Woodbridge Township – Alternative Vehicles Purchase

Fleet inventory, separate attachment.

<u>Goals and Evaluation</u>: The hybrid vehicles used by Woodbridge Township have proven to be costeffective. Now in its third year, the hybrid vehicle program has demonstrated that our Public Works vehicles are operating with better mileage and better efficiency, thus delivering real cost savings to the municipal budget.

Here is one cost analysis for a Township hybrid vehicle category:

** 1-Project name: Municipal Hybrid Vehicles
2006 Ford Escape Non Hybrid, 20 mpg avg. est. MPG
@ \$1,167.75 to travel Same Distance at same fuel cost per year
2008 Ford Escape Hybrid, 21.5 mpg avg. est. MPG
@ \$1,086.28 to travel Same Distance at same fuel cost per year
\$81.47 savings per vehicle per year
Total Savings of \$1,069.11 per year for 13 vehicles

Clearly, the goal is to purchase additional alternative fuel vehicles as budgetary circumstances allow.

From Sustainable Jersey website:

http://www.sustainablejersey.com/editor/doc/act10tb3sa1.pdf

Spotlight: What NJ Towns Are Doing: Woodbridge, NJ

Woodbridge purchased a dozen Ford Escape hybrids for its Code Enforcement Division after a one-year trial of a single hybrid car proved its cost effectiveness. The township's biodiesel fuel program started with a \$65,500 grant from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) which helped the township's Department of Public Works to install an above-ground biodiesel fuel tank and to establish an emissions monitoring program to measure the drop in hydrocarbon emissions from vehicles fueled with biodiesel. The Department of Public Works purchased six municipal vehicles (small trucks and SUVs), two Ford International dump trucks, and two Crane Carrier garbage trucks for the biodiesel pilot program. The township also purchased 12 environmentally-friendly Ford Escape hybrid vehicles to supplement the municipal fleet. The 2007 Ford Escape hybrids cost \$25,576 each and are estimated by the manufacturer to get over 36 miles per gallon. The township also reduced the purchase price of the Hybrid vehicles by more than \$48,000 through state and county rebates totaling more than \$4,000 per vehicle. The Department of Public Works will also receive rebates on the purchase of biodiesel fuel through state and county rebate programs.40



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Woodbridge Mayor John E. McCormac Announces Purchase of 12 Hybrid Vehicles to Supplement Township Fleet

WOODBRIDGE – Mayor John E. McCormac today announced that Woodbridge Township is moving fast forward on environmental initiatives with the single-largest purchase of hybrid vehicles by any Middlesex County municipality and through an ongoing project to identify and map the Township's environmental areas.

"Woodbridge is leading the way in environmental initiatives with the purchase of 12 hybrid vehicles to supplement the Township fleet and through the work of the Woodbridge Environmental Commission to oversee the effort to identify and map the Township's vital environmental areas," said Mayor McCormac.

According to Mayor McCormac, the Township Council approved the purchase of 12 environmentally friendly Ford Escape hybrid vehicles to supplement the Township fleet. The 2007 Ford Escape hybrids cost \$25,576 each and are estimated by the manufacturer to get over 36 miles per gallon. Included as part of the purchase and potential cost-savings are state and county rebates totaling \$48,000 for the 12 vehicles -- \$4,000 per vehicle. Additionally, the Township has applied to be part of the New Jersey Bio-Diesel Fuel Rebate Program. The 12 hybrid vehicles are expected to be delivered by April and will be incorporated into the Township fleet for use by the Engineering and Code Inspection officers.

Mayor McCormac noted that in 2006, the Township purchased a hybrid vehicle as part of a test program to compare the performance and economy of a hybrid vehicle and a standard gasoline-powered SUV. The five-month test of the 2006 Ford Escape hybrid resulted in the vehicle clocking 3,455 miles using 132 gallons of fuel with an average of 26 miles per gallon. The non-hybrid 2006 Ford 4x4 Explorer logged 2,853 miles using 229 gallons of fuel for an average of 12 miles per gallon.

Council President Brenda Yori-Velasco said, "The Council is delighted that Woodbridge is in the forefront of purchasing hybrid vehicles and in securing potential savings on purchase and long-term fuel costs. This program has been on my agenda for some time and I am pleased to see that the Township is taking steps to employ environmentally-friendly initiatives."

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