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WEIGEL'S OPENS ANDERSON COUNTY'S FIRST PUBLIC E85 STATION

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Clinton TN - As Weigel's Farm Stores debuts its newest convenience store in East Tennessee, it also debuts a first for Anderson County: publicly available E85.

The store—located immediately adjacent to exit 122 off of I-75 north of Knoxville in Clinton—will have one two-sided E85 pump to provide access to this American fuel for Anderson and surrounding county residents and businesses, as well as tourists traveling I-75. This will likely be the second East Tennessee station with Interstate E85 signage that tells I-75 motorists that E85 is available at the next exit at the Weigel's convenience store.



After a series of discussions with the East Tennessee Clean Fuels Coalition (ET CFC), Weigel's owner Bill Weigel found the right fit. Says Weigel, "We'd been looking at locations when this site came available. It was right for us and we hope that we can serve this community which currently does not have access to E85. We are excited about expanding the use of this alternative 'green' fuel."

Although this station brings the total count of public E85 stations in East Tennessee to 12, this is the first E85 station not only in Anderson County but anywhere along I-75 north of Knoxville. It is providing an important connection in developing green corridors in East Tennessee. A portion of the funding used to put in the E85 tank, pump and dispensers was provided through a grant won by the ETCFC.

Jonathan Overly, executive director of the ETCFC says, "Now East Tennesseans in that area have the opportunity to burn something different in their vehicles. All you need is a flex-fuel vehicle (FFV) to burn this blend of ethanol, and there are almost seven million of these cars on the road in the United States with more being sold and brought to dealerships for sale every day."

E85 is a cleaner-burning, renewable, American-made fuel that can be used in FFVs. The expanded use of E85 is reducing our nation's dependence on petroleum and improving our global and local air quality.

A ribbon cutting will be held at 11 am on Thursday, October 9 at this station, and Weigel's is working with the ETCFC to offer E85 for \$2.49 for two hours that same afternoon from 5-7 pm.

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