

# Sustainable Biodiesel: Improving the Environment and Economy NYC Tour

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On April 26, NBF hosted Federal Congressional staffers and guests on a [one-day tour](#) of biodiesel and renewable diesel use in New York City. NBB's DC team, Paul Winters and Morgan Townsend accompanied the staffers to NYC via train on Thursday evening. On Friday, the day started with the bus taking staffers, sponsors and speakers to the "Arsenal" which headquarters the NYC Parks Department. There, Keith Kerman, Chief Fleet Officer for NYC, spoke about the importance of biomass diesel to NYC in reaching their sustainability goals. He also explained how important the biodiesel tax credit and the RFS are to making biodiesel and carbon reductions more affordable. Paul Winters followed by providing a [biodiesel overview](#) with input from sponsors on the impact of biodiesel on jobs, farms, air quality, etc.

From there, the group rode to Queens and toured the New York Fire Department Vehicle Maintenance Facility. The visit was a great testament to how biodiesel is used in mission critical equipment. We had lunch with biodiesel champion Councilman Constantinides at Donovan's Pub. The Councilman spoke about his efforts to get NYC to use more biodiesel and bioheat and about his goal to decrease childhood asthma. We also visited the NYC Parks Vehicle Maintenance Facility on Randall's Island. There, participants had another look at biodiesel vehicles and where they are maintained. Thanks to the United Soybean Board, NBB is working with NYC Parks on a B50 demonstration on Staten Island. The tour concluded back at Penn Station with Bioheat and NY Clean Cities presentations. Staffers and other participants were given an opportunity to ask questions and discuss what they will "take back" to their offices.

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