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AUDIO

## Underserved communities could miss out on access to electric vehicles.

*Only a few states and utilities are working to ensure that charging infrastructure is deployed equitably.*

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“To meet climate goals, many states and utilities are investing in electric vehicle chargers. But only a few are working to ensure that underserved communities have access to charging and benefit from the cleaner air that electric vehicles provide.

“That’s according to [a report](#) by Peter Huether of the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy. ‘We want to make sure that these communities both benefit from these changes – and certainly are not left behind as we transition our transportation system,’ Huether says.”

Listen to the Audio report at LINK: <https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2021/07/underserved-communities-could-miss-out-on-access-to-electric-vehicles/>

### From CharacterTowns.org...

The excerpt from the Yale Climate Connections article presents an important issue: equitable access to electric vehicle services. An audio at the [link](#) about discusses the issue. The hot-link in the text to Peter Huether’s report further elucidates the issue.

**High-speed broadband internet service.** A related issue of equity applies to community-wide access to high-speed broadband internet service. This issue has been discussed previously at [charactertowns.org](#), but to recap...high-speed broadband internet service must be a utility not a commercial service. Utilities, like electricity are available to everyone in the community.

Electricity is, in many cases, provided by private companies regulated for service access, rates and guaranteed profits, so it is not all about governments and public agencies. The electrification of America was a big accomplishment of the early 20th century. We need to do the same with internet service access in the early 21st century.