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PRESS RELEASE

DEC Awards \$30,000 to City of Schenectady for Zero-Emission Vehicles

**Schenectady Police Department Adds Four Zero-Emission Vehicles to the
City's Municipal Fleet**

**Zero-Emission Vehicles Advance New York's Nation-Leading Climate
Leadership and Community Protection Act**

SCHENECTADY – New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos [announced](#) the award of \$30,000 to the City of Schenectady for the purchase of four zero-emission fleet vehicles through DEC's Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Rebate Program.

The Schenectady Police Department recently added four 2022 Chevrolet Bolt's to the city's municipal fleet. These vehicles will help New York achieve the greenhouse gas emission reduction directives of the State's climate law, the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act).

"From replacing city streetlights to advanced LEDs, to building municipal solar arrays, to expanding our EV charging infrastructure, and growing our municipal EV fleet – I am proud to continue the Electric City's innovative legacy by leading the way on climate," **said Mayor Gary McCarthy**. "On behalf of the City of Schenectady, I would like to thank Governor Hochul and DEC Commissioner Seggos for their climate leadership and for supporting Schenectady's efforts to 'green' our fleet and reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

"New York is leading the nation in reducing emissions and aggressively investing in clean transportation and infrastructure to help reach our climate goals," **said New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos**. "Communities like the city of Schenectady are helping New York State advance our bold climate agenda with commitments to increase their electric vehicle fleet and pursue clean energy alternatives to reduce costs and the emissions fueling climate change. We are proud to support municipalities through the ZEV Rebate Program in their efforts to transition municipal fleets to clean alternatives and ensure a brighter, healthier future for New Yorkers."

The 2022 round of the Municipal ZEV Rebate Program made 12 awards to 10 municipalities, supporting 76 fully electric fleet vehicles. The funding was provided through the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). The EPF supports climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts, improves agricultural resources to promote sustainable agriculture, protects water sources, advances conservation efforts, and provides recreational opportunities for New Yorkers.

The City of Schenectady has previously received Climate Smart Community certification through DEC and Clean Energy Community designation through NYSERDA. Under the leadership of Mayor McCarthy, the city has added 22 hybrid and electric vehicles to the city's municipal fleet in recent years. The City of Schenectady's Code Enforcement Bureau has eight 2017 Chevrolet Volt's – and in addition to four 2022 Chevrolet Bolt's – the Schenectady Police Department also has ten 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Hybrid Utility Vehicles.

More information about the DEC Municipal ZEV Rebate Program is available at:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/109181.html#ZEV>.

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