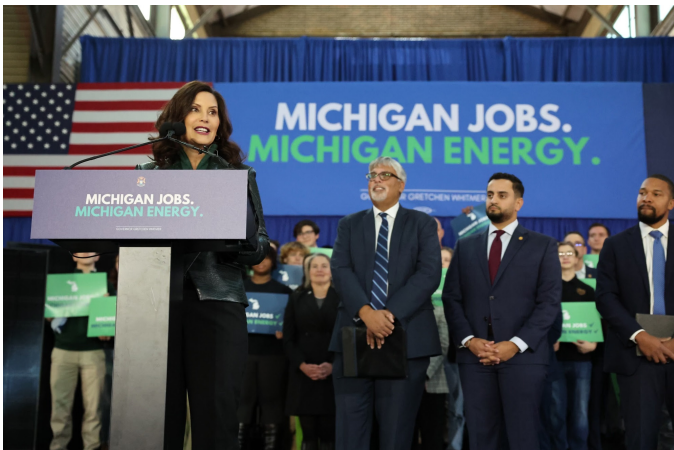


Ann Arbor 2030 District December Newsletter

This Month's Theme: **Waste Not (Reducing, Recycling and Composting)**

Governor Whitmer signs climate change legislation setting 100% clean energy standard for Michigan by 2040



Held at Detroit's Eastern Market, the ceremony followed House passage earlier this month of a half-a-dozen pieces of climate change legislation from Democrats that address, among other issues, clean energy standards, energy waste and affordability, and providing state regulators authority over permitting clean energy projects.

[Read More](#)

As COP 28 begins, the global climate assessment heightens the need for accelerating our actions:

[UNEP | Emissions Gap Report 2023](#)

This report finds that current pledges under the Paris Agreement put the world on track for a 2.5-2.9°C temperature rise above pre-industrial levels this century – far above the 1.5°C limit that would avoid the worst impacts of climate change. The report also finds that none of the G20 countries are reducing emissions at a pace consistent with their net-zero targets. The report calls for all nations

[BioScience, Journal of American Institute of Biological Sciences](#)

"Life on planet Earth is under siege. We are now in an uncharted territory. For several decades, scientists have consistently warned of a future marked by extreme climatic conditions because of escalating global temperatures caused by ongoing human activities that release harmful greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere. Unfortunately, time is up.

to deliver economy-wide, low-carbon development transformations, with a focus on the energy transition.

[World Resources Institute](#)

"The State of Climate Action 2023 finds that global efforts to limit warming to 1.5°C are failing across the board, with recent progress made on every indicator - except electric passenger car sales - lagging significantly behind the pace and scale that is necessary to address the climate crisis.

We are seeing the manifestation of those predictions as an alarming and unprecedented succession of climate records are broken, causing profoundly distressing scenes of suffering to unfold. We are entering an unfamiliar domain regarding our climate crisis, a situation no one has ever witnessed firsthand in the history of humanity."

World Resource Institute
[COP28 Resource Hub](#)

[2023 Sustainable Holiday Ideas](#)



[The Global Benefits of Reducing Food Loss and Waste, and How to Do It](#)

"One-third of all food produced globally by weight is lost or wasted between farm and fork — that's more than 1 billion tonnes. Converted into calories, this equates to 24% of the world's food supply going uneaten. At the same time, 1 in 10 people globally remain malnourished."

Events



[Neighborhood Swap Day](#) EXCHANGE ITEMS FOR FREE

Give your unwanted items a new home instead of sending them to the landfill — or find that item you've been looking for, without having to buy it!

RSVP

10 AM- 3 PM

[Church of the Good Shepherd](#)

News Corner

FINANCIAL AND SYSTEMIC BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS TO SCALING ENERGY RETROFITS IN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

Paul Mooney

December 2023
ACEEE Report



Let us know what you think? [email us](#)

[The Biggest Barrier to Retrofitting Commercial Buildings? The Commercial Real Estate Industry](#)

"To meet climate targets, progress to decarbonize commercial buildings needs to be faster. ACEEE new report examines how conflicting interests among parties in the sector prevent more significant energy efficiency investment and identifies strategies for utilities to drive energy savings.

[Read ACEEE blog post](#)

ICYMI...

Released...

Announcing...



**[Ann Arbor 2030 District -
2022 Progress Report
Accelerating to Zero - Faster
Together](#)**



The Ann Arbor 2030 District is now officially serving Washtenaw County. To better reflect that geography, we are continuing as one organization known as both Washtenaw 2030 District *and* Ann Arbor 2030 District. We look forward to ***accelerating to ZERO, faster together*** countywide.



The website has launched for **[Solar Faithful](#)** a faith-based solar power initiative.



[Kimberly Dowdell, AIA, NOMA, will be the 100th President of AIA in 2024](#)

“As the 295th living Black woman to earn an architectural license in the U.S., I am keen to help young women and people of color,” said Ms. Dowdell, who will be the first black woman president of AIA.

New Member Shoutouts

[Join the 2030 District and start your Zero Net Energy journey!](#)

Property Owner/Manager



[Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church](#)



[Detroit Filling Street Station](#)



North Star Lounge

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Member Resources



Cool Congregations Challenge

An annual national contest to recognize “Cool Congregations” that are becoming energy efficient and sustainable role models within their communities.

There are six entry categories:

- Energy Saver: Lighting, Insulation, Windows & Doors, Heating & Cooling Systems
- Renewable Role Model: Solar, Wind, Geothermal, Solar Water Heating
- Sacred Grounds: Native landscaping, Organic Gardening, Water Conservation, Bike Racks, Wildlife Habitats, Recycling & Composting
- Community Inspiration: Inspiring Congregants to Reduce at Home, Helping Communities Transition from Fossil Fuels to Clean Energy, Helping Communities Prepare for the Impacts of Climate Change
- Cool Congregations Planner: Audits, Planning Reports, Fundraising
- Electric Vehicle Leader: EVs, Charging Stations, Education, Advocacy, Outreach

[Learn more and apply](#) Deadline to apply Dec. 15, 2023.



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

EGLE announces 2024 energy grants open for applications:

- \$250,000 available to small manufacturers to [implement process energy efficiency measures](#). Applications close March 3, 2024.
- \$150,000 available to local governments, tribal governments, and other public-service entities for [energy-related projects](#). Applications close March 30, 2024.
- \$100,000 available to small businesses for [implementing energy efficiency upgrade recommendations](#) following an environmental assessment. Applications close March 3, 2024.



Energy Management Grants

A2 2030 District announces its 2023 Energy Management Grant Program

Member buildings are eligible for grant funding for Energy Audits, Retro Commissioning and Electrification Plans. We support you wherever you are on your carbon neutrality journey.

Contact

jculbertson@2030Districts.org if



City of Ann Arbor Benchmarking Ordinance 2023

All commercial and multifamily parcels with buildings totaling 50,000 SF or more are required to benchmark by June 1, 2023. More information can be found [here](#), such as how to file for an extension and the covered buildings list. The A2 2030 District is here to help you through the process. Contact:

a2benchmarking@2030districts.o

you are interested in learning more.

[rg](#)

Eliminate your Scope 2 emissions today by enrolling in [DTE's MIGreen Power Plan](#). It is now priced less than your regular power! Available for residential and business accounts. Contact jculbertson@2030Districts.org if you are a building owner/manager with multiple properties and the 2030 district can connect you with a MIGreen Power representative.



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