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### **NYSDEC Awards \$29,044 Rebate for City Fast-Charging EV Station**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has awarded a grant of \$29,044.40 through Round 2 of the Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) and ZEV Infrastructure Rebate Program to the City of Jamestown through its Board of Public Utilities (BPU).

The purpose of the rebate award is to provide \$29,044.40 toward the cost of a \$37,588 50-Kilowatt Electric Vehicle (EV) Fast Charging Station.

The Charger, to be located on a surface lot at the corner of Fourth and Lafayette Streets in the City, will charge an electric vehicle 50 times faster than an average residential (level 1) charger and nine times faster than charging stations (level 2) currently available in different Jamestown locations.

Situated at the edge of the central business district of Jamestown, the Fourth and Lafayette lot is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is accessible at all hours. Destinations in the area include: restaurants, hotels, private businesses, City and County government offices, Northwest Arena and the National Comedy Center.

In addition, the Charger has two charging ports, one SAE combo and one CHAdeMO, making it capable of charging two vehicles at the same time.

The DEC rebate program aims to put 3.3 million Zero Emission Vehicles on the roads of participating states by 2025. The ZEV project also contributes to achieving the State's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent by 2030.

In an award letter, NYSDEC Commissioner Basil Seggos stated that, "On behalf of the Department and its partners in New York's leadership efforts to combat climate change, we commend your initiative to participate in this program. We look forward to working together to achieve a resilient, climate-ready future for all New Yorkers."

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Currently in Jamestown, there are two EV charging stations each at the Cherry Street Parking Ramp, the North Main Street Extension “Park and Ride” and Jamestown Community College. The stations were provided as a grant in 2015 by the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA). Charging at these stations is provided by the BPU through its Energy Efficiency Program at this time.

According to BPU Energy Efficiency Coordinator Dan Reynolds, three levels of EV charging stations exist.

“A level one EV Home Charger takes 12-14 hours to charge a car such as the Chevrolet Volt,” explains Reynolds. “The Level Two EV Charger, the type now offered in the three Jamestown Area locations, takes approximately two-three hours to charge a typical Chevrolet Volt. A Level Three EV Charger will require only 20-30 minutes to charge a Chevrolet Volt, although a full electric-only vehicle may have longer charging times.”

The EV Charger financed through this rebate is expected to arrive in Jamestown in August. A charging session will require payment at the station.

BPU General Manager David L. Leathers notes that the BPU pursued and applied for this grant funding.

“We’re pleased that the DEC recognized our work to assist in reducing greenhouse gas emissions,” says Leathers. “The BPU and the City continue to look for ways in which we can help progress New York State policy objectives while providing innovative opportunities and benefits to the community we serve.”

Mayor Sam Teresi stated, “This award is another important step toward a possible application by the City for designation as a Climate Smart Community. Municipalities involved in the Climate Smart Communities Program are engaged in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving climate resilience. The Program provides local governments with guidelines and best practices for adapting to and preventing climate change. I also want to recognize and thank General Manager, Dave Leathers and our staff at the BPU for their good work to secure this grant as well as for all of their efforts to make Jamestown an energy smart and efficient community.”