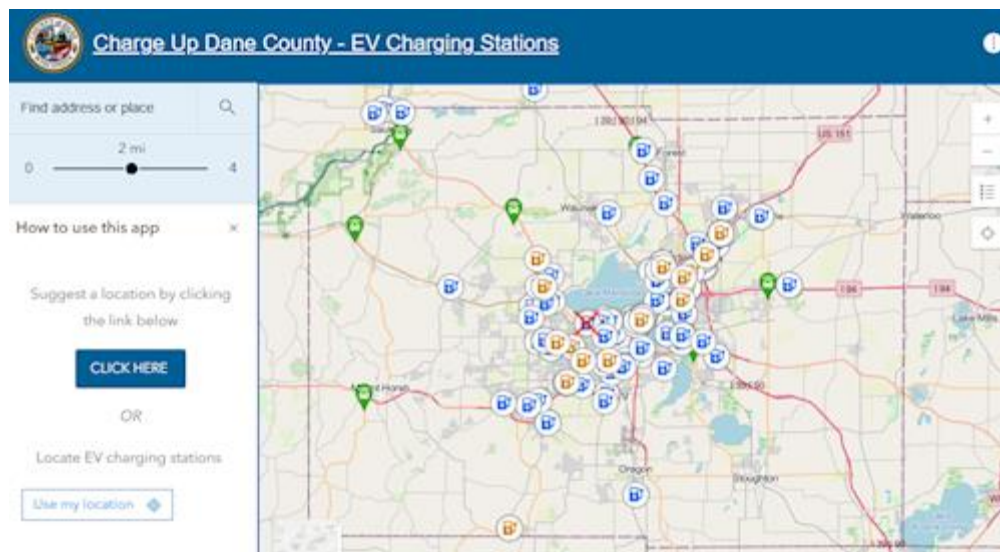


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Charge Up Dane County – apply to host a site by Friday 6/13!

<https://www.daneclimateaction.org/initiatives/Charge-Up-Dane-Co>

The Dane County Office of Energy and Climate Change, along with Fitchburg, other neighboring municipalities, and non-governmental partners, is collaborating on a grant program to expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure throughout the county. The effort was awarded \$13.2 million in funding from the 2022 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which will be used to close charging network gaps where investment has been limited.

Applications to host a site for this program are due this Friday, June 13, and can be completed through Dane County OECC's website: <https://www.daneclimateaction.org/Initiatives/Charge-Up-Dane-Co/Site-Host-for-EV-Charging>.

Details to know for potential site hosts:

- Priority locations for this charging infrastructure program fit one or more of the following criteria:
 - High-density urban and suburban areas where residents lack access to private charging networks (for example, multifamily neighborhoods)
 - Rural areas where the private charging market is less likely to install charging stations
 - Multi-modal transportation hubs where EV charging can support public and active transit options
- Benefits for site hosts include:
 - Free EV charging infrastructure equipment, installation and 5 years of operations & maintenance
 - Permanent infrastructure upgrades to your property
 - Potential for increased traffic to your business
 - Potential to offer useful service to the neighborhood
 - Charging fees will cover the cost of electricity and taxes--so there's no out-of-pocket expense for hosts
- Requirements for site hosts:
 - Public access: the chargers must be available to the general public; EV owners will pay a fee for charging but not a separate fee for parking
 - Reserved EV parking: spots must be designated "Parking for EV Charging Only"
 - ADA accessibility: at least one of the 4 charging spots must be ADA compliant, which means the host provides 5-6 total spots, depending on lot design
 - 5 year agreement: the host agrees to maintain public accessibility and affordable charging for five years after the station is up and running
 - Station-use reporting requirements: the host will assist with reporting on station use which is tracked by the charging software
 - State of Wisconsin excise tax filings: as the owner of the stations, the host will be responsible for paying the State of Wisconsin EV excise tax (the host will recover this tax in charging fees)

OECC hosted a webinar where they talked about the Charge Up grant and the site host opportunity. Staff responded to questions from attendees. Watch the video recording to learn more about this opportunity: <https://youtu.be/CzUw1clGY-U?si=nfrlvzITER5oN4LI>

Join Pedal Palooza at Memorial UCC on Saturday 6/14

<https://isthmus.com/events/pedal-palooza/>

Fitchburg Memorial United Church of Christ, a Gold-level Bicycle Friendly Business (congregation), is hosting a cycling event on Saturday, June 14, from 4:00-6:00pm, at 5705 Lacy Rd. This event, "Pedal Palooza," will feature safety training for kids, free bike checkups

from Oregon Bicycle Company, a fundraiser for the Cycling Without Age program, information on e-bikes, fun giveaways, and other information and family-friendly activities! See the event website linked above for details.

Waste Reduction Educational Event – Tuesday 6/17

<https://www.fitchburgwi.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=18310>

Join the City of Fitchburg Resource Conservation Commission for a fun and informative event at the Fitchburg Library on Tuesday, June 17th from 6:00–7:30 PM.

Did you know over 30% of what ends up in the Dane County Landfill is organic material that could be composted? At this event, you'll learn simple steps to reduce food waste, discover local food scrap drop-off sites, get tips on home composting, and hear from a local farmer using compost to grow food in community gardens.

- Free pizza from Ian's Pizza
- Giveaways
- Bring your water bottle and your questions!

Reduce Your Food Waste Being Landfilled

Where: Fitchburg Library
5530 Lacy Rd, Fitchburg, WI

When: Tuesday, June 17th
6:00pm - 7:30pm

- Learn more about home composting and other local composting options!
- Learn how to harness the power of your food scraps!
- Giveaways for Attendees!
- Bring your questions and a reusable water bottle
- Pizza provided by Ian's Pizza!

Featuring Special Guests:
Samantha Worden, Sustain Dane
Robert Pierce, Community Farmer
Rick Eilertson, Home Composting Expert

Sponsored By: Fitchburg Resource Conservation Commission and Ian's Pizza

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Fitchburg
RESOURCE CONSERVATION

Free Native Plants for Schools and Community Projects

<https://lwr.danecounty.gov/grants-and-costshare/free-plants>

Native plants have tremendous water quality benefits and increase habitat and food sources for pollinators. Beyond Low-Mow May and the associated recommended practices to give local pollinators a boost, increasing use of native plants throughout the year is a great way to support our native ecosystems and restore some of the habitat that has been lost to our ever-growing development footprint.



Dane County's Land and Water Resources Department offers free native plants for local schools and community organizations, available each Spring and Summer to a select number of applicants. The deadline to apply for this Summer's plant giveaway is June 30, with award notifications made in July and pickup dates to take place in August.

Apply for free native plants [here](#), or use the link above to find more information on the native plants program from Dane County.

Help Shape the Future of Walking, Biking, and Rolling in Dane County

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/mpo>

The Greater Madison MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) is in the process of updating their Active Transportation Plan. As part of that effort, the MPO has put together an online survey (in both English and Spanish), as well as an interactive mapping tool for making comments, suggestions, and requests about the existing transportation network.





Take the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LQX6P9Q>

Use the comment map here:

<https://cityofmadison.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=ac962ec7e11a4e9b9aa518ffb50bcf79>

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