

Why Natural Gas?

ABUNDANT

The oil and gas industry has discovered natural resources that far exceed government forecasts; storage levels assure reasonable prices for the foreseeable future.

AFFORDABLE

Natural gas costs, on average, one-third less than conventional gasoline, is less than half the cost of oil on an energy equivalent basis and has been 25-42% cheaper than diesel over the last 14 years.

CLEAN

Natural Gas produces less overall emissions than gasoline or diesel vehicles. Converting one heavy-duty truck from diesel to natural gas is the pollution reduction equivalent to removing 325 cars from the road.

DOMESTIC

North America has a 100-200 year supply of natural gas! About 97% of the natural gas we use comes from right here in North America. Conversely, over 70% of the oil we use is imported.



By the fall of 2012, Weld County will be home to four public CNG Fueling stations located in Firestone, Fort Lupton, Greeley and Kersey. The station openings are part of the Weld County Natural Gas Coalition's Alternative Fuel Corridor Plan: A Weld County Smart Energy Project. Grant funds for all projects have been made available through the Denver Regional Council of Governments, the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Region.



To learn more about the Weld County Natural Gas Coalition, go to www.weldsmartenergy.org or scan the QR Code on the left.

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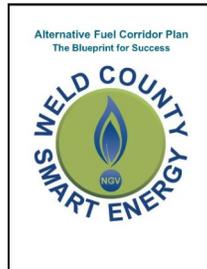
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THE WELD COUNTY NATURAL GAS COALITION

Under the direction of the Weld County Commissioners in 2009, county government along with private and public sector entities came together to promote compressed natural gas (CNG) as “the” alternative transportation fuel.

The result of this collaboration was the formation of the Weld County Natural Gas Coalition. Goals of the Coalition include providing public education about the benefits of CNG as an alternative fuel source, partnering with municipalities, school districts and fire districts to use Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to purchase CNG vehicles, and to create an alternative fuel corridor between Colorado and Wyoming.

Smart Energy Plan



The Weld County Natural Gas Coalition drafted a 27-page Alternative Fuel Corridor Plan which can be found at www.weldsmartenergy.org.

The plan outlines steps the Coalition is taking to create a CNG fuel corridor between Colorado and Wyoming which would allow natural gas vehicles to travel, and fuel, across the northern Front Range and into Wyoming. As of June 2012, there were no CNG stations



located outside of the Denver Metropolitan Area, making it

impossible for CNG vehicles to travel across the state.

“We truly believe it’s a solution. It is an integral part of the economic, environmental and energy aspects of Weld County.”

—Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer regarding the use of natural gas vehicles.

By the fall of 2012, Weld County will be home to four public CNG fueling stations that will provide residents, travelers and business fleets the opportunity to take advantage of the benefits of CNG fuel.

The plan also includes partnering with local governments, such as municipalities, school



districts and fire districts, to use Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality

(CMAQ) funds to purchase CNG vehicles as part of the fleet replacement programs for each of those entities.

Weld County has already converted 11 of its own fleet vehicles to CNG and plans to



convert 10-15 vehicles a year as part of this program.