Charlotte, N.C. - The City of Charlotte Solid Waste Services (SWS) will open its new compressed natural gas (CNG) time-fill station on July 21. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at the CNG station, 1000 Otts St., at 10 a.m. A reception will follow the ribbon cutting.

A 2013 City of Charlotte Alternative Fuels and Technologies study cited a lack of local CNG infrastructure and recommended piloting an onsite CNG fuel station on the SWS campus. Currently, twenty-six SWS CNG trucks drive 15 minutes from the SWS lot to the Piedmont Natural Gas (PNG) station. Some trucks visit the PNG station two to three times per day to fuel. The new CNG fueling station will increase route efficiency and fueling capacity.

The new station construction began in late March. Fueling at the new station will allow 25 trucks to fuel overnight, optimizing the vehicle fuel capacity. SWS operators will be able to plug the vehicles in at the end of the day, unplug in the morning and service the entire route without stopping to refuel.

Piedmont Natural Gas will provide fuel and maintenance for the new station.