

APRIL NEWSLETTER



SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH

Healthcare systems around the world have a responsibility to “do no harm” but are responsible for substantial negative health impacts through the production of greenhouse gases, particulate matter, extensive hazardous and landfill waste, and other environmental pollutants. It is critical that health care systems integrate environmental sustainability into health system quality frameworks to elevate sustainability efforts and fulfill the health system’s fundamental mission of protecting and improving health.



Practice Greenhealth **2025 Health care sustainability metrics report**

The 2025 Health care sustainability metrics report, featuring performance data from nearly 500 healthcare facilities across the country, is your roadmap for understanding where your facility stands—and where



Taking action for the health of people and the planet | UN Climate Action

Health and the climate are inextricably linked, and today the health of billions is endangered by the climate crisis. Climate change is undermining not just the health of our planet, but the health of people everywhere – through toxic air pollution, diminishing food security, higher risks of infectious



MI Healthy Climate Plan 2025 Report | EGLE

Despite challenges in 2025, Michigan has demonstrated its ongoing commitment toward a healthier, equitable, carbon neutral future. Throughout 2025, the state of Michigan continued advancing wide-ranging programs focused on equitable climate action.

the greatest opportunities for improvement exist.



Washtenaw County Resiliency Office July- Dec 2025 Report

The WCRO has become an integral part of county operations, guiding the integration of resilience into planning and budgeting. The office has collaborated with the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission on the Eastside Community and Recreation Center project, orienting the design as a community resilience hub that prioritizes accessibility, health, and climate readiness. This report highlights progress in developing pathways for a more resilient Washtenaw County, demonstrating how partnerships, shared planning, and community engagement are moving beyond business as usual and emission reduction focus on resiliency, to include the social and health impact of greenhouse gas emissions and extreme climate events.

disease outbreaks, extreme heat, drought, floods and more. [Read more](#)



Southeast Michigan's Healthy Climate Plan - SEMCOG

The plan identifies the region's major sources of greenhouse gas emissions and tracks how energy is used across sectors. Based on this analysis, it outlines comprehensive pathways to reduce emissions, improve energy efficiency, and support economic development across Southeast Michigan through 2050.

- It focuses on five regional opportunities:
- *Modernize Mobility Systems
 - *Promote Efficient, Affordable Homes and Buildings
 - *Expand Local Renewable Energy Options
 - *Advance Clean Innovation in Industry
 - *Manage Waste and Natural Resources Sustainably

[Read More](#)



U-M Campus Sustainability & Carbon Neutrality Operational Update FY2025

Across our campuses, we are strengthening stewardship of land, air, and water while expanding Michigan-based renewable power, modernizing energy systems, partnering on energy infrastructure with local communities, improving building efficiency, reducing waste, and advancing sustainable transportation. We do this work always striving to strengthen trust, community and joy while tackling this transformational endeavor together. We are also beginning to plan for the energy, infrastructure, and emissions implications of rapid growth in AI and data-intensive research, which will require new approaches to energy management and long-term infrastructure planning. At the same time, this year also marked important progress toward refreshed waste-reduction and resilient-grounds goals that will guide our stewardship of campus practices moving forward.

Events

ICYMI - Washtenaw Solarize Event 3/24 - [Presentation Slides](#) and [Event Recording](#)

Additional participants can join even if they were not at the meeting, so feel free to share this information with fellow businesses, nonprofits, places of worship, schools, local governments, or other organizations in Washtenaw County to increase the **group-buy discount!**



The next step to participate in Solarize is to **Solarize is to request a free solar quote by April 7th!**
Please email larry@homelandsolar.com to do so.



12-1 PM
[Register here](#)

Implementing the A²ZERO Carbon Neutrality Plan 2026 Session IV: The Value of Implementing Sustainability in Healthcare

Speakers: Chip Amoe, JD, MPA

Health care creates a significant portion of the world's climate footprint and in turn produces an extraordinary amount of waste.

Environmental sustainable health care practices are essential to protect the health and longevity of patients, the community we serve, and our planet.

In 2025, U-M Health was named one of the Top 25 Hospitals in the country for excellence in environmental sustainability by Practice Greenhealth. In addition, U-M Health also achieved a new system record of receiving four Circle of Excellence Awards.

Michigan Medicine's sustainability strategy has five main goals: reduce greenhouse gas emissions, eliminate the use of chemicals of concern, reduce waste, source local and sustainable food, and build healthy and resilient communities. These goals align with U-M's Carbon Neutrality Goals and Campus Sustainability Goals as well as commitments U-M Health has made to reduce its impact of climate change and improve the health of the communities they serve.

Chip Amoe, U-M Health Sustainability Officer, will provide an overview and key examples of U-M Health's Sustainability initiatives within their existing facilities and in the development of new facilities, including the newly opened The D. Dan and Betty Kahn Health Care Pavilion that is on track to be a LEED-V4 Platinum hospital.

A2 Green Rental Housing Ordinance Workshop



April 6th
11:30-1:30 PM

**WASHTENAW COUNTY
LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER**

**4135 WASHTENAW, ANN
ARBOR, MI 48108**



Register Here

Join us for our GRH readiness workshop, a hands-on training designed to help rental owners, managers, and housing professionals understand the ordinance, access available resources, and choosing your compliance path, including examples of implementing the checklist.

UNDERSTANDING THE ORDINANCE
SUPPLIER SUPPORT TABLES
BLOWER DOOR TESTING
NETWORKING



APRIL 17, 2026
The Michigan Model for Siting Renewable Energy:
Policy, Implementation, and Impacts



Public Session 8:30-11:30 AM

MI HEALTHY CLIMATE CONFERENCE

**APRIL 21, 2026
DETROIT, MI**



Join the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) on April 21 at the Huntington Place in Detroit for the last Michigan Healthy Climate Conference under Governor Whitmer's leadership.



A2 Climate Teach-In - Community Resilience

April 25

The theme for this year's Teach-In is Community Resilience – providing residents, business owners, students, sustainability professionals, and community leaders with concrete *actions* they can apply to enhance the resilience of individuals, neighborhoods, institutions, and our community as a whole.

[Register Here](#)



Business leaders are invited to attend the state's leading event for practical, cost-saving energy solutions.

Discover proven strategies, emerging technologies and available rebates that can help lower operating costs and improve energy efficiency while connecting with peers and solution providers from across Michigan.

Why register now?

- Actionable insights you can apply immediately
- Access to rebate opportunities and expert guidance
- Expanded exhibitor floor and networking with industry leaders

Seats are limited—don't miss your chance to gain ideas that can pay off for years.

May 5, 2026

Vibe Credit Union Showplace
46100 Grand River,
Novi, MI

[Register Here](#)



2026 Michigan Energy Summit Efficiency Powering Progress

The full-day conference will highlight the *Michigan Battle of the Buildings 2025 'Biggest Losers'* for their outstanding energy conservation efforts.

Attendees will experience a comprehensive program, including a keynote speaker, main-room sessions, breakout sessions, a full exhibitor hall, and concluded with a happy hour sponsored by the Detroit Lions!

May 16 2026

8:30-4:30

[Register Here](#)

**Keynote: Vincent Martinez, Hon. AIA, EIT,
CEO Architecture 2030**

SEU "Expression of Interest"

The City's new Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU) is now accepting "Expressions of Interest" from *businesses and residents who would like to learn more* and potentially receive clean energy service from the SEU.

This form will register you for occasional news updates and will help the SEU to prepare deployment plans to bring solar, batteries, geothermal, and other energy services to our community. Please fill out the form [here!](#)



New Members



[Ridgmaar Square Condos](#)



[Western Washtenaw Area Value Express \(WAVE\)](#)



[Juicy Kitchen](#)



At [MowGreenMow](#), our mission is to deliver high-quality lawn care while actively supporting community decarbonization efforts. As an all-electric mowing company, we eliminate the direct emissions associated with traditional gas-powered equipment, significantly reducing carbon output, noise pollution, and fuel consumption on every property we service. By investing in battery-powered commercial equipment and continuously improving operational efficiency through smart routing and maintenance practices, we lower our overall environmental footprint while maintaining professional, reliable results. Our work directly aligns with decarbonization goals by helping transition routine landscape maintenance away from fossil fuels and toward cleaner, sustainable alternatives — proving that excellent property care and climate responsibility can go hand in hand.

News



Dunbar Tower in Ann Arbor receives first electric vehicle under an MDOT \$2.5 million grant

LANSING, MI - Dunbar Tower, a new affordable housing development in downtown Ann Arbor, is now home to the first electric vehicle deployed under the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Michigan \$15 Million Equitable Mobility Challenge program.



Michigan moves forward on industrial decarbonization with new roadmap and upcoming industry engagement

Michigan has its sights on helping industries reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in line with the MI Healthy Climate Plan. Two new initiatives by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) will help set the course for 2026 and beyond.



Clean energy is winning, actually, in Michigan | Opinion - Bridge Michigan

Despite federal efforts to slow the clean energy transition, renewables are charging forward in Michigan, the Midwest, and the nation. Proof: The [Energy Information Administration \(EIA\)](#) forecasts that renewables will account for 99 percent of new U.S. generating capacity this year. And Michigan is leading the charge. According to [Clearview's project tracker](#), there are 172 solar projects in development across the state — with a total capacity of [power roughly 4 million Michigan homes](#). Twenty-four of those projects are

[Read More](#)

[Read More](#)

set to come online within the next 12 months.

[Read More](#)



Ann Arbor charts course for higher-density future with 11-0 vote on growth plan | MLIVE

The city already is seeing a big wave of new development, including several apartment high-rises and thousands of new campus dorm beds. Much of the city's new housing is geared toward UM students. City officials are hopeful the changes coming under the plan will pave the way for a greater diversity of housing types for more people.

[Read More](#)

Resources



Tax Credits For Tax Exempt Entities

Elective Pay allows tax-exempt entities to take advantage of federal clean energy tax credits and receive payment for a portion of their clean energy projects that meet the program requirements.

Examples of eligible projects and purchases include:

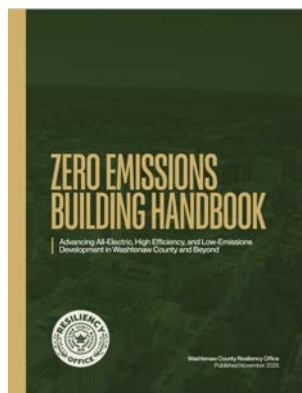
- Solar power
- Geothermal & Wind
- Energy storage/batteries
- EV purchases
- EV chargers

Eligible Entities:

- Local and Tribal governments
- Non-profits
- Rural electric co-ops
- Houses of worship
- Public School Districts
- Community Colleges & Public Universities

Do you think you have an eligible project?

Contact Kim Heumann heumannk@2030districts.org Washtenaw 2030 District's Elective Pay Ambassador for Livingston, Jackson, Washtenaw, Hillsdale, Lenawee, Monroe for details and to find out if your **current** or **future** project qualifies.



Washtenaw County Resiliency Office Zero Emissions Handbook

In this handbook, you will find:

- Information on principles, features, and processes related to high-efficiency sustainable development projects;
- Guidance on addressing common challenges and barriers, from building codes and zoning restrictions to unlocking financing tools; and
- Case studies highlighting examples of high-efficiency buildings already built in the County.

MI 2030 Districts Case Study Hub

Attention engineers and architects - You are invited to contribute your high performing/renewable energy projects. Please use the template (Submit a Case Study) to add yours.

<https://migbc.org/green-building-case-studies/>



2026 Business Program

Small Business platform

- Major changes are the expansion of the Small Business catalog to include New Construction measures. These measures are designated by a wrench icon on the fact sheets.
- For the Midstream Lighting Program the major 2026 change is the removal of the Downlight Retrofit Kit from the program. These are no longer available due to the 2026 MEMD removing energy savings.

Large Business platform – the bonuses are stackable

2026 contractor bonuses

- 20% bonus on electric projects (ends March, 31, 2026)
- 15% bonus on electric projects (April 1, 2026, to May 31, 2026)
- 10% bonus on electric projects (June 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026)

2026 customer bonuses

- 10% bonus on long life measures (ends Nov 30, 2026)

Energy Management Grants

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.



The Washtenaw 2030 District is funded by our members, DTE, the City of Ann Arbor and EGLE. We are accelerating our work locally because climate change is a serious and immediate threat. Science, our community, and the global market place will not be deterred in accomplishing the energy transformation that is required for our planet's and nation's resilience.

**Membership/
Support Info**

Thank you to our Michigan 2030 Statewide Supporters

Gold Supporters



Silver Supporters



Supporters



Stay up to date with A²ZERO's newsletter and events [HERE](#)



BEACON Newsletter - Architecture 2030

Spotlighting the leaders who are designing built environments that support healthy, vibrant and equitable living, highlighting pockets of the future alive and thriving in the present. [Check it out here!](#)



Washtenaw 2030 District | 115 E Liberty St | Ann Arbor, MI 48104 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!