



Newport News is one of 35 public and private fleets participating in the Southeast Propane Autogas Development Program (SPADP). The U. S. Department of Energy funding for this Program was awarded to the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, and is managed by Virginia Cleans Cities at James Madison University. At its completion the Program will have overseen the conversion of 1,200 vehicles to propane autogas.

In 2011, the City of Newport News applied for and was awarded funding assistance through SPADP to convert some of the city vehicles to run on propane autogas, a clean, affordable and domestically produced alternative fuel. Newport News selected 12 Ford Crown Victorias and 10 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 trucks to be converted to autogas. Vehicle conversions began in October 2011 and all conversions were completed within six weeks. Newport News, along with other fleets in the programs proven success and cost savings have encouraged public and private fleets throughout the United States to introduce autogas into their fleets.

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