

# ENE EV Programs for Public Power: Impacts, Successes, & Future Plans

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### Agenda

- New England public power and EV market
- Why EV programs & public power are a great fit
- ENE's competitive advantage & positive impacts of a successful EV program
- ENE's current EV program successes & 7 pillars
- The future of EV programs: 2020 and beyond



# **About Energy New England (ENE)**

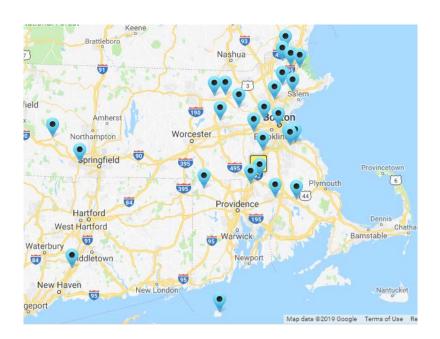
- Largest risk management & energy trading organization serving NE MLPs
- Manages the power supplies of over twenty municipal electric systems
- Promotes the principles of conservation, efficiency, and environmental stewardship

The 4 C's of sustainability: Conservation, Carbon Mitigation, Commodity Services, and Clean Technologies.

# New England Municipal Light & Power (MLP) background

Town light departments / light(ing) "plants":

- 41 MA municipal-owned public power utilities
- Not obligated to make a profit for investors
- Under the direction of the General Manager or governed by elected board of commissioners
- Often are human resourced constrained



# The state of the Southern New England EV market – a brief overview

- Massachusetts is the largest car market
- All are ZEV states (signed a 2013 MOU to put 3.3M ZEVs on the road by 2025)
- EV model availability above US average
- MA MOR-EV rebate restructured twice in 2019, ends 10/1/19?
- Tesla Model 3 & other large battery BEVs now trending

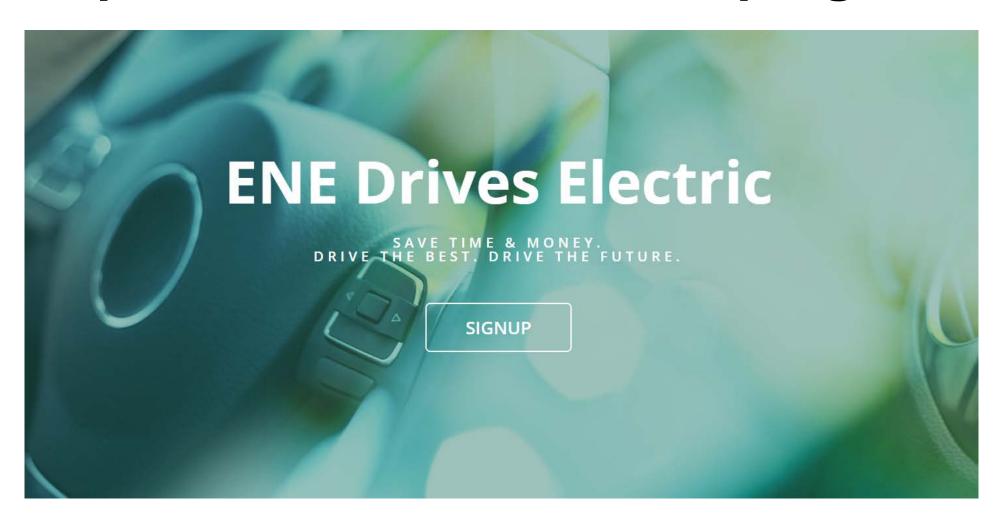




# Why EV programs & public power are a great fit

- Lower kWh rates mean greater \$ benefit
- Less red tape = agile program innovation
- Support of local government & other orgs
- MLP is often already trusted / well liked
- Some with cleaner power / emissions goals
  - ➤ Concord, MA: Carbon-free electricity by 2030

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**Utility Goals:** 

Trusted Advisor

Source of Information

**Local Resource** 

Electricity as a Fuel

**Load Growth** 

Increased revenue

Decreased rate

Off Peak Charging

Reduce risk

Control expenses

### The Utility as the 'Trusted Advisor'

- Utility = new "fuel source" for transportation
- Branding: Keep it local = Trusted
- Provide factual, relevant and local information
- Relay opportunity to save money
- Build community



Our team of knowledgeable and friendly professionals specialize in all things EV

FIND OUT

What models are available and affordable?
How and where can I charge my EV?
How much will I save on fuel, energy and emissions by driving electric?

And more...



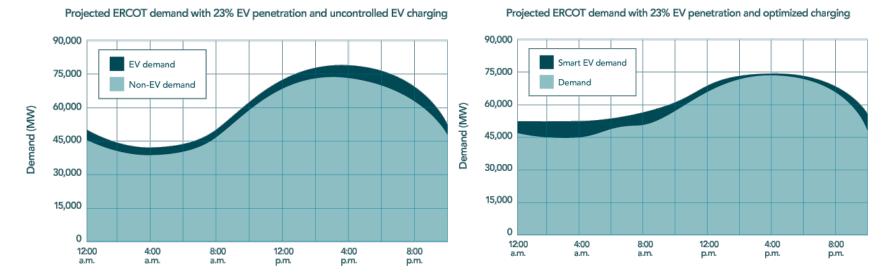
LELWD Drives Electric Support connects current and potential EV drivers with our experts to answer questions about vehicles, charging, incentives and more. This service is free for LELWD customers.

#### WIIFM?: Add load off-peak (revenue) while reducing on-peak charging (risk)

- Enables better grid management
- Saves consumers and utilities \$
- Reduces GHG impact

- Shifting system load to off-peak lowers the total cost to procure power
- Increased load factors will lead to lower transmission & distribution costs





Solution: Educate and train customers; Market & incentivize off-peak charging now!

# ENE EV Programs successes: 11 public power clients as of July 2019











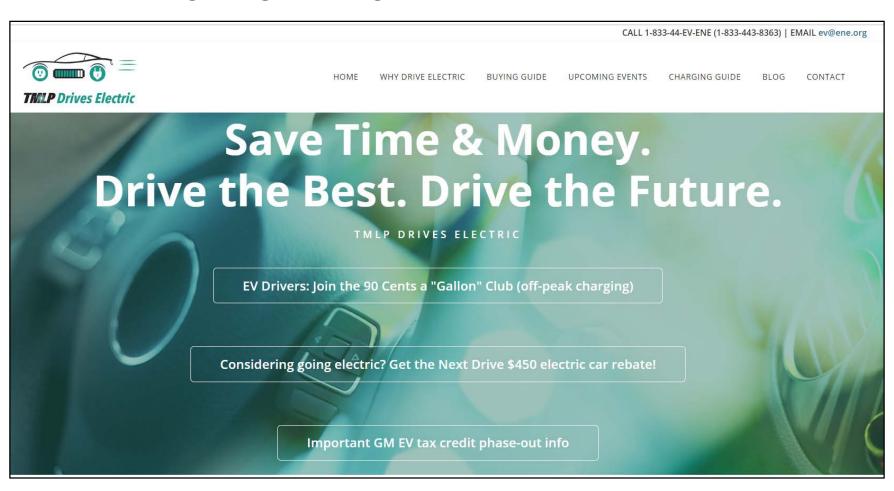


# Electric Vehicle Awareness & Incentive Programs – 7 Pillars

- Education and active outreach
- EV Specialist support services
- Incentives charging, equipment, vehicles
- Marketing plans, materials and promotions
- EVents beyond the EV show/ride & drive
- Auto dealership engagement
- Partnerships state, local, business, OEM

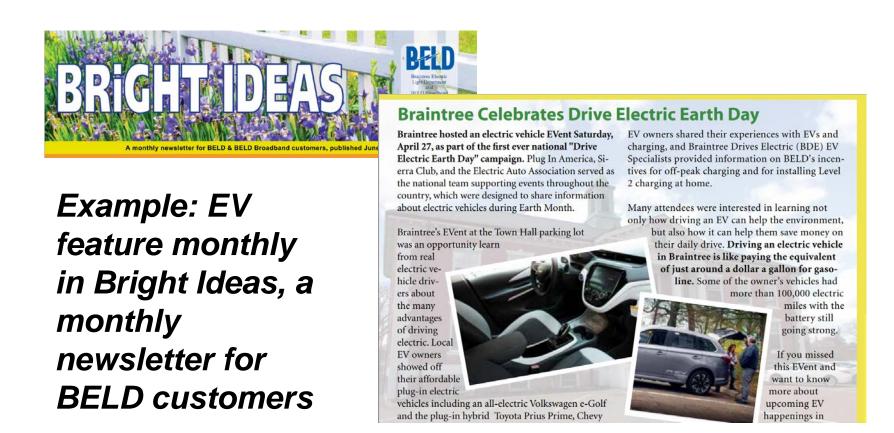
### **Education and active outreach**

- Comprehensive and user-friendly web portal
- Landing page integrated with MLP sites



### **Education and active outreach**

- Content for newsletters, blasts, & blogs
- Creation of program educational materials



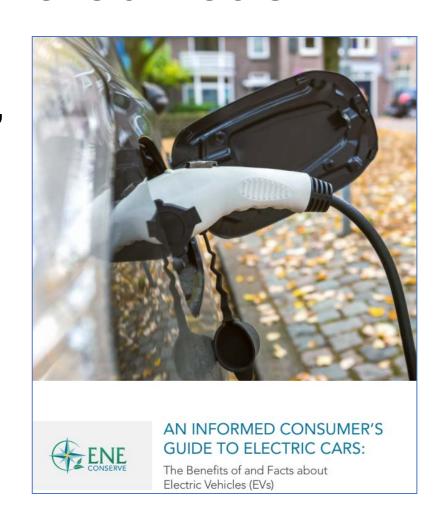
### **Education and active outreach**

Create materials to use across multiple programs, cut through noise or hype

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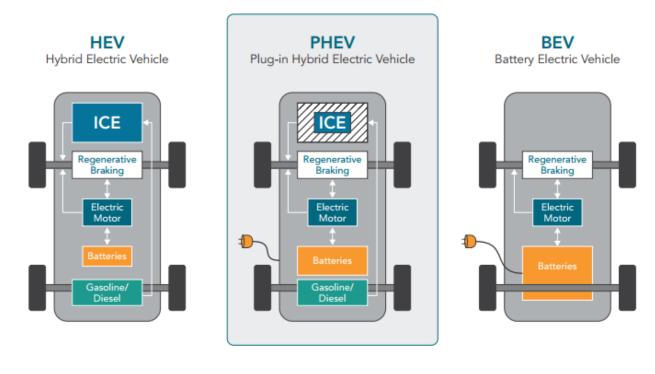
ENE's "An Informed Consumer's Guide to Electric Cars":

**EV Benefits & Facts** 



### EV basics: HEV vs PHEV vs BEV

#### Barrier Removal: Technology



Source: Image courtesy of Gary Kendall, PhD.

Uncover truths for consumers, such as: There is already a plug-in electric vehicle for nearly every lifestyle and budget.

# **EV Specialist support services**

- # The EV interested still want guidance & reassurance
- EV specialists, qualified via assessment
- Answer questions about vehicles, charging, and incentives
- Paid staff (salary, hourly, paid internships)
- Website contact form
- Email ev@ene.org
- Toll free number 1.833.443.8363 (1.833.44-EV-ENE)
- Use of CRM to track & engage EV leads

## EV Specialist support – branding styles

Customers value local, trusted, and personal service

YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ELECTRIC CARS. TMLP Drives Electric Vehicle Support has all the answers!



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### **Incentives**

- Rebate guidance
  - Off peak charging
  - Level 2 charging (EVSE)
  - Vehicle incentives
- Evaluate rebate requests
- Provide monthly reporting
- Check cutting services



#### **Electric Vehicle Rebates and Incentives**





#### **Next Drive Rebate**

\$450 customer rebate for the purchase of a new or used Electric Vehicle, either a battery electric vehicle (BEV) or a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV).

#### 90 Cents a "Gallon" Club (off-peak charging)

Earn a \$50 sign-up bonus (limited time only) and an ongoing \$10/month bill credit. How? By signing up to charge your electric vehicle only between 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. weekdays and any time on weekends. You'll only pay around the equivalent of 90 cents a

#### **Level 2 Charging Rebate**

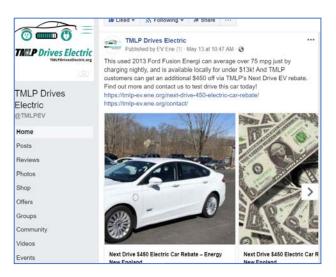
Get a rebate of up to \$300 to help offset the cost of the purchase and installation of a Level 2 system.

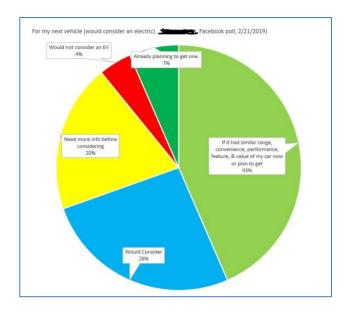
#### Join the Electric REVolution today!

To contact an EV specialist about program eligibility requirements, call 833.443.8363, email ev@ene.org or visit TMLPDrivesElectric.org.

# Marketing

- Develop an annual marketing strategy & marketing plan
- Develop effective branding & messaging
- Coordinate with & leverage client's marketing team
- Develop and design materials for outreach campaigns
- Create and implement social media & engagement strategies





# Marketing – importance of branding

- Business cards
- Yard Signs
- Branded attire
- Select branded giveaways/prizes







The Town of Concord has its own EV Working Group comprised of utility and town employees, volunteers, and ENE EV Specialists. They meet bi-weekly.

### Engage with messaging



#### Benefits to drivers

PERFORMANCE. Electric motors have more of something called torque, that tire-turning rotational force right off the line. Inherently better handling due to superior weight distribution and a low center of gravity. It's a graning experience

#### The car that "refuels" while you sleep!

Simply plug in your car when you get home and it's typically re-charged back to full even before you wake up the next morning. And there are three levels of charging speed available to meet the

faster (Level 2) charging ire here to help! Braintree ects you to licensed e been vetted and d to ensure you receive a sion experience.

our Own Charger® Program e equivalent of about 175 rging per month for charging Earn \$8 per month off your y setting your car to charge I midnight on weekdays, and ds.)

an \$8 monthly credit

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RAISE YOUR STANDARDS

LOWER YOUR EMISSIONS

**DRIVE ELECTRIC** 

#### Join Over 300 Concord Residents Who Drive Electric!

pressure environment? Our EV Ambassador Ride & Drive program will oonnect you with a nearby EV Ambassador, an experienced EV owner who lives in your community.

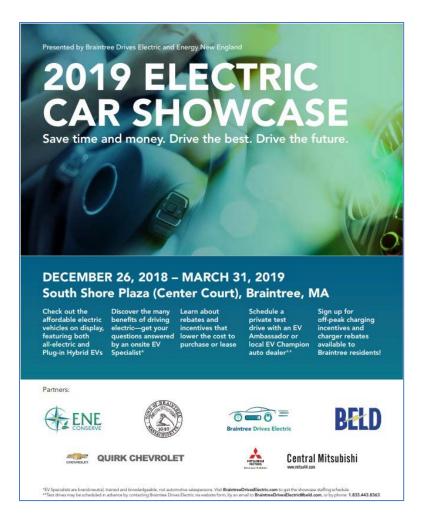
From incentives available to just Braintree residents to all up-to-date info on state, and federal incentives, and which discount programs and dealerships are EV Champions (saving you the most on your first EV).

more about these benefits to all on our website at BraintreeDrivesElectric.com.

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### Innovate with EVents







# EVents – engagement beyond the (stand alone) EV show / ride & drive

- Display & tabling at existing public events
- Engaging games, trivia, contests, swag
- Coordinating Lunch & Learns at employers
- Partnering with conferences and shows







# **EV Ambassador Program**

- Develop and manage a team of trained local EV Ambassadors
- Utilize Ambassadors for display vehicles & support at EVents
- Connect EV interested customers with matched Ambassador



### Auto dealership engagement

- Target and engage local dealers; build relationships
- Provide education on local EV programs & incentives
- Engage with group purchase and incentive programs
- Develop new & used EV dealer and customer support
- Provide EV showcase and display opportunities
- Celebrate and incentivize champions; develop new ones
- Report to client on engagement, performance and inventory





### Partnerships – state, local, business

- Existing state government programs
  - MassEVolves, a new employers pledge & recognition program
- Local sustainability groups & coalitions
- Chapters of the Sierra Club and Electric Auto Association
- Engage OEMs on discounts, loaners, etc.

Mass*EVolves* 

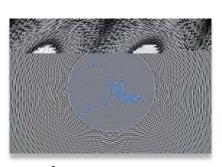




# Innovation – new services, offerings, support & recognition

- WattPlan EV Advisor compare cost tool
- Active smart charge mgmt. w/ new partners
- Apply Grants for innovative incentives –
   Example: used EV rebate for lower income
- Workplace Charging development & EVents
- Develop state/regional EV Dealer Awards
  - Partner with the state Auto Dealers Assoc.
  - Hold awards ceremony at Auto show

# The future of EV programs: 2020 and beyond



- Utilities aligning their EV goals with state/IOUs
- Shift toward Time of Use Rate incentives for EVs
- Incentives to ensure 24/7 EV charging optimized
- Merging of solar, efficiency & EV initiatives
- Increase in utility-owned charging stations
- Infrastructure investment in MUD & workplaces
- Smart grid management utilizing EVs (V2G)
- Advanced partnerships with dealers & OEMs



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