Staff Updates for Environmental Commission, March 2025

Office of Sustainability and Innovation

- Sustainability Forum. A Circular City: Building Physical & Social Infrastructure Through A²ZERO's Circular Economy Programs, March 27, 6 – 7:30 PM, Ann Arbor District Library, Downtown branch: 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. Please join us in the third session of the 2025 Sustainability Forum series and learn about circular economy initiatives, their role in the City of Ann Arbor's circular economy efforts, and how you can get involved! Attend in-person or virtually. Learn more at <u>osi.a2gov.org/events</u>.
- New Energy Rebates Available. OSI is pleased to announce an expansion to our home energy rebate program and our home energy advisor service to provide more money to more residents, with a streamlined process to make the application even easier. To learn more, visit <u>osi.a2gov.org/rebates</u>.

Public Services

- Fiscal Years 2026/2027 Budget Process Underway. The City of Ann Arbor two-year budget process for fiscal years 2026/2027 is underway. Fiscal year 2026 begins July 1, 2025, and ends June 30, 2026. City Council members can only adopt one fiscal year at a time, even though the city plans for multi-year budgets. Recorded budget presentations will be available online via the CTN YouTube channel. <u>All presentations and materials will be posted online</u>.
 - Budget timeline
 - March 24, 2025: City Council Work Session FY26 Budget Planning
 - April: In accordance with City Charter, the city administrator's recommended fiscal year 2026 budget is submitted to City Council in April. City Council members can only adopt one fiscal year at a time even though the city plans for multi-year budgets. Once available, <u>view</u> the Proposed Budget for FY 2026.
 - May: City Council, with at least seven affirmative votes, will vote to adopt the budget at its meeting on May 19.

Budget-related feedback or comments are encouraged and may be submitted via email to budget@a2gov.org