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SPRINGFIELD, OH—(July 12, 2016)—The City of Springfield is constantly working on projects that will save costs while also being environmentally friendly. One such example is the City incorporating propane mowers into its fleet.

The City of Springfield is tasked with mowing about 200 acres within the City. In early 2015, the City began transitioning to using propane mowers instead of gasoline mowers to reduce costs and the City's carbon footprint. So far, the City has found propane to be a clean, economical alternative for its mowing fleet.

Propane is consistently less expensive than diesel and gasoline, \$0.31/gallon and \$0.58/gallon respectively in August. The price of a new propane mower is about \$2,500 less than a comparable diesel mower. Additionally, with each purchase, the City has applied for and received a \$1,000 rebate from the Propane Education Research Council (PERC). Operationally, crews have experienced longer run times between refueling and fewer instances of equipment failure.

Propane mowers also have less of an impact on the environment during hot summer months and Air Pollution Action Days due to propane's environmental benefits, such as reduced greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants. Propane is also less likely to spill or leak from the mowers, which is common in outdoor power equipment, and instead will dissipate into the air if released.

The City of Springfield is dedicated to saving costs while also protecting the environment, the health of its citizens and keeping the City beautiful; using propane mowers aligns perfectly with each of these goals.

For more information on these projects, please visit www.springfieldohio.gov.