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EV Chargers now placed at City facilities

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -- Earlier this summer, work began to install 14 *Blink* Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers in four City facilities, including City Hall Parking Garages 1 and 2, according to Murfreesboro Principal Planner Margaret Ann Ely.

Co-sponsored locally by Murfreesboro Electric Department, four electric vehicle charging stations were installed in City Hall, two on each of two parking garage levels; four at Sports*Com, two at Old Fort Park and two on the City's parking lot at the corner of E. Lytle and North Spring streets.

Tennessee was only one of nine states and the District of Columbia chosen to participate in the new initiative begun by ECOtality, a company dedicated to the promotion of Smart EV Charging Solutions, according to information posted on its website.

Supported by a federal Department of Energy grant and sponsored by a host of companies that include Nissan of North America (which manufactures the all-electric Leaf in its Smyrna plant) and General Motors, Inc. (Chevrolet Division), which manufactures the gasoline-supported electric Volt; the program initiated installation of the 14 *Blink* EV chargers for public use here and has plans to expand the program throughout the country.

The Level 2 charging systems like those installed in Murfreesboro EV's can charge a vehicle in four to six hours utilizing 220-volt, Direct Current power, Ely explained.

EV chargers are already available at several locations throughout the city, including MED and the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce.

ECOtality has installed chargers in major cities and metropolitan areas throughout the states of California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Texas, Tennessee, Illinois, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

The program is the largest single deployment of electric infrastructure in history, according to company literature.