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*The car charging station located on the northwest end of the student parking lot on the Main Campus in South Holland, Illinois.*

## **South Suburban College Implements Car Charging Stations with Grant Funds Through the Illinois Green Economy Network**

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL— South Suburban College (SSC) was recently awarded \$113,500 in grant funds from the Illinois Green Economy Network (IGEN). IGEN is a consortium of Illinois community colleges working together to drive growth of the clean energy economy and green workforce. This grant will greatly advance energy efficiencies on the College campuses with a primary focus on lighting projects.

“The lighting upgrades will provide better aesthetics throughout the college and will result in both significant electrical savings and energy rebates,” said Patrick Rush, Vice President of Administration at SSC. “Additionally, the grant funded the College’s first ever car charging stations. We are very thankful for our partnership with IGEN and the excellent support they are providing for sustainability.”

The first car charging station is available for use on the northwest end of the student parking lot on the College’s Main Campus. SSC’s first ever car charging station is also the first of its kind in the Village of South Holland. A second car charging station will be implemented in the north parking lot on the College’s Oak Forest Campus in April 2023.

The Leviton EV Series Electric Vehicle Charging Solution quickly charges electric vehicles (EV). With an industry standard SAE J1772 cable, the charging station can charge any EV, including Audi, BMW, Ford, Honda, Subaru, and even Tesla with a Tesla-supplied adapter. The dual-mounted pedestal also allows the single unit to charge two individual EVs simultaneously.

SSC's partnership with IGEN provides a unique approach to leveraging the power of sustainability within the College and surrounding communities. IGEN provides a platform to expand the deployment of clean energy technologies, increase employment opportunities, improve environmental and human health, foster community engagement and accelerate market competitiveness.

For additional information about grant funds through IGEN, please contact Patrick Rush, at (708) 596-2000, ext. 5721, or email [prush@ssc.edu](mailto:prush@ssc.edu). The South Suburban College Main Campus is located at 15800 South State Street South Holland, Illinois. The South Suburban College Oak Forest Center is located at 16333 South Kilbourn Avenue, Oak Forest, Illinois. *Our mission is to Serve our Students and the Community through lifelong learning.*

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