

# CHARGING FORWARD,



## Delaware's Strategy For Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (2024)



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# Introductions



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# Agenda

- What is CHARGING FORWARD: Delaware's Strategy for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure?
- Delaware's Existing Electric Vehicle Landscape
- Developing Delaware's CHARGING FORWARD Strategy
- Delaware's Projected Future Conditions
- Delaware's EV Charging Priorities
- Strategy Recommendations and Next Steps
- Questions or Comments





# What is CHARGING FORWARD: Delaware's Strategy for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure?



# What is CHARGING FORWARD?

- A strategy created by the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) and the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)
- The strategy focuses on:
  - Planning an EV charging network in an equitable, reliable, connected way
  - Educational initiatives
  - Ways to measure success to help improve and enhance the network as needed



# Strategy Vision

*Enable current and future users of electric vehicles **to confidently travel** in and across Delaware for work, education, recreation, and exploration.*





# Strategy Plan Outcome Areas



**Equity:** ensure that rural, underserved, and disadvantaged communities, including suppliers and contractors, are engaged and realize Strategy benefits



**Reliability:** develop a reliable, convenient, affordable, and equitable EV infrastructure network in Delaware for all users



**Connections:** connect Delawareans and travelers in Delaware to EV chargers to support an electric transportation future



**Education:** develop outreach materials on electric vehicles, good charging habits, station location, station usage, equipment capability, and how to provide feedback on the network; use social media and apps



**Evaluation:** develop a framework to collect data and evaluate the plan over time; refine and update as needed





# Development of Goals

- The planning process looked at existing and future conditions of EV infrastructure in the state.
- The Goals focused on the needs of:
  - Disadvantaged Communities (DAC)
  - Rural Areas
  - Residents of multi-unit dwellings
- Plan goals were revised based on feedback from stakeholders & the public.



# The Strategy Working Group

- DNREC, Climate and Sustainability
- DNREC, Energy Office
- DelDOT, Transportation Resiliency and Sustainability
- Delaware Area Rapid Transit
- Delaware Commute Solutions
- Delaware Electric Vehicle Association
- WILMAPCO
- Dover/Kent MPO
- Salisbury/Wicomico MPO
- Delaware Electric Cooperative
- Exelon/Delmarva Power
- League of Local Governments
- DEMEC
- Delaware Chamber of Commerce
- Office of State Planning Coordination
- Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League
- Delaware Hispanic Commission
- La Esperanza
- First State Community Action Agency
- Latin American Community Center
- League of Women Voters
- Interfaith Power and Light
- Healthy Communities Delaware
- Boys and Girls Club of Delaware
- Route 9 Coalition
- NAACP Delaware
- Delaware Concerned Residents for Environmental Justice
- Sierra Club of Delaware



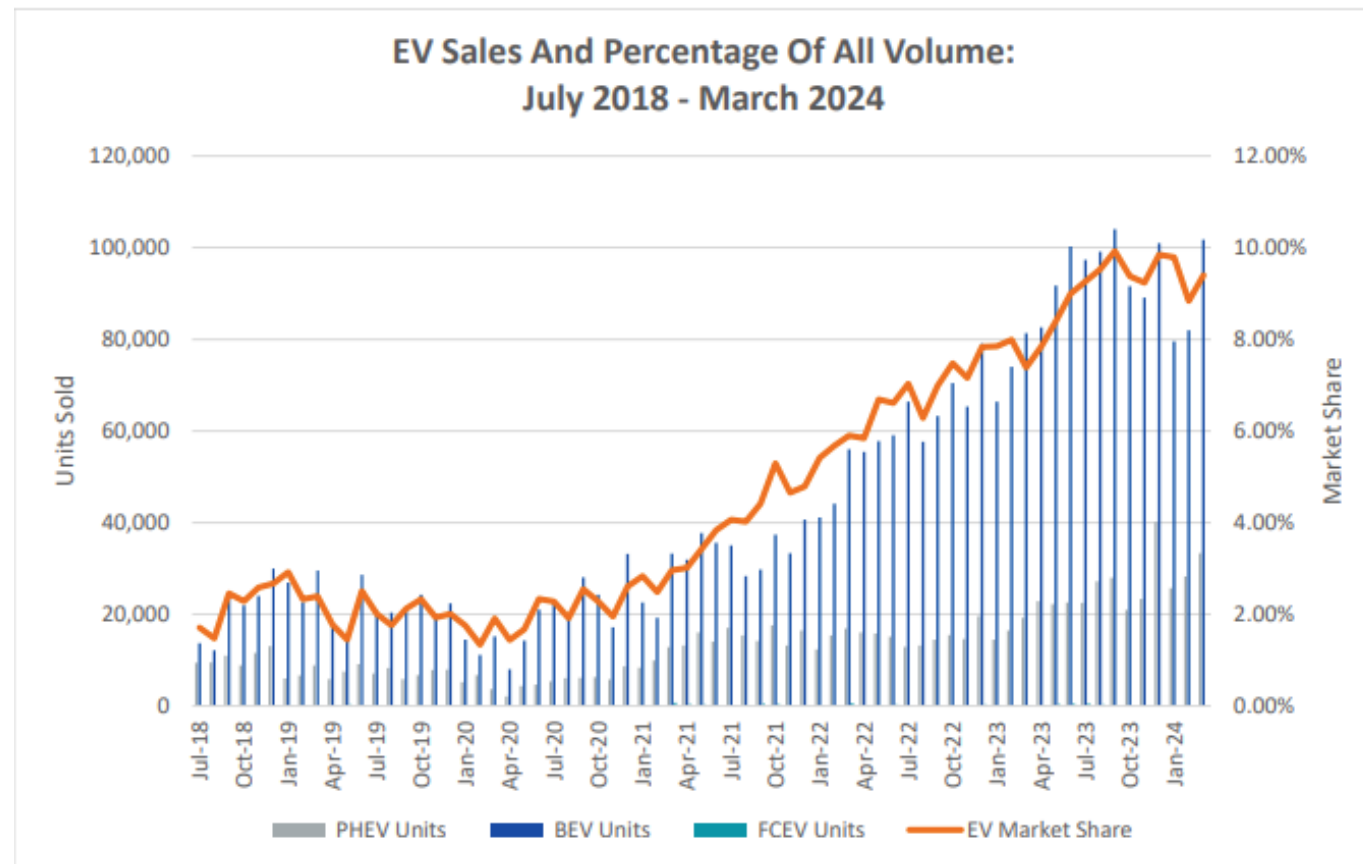


# Delaware's Existing Electric Vehicle Landscape



# The Rise of Electric Vehicles

EVs hovered between 2-3% of vehicle sales for years, but after significant investment now represent around 10% of all new vehicles sold.



Source: Alliance for Automotive Innovation *Get Connected* Electric Vehicle Quarterly Report Q4



# The Rise of Electric Vehicles



The U.S. allocates \$54.5 billion towards EV adoption



Auto manufacturers pledge to go fully electric by 2035



15 States adopting Advanced Clean Cars II



Now over 100 models to choose from in 2024 and growing



# The Rise of Electric Vehicles

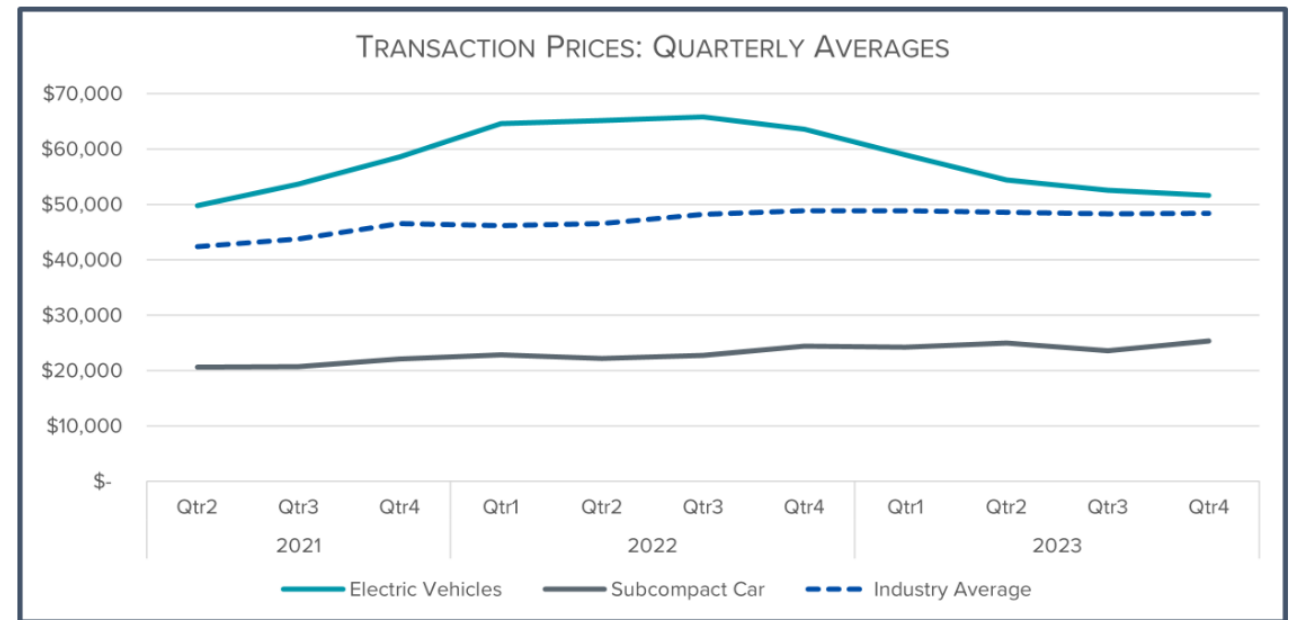
Historically, the cost of EVs has priced many consumers out of the market

## Reaching Price Parity

- By Q4 2023, the average transaction price of an EV was \$3,300 higher than industry average

## Lowering Production Costs

- As manufacturers fortify supply chains and battery technology improves, cost to produce EVs will become lower than ICE vehicles



Source: Alliance for Automotive Innovation *Get Connected* Electric Vehicle Quarterly Report Q4, 2023





# Delaware Electric Vehicle Growth

116%	Increase in Clean Vehicle Rebate Applications between 2022 and 2023.
47%	Increase in Number of EVs registered in Delaware between April 2023 and April 2024
628	Public Level 2 and DC Fast Charging Ports

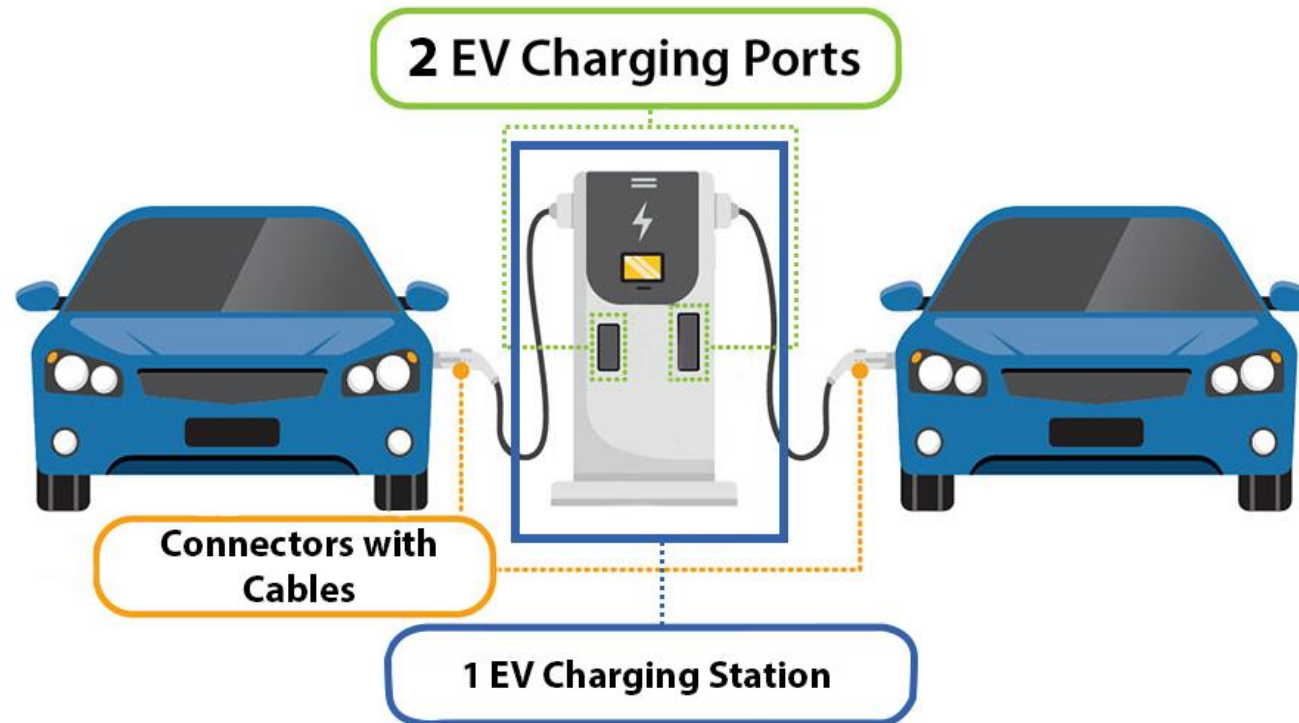




# Ports vs. Station Location

**A Charging Port** provides power to charge one vehicle at a time.

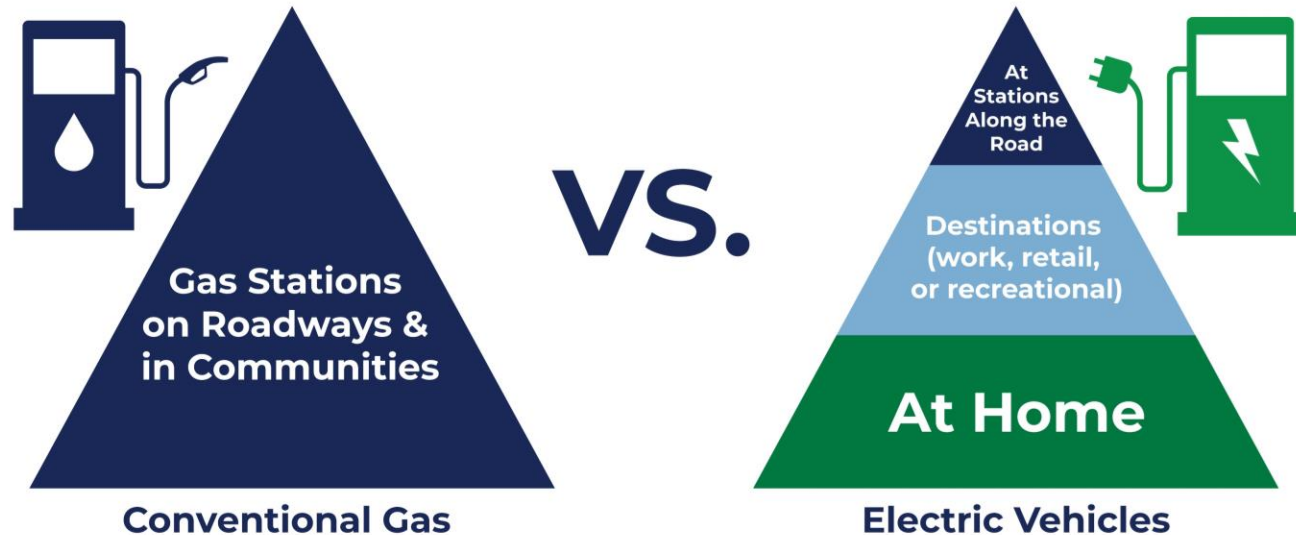
**A Station Location** is a site with one or more EV charging ports.



# Understanding EV Charging Infrastructure

EVs need access to charging stations. Most drivers use at-home charging ports, but charging stations are also provided at workplaces, public destinations, and along heavy-traffic corridors.

## How Fueling Cars is Changing with Electricity

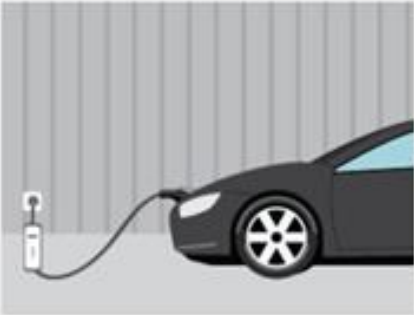



# Understanding EV Charging Infrastructure

**Level 1** infrastructure provides charging for residential applications.

**Level 2** infrastructure provides charging for residential (240V) and commercial applications (208V).

**Direct Current (DC) Fast Charging** infrastructure provides rapid charging along heavy-traffic corridors.

Level 1	Level 2	DC Fast Charge
		
<b>VOLTAGE:</b> 120V 1-Phase AC	<b>VOLTAGE:</b> 208V or 240V 1-Phase AC	<b>VOLTAGE:</b> 208V or 480V 3-Phase AC
<b>AMPS:</b> 12-16 Amps	<b>AMPS:</b> 12-80 Amps	<b>AMPS:</b> >100 Amps
<b>CHARGING LOAD:</b> 1.4-1.9 kW	<b>CHARGING LOAD:</b> 2.5-19.2 kW	<b>CHARGING LOAD:</b> 50-350 kW
<b>CHARGING TIME:</b> 3-5 Miles per Hour	<b>CHARGING TIME:</b> 12-60 Miles per Hour	<b>CHARGING TIME:</b> 10%-80% in ~30 Minutes





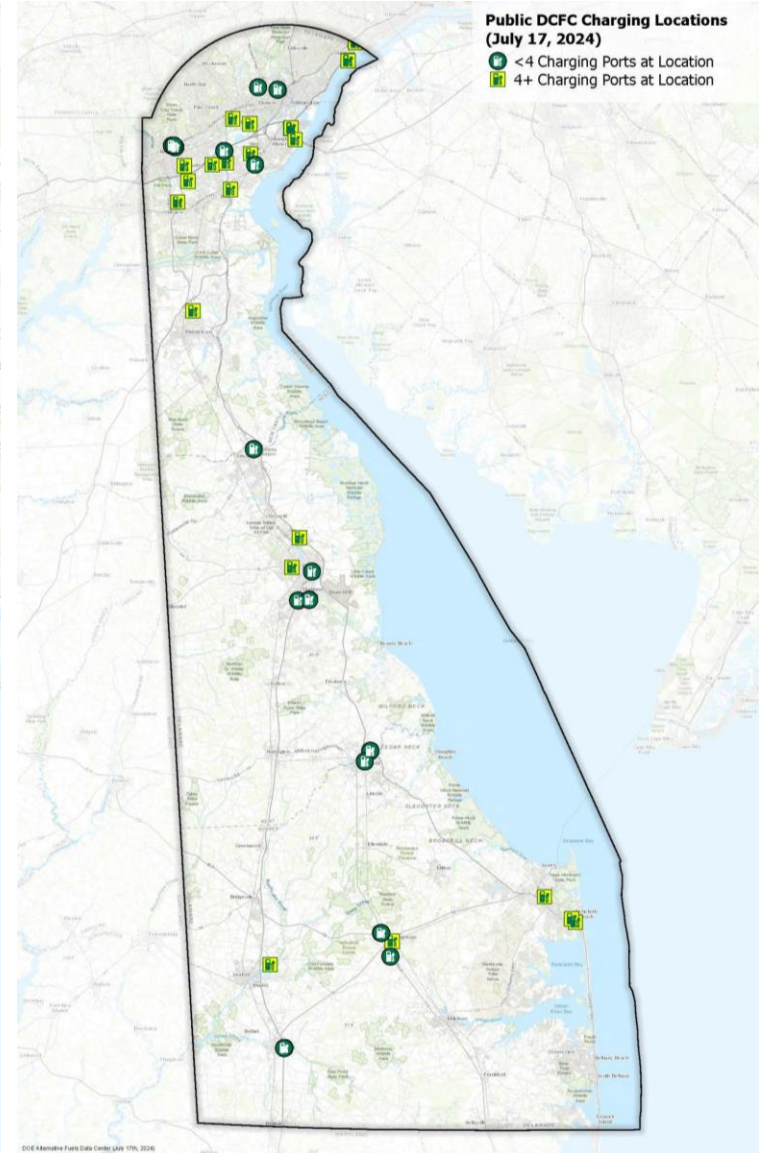
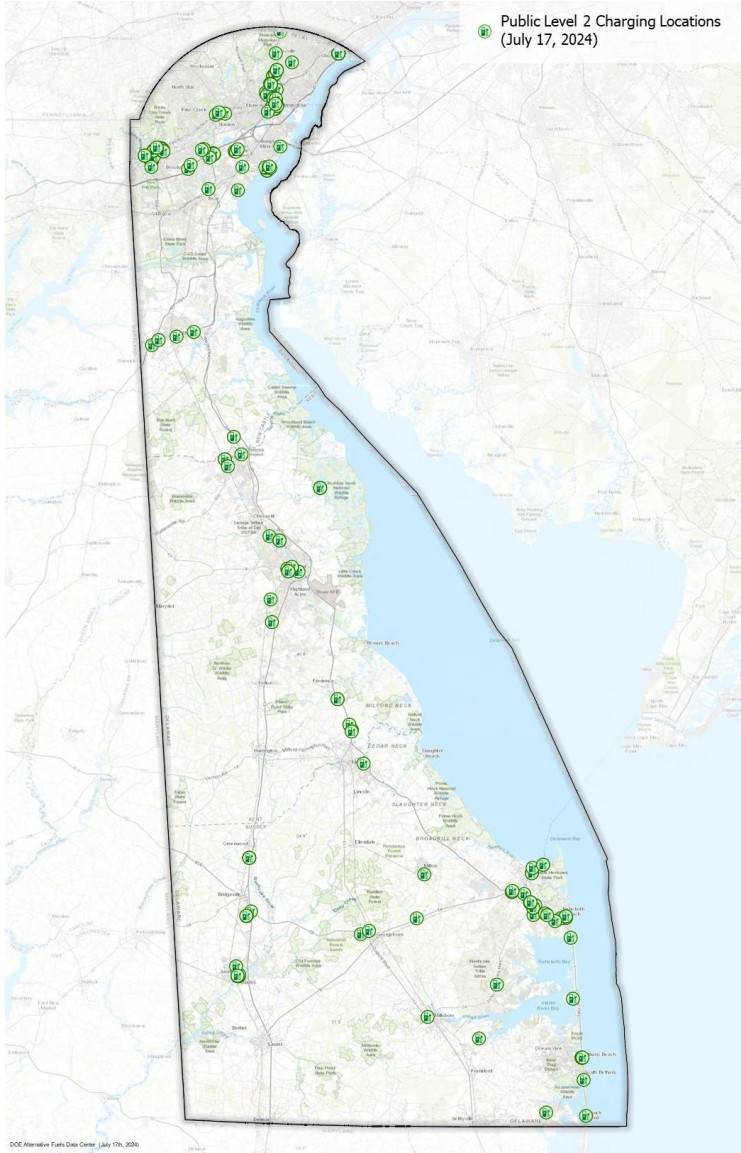
# Where are Existing Chargers Located?

As of July 2024, the State of Delaware has:

- 384 Level 2 Charging Ports
- 248 DC Fast Charging Ports



[Explore the data yourself](#)





# Developing Delaware's **CHARGING FORWARD** Strategy

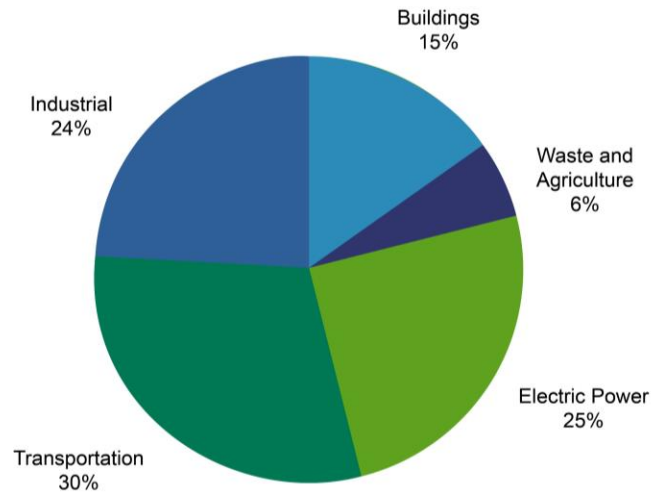


# Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Delaware

Delaware's transportation sector is the largest source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, accounting for 30% of all emissions.

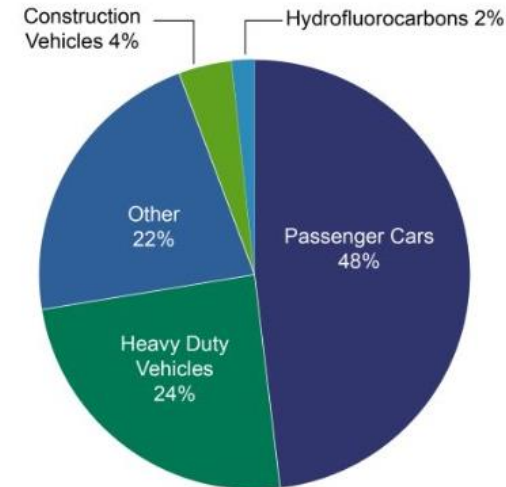
Of those emissions, 48% come from passenger cars.

2020 Delaware GHG Emissions by Sector



Source: Delaware Greenhouse Gas Inventory 2020

2020 Delaware Transportation GHG Emissions by Source

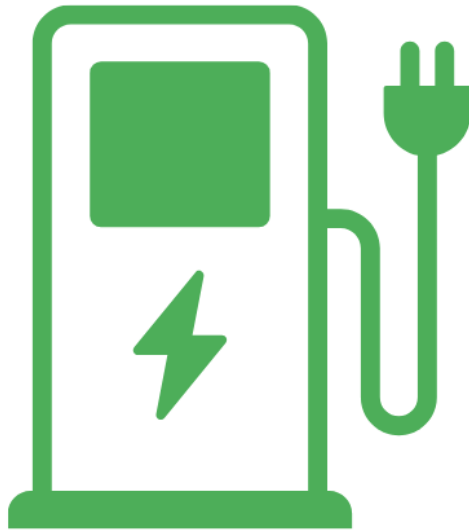


Source: Delaware Greenhouse Gas Inventory 2020



# Reducing Emissions through Electric Vehicles

Battery powered electric vehicles are one of the most effective technologies for reducing emissions from the transportation sector.



## Battery Powered

EV's are powered by batteries which are charged by plugging the vehicle into an electric power source.

## No Tailpipe Pollutants

EV's do not release greenhouse gases or other harmful pollutants into the atmosphere while driving.

## Efficient

EV's are over 80% efficient while internal combustion engine vehicles are about 20% efficient.

## Cost-Effective

Electric vehicles are becoming much cheaper to produce, and cost less to maintain than a gas powered car





# State's Role in EV Infrastructure

- Identify areas where governmental policy, regulations, guidelines, or procedures may need to be changed
- Provide funding opportunities to install EV charging
- The state will only own and operate charging stations at state-owned locations.

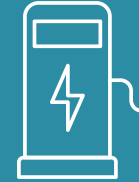


# Delaware Infrastructure Investments

Governor's Budget Proposal



NEVI FY23 RFP and FY24 Report



Statewide Energy Plan



Volkswagen Mitigation Settlement Funding



Advanced Clean Cars II



DNREC EV Charging Station Rebate



Senate Bill 103



# National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program (NEVI)

**2022**

## **Funds Made Available**

**The FHWA and Joint Office approved eligible plans; funds were made immediately available for investment**

**2023**

## **Request for Proposals**

**DelDOT released RFPs and received applications from vendors interested in owning and operating charging stations along AFC routes (*Rts. 1, 13, 113 and I-95*)**

**2024**

## **Vendor Selection**

**DelDOT has accepted bids and contracts are being finalized**

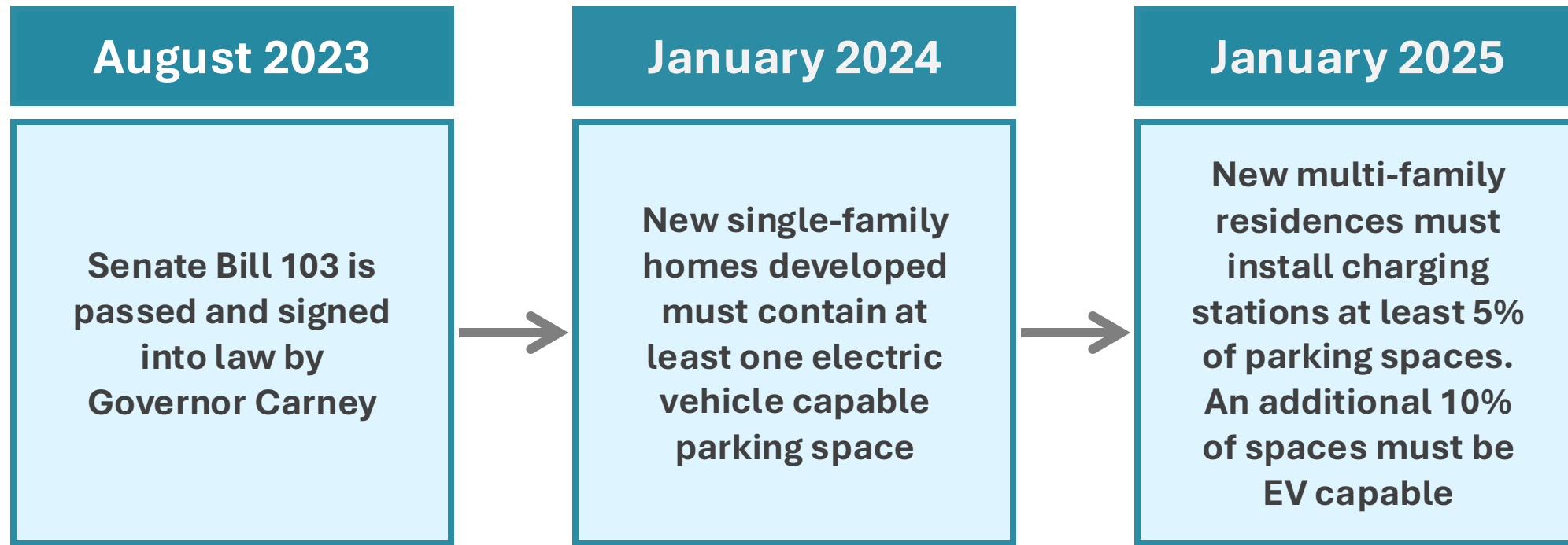


# Volkswagen Mitigation Settlement

- Volkswagen violated emissions standards and must compensate for environmental damage
- DE received \$1.4 million to put towards 14 new DCFC stations with 32 ports



# Residential Charging Requirements



# Level 2 EV Charging Station Rebate Program

For Multi-Family Dwellings

	Charging Station Rebate	Installation Reimbursement
New Multi-Family Dwelling	75%	N/A
New Multi-Family Dwelling Priority Area	90%	N/A
Existing Multi-Family Dwelling	75%	60%
Existing Multi-Family Dwelling Priority Area	90%	80%

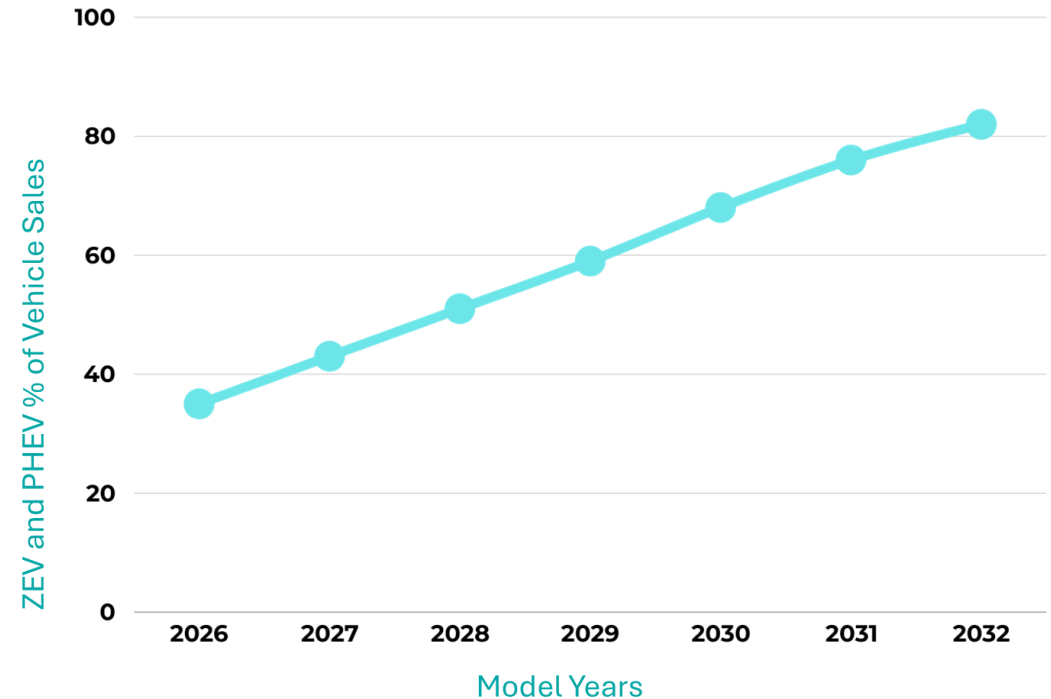
The Level 2 EV Charging Station Rebate Program also includes equipment rebates for public properties and fleets. [de.gov/clean cars](https://de.gov/clean cars) for more info.





# Advanced Clean Cars II

- In November 2023, Delaware formally adopted ACCII
- ACCII rapidly reduces vehicle emissions by requiring increased sale of ZEVs
- Delaware is adopting the regulation through 2032, ending with 82% **new** ZEV sales



**82%**

of NEW vehicles delivered for sale in Delaware must be zero-emission vehicles





# Statewide Energy Plan

- The DE Climate Change Solutions Act of 2023 requires the state's Energy Plan to be updated every 5 years
- The Governors Energy Advisory Committee meets to discuss plan components which must promote energy conservation and renewable energy sources
- The plan will address changes needed to accommodate a growing number of electric vehicles



# Governor's FY25 Budget Proposal

- As part of Governor Carney's proposed budget for fiscal year 2025, \$4 million dollars will be allocated for electric vehicle charging stations in Delaware communities which will fill gaps NEVI doesn't provide



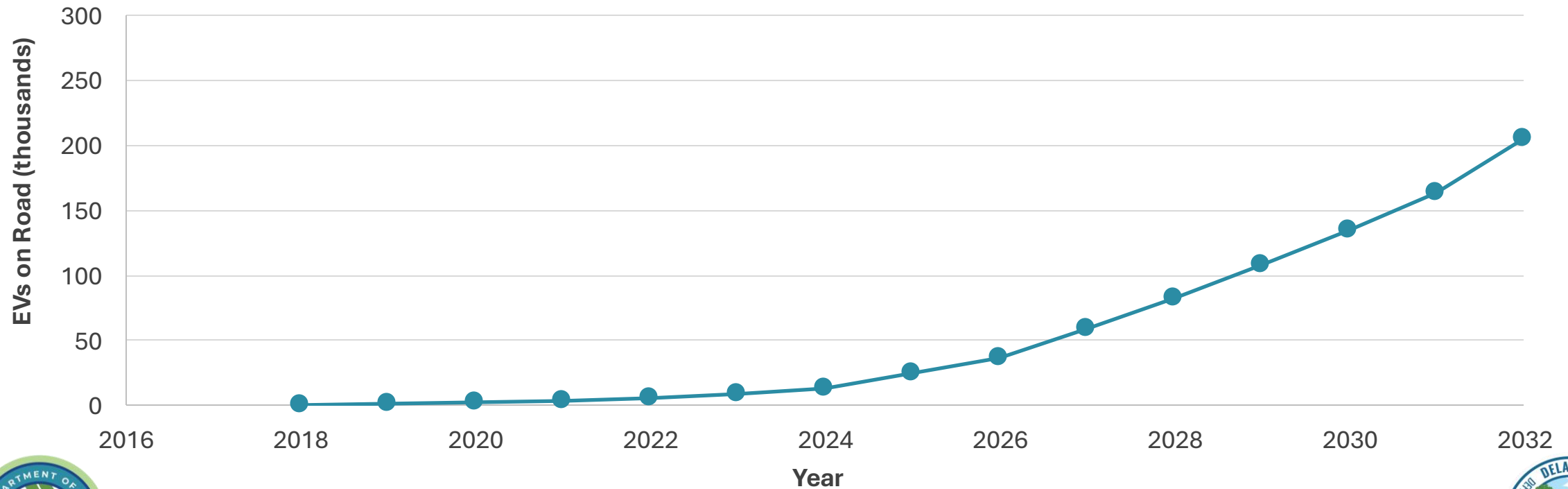


# Delaware's Projected Future Conditions



# CHARGING FORWARD EV Adoption

Delaware is *expected* to have nearly **60,000 EVs** on the road by 2027 and **205,000 EVs** on the road by 2032.

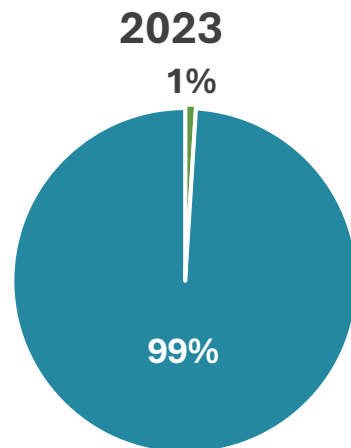


# Transition to Electric Vehicles in Delaware

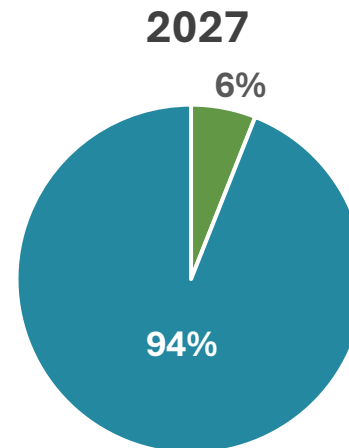
Delaware's electric vehicle (EV) transition will be gradual but consistent.

Full EV transition will take many years due to how long cars stay on the road before being retired.

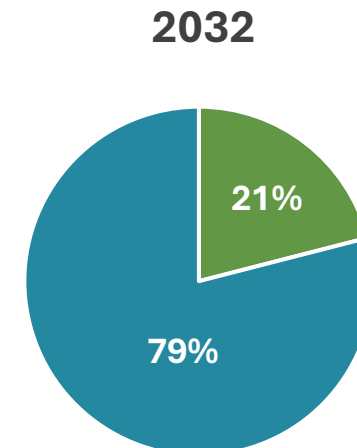
Projected Share of Electric Vehicles to Internal Combustion Engine Vehicles in Delaware



■ EV ■ ICE



■ EV ■ ICE



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EV – Electric Vehicles

ICE – Internal Combustion Engine Vehicles



# Identifying Priority Charging Areas

Priority charging areas were selected based on four criteria:

EV Charging Network	Early EV Adopters	Land Use	Equity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Existing EV Charging Locations</li><li>• Traffic</li><li>• Seasonal traffic</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EV Adoption Demographics (income, car ownership, education, etc.)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multi-family Housing</li><li>• Population Density</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unemployment</li><li>• Social Vulnerability</li><li>• Pollution Exposure &amp; Asthma</li><li>• Housing Burden</li><li>• Public Transportation Accessibility</li></ul>

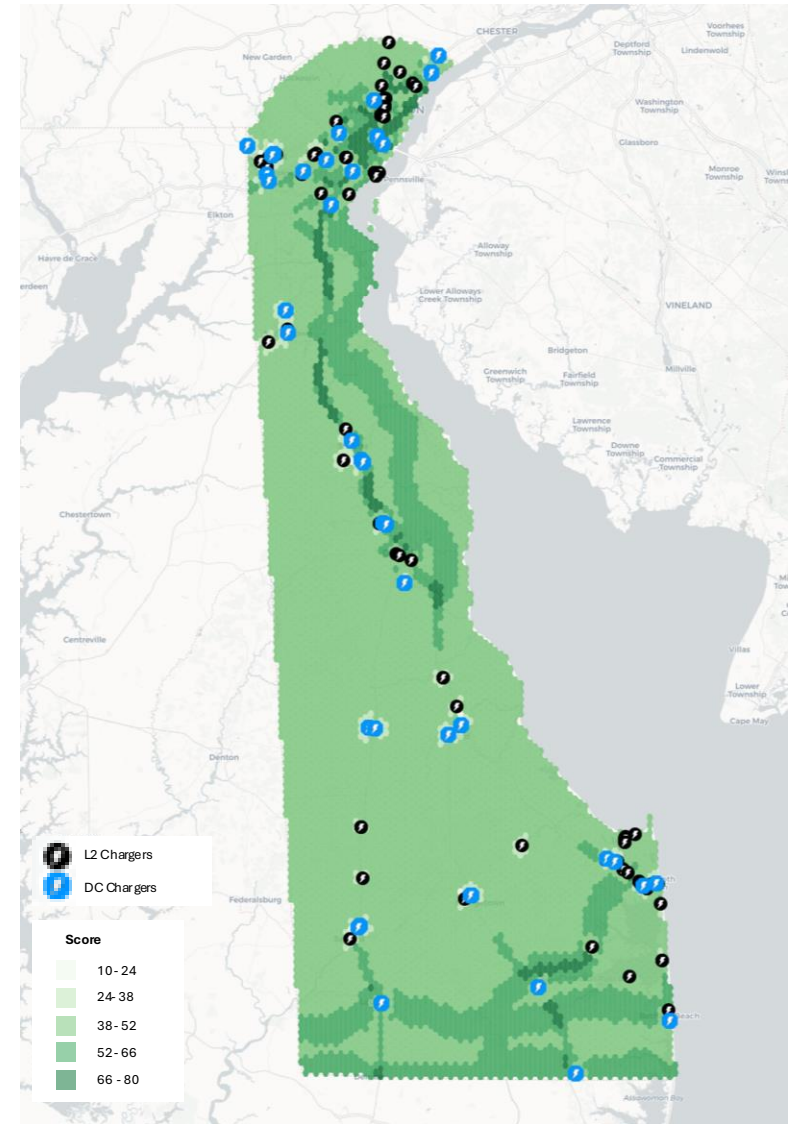




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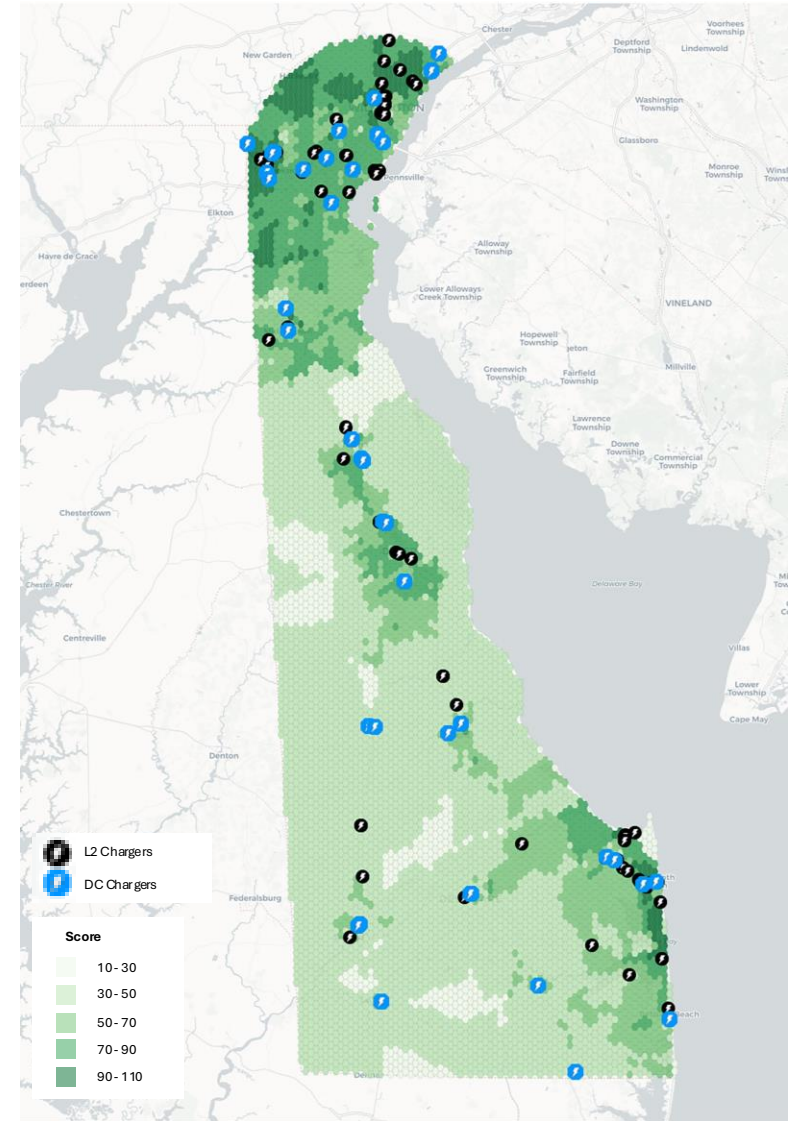
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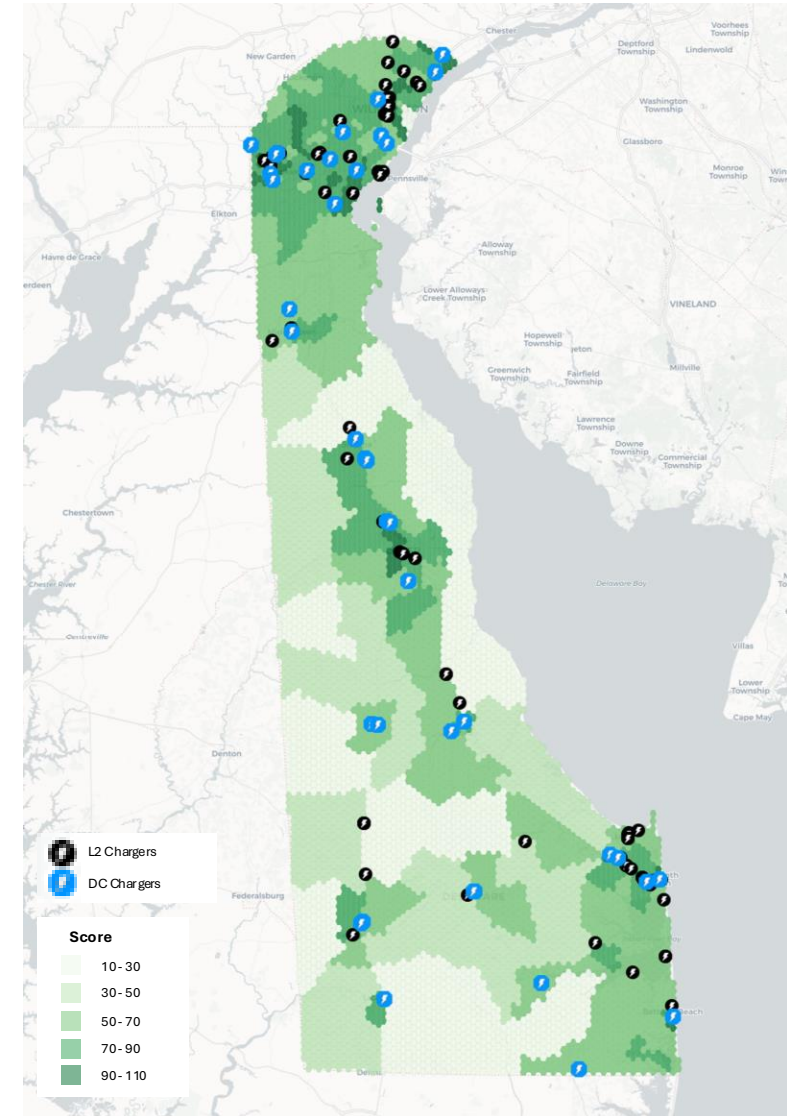
# Early EV Adopters

- Early Electric Vehicle (EV) adoption is a priority for potential EV infrastructure investment
- Early EV adoption is likely in areas shown in dark green on the map



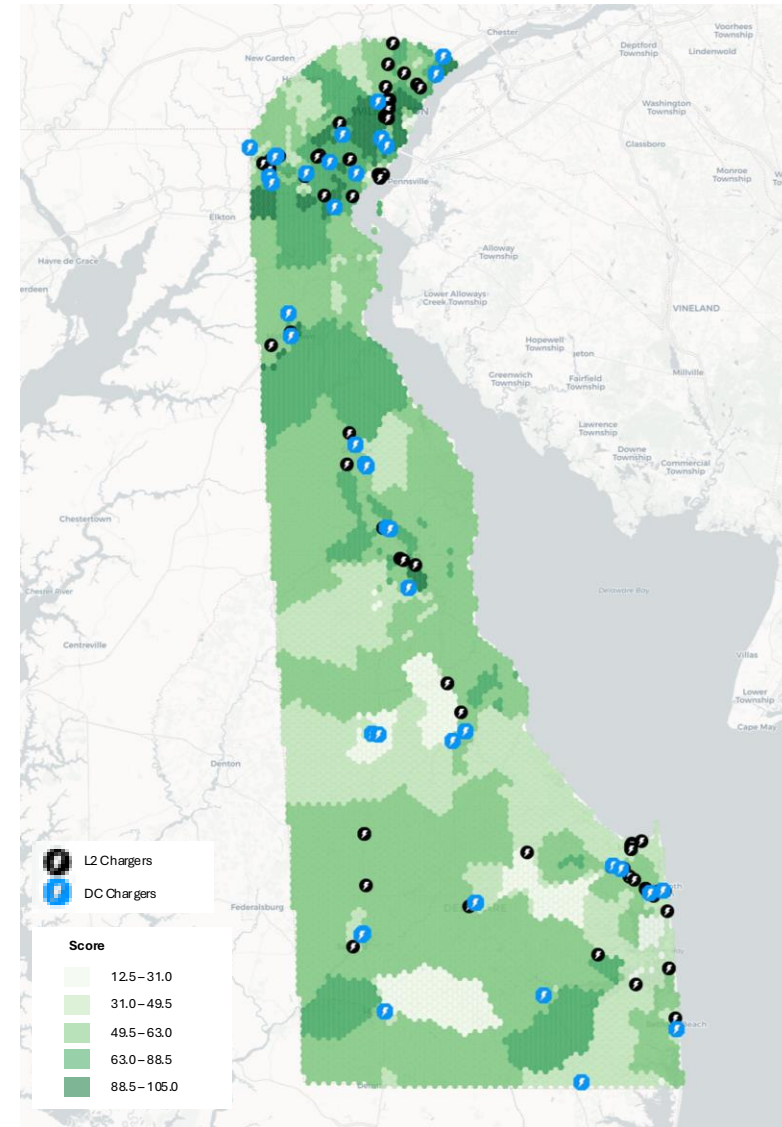
# Land Use & Built Environment

- Areas of higher population density are a priority for potential EV infrastructure investment.
- The map highlights areas of highest population density and presence of multi-family housing in dark green.



# Equity

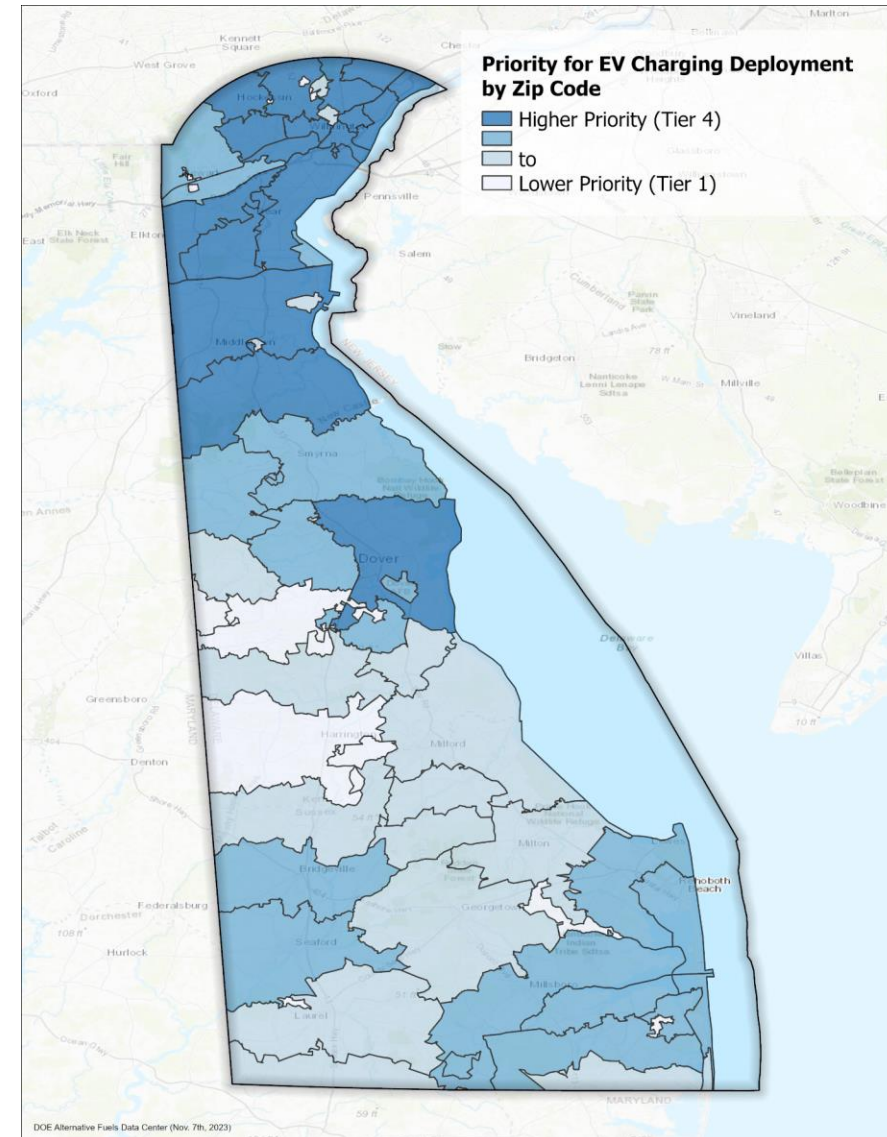
- The map highlights areas in Delaware with socio-economic and equity disparities in darker green.
- These areas could benefit from targeted EV charging infrastructure investment.





# Priority Tiers by Zip Code

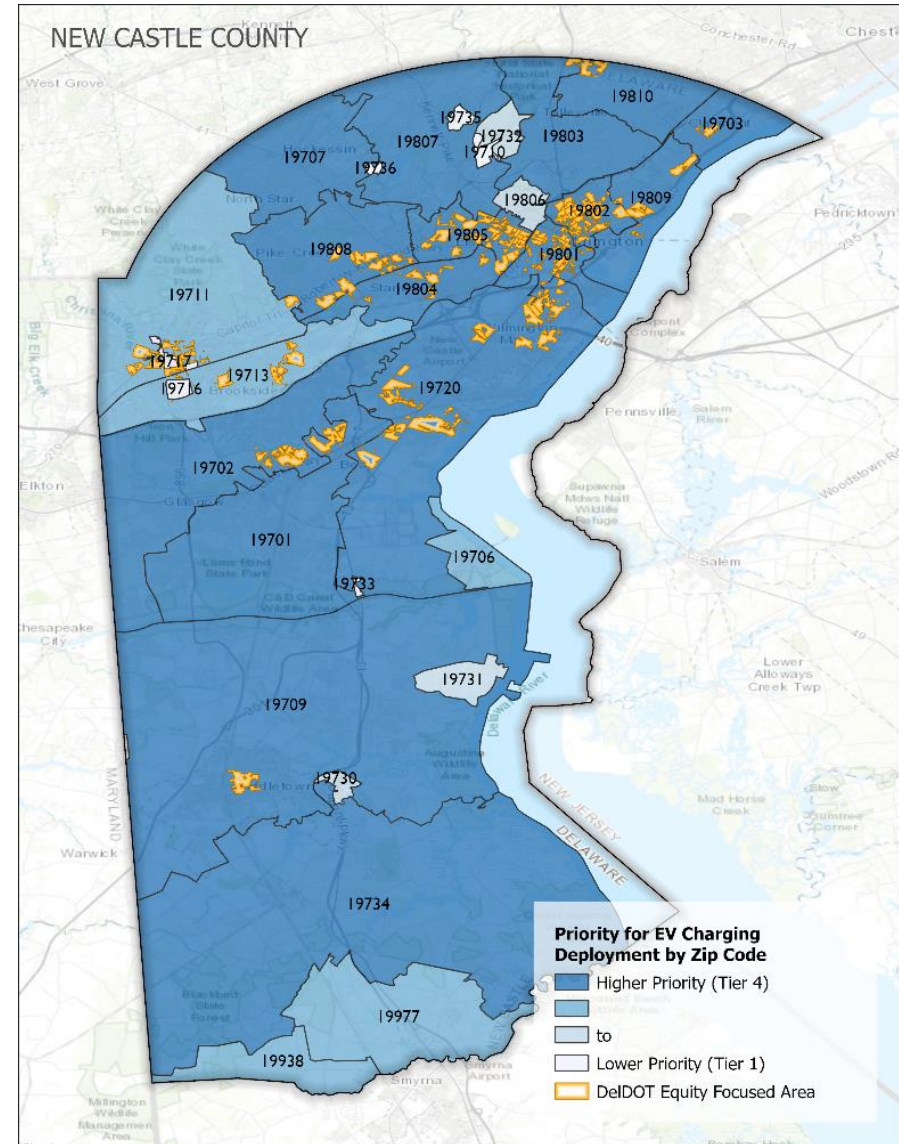
- The priority criteria were used to place each zip code in Delaware in one of four tiers:
  - Tier 4 is the **highest** priority
  - Tier 1 is the *lowest* priority



# New Castle County Priority Tiers

- Large areas of New Castle County are highest priority due to:
  - Greater population density
  - More multi-family dwellings
  - The presence of disadvantaged communities

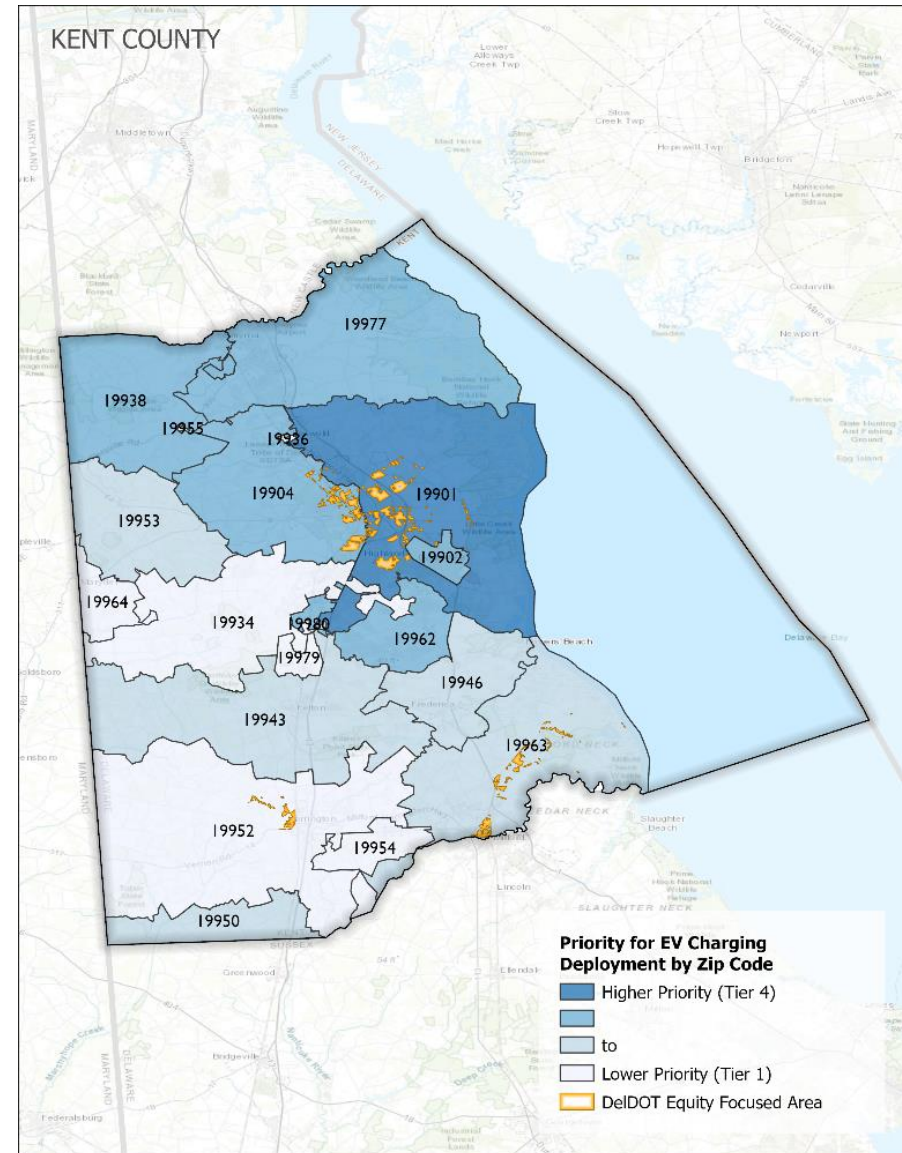
*321 more DCFC ports and 6,221 L2 ports are needed by 2032 to meet future demand.*



# Kent County Priority Tiers

- Much of Kent County falls into Tier 2 and 3.
- Only the east side of Dover is Tier 4, which includes the heavily trafficked DE-1 and US-13 routes.

*127 more DCFC ports and 2,101 L2 ports are needed by 2032 to meet the future.*

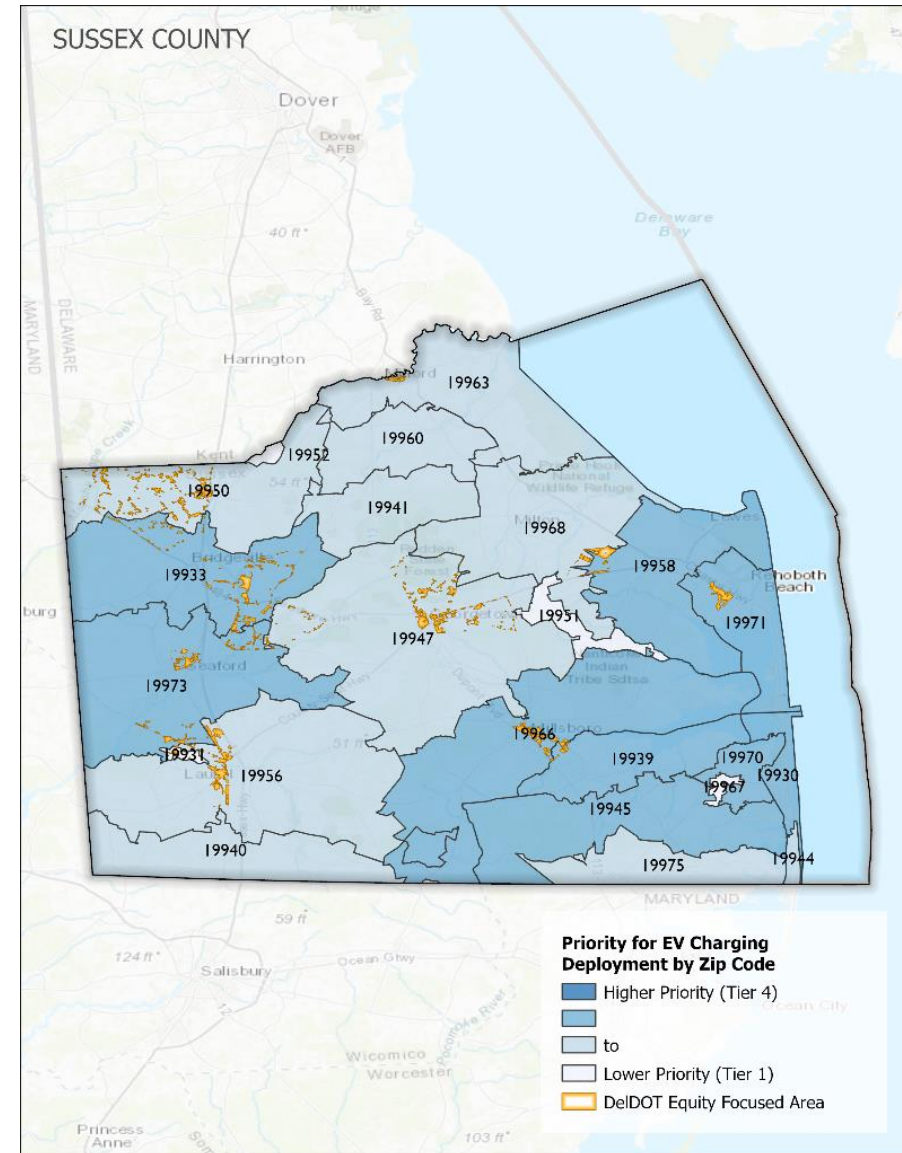




# Sussex County Priority Tiers

- Much of Sussex County falls into Tier 2 and 3.
- The southeast part of the county received higher priority due to seasonal beach traffic.

*198 more DCFC ports and  
3,705 L2 ports are needed by  
2032 to meet the future*





# Strategy Recommendations and Next Steps

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# CHARGING FORWARD Key Strategies

- **Develop programs that encourage the deployment of EV charging stations** through funding, technical assistance, or other incentives
- Encourage local jurisdictions to leverage information from this Strategy for **federal funding opportunity applications**
- Coordinate with utility companies to **streamline charging installations** in high priority zip codes, particularly in disadvantaged communities and high multi-family density areas.
- Work with the electric utilities to develop new **electric demand consumption management programs**
- Ensure **data tracking and transparent data** sharing between government entities of EV registrations and charging locations



# Short-Term Recommendations

## 0-3 Years



Allocate funds to support priority installations in Tier 3 and Tier 4 zip codes to advance equity and support residents facing the largest barriers to EV adoption.



The state is encouraged to work with local jurisdictions to pursue federal funding opportunities to reduce upfront costs.



Coordinate with developers to advance EV charging infrastructure installation. Sites of interest are:

- Public parking lots
- Tourist destinations
- Local businesses
- Workplaces
- Multi-family housing sites



# Medium and Long-Term Recommendations

## Medium-Term Recommendations (3-5 years)



Allocate funds to support EV charging infrastructure installation in Tier 2 and 1 areas.



Consider innovative policies to drive or streamline installation at local businesses and workplaces.

## Long-Term Recommendations (5+ years)



Re-assess where charging gaps existing in the current network and where state intervention is needed.





# Questions or Comments

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Use Zoom's Q&A function





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EV Plan Website



EV Virtual Meeting Room

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