

Ann Arbor 2030 District November Newsletter

This Month's Theme: **Energy as a Service: Energy Transformation Through Microgrids, Minus the Risk**

Congratulations to Hathaway's Hideaway for completing their building decarbonization journey with the addition of on-site solar!



310 S Ashley St, constructed in 1901, was the polling place and meeting hall for Ann Arbor's Second Ward. It served the German neighborhood now known as the Old West Side. The event center is all electric and with the combination of on-site solar and 85% enrollment in MI Green Power, is a **Zero Net Carbon (ZNC) building**.



Campus 2050 Planning Initiative
Campus Sustainability: Prioritizing Scalable, Transferable, and Just Strategies **Climate Action, Sustainability, & Infrastructure pdf**

Announcing...

Washtenaw 2030 District

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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.

"...customers say they value efforts to produce meals in ways that are good for the environment and for the people serving them." **Second wave article: Sustainability, equity are new**



Stay Tuned for Local Support

The City of Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations is launching a **Sustainable Food Business Coalition**, and in conjunction AA2030 D is launching a **Restaurant/Bar Group** to share best practices for meeting carbon neutrality goals. Contact Lissa Spitz at lissaspitz@2030districts.org if you are interested in learning more.

Events



WHAT DO YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT?

We are looking ahead to the 2024 Implementing A2 Zero Plan's Lunch and Learn Series.

Please complete [this survey](#) to let us know.

Missed the past series? Catch up [here](#).



[Implementing the A2 Zero Carbon Neutrality Plan Session 9: Energy as a Service: Energy Transformation through Microgrids, Minus the Risk](#)

Speakers:

Todd Price -

SVP of Development, AlphaStruxure

Kevin Self -

SVP of Strategy, Schneider Electric

Energy as a Service (EaaS) is a financial and technical solution designed to solve for multiple challenges facing businesses, such as decarbonization, resilience and rapid scaling. With predictable monthly payments and risk transfer to EaaS providers they are available to focus on their core missions.

Register

12:00 - 1:00 PM

ZOOM



[Compost Facility Audit](#)

Your chance to get your hands dirty and help find out what's in the compost. This event is perfect for anyone interested in reducing waste and promoting a greener environment. Register and join for an eye-opening experience!

Register

12:30 - 4:30 PM



[How You Can AFFORD to Advance Climate Action and Strategically Plan for Federal Funding and Incentives](#)

"AFFORD" (America's Federal Funding Opportunities and Resources for Decarbonization)

Join RMI and the World Resources Institute for the sixth installment of the Federal Funding Learning Series to introduce the "AFFORD" tool and unpack relevant upcoming federal opportunities. "AFFORD" makes it easy for state and local governments, tribes, higher education, faith, health care, and cultural institutions to find, compare, and prioritize federal funding opportunities for clean energy and decarbonization projects.

Register

2:30 PM (ET)

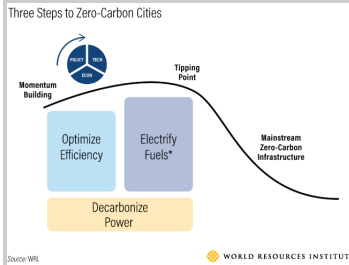
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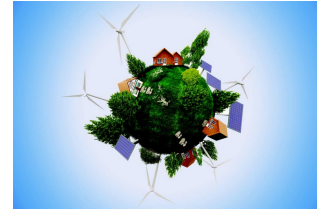
News Corner



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



Forbes article:
[Building Greener Cities: Climatetech's Important Role In GHG Reduction](#)



[RMI Annual Report \(Full\) Electrifying Green Building Progress section link](#)



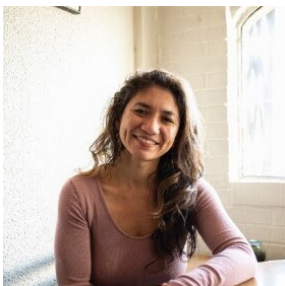
Check out GLREA's Nov newsletter!
[Great Lakes Energy News](#)



[GLREA Recording: Community-Level Energy Storage](#)



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



MPSC Commissioner [Alessandra Carreon](#) has been named to serve on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) [Task Force on Natural Gas Resource Planning](#). Appointed to MSPC July 2023 Carreon is the first Asian-American commissioner in Michigan state history.

“Natural gas is an integral resource within Michigan’s current energy landscape: The Energy Information Administration states that [Michigan routinely ranks among the top 10 states for total natural gas consumption](#),” Carreon said. “Simultaneously, our state has set targets for decarbonization that will require a holistic approach towards achieving a clean energy transition. MPSC’s participation in this task force ensures we have access to information and networks of leading experts and implementers to develop and act on a roadmap for an equitable energy system – one that considers the role of natural gas and is safe, affordable, and reliable for all of Michigan’s

New Member Shoutouts

Join the 2030 District and start your Zero Net Carbon journey!

Property Owner/Manager



South Grove Apartments



**Ronald McDonald House Charities
Ann Arbor (RMHCAA)**

Welcome New OSI Staff



Stephen Christensen
Energy Assessor



Grace Franke
Communications Coordinator



Will Garcia
Sustainability Coordinator,
Circular Economy



Jordan Larson
Community Engagement Innovator



Jerrell Wylie
Energy Analyst

Welcome to the new staff of the City of Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations we look forward to working with you! With a special nod to Jerrell Wylie - Energy Analyst. Jerrell will be collaborating with the Ann Arbor 2030 District to help reach the City's A²ZERO goals. Meet the rest of the team [here](#).

Welcome Graham Team



This year's Graham Scholars Team will be working with AA 2030 D and the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority to reach out to DDA property owners to provide benchmarking support and resources to plan their property decarbonization process.



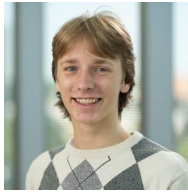
Paris Watkins
(Earth and Environmental Science)

Hello! My name is Paris Watkins, and I am a junior Earth and Environmental Science major at the University of Michigan originally from Richmond, Virginia. Something I love to do is read new books and eat yummy vegan food!



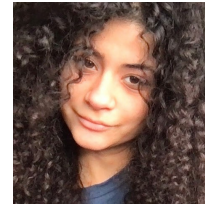
Agastya Tummalapalli
(Public Policy)

Hi! My name is Agastya, I'm from Palo Alto, California, and a junior at U-M studying public policy and economics. I'm very passionate about the climate and sustainability, and am excited at the opportunity to work on a project sustainability at its core! Outside of work, I enjoy playing sport (mostly basketball and tennis), the guitar, and watching a good TV show.



Harrison Rhoades
(Program in the Environment)

Hi there, my name is Harrison Rhoades! I'm a Junior at the University of Michigan, double majoring in Environmental Science and International Studies. I'm originally from Maine, and I grew up spending a lot of time outside which is where my passion for the environment came from. Nowadays, I spend much of my free time listening to music, I love finding new artists and genres to explore.



Yumna Dagher
(English and Literature,
and Program in the Environment)

Yumna Dagher is English Language and Literature major, with a subconcentration in the Creative Writing, and Program in the Environment major, pursuing a specialization in Food Systems. She's interested in the transformative power of food as a way to tell stories and build resilient communities. In her free time she likes hiking, writing, knitting, and making art and food with friends and loved ones.

Member Resources

[The Energy Efficiency Makeover](#)

Last Call - contest ends Nov. 10!

The @DTE Energy Energy Efficiency Makeover is coming to an end, so don't miss out on your chance to win a \$5000 Energy Efficiency Makeover. Enter now to be one of 3 lucky winners!

[Learn more](#)



Roberson's Fun Center and For Her Cosmetics Runners Up in DTE 2021 Business Pride Competition



[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.



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 you are interested in learning more.



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.org

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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