero greenhouse gas emission goals and maintained reliable engine performance even in zero-degree, snowy job site conditions.



To see the full video, please click here: Iowa Soybean Association Video Portal.

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