

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Is an EV right for you? Our online calculator can help you decide.

N ational Drive Electric Week, beginning Sept. 22, is a nationwide celebration to raise awareness of the many benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles.

Interest in electric vehicles (EVs) is growing amid increased consumer awareness, greater availability of new models with better performance and range, faster charging, incentives and policies. Car manufacturers are shifting production to meet global demand, and some plan to phase out production of gas-powered cars as soon as 2035.

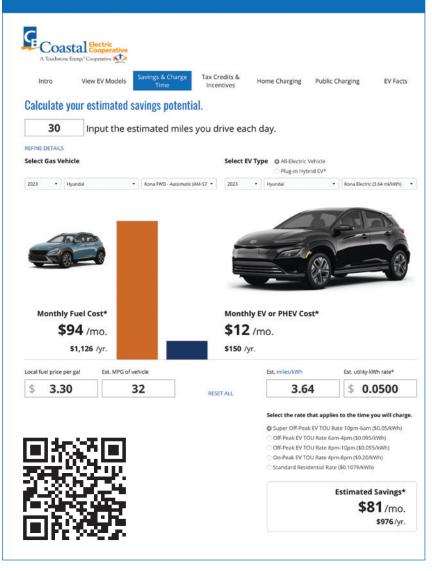
Electric vehicles accounted for only 4.6% of new car sales in Georgia last year, but their popularity is growing. Across the U.S., EV sales in 2022 were 57% higher than the previous year. Some projections forecast that 75% of vehicles will be electric by 2050.

To help co-op members make informed choices about EVs, Coastal Electric Cooperative created our ChooseEV webpage, complete with a custom savings calculator, comparisons of available models, charge time estimates and more.

With this tool, members can calculate potential savings by comparing their current vehicles and fuel costs to a variety of electric vehicles and charging costs using Coastal Electric rates.

It's just one way we do our part to meet members' ever-changing needs.

Visit our ChooseEV website at *CoastalElectric.ChooseEV.com* or scan the QR Code for more info.



With Coastal Electric's EV calculator, members can calculate potential savings and make informed choices about EVs.



Linemen lend a hand for Eagle Scout project, sustainable bat population

hen Randall Singhas, a Boy Scout with Richmond Hill Troop 333, approached the Coastal Electric Cooperative operations staff about helping with his Eagle Scout project this summer, we said yes right off the bat.

Singhas wanted to install new bat boxes along the main causeway at Fort McAllister State Park, replacing older ones installed in 2008 as an Eagle Scout project by Jason Moose of Richmond Hill. (Line Supervisor Clint Durrence actually helped with the 2008 project, as well as Singhas' project in June 2023).

Singhas and fellow Scouts researched and built the bat boxes themselves, opting for a slimmer design than the older boxes.

"I was looking for a project that was simple but also sustainable, and a bat box is going to be that," he says. "Bats eat mosquitos at the campground, so that makes it a better environment for paying customers here. I've been coming to Fort McAllister ever since I've lived here for 17 years, so it's nice to do something to help them."

Thanks to Linemen Josh Cowart, Slade Walker, Eric Wells, Hunter Hawkins and Clint Durrence for assisting with the project!

As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, we do so much more than provide electricity. We exist to meet the needs of local people and make our community a better place to live.



Richmond Hill Boy Scout Randall Singhas talks with Coastal Electric Cooperative Line Supervisor Clint Durrence as Lineman Hunter Hawkins installs bat boxes for Singhas' Eagle Scout project.

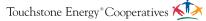


Linemen Hunter Hawkins and Josh Cowart attach bat boxes to poles along the Fort McAllister State Park causeway.



What a crew! Coastal Electric Linemen Josh Cowart, Slade Walker, Eric Wells, Hunter Hawkins and Clint Durrence finish installing bat boxes, built by Boy Scout Randall Singhas (third from right).







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