

3 Ways To Make Your Employee Commute Greener

Did you know? Ulster County employees commute approximately 22 miles round trip every day. In an effort to lesson Ulster County's carbon footprint, we need your help!

Ulster County Executive Michael P. Hein welcomes you to **Ulster County Greener Commuting**, a 511NY Rideshare service that provides Ulster County employees a new way to find sustainable transportation options. This easy-to-use portal is offered to all Ulster County employees.

Use **Ulster County Greener Commuting** to find information on carpooling, transit, biking, Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station locations and other resources.

Here's how to get started:

1. Go to the Rideshare Login found on the Ulster County Intranet: <https://ridematch.511nyrideshare.org/newyork/?id=2138&client=UlsterCounty>
2. If you are a new user, click on the "Register Here" button; otherwise, log in with your email address and password. Complete/review your commuter profile. Your profile preferences will determine what information is shared with potential rideshare partners.
3. Once you complete your registration, run a Ridematch to find other travelers who have similar travel routes. The system will allow you to communicate with potential rideshare partners. (Check back often as new registrants are added to the database each day.)
4. Click on the above icons for additional information and resources related to transit, Park and Ride lots, electric charging stations, biking and ridesharing.
5. For personalized service, questions or assistance, call 511 and say, "Rideshare." Customer service is available Monday - Friday, from 6AM to 7 PM.

511NY Rideshare is sponsored by the New York State Department of Transportation to provide free commuter and traveler information.

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— COUNTY EXECUTIVE MICHAEL P. HEIN —

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ULSTER COUNTY AREA TRANSIT (UCAT)



Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) bus rides are only **30 cents per ride for all County employees!** Just show your County employee ID badge to the bus driver and enjoy this efficient, inexpensive and environmentally-kind commute.

All of the UCAT buses run on clean **biodiesel**. All UCAT buses are equipped with bike racks.

Please call (845) 340-3333 for further information. Or you can download the 'UCAT' APP, which will give you the bus schedule *and* show you exactly where your bus is in transit. Search for 'UCAT' on the App Store or Google Play to download this APP.



See more at: <http://ulstercountyny.gov/ucat/ulster-county-area-transit#sthash.rBvxv8vA.dpuf>



ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Ulster County recently installed Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations at nine County facility parking lots, making it the largest municiple network of charging stations in the State of New York, including NYC. Now, **94% of all Ulster County employees have access to an EV charging station.** The stations are to power the County fleet, as EVs start to replace aged-out County vehicles. **The charging stations are also available for County employees and the public to use (non-commercial vehicles only), free of charge.**

We hope County employees as well as the public consider electric vehicles and hybrid plug-ins (EVs) when purchasing new vehicles. Although EVs are often perceived as being 'too expensive' for the average income household, there are models that start at \$99 per month to lease and \$24,000 to own. Experts in the field speculate that much more affordable models will be introduced to the market soon. EV owners are also eligible for up to \$7,5000 in Federal tax credits.

For more information on the charging locations go to the following websites with electric vehicle charging station location maps:

<http://www.afdc.energy.gov> <http://www.chargepoint.com> <http://www.plugshare.com>