

In Partnership with DCAS, GrowNYC Fleet Goes All Electric

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Since 1970, [GrowNYC](#) has fostered a healthier, greener New York City by promoting environmental stewardship through community gardens, education, and 74 Greenmarket and Farmstand market days across NYC, providing fresh food access for all boroughs while fueling the economic vitality of over 240 regional farms through their markets and wholesale Food Hub.

GrowNYC was originally established as the Council on the Environment of New York City (CENYC), including through the Mayoral Executive Order in the 1970s.

Since at least 2013, DCAS Fleet has been supporting GrowNYC's mission with fleet and equipment support, including through a recently updated agreement.

At GrowNYC, they not only eat healthy, but they also drive healthy. For the first time, the DCAS-supported fleet at GrowNYC is fully electric. GrowNYC is operating four electric Ford Transit vans and two electric Chevy Bolts, which are supplied by DCAS, to replace older gas vehicles. DCAS joined GrowNYC at McCarren Park in Brooklyn on June 7 to show off the new zero-emission fleet.



The new electric vans deliver garden materials to community gardens, block associations, and schools. On any given day, the vans could deliver plants, lumber, rainwater tanks, soil, tools, garden beds, picnic tables, benches, and more to support community greening citywide. Produce for local food pantries such as Chilis-on-Wheels and Harlem Grown receive donated harvest from GrowNYC's Teaching Garden on Governor's Island. The produce is transported in these electric vehicles.

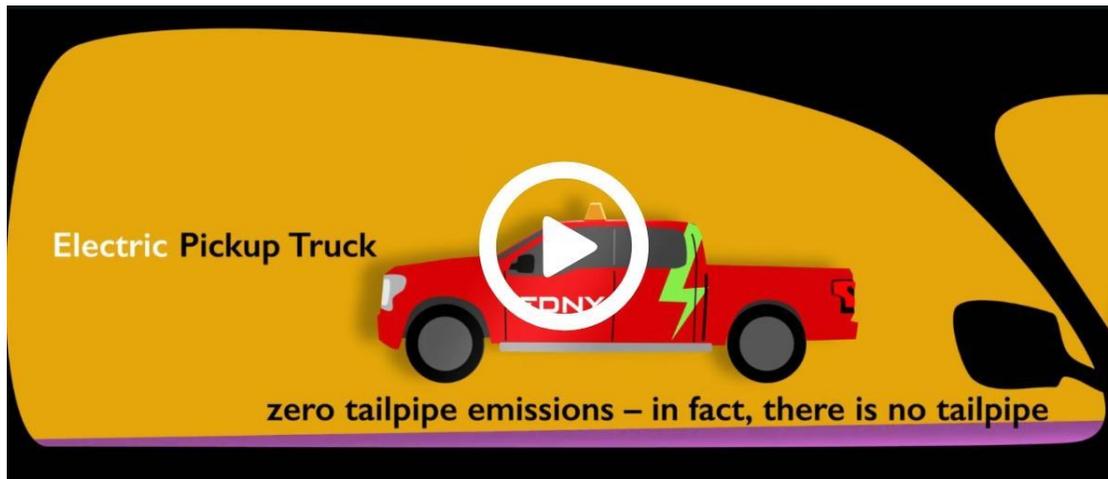
In partnership with DCAS and DEP, GrowNYC has kept the units powered by using electric charging at Newtown Creek and Hunts Point.

"Our staff appreciate having vehicles on the cutting edge of technology," states Assistant Director Mike Rezny. "At GrowNYC, we strive to be a sustainable, low-impact, environmentally friendly organization."

Local Law [140](#) of 2023 requires the city fleet to go all-electric, with 2035 as the target year for light and medium-duty units. The Department of Records (DORIS), Veterans Affairs, Mayor's SCOUT at Operations, and the NYC Share Fleet at DCAS are also fully electric fleets, and additional agencies and offices will come online. We will continue recognizing agencies and offices as they transition to cleaner electric vehicles.

Thanks to Cathy Chambers, Senior Advisor for Intergovernmental Relations and Special Operations at GrowNYC; Mike Rezny, Assistant Director at GrowNYC; and Sherry Lee, Chief of Staff for NYC Fleet for organizing the transition to an all-electric fleet.

Watch *'Batteries Included'* Below



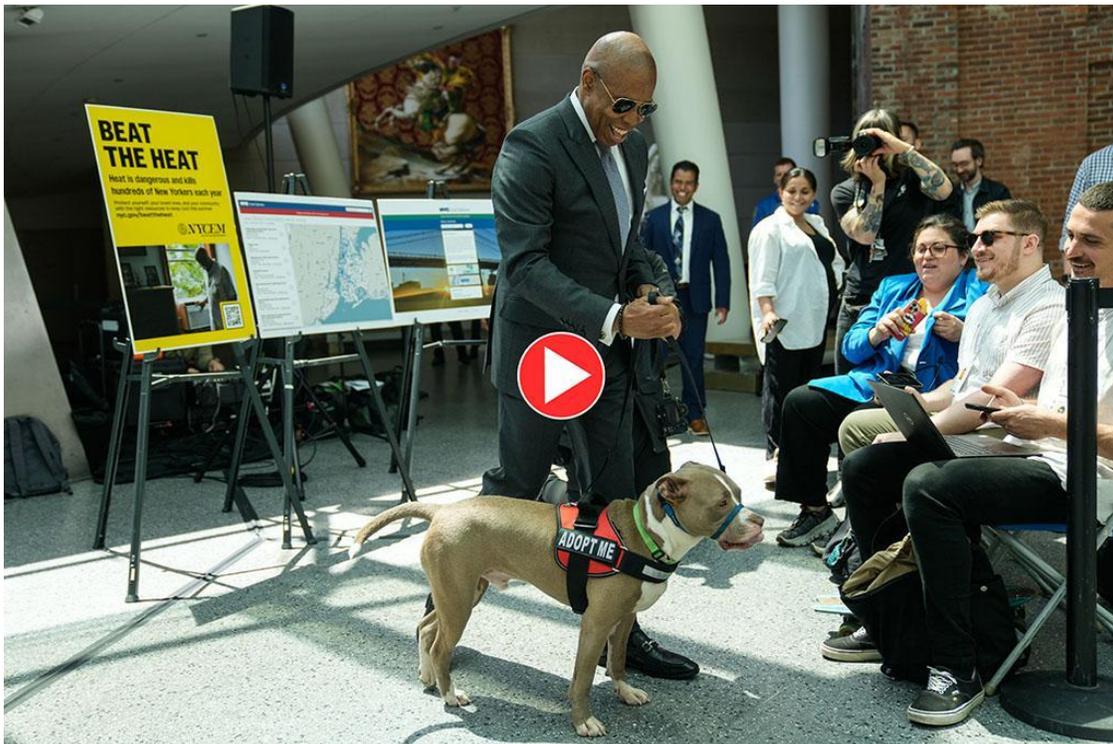


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support the hard-working New Yorkers opening and expanding a record number of small businesses across the five boroughs. As we begin to experience more extreme weather, we announced a [multi-agency effort to keep New Yorkers safe and cool this summer](#).

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