

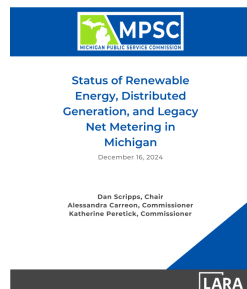
MARCH NEWSLETTER



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Transition to Renewable Energy at Scale

*Join the 2030 District this month as we focus on meeting the need for renewable energy. Whether you are a homeowner, renter, business and/or building owner, we all need a plan to obtain 100% of our electricity from renewables. **What's your plan?***



MPSC Report 2024
Status of Renewable Energy,
Distributed Generation and Legacy Net
Metering in Michigan

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US Clean Power Development Sees Record Progress, As Well As Stronger Headwinds

After several record-breaking years, the U.S. clean energy sector faces a critical moment. Solar deployment and electric vehicle (EV) sales broke records in 2023 and 2024. Renewables now dominate new power generation capacity, while new domestic clean energy manufacturing facilities are popping up around the nation.

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Check out your roof Solar Potential | Project Sunroof

Enter a state, county, city, or zip code to see a solar estimate for the area, based on the amount of usable sunlight and roof space.

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Home or townhouse—
check out the countywide [Ann Arbor Solarize](#) program.

Commercial building—
check out the 2030 District FREE [Commercial Solar Technical Assistance Program](#)

Homeland Solar presentation—
["The Sun is Shining in Scio"](#)

No solar potential and a DTE residential or business customer?
Enroll in DTE's voluntary [MIGreenPower](#)

MI Solar Communities—
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Elective Pay (Direct Pay)

<p>"The [solar] project was \$59,000, and we are looking at getting 30-40% back through the tax credits. Given that, it wasn't a hard decision. Our vestry was really supportive. Applying for the direct pay was not difficult through the IRS website. They were very responsive regarding what we sent them, and whether it was appropriate, and whether they needed additional information."</p> <p>WENDY HEEDEN, VESTRY WARDEN, ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BEULAH, MI</p>	<p>"The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) expanded Investment Tax Credit (ITC) opportunities to include non-profit organizations like Michigan State University (MSU). As a public, research-intensive, land-grant university funded in part by the state of Michigan, such incentive opportunities are crucial. They enable us to enhance our campus infrastructure more cost-effectively, supporting outstanding education and world-class research."</p> <p>SHERRI JETT, INTERIM AVP OF REAL ESTATE & CAPITAL PLANNING DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>"The Direct Pay provision is a powerful tool for local governments and nonprofits to rapidly grow, scale, and expand their clean energy investments. It's a learning curve to figure out how to take advantage of this exciting provision but once we figured it out, it's sure to bring significant savings and investments opportunities for our community."</p> <p>MISSY STULTS, PHD., SUSTAINABILITY AND INNOVATIONS DIRECTOR, CITY OF ANN ARBOR</p>	<p>"The Direct Pay option offers municipalities an excellent opportunity to be leaders in clean energy development. For the City of Detroit, we're pleased to claim the full value of these tax credits as direct cash payments, eliminating the need to depend on multiple vendors to pass along only partial savings. The direct pay option presents the opportunity to maximize taxpayer savings while advancing a greener, more sustainable community for our residents."</p> <p>TRISHA STEIN, CHIEF STRATEGY OFFICER, CITY OF DETROIT</p>
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Elective pay (often referred to as Direct Pay) is a new mechanism that allows tax-exempt entities to take advantage of federal clean energy tax credits. Examples of eligible entities that can now receive payment for a portion of their clean energy investments include:

- Local governments
- Tribal governments
- Non-profits
- School districts
- Houses of worship
- Rural electric co-operatives

In line with its mission, the Michigan Infrastructure Office Technical Assistance Center is committed to providing technical assistance and educational resources for Elective Pay-eligible entities to help draw federal infrastructure money to Michigan's communities.

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Events



12-1 PM

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University of Michigan Utilities Master Plan

Speakers: Shana Weber, Associate Vice President for Campus Sustainability, U-M; Kevin Morgan, Manager, Energy Management Program, U-M

To meet the University of Michigan’s carbon neutrality goal, the university is planning extensive geo-exchange heating and cooling systems, deploying 25 MW of on-site solar, and will participate in the construction of a new local off-site solar installation as part of a PPA. These actions will result in the University sourcing all electricity from renewable sources. It also has established maximum carbon-based standards for all new construction and major renovation projects costing more than \$10 million. The decarbonization of all university campuses will be guided by a utility master plan. This presentation will provide an overview of the planning underway for the Ann Arbor Campuses and provide conceptual details for using utility scaled geo-exchange fields.



6 PM

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Sustainability in Houses of Worship

Hosts: Leaders from the 2030 District House of Worship Green Team and Missy Stults, Director, Sustainability & Innovations for the City of Ann Arbor

Join us for an interactive evening to learn about and take action to promote “Sustainability in Houses of Worship”. Light refreshments will be served. Please [RSVP](#). Location: the Ann Arbor Election Center 3021 Miller Road Ann Arbor, MI.



12-1 PM

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Agrisolar: Maximizing Agriculture AND Renewable Energy

Speaker: M. Charles Gould, MSU Extension Bioenergy Educator

Charles Gould provides relevant expertise in the areas of renewable energy and energy conservation to Michigan farmers and agribusinesses that help them be sustainable now and into the future. He has expertise in dual-use land management and conservation practices for solar projects, bioenergy crop production, small anaerobic digesters, and on-farm energy conservation measures.



6-7:30 PM

AADL - Downtown Multipurpose Room

Sustainability Forum: A Circular City - Building physical and social infrastructure through A²ZERO's circular economy programs

Moving away from an unsustainable linear system that focuses on “take, make, and waste” requires rethinking the social and physical infrastructure that drive material flow throughout our society. Ann Arbor is pushing to move towards systems where community, people, and planet are the top priority instead of the extraction and exploitation of natural resources. Two innovative programs that are changing the way we use, reuse, and dispose of materials in Ann Arbor are A2R3 (a returnable container program) and Neighborhood Swap Days. Please join us in the third session of the 2025 Sustainability Forum series and learn about these initiatives, their role in the City of Ann Arbor’s circular economy efforts, and how you can get involved!





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[City of Chelsea](#)

2200 Green



Climate Control
Indoor Storage

[Prime Student Housing](#)

[Arbor Hills Apartments](#)

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ICYMI: [2030 Network Webinar Recording - Forecast 2025](#)



Commercial Real Estate and Climate Actions in the New Administration

Slide Deck: [Architecture 2030](#)

Links shared in the webinar chat: [City of Ann Arbor - Sustainable Energy Utility](#), [JLL - The Green Tipping Point: Is 2024 the year when carbon commitments change lease markets at scale?](#), [JLL - Low carbon buildings create economic value](#) and [JLL - Powering Operational Excellence: Energy and resilience are reshaping leasing decisions in the industrial & logistics sector](#)



Powering operational excellence - Energy and resilience are reshaping leasing decisions in the industrial & logistics sector | JLL

Market dynamics, power concerns, cost pressures and looming carbon reduction targets are pushing energy management and resilience to the forefront of leasing decisions in the industrial & logistics sector.

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Eco-Friendly Industrial Developments | BOMA International

The ROI derived from sustainability initiatives has become a central focus in the commercial real estate (CRE) industry, with notable global advancements in recent years. A [report](#) by Colliers Netherlands highlights how the integration of circularity is driving real estate value.

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Request For Proposals One - Coalition for Green Capital

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Michigan Clean Energy Leaders

Building a diverse, collaborative, and deeply connected community of clean energy leaders in Michigan Now accepting nominations!

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DTE 2025 Programs for Multifamily
[Multifamily Overview](#)
[Income Qualified Catalog](#)
[Market Rate Catalog](#)

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.

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.

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.



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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