

AUGUST NEWSLETTER



THE FIELDS ARE FULL

Our 2024 Progress Report



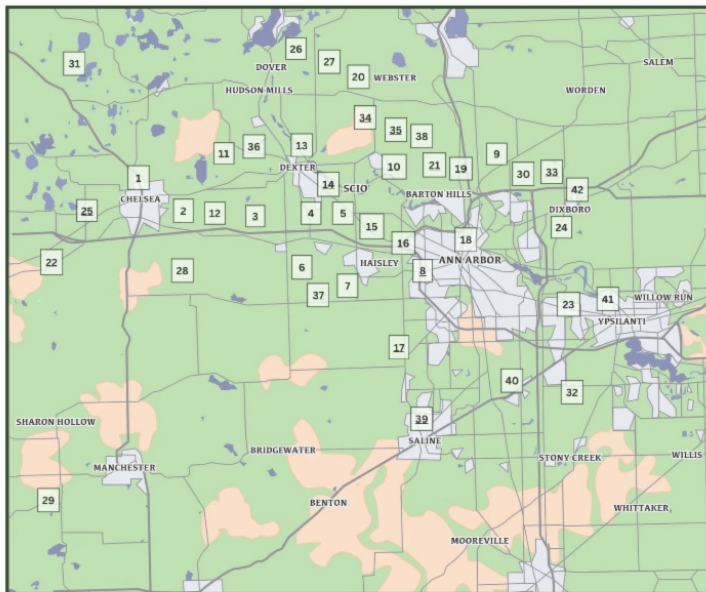
*"Reflecting on 2024, it was truly a year of substantial progress on multiple climate fronts. Federal policy in 2025 has changed dramatically, but state, county, and local governments continue implementing climate policy to meet climate goals. Our district funding remains in place, enabling us to continue our work, thanks to **YOU**, our members, professional stakeholders, State-wide sponsors, EGLE, DTE and the City of Ann Arbor." - Jan*

Get the report [HERE](#)

Looking for the Seasons Bounty around Washtenaw County?

We have been working on a map with links to local farms. [CHECK IT OUT](#). Let us know if we have missed any of your favorite farms or CSAs at annarbor@2030districts.org.

Farms & CSAs in Washtenaw County



Click on the name or number to find out more about each farm!
Contact Ann Arbor / Washtenaw 2030 District to include your farm: annarbor@2030districts.org

1. Chelsea Farmers Market
2. Jacob's Fresh Farm
3. Garden Fort
4. Nature & Nurture Seeds
5. Seva Farms @Skinny Farms
6. White Lotus Farms
7. HoneyBee U-Pick
8. Westside Farmers Market
9. Green Things Farm Collective
10. Blue Spring Farm
11. Dexter Blueberry Farm
12. Marilla Field & Flora
13. Dexter Farmers Market
14. Social Vines Winery
15. Wing Farms
16. The Hungry Locavore
17. Vestergaard Farms
18. Ann Arbor Farmers Market
19. Slow Farm
20. Rustic Roots Farm
21. Garden Works Organic Farm
22. Tantre Farms
23. The Farm at Trinity Health
24. UM Campus Farm
25. Backbeat Farm
26. Baseline Farm
27. Brines Farm
28. Community Farm of Ann Arbor
29. Fusilier Family Farms
30. Good Neighbor Farm
31. Noka Homestead
32. Old City Acres
33. Pride and Produce Farm
34. Washtenaw Meats
35. Whitney Farmstead
36. Wild Apple Farms
37. Capella Farm
38. Sunseed Farm
39. Saline Farmers Market
40. Pittsfield Township Farmers Market
41. Ypsilanti Farmers Market
42. Dixboro Farmers Market

Act NOW - Clean Energy Tax Credits

If you are planning to install a solar system, take action **NOW** to take advantage of the current tax credits or direct pay provisions that are being phased out.

Important tax credit dates:

- **Clean-vehicle credits** for vehicles **purchases completed by September 30, 2025.**
- **Residential solar tax credit** for systems **placed in service before midnight on December 31, 2025.**
- **Commercial and utility-scale projects**, projects must either begin construction within 12 months of the bill's passage, or be placed in service by the end of 2027 to qualify for the full credit.

If you have a *commercial, municipal or non-profit building*, apply for a free technical assistance from the 2030 District at this link: <https://2030districts.org/annarbor/a2-area-commercial-solarize-landing/>.

If you are a *home owner*, the City of Ann Arbor has two solarize meetings scheduled—*anyone in Washtenaw County* is eligible to be included: refer to this [link](#) or contact Connor Dailey for more details cdailey@a2gov.org.

Upcoming Lunch and Learn Series

September 9 - Glazing that has the insulation value of a wall is now available for commercial & residential applications!

LuxWall and Kolbe Windows will be presenting the next generation of glazing solutions that deliver between R-18 and R-23 thermal insulation – outperforming current glass and window product offerings by up to 4X. Enthermal™ high-performance glass can be customized for climatic regions (Low-E coating selection) and window sizes (glass thickness selection) to maximize return on investment. Enthermal™ is a uniquely low U-value glass that can be produced in a wide array of configurations to enable drop-in replacement of single and double pane insulating glass units.

October 14 - Join the 2030 District and the Ann Arbor Public Schools to dive into how the Capital Bond program is enabling them to meet their sustainability goals that include eliminating direct emissions by 2035.

The district is the largest K-12 owner and producer of solar power in Michigan, with 12 arrays that generate 2.1 Gigawatts. Four new elementary schools are designed to be Net

Zero Emissions and existing buildings are receiving major upgrades moving toward electrification.
In addition, AAPS is in the process of exchanging diesel buses for electric school buses to eliminate direct transportation emissions.

[Register here](#) (Note: November 11 and December 9 topics are TBD)

Events



4-7 PM
City Hall Promenade
Council Chambers 2nd Fl



Community Clothing Swap

Join the Office of Sustainability and Innovations for monthly clothing swaps on the third Thursday of each month. These swaps are a perfect way to give your gently used clothes a new home and find items of clothing you have been looking for, without having to buy them new.

Each person can bring up to 5 items of clothing in good condition (no rips, holes, stains, or unwashed items). Accessories are also welcome. You can take clothing without bringing anything, or bring clothing without taking anything. This is a completely free event and open to the public. RSVP here:

lu.ma/a2zeroclothingswaps



SAVE THE DATE!!



Sunday, Sept. 14 | 11-4

301 W. Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti

SAVE THE DATE
A2ZERO Green Fair

Friday, September 19
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE
SEPT 20th



New Members

Welcome Katya Deckelbaum!



I'm a senior at the University of Michigan pursuing a double degree in Environmental Science and International Studies. With the support of the UM PitE department, the 2030 District, the Green Business Challenge, and A2Zero, I will be providing FREE support to local food service businesses to further sustainability initiatives based recommendations from the [Food Service Sustainability Roadmap](#), developed last year. This work will culminate in a senior honors thesis that will compile our progress, impact, and further recommendations in a report.

OPPORTUNITY

*I'm looking to partner with few Ann Arbor food service businesses interested in getting **hands-on support** in implementing sustainable initiatives on-site. [MORE INFO](#)*



[Value City Furniture](#)



[The Viscount](#)



[Argus Farm Stop](#)



[Issa Properties](#)



[Sigma Kappa](#)



[3885 Research Park Drive](#)



[Ann Arbor Spark](#)



[Arbor Atrium](#)



[Regency at Bluffs Park](#)



[2925 Boardwalk](#)



[Germain on State](#)



[3005 Boardwalk](#)



[TGI Direct](#)

News



US National Parks to get 50% plant-based menus by 2026

ProVeg welcomes initiative that encourages healthy, plant-based catering in the tourist sector ProVeg International has today welcomed a decision by the caterer at some of the most famous national parks in the United States to expand the availability of plant-based foods.

[Read More](#)



Can cutting rooftop solar costs make up for losing tax credits?

Slow and complex permitting and interconnection rules drive up U.S. rooftop solar "soft" costs... which make up roughly two-thirds of the price of a rooftop solar installation in the U.S...

[Read More](#)



Ann Arbor Introduces First Executive Director of Sustainable Energy Utility | City of Ann Arbor

The City of Ann Arbor is announcing the hiring of Shoshannah Lenski as the first executive director of the Ann Arbor Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU), effective Aug. 25, 2025. Lenski brings a wealth of experience and leadership in sustainability, strategy and utility operations.

[Read More](#)

Member Resources



DTE 2025 Programs

[Electric Customer Bonus](#)

[Gas Customer Bonus](#)

We have a **free resource** that will help your business with:



A2 Green Business Challenge (A2GBC)

A new framework to recognize, support, and celebrate local businesses working to advance sustainability in the community. Co-created by the Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations and Ann Arbor SPARK, this new program will help local businesses:

- lower operating costs
- create a stronger brand
- build a more sustainable culture
- enhance employee and customer satisfaction
- reduce their environmental impact.

[Learn more](#)

New Fiscal Year, New Rebates

As of July 1, 2025, all Home Energy Rebate categories will be refreshed. Categories that ran out

of money in the previous fiscal year are open and available to be drawn from again. Households can get tens of thousands of dollars in rebates! Learn more and finance your home energy improvements at osi.a2gov.org/rebates.



Commercial EV Charger Program

Applications for the City of Ann Arbor's Commercial EV Charger Program are now live! With the goal of increasing the availability of publicly accessible EV chargers, the Commercial EV Charger Program provides an opportunity for commercial and multifamily property owners in Ann Arbor to receive up to four FREE level 2 EV chargers. To learn more about the program and view the application, visit osi.a2gov.org/evchargerprogram.

Electric Lawn Care Equipment Discount Program Electric Leaf Blower Rebate Program

You can learn about the "Gas Leaf Blower Phase Out" and see programs that are available to help make the transition. Be sure to watch the [Green Light](#) Episodes about "Electric Lawn Care" and "Pollinator Aware Yard Care"

Electric Leaf-blower compliance: The use of gas-powered leaf blowers will be prohibited within Ann Arbor city limits June 1 – September 30, 2025. The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health and welfare of Ann Arbor residents as well as to promote the City's sustainability goals by reducing noise, air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, and other negative effects of gas leaf blowers. You can report violations of the ordinance to the Ann Arbor Police Department Community Standards at (734)-794-6942. If you are interested in learning more about the ordinance, alternatives to gas leaf blowers, or sustainable lawn care, we recommend taking a look at our gas leaf blower phase-out website at osi.a2gov.org/leafblowers.



A²ZERO Heat Pump Concierge

OSI is delighted to announce our new A²ZERO Heat Pump Concierge, where users can input home information to generate initial heat pump system design options in a process that takes approximately five minutes. Together, this information aims to empower residents to choose the heat pump that's right for them, including any and all necessary improvements that might be needed as part of transitioning from fossil gas heat to heat pumps. The entire process is free for Ann Arbor residents. Learn more at osi.a2gov.org/HeatPumpConcierge!

Commercial Benchmarking

The June 1, 2025 reporting deadline for the City's Benchmarking Ordinance has now passed, **and the City is starting enforcement for out-of-compliance properties**. If you have not started benchmarking, the Ann Arbor/Washtenaw 2030 District offers free support through every step of the process. If you have started benchmarking with the 2030 District but do not know if you are fully compliant, reach out to the 2030 District staff member you are working with to check your property's status. If you have any questions for the City, you can reach them at

734.794.6000 x 43743, benchmarking@a2gov.org, or by [grabbing a meeting with the City on Teams/Zoom/Phone](#).

More information about the ordinance, including data disclosure timelines and links to more technical assistance resources, are available on the City of Ann Arbor's [website](#).

We are here to help too (its free) !
Start benchmarking with an [appointment with the A2 / W 2030 Benchmarking](#) team.

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.

ANN ARBOR/WASHTENAW



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](#)



ANN ARBOR/WASHTENAW



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

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



Try email marketing for free today!