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**City of Augusta teams up with Jefferson Energy Cooperative
for the launch of Green Augusta Initiative**

AUGUSTA, GA (Oct. 27, 2021) – The City of Augusta is joining hundreds of other cities across the nation in committing to investing in cleaner air with the launch of the City's Green Augusta initiative.

The program acts as a catalyst for the City's incorporating alternative fuel and overall sustainability efforts. A ceremony to officially launch the initiative will be held at 2pm on Monday, Nov. 1, in the parking lot of the Robert Howard Community Center, 103 Diamond Lakes Way. The public is invited to attend this event.

"Augusta operates the largest municipal fleet within a 200-mile radius, and we are using this initiative to reduce the City's carbon footprint on our environment and increase operational efficiency for years to come," said City Administrator Odie Donald, II. "This environmentally conscious effort spearheaded by Augusta's elected officials will pay global dividends, as we work to contribute to reducing the carbon emissions outputs within our atmosphere."

As part of the Green Augusta Initiative, Augusta has also teamed up with Jefferson Energy Cooperative to offer the City's first electric vehicle charging station at Diamond Lakes Regional Park. The current charge to use the charger is \$1 per hour with a maximum of \$10 per session. All qualifying Jefferson Energy members will receive the first two hours at no charge. Currently, Jefferson Energy has a similar unit installed at Sweetwater Park in Thomson.

"The Green Augusta initiative positions us as one of the nation's environmental leaders, and our partnership with Jefferson Energy Cooperative to offer EV charging stations is a testament to our continued commitment to having a cleaner environment for our residents," said Augusta Mayor Hardie Davis, Jr.

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