

JUNE NEWSLETTER



A²ZERO week a celebration of progress and a call to action

BUILDING OWNERS AND MANAGERS YOU CAN TAKE ACTION NOW

The primary means for reducing existing building GHG emissions are the following:

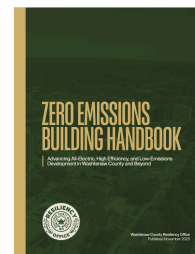
- Efficiency measures and building electrification
- Operations and maintenance
- Refrigerants: Low-GWP, minimizing volume, and improving management
- Renewable energy sources (on and off site) and energy storage

Review your portfolio with a Washtenaw 2030 District technical consultant!
Contact Lissa Spitz to schedule lissaspitz@2030districts.org

2030 Energy & Carbon Guidebook - Grand Rapids

The Grand Rapids 2030 District's Professional Partners Group (PPG), a team of local experts formed in 2022, has created an Energy and Carbon Guidebook. This group came together to help local businesses and organizations improve energy efficiency and lower carbon output. The guidebook is designed to:

- Serve as a local resource to help Grand Rapids businesses and project teams improve energy performance.
- Make it easier to reduce energy use in buildings, helping teams reach renewable energy and carbon reduction goals.
- Offer guidance to building owners and project teams working toward lowering emissions.



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

While the guide is tailored for Grand Rapids, it offers useful insights for businesses throughout Michigan.

[Read More](#)

Food Service Businesses Roadmap

[Check out the Food Service Business Sustainability Roadmap](#) and the [Refrigerant Management Technical Assistance & Grant Program](#)

Roadmap for Municipalities

The Resilient Washtenaw Toolkit can be downloaded [here](#)

Case Studies

A wide range of building case studies can be found [here](#), as well as a few recent case studies can be found in the Impact Report just below.

- Case studies highlighting examples of high-efficiency buildings already built in the County.

Attention Multifamily - Rebates for Multifamily Properties

The Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations, in partnership with DTE Energy, has launched [Insulate Ann Arbor](#); a rebate program designed to help multifamily rental properties reduce energy use and lower operating costs.

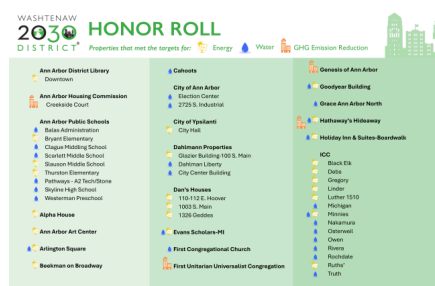
[Insulate Ann Arbor](#) offers rebates for insulation and air sealing at multifamily rental properties in Ann Arbor— two of the most cost-effective ways multifamily properties can reduce energy costs and comply with the City's [Green Rental Housing Ordinance](#).

Up to \$75,000 or 50% of total project costs is available per property, with up to \$250,000 or 90% of total project costs available per income-qualified property. Funds are limited and rebate payments are dependent on fund availability. [Learn more here](#).

ICYMI - Washtenaw 2030 District 2025 Impact Report

Read the report [here](#).

View the Honor Roll [here](#).



Events

6th Annual A²ZERO WEEK - May 31 - June 6

A week-long celebration of climate solutions and community in Ann Arbor. Activities for the whole family. Check out all the events [here](#).



12-1 PM

Implementing the A²ZERO Carbon Neutrality Plan 2026 Session VI: Electrification & Energy Transition Across Washtenaw County

Speakers: Mary Braun, Energy and Sustainability Manager, Washtenaw County Facilities Management; SiRui Huang, Finance and Business Operations Manager, Washtenaw County Facilities Management & IT; Beth Gibbons, Director, Washtenaw County Resiliency Office; Jason Fee CFM, Director, Washtenaw County Facilities Management

[Register here](#)

Washtenaw County has set the goal of achieving operational carbon neutrality by 2030. The County's Energy Transition strategy advances Washtenaw County's efforts to achieve carbon-neutral, resilient operations. The Solar Prioritization Project evaluated county facilities for on-site solar and battery storage, creating a roadmap for future renewable energy installations. The County is using their decarbonization study to prioritize actions that reach the Resilient Washtenaw Goals, including the recently renovated Saline Courthouse, the second existing county facility to be electrified. The Eastern Washtenaw County Recreation Center, currently in design, is scheduled to be opened in 2028. The 65,000 SF facility is being developed with a goal of being all electric, in addition to a range of sustainability goals. When completed, it will not only serve the recreational and social needs of the community but also as a resiliency hub. This will be a community-serving facility augmented to support residents, coordinate communications, distribute resources, and reduce carbon emissions.

Sustainable Food Businesses Coalition (SFBC) Q2 Gathering: Ann Arbor Area Food Donation Workshop

Wednesday

June 17th, 2026

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Bring a buddy! All SFBC members are encouraged to bring a fellow food business owner / operator who may be interested in attending this conversation!

SFBC Membership not required.

Ypsilanti Farmers

Marketplace Hall

16 S. Washington St, Ypsilanti

Join the SFBC and the Michigan Sustainable Business Forum for our upcoming SFBC Gathering focused on reducing wasted food and addressing hunger by increasing food donation from small food businesses. Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County are home to a dense network of businesses and food rescue organizations working to combat food insecurity and reduce waste, however small and mid-sized businesses face practical barriers to participating in food donation. This session will provide practical tools and connections to support small businesses in donating surplus food. Attendees will have the opportunity to collectively identify real-world barriers, provide input to shape tools and future programming, and learn about resources available. [RSVP Here](#).

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 in-person or virtually!

In person event: June 24, 6:30pm

Saline District Library

555 N. Maple Road Saline, MI 48176

Zoom event: June 25, 6:30pm



QUESTIONS? EMAIL LEXI CRILLEY- LEXCRILL@UMICH.EDU



RSPV: in person



RSPV: zoom

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



Newport West
Condominium Association



Tower Plaza



Woodland Mews



University Commons
Association



Summit View
Condominium



410 North First



Oak Ridge Condominium



New Grace
Apostolic Temple



Parc Pointe Apartments



2019 W Stadium

Georgetown Village
Condominium Association

American Association
Management

4 Condominium Communities



Stone School Townhomes

F & D Property
Management

Balmoral Park
Condominiums

14 Condominium Communities

News



Ann Arbor fights high gas prices with time-limited rebates for EVs | Michigan Public

Ann Arbor is offering a time-limited rebate for buying an electric vehicle. The program will be rolling out soon!

[Read More](#)



Tackling the World's Surging Cooling Demand - RMI

How RMI and partners are helping drive holistic solutions to address rising heat stress across the globe.

[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

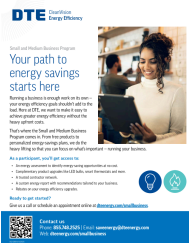
Do you think you have an eligible project?

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.



New Resource:

[Existing and Emerging Strategies to Decarbonize Construction Materials](#)



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

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)

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/>

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](#)

DTE

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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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