

OEP Staff Notes: What We're Reading / Watching

- [Ashley McCarty, dir. of Ky. Chamber workforce recovery program | WKYT, Lexington](#)
- [Rivian planning to install 10,000 EV chargers across the US and Canada by 2023](#)
- [Gov. Beshear, Congressman Rogers Announce \\$14.2 Million in Grants for Eastern Kentucky Economic Development Projects](#)
- [DOE Announces Goal to Cut Solar Costs by More than Half by 2030](#)

About Us



The Office of Energy Policy welcomes Anne Marie Franklin, as its newest staff member. Ms. Franklin is serving a lead role with the Governor's AgriTech initiative. She may be reached at annefranklin919@gmail.com, or 502-382-0766. New contact information is forthcoming.

Logan County Kentucky In the News

Facebook and General Motors Use the Sun to Power Facilities



The Logan County Kentucky facility will look similar to Silicon Ranch's 102.5 MWAC Bancroft Station Solar Farm in Early County, Georgia that supports Facebook's renewable energy goals for its Newton Data Center.

ON MARCH 25, 2021 by KYDEP

RUSSELLVILLE, Ky. – Through the Tennessee Valley Authority’s nationally recognized [Green Invest](#) program, renewable energy continues to expand with plans to build the largest solar-plus-storage project in TVA’s Kentucky service area. The new Logan County solar farm will provide Facebook’s regional data center operations with 145 megawatts of solar power and General Motors’ Bowling Green Assembly, exclusive home of the Chevrolet Corvette, with 28 megawatts of solar power.

“Renewable energy is something that more of our businesses want and something that makes Kentucky more competitive for jobs and investments,” said Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear. “Green Invest shows the benefits of TVA’s public power model as we transition to a cleaner energy future.” [Continue reading.](#)

Kentucky Energy News



Gov. Beshear: Debris Disposal Grant Funding Available for Qualifying Counties after Flooding

ON MARCH 25, 2021 BY KYDEP

Governor Andy Beshear and Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC) Secretary Rebecca Goodman announced that grants up to \$25,000 are available to qualifying counties for flood debris cleanup. Grants will be made available to the 48 counties with declared states of emergency associated with March flooding and can be used to cover the cost of collecting, transporting and disposing of municipal solid waste resulting from flooding. [Learn more.](#)



Two Kentucky Facilities Recognized by EPA ENERGY STAR® Certified Manufacturing Plants for 2020

On March 18, 2021, the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) announced [Bimbo Bakeries USA](#), London, Ky. and [TreeHouse Foods, Inc.](#), Princeton, Ky., are among the 95 US manufacturing plants in 2020 to earn ENERGY STAR certification, a national symbol for being among the most energy-efficient in their industries. These ENERGY STAR certified plants achieved energy efficiency in the top twenty-five percent for their industries in the US, submitted a verified application for certification, and met environmental compliance criteria. Read EPA's full [press release](#).

Apple Podcast



Evolve KY Co-Founder Stuart Ungar shares this Apple Podcast.

SEVU 5: Berea Police Force Teslas -- A Kentucky First Stu's EV Universe

On this [episode](#), Stuart Ungar speaks with Berea Police Chief Eric Scott on their recent purchase of Teslas for their police force. Chief Scott is a young, ambitious and forward thinking man who believes that through thoughtful smart technology the police force (and indeed the entire town of Berea) will benefit big.

The podcast is available on many platforms — Apple Podcasts, Spotify and many others. Here is a direct link:
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/sevu-5-berea-police-force-teslas-a-kentucky-first/id1553818644?i=1000513943409>

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