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BROOKS UNVEILS FUTURE E-85 FUEL STATION

County Executive Again Offers Local Solution to Global Problem

Continuing her efforts to promote energy independence and a cleaner natural environment, County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced that Monroe County will be opening an E-85 fueling station on Scottsville Road in the Town of Chili. Joined by county and local officials, Brooks announced that the E-85 fueling station will be fully operational within a year, and will provide fuel for a number of vehicles operating within the county vehicle fleet.

“Once again, I am proud that Monroe County is offering a local solution to a global crisis,” stated **Brooks**. *“By our county utilizing renewable energy resources like E-85, we are doing our part to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, while protecting the air we breathe, and the water we drink.”*

The fueling station, which will be located at 1157 Scottsville Road in the Town of Chili, will be open and operational for county vehicles within a year. The new station will provide fuel for 20 county vehicles already in use, eight new E-85 vehicles being procured this year, and future E-85 vehicles acquired in the future.

E-85 contains a mix of 85% ethanol, and 15% unleaded gasoline. Ethanol, a bio-degradable product, is derived from renewable resources such as corn, cheese whey, grains, and wood wastes. When utilized, ethanol reduces toxic, ozone-depleting emissions.

In addition to E-85, Monroe County utilizes biodiesel for a small number of trucks in its fleet. The county is exploring further implementation this environmentally-friendly fuel within the county fleet.

Construction of the new fueling facility, and initial operating expenses are approximately \$400,000, with the funding provided through the Department of Environmental Services. The County is applying for federal and state grants to help off-set future costs related to facility’s operation, and is also exploring the use of other environmentally-friendly fuels to be utilized within county vehicles.

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