One of the first of nearly 100 Clean Cities coalitions across the country, Chicago Area Clean Cities (CACC) has dramatically reduced petroleum use, decreased local fleet’s fuel costs, and improved air quality throughout the six-county Chicago area. Founded in 1994, CACC membership comprises public and private stakeholders from the Chicago area.

Our mission is to reduce, replace, and eliminate petroleum use in the transportation sector; reduce our country’s dependence on foreign oil; and improve air quality throughout the region.

During our 20-year history, CACC members and partners have altered the transportation landscape on a number of fronts—

- Petroleum reduction—over 12 million gallons of gasoline displaced in 2012 alone
- Enhanced alternative fuel and hybrid vehicle usage—over 7,000 alternative fuel and hybrid vehicles are currently utilized by CACC stakeholders
- Alternative fuel infrastructure growth—deployed over 300 alternative fueling stations
- Financial support—over $90 million of clean vehicle funds have been acquired and/or managed by CACC members.

Moving forward, CACC expects to increase petroleum displacement over three years to reach more than 15 million gasoline gallon equivalents by 2016 by deploying more than 250 electric vehicles (EV) through the E-Truck Voucher Program, more than 200 liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)-powered vehicles, and more than 400 compressed natural gas (CNG)-powered vehicles. We will also expand public availability of CNG, LPG, and EV charging stations, while increasing the use of existing stations.
We’re working to clear the air in the six-county Chicago area.

CACC initiatives cover a six-county region that comprises Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will countries. CACC also works closely with two other coalitions in the Lake Michigan Clean Cities Consortium—Wisconsin Clean Cities and South Shore Clean Cities.

We’re growing the number of clean fuel vehicles in the Chicago area.

By encouraging the use of alternative technologies and expanding infrastructure, CACC is helping to advance the energy, economic, and environmental security of the U.S. We encourage the use of alternative fuels in the Chicago metro area—including natural gas, propane, biofuels, electricity, and hydrogen—as well as hybrids and other advanced vehicle technologies.

CACC comprises a diverse membership of public and private organizations.

We’re a voluntary Chicago-based coalition of organizations from local government, fuel providers and utilities, colleges and universities, private fleet operators, research and environmental organizations—all working to encourage the use of clean fuel and clean fuel vehicles across the Chicago metropolitan area. Clean vehicle funds that have been acquired or managed by CACC members are over $90 million. These federal and state funds have gone to local green drivers, government entities, not for profits and businesses that have reduced emissions and petroleum usage in by using clean fuels, efficient vehicle or clean diesel equipment.

Growing the clean fueling infrastructure in the Chicago area.

CACC stakeholders are working to develop a robust fueling infrastructure in the Chicago metro area that will support a growing and diverse clean fuel market.

In 2010, $15 million in U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Clean Cities funding launched Clean Fuels Across Chicago—a game changer for Chicago’s alternative fuels market.

“Thanks in large part to the work of the members of the Chicago Area Clean Cities coalition, the City of Chicago is now playing a leading role in the country’s efforts to promote the use of alternative fuel vehicles. By providing consumers and fleet operators with incentives and information, we’re seeing significant growth in the number of alternative fuel vehicles and fueling stations in our region—growth that promise to continue in the decades to come.”

—Rahm Emanuel, Mayor, City of Chicago