

## **Driving Electric in Tennessee Just Got Easier Brownsville Energy Authority brings 4 EV fast chargers through Fast Charge TN and joins regional Fast Charge Network**

Brownsville, Tn. – As automakers retool their factories to build electric vehicles (EVs), many more EVs will be on the roadways in the next decade. Brownsville Energy Authority (BEA) is helping to make sure the City of Brownsville is ready with charging infrastructure.

On September 7, BEA announced that it has installed 4 fast chargers at 121 Sunny Hill Cove (West Tennessee Delta Heritage Center) as part of Fast Charge TN, a partnership between the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), and Seven States Power Corporation. This Fast Charge TN installation is part of the regional Fast Charge Network that will cover major travel corridors across TVA's seven-state service area and will complement the broader efforts of the [National Electric Highway Coalition](#), which seeks to enable long-distance EV travel by placing fast chargers along interstates and major highways throughout the United States.

“We moved quickly to participate in Fast Charge TN so our community can enjoy the environmental and economic benefits of electric transportation,” said Russ Stoots, BEA General Manager. “The funding from TVA and TDEC makes it possible to add fast chargers in our community by providing 80% of the project cost.”

TVA and TDEC have brought together local power companies, state and local government partners, and others to pave the way for over 200,000 EVs on Tennessee Valley roads by 2028. The benefits that these EVs bring to the Tennessee Valley region are significant:

- Attracting good jobs -- \$13.8 billion in EV and battery manufacturing have helped create over 10,000 EV-related jobs.
- Reducing carbon emissions from gasoline vehicles by almost 1 million metric tons per year or the equivalent of the carbon sequestered by 1 million acres of US forests in one year.
- Reinvesting \$120 million in the local economy every year from electric refueling.
- Saving drivers up to \$1,000 in fuel and maintenance costs every year.

“Tennessee’s air is cleaner as measured by federal air quality standards than it has been in generations, and a clean environment helps drive economic development,” TDEC Deputy Commissioner Greg Young said. “TDEC is partnering with TVA and BEA on the development of this station to continue Tennessee’s environmental and economic momentum while further entrenching our state as the epicenter of the electric vehicle transition.”

“TVA is proud to partner with TDEC, other state agencies and local power companies like Brownsville EA to place public fast charging sites like this one across our seven-

state service area because electric vehicles benefit everyone,” said Mark Yates, TVA Regional Vice President, East Region. “Taking a leadership role in EV charging infrastructure allows us to save drivers money, attract good jobs and tourism, and keep refueling dollars in local economies— all powered by electricity from TVA and your local power company.”

“Seven States is trusted by local power companies across the Tennessee Valley to deliver EV charging technology for their consumers,” said Betsey Kirk McCall, President and CEO of Seven States Power Corporation. “Impactful partnerships like this benefit the local community, regional economy and global environment for years to come.”

“This charging location does more than charge cars -- it connects Brownsville to the Fast Charge Network and plays an important role in putting our region on the leading edge of the new electric economy,” said Stoots.

To learn more about the Fast Charge Network, calculate how much money an EV could save you or locate EV charging stations on your travel route, check out <https://energyright.com/ev/>.

Learn more about [Fast Charge TN](#).

Digital media assets can be accessed at <https://energyright.com/ev/press-kit/>.

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