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**Petroleum Reduction in Transportation  
Fueling the Way to Clean Air, Energy Security and Economic Development**



## What is Clean Cities?

The Puget Sound Clean Cities Coalition (Coalition) works in collaboration with the US Department of Energy (DOE) and more than 80 other communities as part of DOE's nation-wide Clean Cities Program. The Program works through locally-based, voluntary collaborations of public and private stakeholders to expand the use of alternatives to gasoline and diesel fuels. These alternatives include

- biodiesel
- ethanol
- natural gas
- electricity
- hydrogen
- propane

## Why was Clean Cities Created?

There are more than 200 million motor vehicles in the US and more than half the oil used in these vehicles is imported. Each year the country increases its dependence on imported oil, which increases the trade deficit, costs American jobs and undermines national security. Motor vehicles in the US are also responsible for more than half of all air pollutants, greenhouse gases and toxic contaminants. Alternative fuels can be domestically produced or extracted and have lower emissions than petroleum fuels. Thus, Clean Cities promotes the use of alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) to reduce oil importation and decrease air emissions, thereby protecting the environment and public health while also improving national security and creating jobs.

## What Does the Coalition Do?

The Coalition coordinates the activities of stakeholders in the region to assist fleets and individuals implement AFV programs; acquire funding for these programs; learn from others' experiences; network with peers; investigate opportunities for joint projects, such as partnerships on fuel stations; collaborate on public policy and legislation; and promote their efforts and the benefits of AFVs.

More information is available at [www.pugetsoundcleancities.org](http://www.pugetsoundcleancities.org) or by contacting the Coalition at: 206.684.0935.

## Why is Puget Sound a part of Clean Cities?

Participating in this national partnership to develop a sustainable market for alternative fuels and vehicles provides many benefits to Coalition members and the region:

**Improved Energy Security** Alternative fuels can be extracted or produced domestically, reducing dependence on foreign sources of petroleum. Alternatives, such as biodiesel and ethanol, are also renewable resources produced in the US.

**Improved Environmental Quality** Alternative fuels are cleaner burning fuels than alternative fuels. Use of these fuels helps our region maintain air quality, improve environmental and human health, and comply with federal air quality standards.

**Protection of Public Health** Petroleum reduction strategies result in lower emissions of pollutants including toxic contaminants, which results in improved public health for area residents.

**Ensured Compliance with Regulations** Federal and state governments and fuel providers are required to purchase AFVs for their fleets. In the Coalition, fleet managers work together to address common issues and lessons learned. The Coalition helps members comply with AFV mandates and other regulatory requirements.

**Increased AFV Availability** Coalition members work together to ensure that the AFVs and related technologies they need are available and can be obtained at the best prices through standardized contracts and group purchasing.

**Expanded Fueling Infrastructure** Expanding AFV fueling infrastructure is key to increasing the number of AFVs in this region. Through the Coalition members work together on cost effective and convenient AFV fueling stations.

**New Jobs and Commercial Opportunities** Servicing AFVs, developing new technologies and products, increasing crop (feedstock) production, in-state alternative fuel production, and constructing and operating AFV fueling stations create commercial opportunities, new businesses and new jobs.

**Funding and Grants** Numerous funding sources are available to help pay for AFVs, fueling stations and other projects, including funds that are dedicated to Clean Cities Coalitions and members.

## What are the Benefits of Membership?

**Collective Effort** Membership provides a forum for joint action to work more efficiently towards common goals.

**Legislative Influence** Participation provides a voice in advocating for state and federal AFV incentives.

**Public Image** Members are identified as environmentally friendly and active in addressing environmental concerns.

**Financial Assistance** The Coalition has access to grants funds not available to non-members and provides expertise in writing grant applications.

**Education** Access to information on the latest developments in AFVs and assistance in determining the best fuels and vehicles for a given application.

**Practical Experience** The opportunity to learn from the experiences of other members.

**Leveraging Resources** Partnerships allow for the leveraging of resources and the sharing of costs, such as developing shared fueling facilities.

**Market Access** The broad range of members provides mutually beneficial business opportunities to members.

Join today and help fuel our way to clean air, energy security and economic development!

