

AUGUST NEWSLETTER



LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS



Local organizations are actively expanding food access -- and new programs are helping them do it

Michigan's communities have long been defined by resilience, strong neighborhood ties and a deep sense of local pride. But across the state, many families still struggle to consistently access fresh, nutritious food.

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Good Food for Michigan - Center for Good Food Purchasing

Good Food for Michigan connects Michigan farmers, growers, and food producers to schools, hospitals, and other institutions across the state to expand local and regional food markets and bring fresh food from values-aligned sources to more Michiganders. The Good Food for Michigan Project aims to expand the number

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Opinion | Michigan cyclospora outbreak: Why buying directly from grower is safer right now - Bridge Michigan

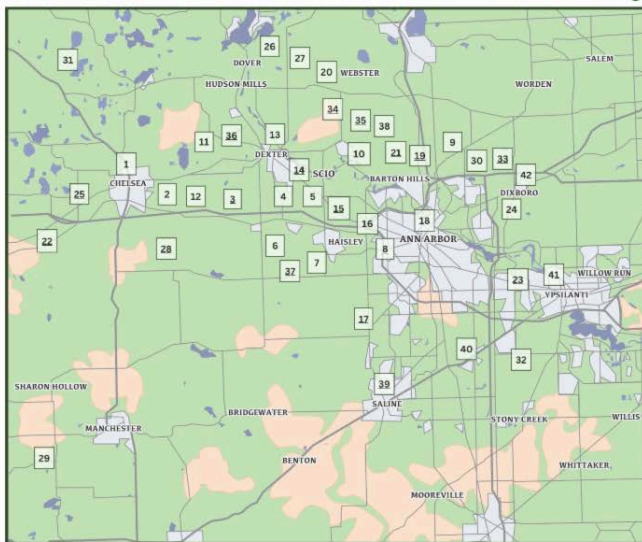
Based on the best information currently available, produce harvested from your own garden or a U-pick farm, or bought directly from the grower at a producer-only farmers market, genuinely is the safer option right now.

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Farmers' Markets and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA's)

Click on the map below to get the most recent version including links.

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



Many Hands Lifesharing Community

What if a community could provide lifelong care, meaningful connection, and environmental sustainability all in one place? Many Hands Lifesharing Community is turning that vision into reality by creating a net-zero campus where adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, caregivers, and the surrounding community can live, work, and thrive together. Discover how thoughtful design, renewable energy, and regenerative agriculture are helping redefine what inclusive community can look like.

[Read all about it here.](#) Note below a few events

Sustainable Food Business Coalition (SFBC)

Ann Arbor's network of businesses and community organizations working together to advance sustainability throughout the food system. Join the SFBC [here](#)!

The SFBC meets quarterly, providing a space for businesses in the food system to gather and discuss sustainable food initiatives at the City and business levels. During these gatherings, SFBC members share ideas, feedback, resources, and best practices relating to business sustainability, all while forming connections with like-minded businesses. Members also have the opportunity to learn about upcoming City programs and policies and share feedback.



Events

Summer Health Day

Washtenaw Co. Health Dpt.
555 Towner

Learn about: Health Department services, MDHHS resources Community health partners, Marijuana safety and other health initiatives

Wednesday August 5 3-6pm
 *note: This is a site of one of the County's new solar installations!

Enjoy free: Health resources, Food from Good Eats and Hero or Villain food trucks, Wellness activities, games, and prizes



Many Hands Life Sharing Community

Monthly Family Fun Nights

Wednesday, **August 12 4:30-6:30**
 St. Joseph Catholic Church Social Hall
 6805 Mast Rd

Biodynamic Education Workshop: Seed Saving

Sunday, **September 13th 4-6pm**
[Register Here](#)

Land Tours

We'd love to show you around. Come walk the land, hear the stories behind each space, and see where all that we've planned for Many Hands is growing into something beautiful for our whole community.

Friday, **August 21 10am - noon**
 Wednesday, **September 23 5-7pm**

Michigan Sustainability Conference (MISCON)

September 9-10, 2026

[More Info](#)

Registration Deadline Aug. 26



SAVE THE DATE

Green Fair Main Street Ann Arbor
Friday September 18th 5-8pm

New Members



[Dexter Area Fire Department](#)



[Bombay Grocers](#)



[Nielsen Square
Condominium Association](#)



[Northside Glen Condos](#)



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Agricultural Businesses Energy Incentive Program

The Agricultural Businesses Energy Incentive Program offer financial incentives to farms, agribusinesses, and rural small businesses for energy related implementation projects, recommended from energy audits and assessments.

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New Ann Arbor condos first in Michigan to achieve PHIUS Zero design certification

The builder will host open houses 1-4 p.m. Aug. 2, 16 and 30 to show the condos in the finishing stages of construction.

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Incentive program will keep supporting communities saying yes to Michigan's clean energy transformation

Funding pool increases for Renewables Ready Communities Awards

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) today announced a new and larger phase of its Renewables Ready Communities Awards (RRCA).

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Michigan Grants & Funding Opportunities: MI Funding Hub

Explore grants and funding opportunities on MI Funding Hub. Access technical assistance, grant details, and tools to empower your community.

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ICYMI - Washtenaw 2030 District 2025 Impact Report

Read the report [here](#).

View the Honor Roll [here](#).



SEU Update

It was a busy month of June for the SEU, with continued installation of solar in the Bryant neighborhood pilot and preparing for expansion city-wide in 2027!

Bryant neighborhood:

- On June 2nd, as part of the [A2Zero Week](#), the public was invited to “watch the SEU be built.” More than 20 community members joined at an installation in Bryant to watch the panels go up and chat with SEU staff, vendors, installers, and fellow residents.
- As of this writing, there are 40 Bryant residents officially signed up for SEU service, with 10 installations complete and many more in queue. Many residents participating in the SEU are also receiving roof repairs and weatherization through additional grant funding with the Office of Sustainability and Innovations.
- More than a quarter of the Bryant participants so far are in rental homes. This is exciting because historically rentals have been very difficult to serve with renewable energy upgrades. The SEU’s model makes this clean, affordable energy accessible to homeowners and renters. We’re thankful for the Bryant landlords and tenants joining the SEU!

City-wide:

The SEU is preparing to scale city-wide in 2027. The initial offerings in 2027 will be solar and solar-plus-storage. Many residents are asking what to expect. They are still working on details but here’s a rough anticipated timeline:

- Mid Fall: SEU will propose rates to City Council and ask for authorization
- Late Fall: Residents who have signed up on the “[expression of interest](#)” form will be invited to begin an intake process to gather all the details necessary to assess viability and get you officially signed up
- With more than 1,000 residents on the interest list, we expect to take all of 2027 to complete installations (did you know, for comparison, the City has had about [200 residential solar installations](#) per year for the last 5 years?)

Energy is getting a lot of buzz:

Ann Arbor is talking a lot about energy. We love that! But we also know it can be confusing to understand the different options. If you’re interested in learning more, please see this study, commissioned by the City in 2023, to evaluate potential pathways to renewable energy in Ann Arbor: [Renewable Energy Pathways](#)

Check out the SEU Newsletter [SEU Newsletter June 29 2026.pdf](#)

Resources

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/>



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.

New Resource:



Carbon
Leadership
Forum

Existing and Emerging Strategies to Decarbonize
Construction Materials

DTE



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 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.

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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!](#)



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