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**Charging Station Opens in Eastern Kentucky as Part of Statewide Program**

*Fast charging is now available at the Apple Market in Hazard*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 25, 2025)** – Kentucky’s electric vehicle (EV) network of fast charging stations continues to grow as part of Team Kentucky’s commitment to support long-distance travel and connectivity for Kentuckians. EV fast chargers are now open at the Apple Market in Hazard.

The station is supported by federal funds and part of Kentucky’s EV Charging Program, which is expanding the network of EV chargers across the state.

“Kentucky is building out an accessible, convenient and affordable EV charging network to serve the driving choices of all Kentuckians,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “Having our first site open in Eastern Kentucky is a milestone we’re proud of that supports reliable connections across the state.”

The Hazard site, located at 1079 Morton Boulevard, has two units capable of charging four vehicles at 150 kilowatts each and is part of the Electric Era network. The Apple Market is the third station to come online as part of the federally funded National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program. Sites are also open in Berea and Richmond.

The Apple Market is operated by a subsidiary of ARKO Corp. one of the largest convenience store operators and fuel wholesalers in the United States.

“We’re excited to work with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to add EV charging capabilities to this Apple Market location,” said Arie Kotler, CEO of ARKO Corp. “EV charging at this location augments the convenience and in-store experience we offer our customers.”

The Hazard site was approved in [May 2024](#) and awarded nearly \$584,000 through the EV Charging Program for the project.

## Kentucky's EV Charging Network

Kentucky has awarded 47 fast charging stations from 11 developers for \$32.2 million in obligated federal formula funds to date. Additional guidance regarding the program is expected from the Federal Highway Administration later this year.

"Most of the 47 awarded stations are expected to open by late 2026, and that is going to make a real difference for Kentuckians and those visiting our state," said Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) Secretary Jim Gray.

The sites are along the state's interstates and parkways. Each station must have at least four charging ports of 150 kilowatts or more, be accessible to the public 24 hours a day/seven days a week, and work with most EV models.

KYTC will not develop, own, operate or maintain the charging stations. Each developer must fund at least 20% of the construction and operational costs and is required to maintain the operation of the charging stations for at least five years.

Visit [EVCharging.ky.gov](https://EVCharging.ky.gov) for more information about the program.



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