Staff Updates for Environmental Commission, April 2025

Community Services

• The Comprehensive Land Use Plan draft is complete! Since the summer of 2023, the city's planning department has been working on its Comprehensive Land Use Plan. This plan sets the vision for how we want the city to develop over the next 25 years – it is a review of our land uses and recommendations for how to update our zoning code to align with our goals. This touches many topics like housing, neighborhoods, parks, transit, environmental stewardship, and infrastructure, among other topics. The draft plan and upcoming meetings can be accessed here: https://engage.a2gov.org/comprehensive-land-use-plan

If you would like to share feedback about the plan, please send it to planning@a2gov.org

Office of Sustainability and Innovation

- Ann Arbor Earth Day Festival, Sunday, April 27, 1–4:30 p.m., Leslie Science & Nature Center: This free, family-friendly event features displays, hands-on activities, live entertainment, green building and commuting technologies, sustainable agriculture and more. Learn more about the event at discoverscienceandnature.org/a2earthday
- The A²ZERO Heat Pump Concierge Platform: OSI is delighted to announce their new A²ZERO Heat Pump Concierge, where users can input home information to generate initial heat pump system design options in a process that takes approximately five minutes. Together, this information aims to empower residents to choose the heat pump that's right for them, including any and all necessary improvements that might be needed as part of transitioning from fossil gas heat to heat pumps. The entire process is free for Ann Arbor residents. Learn more at osi.a2gov.org/HeatPumpConcierge

Public Services

• The Stormwater Comprehensive Plan is underway! The Plan will consolidate numerous existing plans into a single unified Plan to guide City staff and inform decision making and stormwater design. This Plan is the first of its kind in the Michigan, and the Great Lakes Region, and will incorporate resiliency planning into the stormwater management philosophy, including acute event strategies and planning methods as well as longer term resiliency planning methods. Get the latest information on the Engagement Hub: https://engage.a2gov.org/storm-water-comprehensive-plan