

Staff Updates for Sustainability Commission – November 2025

- *Ann Arbor Launches Open Data Portal* – City of Ann Arbor data is now available to the public like never before, in the forms of charts, graphs and maps, at <https://data.a2gov.org/>. The Portal provides a central location for performance indicators and data across departments, including rainfall measurements at city-operated rain gauges; drinking water quality; a real-time snowplowing map; progress toward A²ZERO goals; pavement conditions and planned road improvements; sidewalk gap filling progress; traffic crashes; and more. See full press release here: <https://www.a2gov.org/news/posts/ann-arbor-launches-open-data-portal/>
- *Ann Arbor Greenbelt Program’s “Bluebelt” Open for Applications from Landowners* – The Greenbelt Advisory Commission has adopted a framework for implementing a “Bluebelt” program focused on sourcewater protection for the city’s drinking water. The framework sets an eligibility guide based on riparian and groundwater recharge features of agricultural and natural area-dominant properties that may best protect the city’s drinking source water. See full press release here: <https://www.a2gov.org/news/posts/greenbelt-program-s-bluebelt-open-for-applications-from-landowners/>

Office of Sustainability and Innovation

- *Ann Arbor Launches Air Quality Map and Alert System* – The City of Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) is announcing a partnership with Clarity Movement (Clarity), the manufacturers of its city-wide network of 10 air quality monitors, to launch a new map displaying the current air quality index (AQI) at each of 10 monitoring locations. The new map can be found at www.a2gov.org/airquality and features a way to sign up for email alerts when AQI reaches an “unhealthy” level.
- *Business Rebates for Electric Leaf Blowers* – [Business rebates for electric leaf blowers have been reinstated](#) through September 30, 2026, or until funding is expended. Designed to help lower the cost of transitioning from gas to electric leaf blowers in accordance with Ann Arbor’s leaf blower ordinance, these rebates will be available to businesses that provide lawn care or landscaping services to properties located in Ann Arbor.
- *Ann Arbor’s First All-Electric Patrol Vehicle is on the Road!* Jointly launched by AAPD and OSI, we are delighted to announce that one of Michigan’s first electric patrol vehicles is now on the road! This vehicle represents a major step in the City’s vehicle greening initiative, helping to test how electric vehicles work in pursuit settings. Special thanks to AAPD for being open to this initiative that helps reduce local pollution, brings enhanced speed to the fleet, and helps advance our A²ZERO climate goals.
- *Cinema & Sustainability Series: All Too Clear*, November 19, 7-9:30 PM, State Theater: Free admission - Please reserve tickets in advance for an accurate

attendance at marquee-arts.org/cinema-and-sustainability/. Directed by the husband-and-wife filmmaking team, Zach Melnick and Yvonne Drebort, the immersive film uses cutting-edge underwater drones to explore how quadrillions of tiny invasive mussels, known as quaggas, are re-engineering the ecosystem of the Great Lakes at a scale not seen since the glaciers. To capture this epic change, the pair spent more than 150 days filming underwater, likely making it the most ambitious underwater film ever made about the Great Lakes.

- *Special Edition Holiday Gift Swap*, November 20, 4-7 PM, City Hall: Please bring up to 5 items of any kind (beyond clothing) that are in excellent 'gift giving' condition. Keep the spirit of circular economy going through the holiday season and come ready to find the perfect gift for friends and family.

Public Services

- Public Works Open House a success! On October 25, the Wheeler Service Center hosted a total of 702 attendees! The open house hosted information about forestry activities, trash and compost collection, stormwater management, and more! The open house also included the debut of the all-electric refuse trucks. Residents were invited to get up close with the trucks as well as learn about the impacts these electric vehicles will have in our community.