

## Staff Updates for Sustainability Commission – May 2026

- **Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Process.** Ann Arbor City Administrator Milton Dohoney Jr. presented the proposed [2027 fiscal year budget](#) to City Council on April 20, 2026. The spending plan includes a General Fund of just over \$170 million. The top priority will be Sustainable Energy Utility, which will go live later this year. The final budget is expected to be approved by City Council on May 18, 2026.

### Office of Sustainability and Innovation

- **A<sup>2</sup>ZERO Week is May 31-June 6!** Join the City of Ann Arbor office of Sustainability and Innovations, local business, organizations, and community members for a week-long celebration of climate solutions and community. Some highlights from this week of family-friendly events, resources and more: Taste of Ann Arbor and the Dexter Ann Arbor Race, Circularity and Sustainable Food Party, a Solar-Powered Movie Night, an AFC Ann Arbor game, and coffee with your council members. Learn more at [osi.a2gov.org/a2zeroweek](https://osi.a2gov.org/a2zeroweek).
- **I Am A<sup>2</sup>ZERO:** Commissioners and all Ann Arbor residents – share your sustainability story! On Earth Day, we launched the “I Am A<sup>2</sup>ZERO” storytelling campaign, with videos showing just some of the video variety of actions the Ann Arbor community is taking to become more sustainable. Celebrating things both big and small, this campaign highlights the impact of climate action in the Ann Arbor community straight from the members of the community themselves. Hear their stories and submit your own at [a2zero.org/IAm](https://a2zero.org/IAm).
- **Sustainability Forum: Building Social Resilience, May 26, 6 PM, Ann Arbor District Library Downtown.** Join Ann Arbor's Office of Sustainability and Innovations and A2ZERO Ambassadors for the final session of the 2026 Sustainability Forums! Hear from City staff and fellow residents about how getting involved in your community can build social resilience and support sustainability and learn about the resources and tools to help you along the way. Learn more at [osi.a2gov.org/events](https://osi.a2gov.org/events).
- **Insulate Ann Arbor.** This new pilot between the City of Ann Office of Sustainability and Innovations and DTE Energy offering up to \$1 million in combined rebates, to qualified multifamily rental properties installing energy efficiency upgrades. The pilot program, Insulate Ann Arbor, offers rebates for insulation and air sealing upgrades that improve comfort, reduce energy costs,

and make multifamily rental buildings healthier, more affordable, and more sustainable. Learn more at [osi.a2gov.org/insulatea2](https://osi.a2gov.org/insulatea2).

- **Expanded Lawn Care Rebates:** This program will allow residents and businesses to trade in gas yard care equipment and receive a rebate for electric or manual equipment of the same type. The rebate amount will be up to 100% of the cost of a new piece of manual equipment or up to 50% of the cost of a new piece of electric equipment. Learn more and apply at [osi.a2gov.org/rebates](https://osi.a2gov.org/rebates).

## **Public Services**

- **North Main Transportation Study Design Phase.** Community members are invited to attend one or several events to share their input on design concepts for the North Main Street corridor. Materials will also be available online. Visit the [Engage A2](#) page for more information. All public events will take place at the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Office in the Kerrytown Market and Shops, 415 N. Fifth Ave., Second Floor:

### Open Studio Drop-In Sessions

- Tuesday, May 19 | 1–3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 20 | 4–6 p.m.

### Public Open House

- Thursday, May 21 | 5:30–7:30 p.m.

