

# FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



## Looking Forward

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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### FORECAST 2025

#### COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE AND CLIMATE ACTIONS IN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION

FEBRUARY 26TH - 12-1 PM EASTERN - ZOOM WEBINAR



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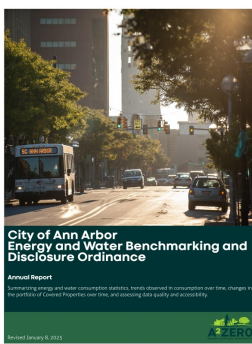


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[2030districts.org](https://2030districts.org)

[Join the 2030 Districts Network for a Free Zoom Webinar - Registration Required](#)

The Office of Sustainability and Innovations  
 has released the first  
[City of Ann Arbor Energy and Water](#)



### 2025 Benchmarking

The 2025 cycle of the City of Ann Arbor's Energy and Water Benchmarking Ordinance is under way. Properties 20,000 sq ft or greater are required to benchmark by June 1, 2025. 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](#). Need help getting started? Book a [60-minute](#) or [30-minute](#) meeting with the City's Benchmarking Support Team.

We are here to help too (its free) !

Start benchmarking with an [appointment with the A2 / W 2030 Benchmarking](#) team.



The Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) is pleased to announce an expansion to our [Home Energy Rebate program](#) and our [Home Energy Advisor service](#):

- We are now offering rebates of \$500-750 for induction cooktops and ranges, and rebates of \$300-500 for heat pump dryers. These additional measures will help residents reduce the both the health and climate impacts of burning gas in our homes.
- The rebate dollar amounts for weatherization (insulation and air sealing) and cold-climate heat pumps have increased substantially, and now include duct modifications when needed for heat pumps. Residents who have already applied for and received rebates for these measures will be seeing increased reimbursement as we work to make sure our program remains equitable and impactful.
- Rebates are now newly available for individual Ann Arbor residents living in multi-family buildings. Rebates for whole multi-family buildings and complexes will be rolling out in the weeks to come.
- The process for applying for rebates has been streamlined and simplified. So if you have been considering a home improvement, it's a great time to take another look! The process is as easy as ensuring you meet the requirements, reserving a rebate, completing your work, and then completing the application and receiving your funds.

In addition to these changes to our rebate program, we have also added an easy way to obtain a brief "consultation" from our [A2ZERO Home Energy Advisor](#). You are still able (and encouraged) to schedule a full home assessment and receive a customized plan for your home. But if you have a home-related question, need contractor connections, bid reviews, technical advice or anything else relevant to home energy, simply click on "sign up here" on the webpage and schedule a Consult Call.

Rebate	Income Qualified (120% AMI) maximum	Standard Rebate maximum
Battery Storage	\$3500	\$2000
Weatherization	\$8000	\$4500
CC heat pumps (CCHP)	\$5500	\$4000
Duct modification for HP	\$2500	\$1500
HP Water Heater	\$2000	\$1000
Panel Upgrades	\$2000	\$1000
E-bikes	\$1000	\$250
Cargo e-bikes	\$1200	\$500
Induction stoves	\$750	\$500
Heat pump dryers	\$500	\$300



**JOIN THE 2025 TRANSPORTATION SURVEY**

We welcome you to participate in the Washtenaw District 2030's employee transportation survey to gauge greenhouse gas emissions across Ann Arbor.

Join our fight to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50-65% by 2030 by completing this short and easy survey whose results will be emailed to you in a succinct and detailed report.

**What can you gain from this?**

- Track commuting emissions by building
- Gain insights on how employees are commuting
- Learn how you can facilitate transportation alternative

Questions? Contact Us:  
[washtenaw2030survey@gmail.com](mailto:washtenaw2030survey@gmail.com)

### The 2025 Transportation Survey

Commercial and non-profit building owners & managers, start out 2025 by participating in Washtenaw 2030 District's Commuter Survey. Get your results by building and gain insights into reducing commuter transportation emissions. Our U-M Graham Scholars team will be reaching out to engage you in the survey OR you can reach them at [washtenaw2030survey@gmail.com](mailto:washtenaw2030survey@gmail.com).

**\*\*Note the survey is administered by building owners & tenants to employees.**

## Events

February

11

12-1 PM

[Register here](#)

### Implementing the A 2 Zero Carbon Neutrality Plan 2025 Session II: Accelerating to Zero—Faster Together Washtenaw County Climate Action Progress

*Speakers: Beth Gibbons - Director Washtenaw County Resiliency Office, Mary Braun - Energy and Sustainability Coordinator Washtenaw County- Facilities Management*

Speakers will share implementation strategies for accelerating decarbonization in the broader county over the next year and how architects, engineers and contractors are needed to change current practice.

February

23

4 PM

Scio Township's Environmental Task Force is inviting you to a solar open house to learn more about adding solar to your home or business!

Homeland Solar 303 Metty Drive (off Jackson Road)  
 Questions? Contact [Pcchair@sciotownship.org](mailto:Pcchair@sciotownship.org)



**CONQUER THE COLD**

## Midpoint Mingle

February 5 at 8:30am

Logos for Downtown, TheRide, and other partners.

February is a perfectly good month to join the Conquer the Cold Challenge! Participating is simple:

- 1) Use sustainable transportation (walk, bike, carpool, ride transit, telework, and more)
- 2) Record your trip on website or app

Stop by Argus Farm Stop on Liberty for a friendly chat with getDowntown staff on Wednesday, February 5 from 8:30 - 10am.

3) Win various prizes!  
[Visit ConquertheCold.org](http://VisitConquertheCold.org)

## New Members



[Meijer](#)



[The Yard](#)



[Six11](#)

## News



### DTE and Consumers have rolled out their 2025 efficiency and rebate programs

DTE: [Small Business](#) and [Multifamily\\*](#)  
(\*there is an income qualified and market rate rebate program)

Consumers: [Business Rebates and Discounts](#) and [Multifamily](#)



### Ypsilanti city vehicles going electric-first in new policy

The City Council voted to update its alternate fuel policy, directing staff to prioritize purchasing and using electric options for vehicles operated by the city, including cars, trucks and heavy machinery.

[Read More](#)



### Michigan Materials Marketplace

NextCycle Michigan, with support from EGLE, has redesigned the Michigan Materials Marketplace's on the Rheaply platform. The Michigan Materials Marketplace enhances the buying, selling, and donating of surplus materials — keeping items out of landfills and in circulation to be repaired, reused, or recycled into new products.

[Read More](#)

### Winner of the UU Climate Justice Revival Sermon Contest

Edward Lynn has been a member for 30 years of the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, a large congregation. After retirement he served as the volunteer Administrator of the congregation for 7 years, and now devotes most of his time to climate justice actions.



[Edward Lynn - Here](#)

# DEADLINE EXTENDED!

Good news - It's not too late to join us at the table.

Contribute recipes, tips, and stories to the  
**A<sup>2</sup>ZERO COMMUNITY COOKBOOK**

The deadline to contribute to our climate-friendly community cookbook is now **March 1st, 2025**.

We need your help to showcase just how good sustainability can taste - Submit your recipe today to be featured in this exciting community project.

To participate, and for more information, visit:  
<https://osi.a2gov.org/cookbook>



## Member Resources

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](#)



### 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](https://osi.a2gov.org/evchargerprogram).

### 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](mailto:jculbertson@2030Districts.org) if you are interested in learning more.



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