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Dane County Executive Parisi announces conversion to renewable natural gas

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September 23, 2016. Dane County Executive Joe Parisi announced the first initiatives in his 2017 budget proposal, Dane County's boldest action yet on addressing Climate Change. The County Executive's budget triples Dane County's production of solar power, creates the new Dane County Office of Energy and Climate Change, a new Council on Climate Change to coordinate the community's work to reduce carbon emissions, and accelerates the county's conversion of snow plows and other fossil fuel burning vehicles to cleaner burning renewable compressed natural gas.

"Dane County has a consistent track record of pursuing cleaner, greener sources of energy, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, and reinventing county operations to make them run better not only for the public, but also the environment," said Dane County Executive Joe Parisi. "This is our boldest action yet to address climate change and lead the way for our community and the State of Wisconsin."

Under Dane County Executive Parisi, Dane County has embarked upon an aggressive conversion of our county fleet of cars and trucks, away from fossil fuels, and toward cleaner burning vehicles that run on renewable compressed natural gas (CNG) that county government produces. Dane County was among the first places in the country to plow snow with CNG powered highway patrol trucks. With funding included in Parisi's 2017 budget, Dane County will have 75 vehicles running on CNG by the end of next year, including nearly one-third of the county's highway fleet. This carbon friendly CNG is produced naturally at our county landfill.

Dane County also has partnered with the private sector to build manure digesters near Waunakee and Middleton which capture the methane equivalent to taking 8,000 cars per year off the road. A new pilot project at the Dane County Landfill captures carbon dioxide and converts it into dry ice, reducing emissions and bettering the air we breathe. When fully implemented, this project will reduce CO2 emissions by 59,000 tons per year, the equivalent of taking 10,000 cars off the road. Additionally, by converting more of the gas in the landfill to clean fuel burning compressed natural gas we can reduce carbon emissions by another 30,000 tons per year.



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