

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Where are we now?

By the end of 2025 the globe has warmed by about:

+1.4°C
above the pre-industrial level

This number is based on **three separate methods** that use C3S data and calculations following those illustrated in the WMO Global State of the Climate 2024

When will we reach +1.5°C?

If warming continues at the same rate as in the last 30 years, the globe could be at:

approximately +1.5°C by
the end of this decade

Estimate based on the method behind the C3S global trend monitor.

COUNTDOWN TO 2030

Be sure to join for this month's Lunch and Learn - Countdown to 2030 with Vincent Martinez, Hon. AIA, EIT, and CEO Architecture 2030



Monthly Climate Reports

A collection of monthly summaries recapping climate-related occurrences on both a global and national scale

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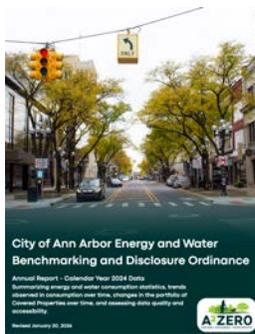
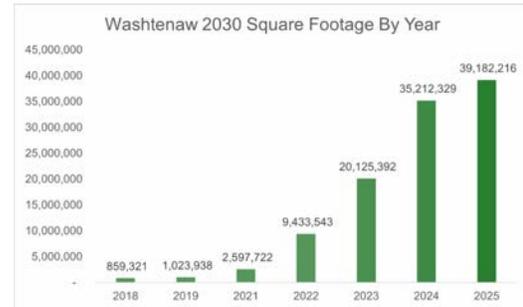
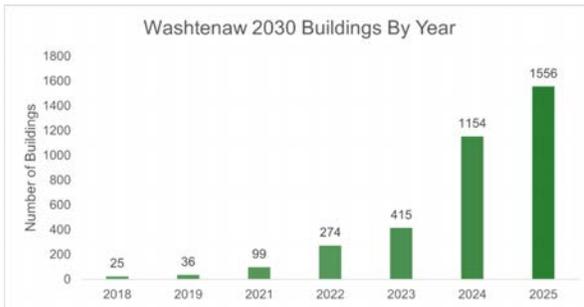
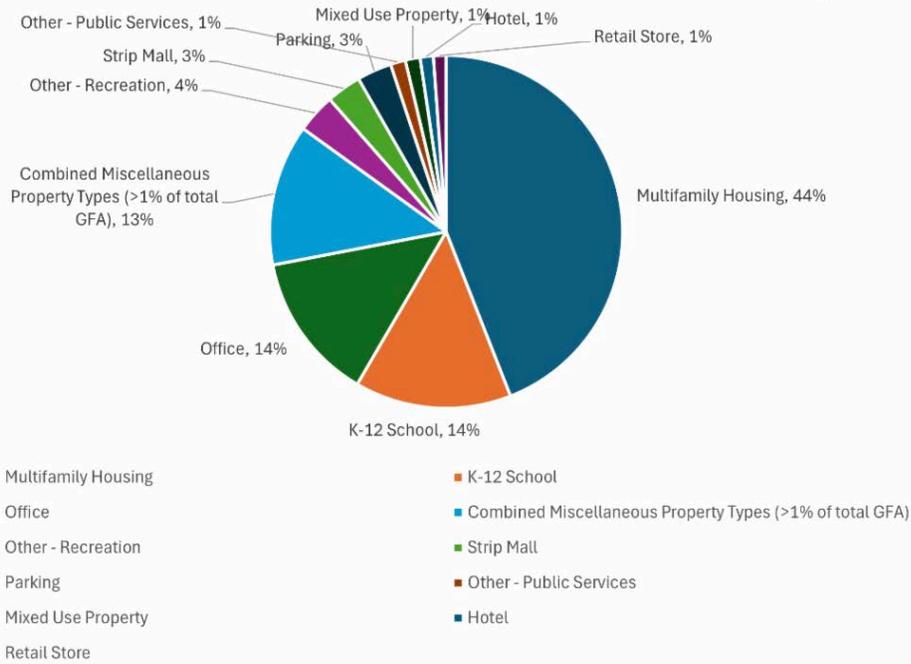
Global Climate Highlights 2025

The Global Climate Highlights [2025 report](#) provides an early, concise analysis of the climate of the the year 2025.

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Washtenaw 2030 District surpasses 39 Million Square Feet in 2025!

Washtenaw 2030 Building Types As Proportion of Total Square Footage



Looking for a Benchmarking Report?

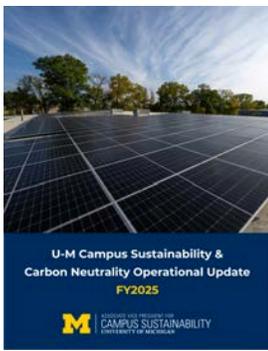
The **City of Ann Arbor Energy and Water Benchmarking Map** is an interactive map where you can locate annual benchmarking reports for individual properties covered by the Benchmarking Ordinance.



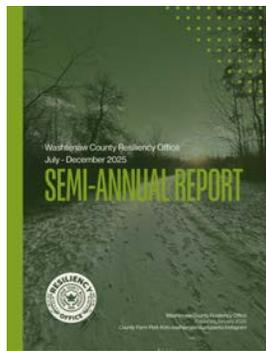
[Benchmarking Performance Dashboard](#)

[City of Ann Arbor Energy and Water Benchmarking and Disclosure Ordinance Report 2025](#)

Note: Click "Close" on the pop-up screen to continue to the dashboard.



[U-M Campus Sustainability & Carbon Neutrality Operational Update FY2025](#)



[Washtenaw County Resiliency Office Semi Annual Report July - December 2025](#)



[MI Healthy Climate Plan 2025 Report](#)

Events



12-1 PM
[Register here](#)

Implementing the A²ZERO Carbon Neutrality Plan 2026 Session II: Countdown to 2030

Speaker: Vincent Martinez, Hon. AIA, EIT, CEO Architecture 2030

The built environment is the single largest source of global greenhouse gas emissions—making our industry a key player in the fight against climate change. As identified by Architecture 2030 in 2006 and adopted by the AIA 2030 Commitment, 2030 is a pivotal deadline for emissions reductions.

This presentation charts the Countdown to 2030: where we started, where we stand, and how we accelerate toward a zero-carbon future. Attendees will explore built environment climate targets, celebrate industry progress, and discuss the path to 2030 and a decarbonized built environment.



7 PM

Plan Renewable Energy Projects While Federal Funding is Still Available - Webinar

Join the Washtenaw 2030 District & [Third Act Michigan](#) to better understand how to deploy renewable energy systems before the ITC deadlines. Will include multiple funding options for houses of worship, non-profits, and other tax-exempt groups.

[Register here](#)

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Keynote speaker
Wendy Lewis Jackson
The Kresge Foundation

**2026
KICKOFF PARTY
& FUNDRAISER**

The Marygrove Conservancy Feb. 26th, 2026 4:30-7:30p.m.
→ Tickets: 2030districts.org/Detroit

Semi-formal, Dinner, silent
auction & exhibit tables.

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WASHTENAW SOLARIZE

FOR BUSINESSES, NONPROFITS, & PLACES OF WORSHIP!



Want to reduce your energy bills and your carbon emissions? Let us help you get solar power! Solarize is a free, no-commitment event offering educational resources, a group-buy discount, and connections to the local energy community. Our solar experts will help you access federal credits to pursue clean energy before the incentives expire, saving up to 45% off your solar installation.

All businesses, nonprofits, places of worship, schools, and local units of government located in Washtenaw County can participate - so join us March 24th to kick off this program!

MARCH 24, 7:00-8:00PM
Homeland Solar's warehouse

303 Metty drive, #4
Ann Arbor, MI



learn more & RSVP!



QUESTIONS? EMAIL LEXI CRILLEY - LEXCRILL@UMICH.EDU

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



[Arbor Apartments](#)



[Georgetown Commons South Condominiums](#)



[Brentwood Square Condominium Association](#)

News

Enroll for the Michigan Battle of the Buildings Today!

The program is a way to encourage energy-efficient practices in buildings across the state and to instill a spirit of friendly competition among the area's building owners and operators. There is no cost to enter the competition.



[Read More](#)

All building types are welcome! Commercial, industrial, institutional, non-profits, multi-family, education, retail, campus, owners and tenants (sorry, no single family residential at this time).



US solar manufacturing in 2026: What the heck to expect

Companies are adding factory capacity across the whole supply chain, even as new tariffs and national security concerns loom on the horizon.

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Strategic Decarbonization Planning: Turning Vision into Value in Commercial Real Estate - RMI

Replicable solutions to help real estate investors increase asset value and accelerate sustainability

[Read More](#)

Utility Programs Essential for Building Performance Standard Savings

New white paper explores utility programs that can support jurisdictions in adopting equitable BPS policies

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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.

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Green Rental Housing Webinar

Learn more at osl.a2gov.org/GreenRentalHousing

Learn how to save money, stay compliant, and simplify planning. [Webinar recording](#)

Resources:

- [Landlord resource hub](#)
- [Renter education packet](#)

- [Rental Housing Services contact information](#) (reach out to Brandi Lewis)

Expression of Interest - Public Electric Vehicle Charging

In December 2024, The City of Ann Arbor was awarded the Charging & Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grant with the goal of building a public electric vehicle charging station network that is affordable, safe, reliable, and widely accessible. The funding allows Ann Arbor to address gaps in charging infrastructure, particularly in low-income areas, multifamily properties, and large retail locations. The City is working with a variety of stakeholders including community organizations, local schools and libraries, residential neighborhoods, and the private sector to expand access to EV charging. As of December 2025, the City is preparing a final Call-Out to invite any possible remaining site hosts to participate in the CFI grant program through an [Intake Form](#) on their website.

CITY SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN HOSTING PUBLIC ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING

Over the next 18-24 months, the City is looking to build 50 additional EV charging stations across city-owned and private sites, with funding available for up to 95% of project costs

a2gov.org/EVs



[Embodied Carbon Video Training Series](#)

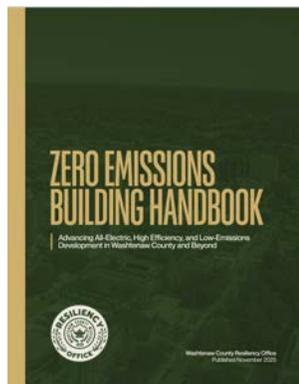
This introductory video series includes five modules on the following topics:

1. Embodied Carbon 101
2. Introduction to Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)
3. Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs)
4. Whole Building Life Cycle Assessment
5. Embodied Carbon Policy Strategies

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/>



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.



[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 accelerat-ing 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



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!](#)



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