

Ann Arbor / Washtenaw 2030 District January Newsletter

This Month's Theme: **What are Your Buildings' New Year's Resolutions?**

Where are you at in your decarbonizing journey?

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Establish your decarbonization strategy:

- Build a Team
- Understand your carbon footprint and associated risks
- Set targets
- Develop strategy and tactics
- Publish targets and strategy
- Report and monitor
- Provide internal incentives

Continuously improve energy efficiency:

- Collect comprehensive data
- Prioritize activities
- Allocate capital to scale your efficiency projects

Electrify real estate and transportation:

- Implement building electrification technologies
- Electrify fleet vehicles
- Deploy EV charging infrastructure



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Clean Energy Programs

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Transition to renewable energy and carbon-free fuels:

- Which type of renewable energy will meet goals?
- Renewable energy markets
- Alternative fuel options
- Further renewable energy considerations

Decarbonizing your supply chain:

- Remember – supply chain emissions are Scope 3 emissions
- Measure the carbon in your supply chain
- Source sustainably
- Build alliances

Offsetting your carbon balance:

After fully implementing other tactics, the last step is to explore credible, high quality carbon offset opportunities.

- Understanding carbon offsets
- How to use carbon offsets
- Example of offsets at work
- Risks associated with offsetting

excerpts from [CBRE](#)



Announcing...



The Ann Arbor / Washtenaw 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.



[Architecture 2030 at COP28](#)

COP28 Reports

- [Architecture 2030's COP28 Wrap-Up](#)
- [COP28: A Report Card](#)
- [We must get out of the fossil fuel business](#)

[ULI article COP28: Bringing the Circular Economy to the Built Environment](#)

WRI COP28 statement:

[63 Countries Commit to Elevate Cities in Climate Plans at first-ever COP Local Climate Action Summit](#)

WRI COP28 statement:

[134 Countries Sign the Emirates Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture and Put Food High on the Climate Agenda at COP28](#)

[Post-pandemic, Public Transport Needs to Get Back on Track to Meet Global Climate Goals](#)

article - World Resource Institute



Conquer the Cold returns January 15 - February 15, 2024! Earn points and prizes for using the bus, walking, biking, or carpooling this winter. [Register and Learn more](#)



D2A2 offers travel pass options for people who travel frequently between Downtown Detroit and Ann Arbor. [info](#)
Best Offer: Book of 50:\$100 (\$2/ea)



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[Additional Resources on the MI Healthy Climate Plan and Climate Pollution Reduction Grant](#)

- [MI Healthy Climate Plan](#)
- [MI Healthy Climate Plan HUB](#)

for more on Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, current initiatives, and how to get involved

- [Council on Climate Solutions: Workgroup Recommendations](#)
- MI Healthy Climate Webinar: [Leveraging federal Climate Pollution Reduction Grant \(CPRG\) funds for implementing the MI Healthy Climate Plan](#) (recorded 10/10/2023, 61min)
- [EGLE Climate Pollution Reduction Grant FAQs](#)
- [EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant FAQs](#)
- [Michigan Climate Action News and Updates email list](#)

subscribe and receive the monthly MI Healthy Climate Bulletin - stay updated on the latest news!



Lunch and Learn: Implementing the A2 Zero Carbon Neutrality Plan
Session 1: U of M 2024 Sustainability Update - Campus 2050/Vision 2034, Key Built Environment Sustainability Initiatives, and Low Carbon Building R+D Initiative

Register

12 - 1:15 PM



Conquer the Cold Challenge Kick Off
 Stop by Ann Arbor Spark any time: ask questions, learn what is new, pick up swag and resources. No commitment required to attend kickoff. RSVP

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HoW and Nonprofits Green Team Meeting #11 - Rain Garden Basics, Why and How - Catie Wytchak, Water Quality Specialist, Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office. Followed by a roundtable discussion on increasing energy efficiency improvements in our buildings.

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12 PM



Webinar: UWN hosts Jessica Simons, Director of the original Urban Wood Project and now the VP for Conservation Stewardship at the Kalamazoo Nature Center; and Rick Siewert, Director of Manufacturing at Wood From The Hood

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Kick Off Celebration - a festive evening to celebrate Ann Arbor's 200th birthday at Michigan Theater!

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PACE in the New Year Webinar
 Successes and trends from 2023, what to expect in 2024, case study senior housing Hampton Manor of Macomb PACE Project.

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ULI Healthy Places Book Talks: Inclusive Transportation - In Conversation with Veronica Davis & Shonda Wang

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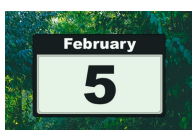
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Detroit 2030 District Annual Kickoff Party & Fundraiser
 Join Detroit 2030 at the beautiful Masonic Temple for networking, strolling dinner and silent auction.

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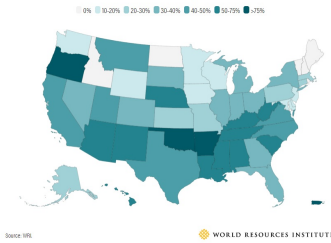
Call for Artist Proposals - Ann Arbor 2024 Bicentennial Mural
 The project will incorporate a meaningful design on the basketball courts at two Ann Arbor parks - **Bicentennial Park** (formerly Southeast Area Park) and **Leslie Park**.

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"More Money, More Members, More Mission" for architects in 2024. - Kimberly Dowdell AIA President outlines goals for the organizations including their mission focus on climate action and equity.

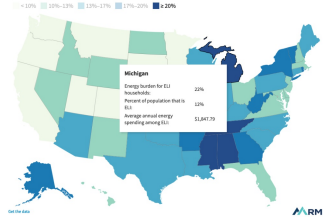
Share of population in energy communities that are also in disadvantaged communities, by state



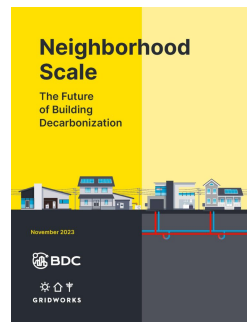
US Communities Dependent on Fossil Fuels and Coal Face a "Cumulative Burden" of Pollution, Poor Health and Job Loss - World Resource Institute

Energy Burden among Extremely Low-Income Households

Across the country, extremely low-income households face disproportionately high energy burdens.



RMI: **1 in 7 Families Live in Energy Poverty. States Can Ease That Burden.** States — including those leading on climate — can leverage key policies and IRA funding to lower the energy burden borne by low-income households.



Building Decarbonization Coalition White Paper: **Neighborhood Scale: The Future of Building Decarbonization**

New Member Shoutouts

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

Property Owner/Manager



Peace Neighborhood Center



Hayman Company



Ponds at Georgetown



Ann Arbor Woods



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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.

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Energy Management Grants

Ann Arbor / Washtenaw 2030 District 2024 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 2024

All commercial and multifamily parcels with buildings totaling 20,000 SF or more are required to benchmark by June 1, 2024. 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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