

Staff Updates for Sustainability Commission – April 2026

Planning

- **Comprehensive Land Use Plan Approved by City Council.** Ann Arbor City Council adopted the Comprehensive Land Use Plan March 16 with a unanimous, 11-0 vote. This approval establishes a long-term vision to guide how the city grows, develops and invests in infrastructure over the coming decades. [Read all about it!](#) Visit the Comprehensive Land Use Plan [project site](#) for more details about the process.

Office of Sustainability and Innovation

- **2026 Sustainability Forum: Celebrating the A²ZERO Community Cookbook, April 28, 6 PM, Ann Arbor District Library Downtown Branch.** Join OSI and members of the local food community for the 4th session of the 2026 Sustainability Forums to celebrate the recent release of the A²ZERO Community Cookbook! Hear from City staff, local food leaders, and contributors of the cookbook about how building community through food makes Ann Arbor a more sustainable and resilient City. Learn more at osi.a2gov.org/events.
- **Earth Day Festival | April 19, 12-4:30 pm Leslie Science and Nature Center.** The Ann Arbor Earth Day Festival is an annual celebration coordinated by the Ann Arbor Earth Day Festival Planning Committee, a coalition of local environmental nonprofits and agencies. This free, family-friendly event features displays; hands-on activities; live entertainment; green building and commuting technologies; energy topics; water awareness; sustainable agriculture; and more.
- **A2 Climate Teach-In, April 25, Mitchell Elementary School.** Returning for its fourth year, this year's annual Climate Teach-In will be Saturday, April 25. This free event provides residents the opportunity to learn not only from local sustainability leaders but other community members as they create and innovate climate solutions. Register now at a2cliamteteachin.com.
- **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.

- **Recent Sustaining Ann Arbor Together Grant Winners.** Two community projects have been selected to receive funding through the Sustaining Ann Arbor Together (SA2T) grant program, totaling \$17,500. The SA2T grant program helps local community groups develop, resource, and complete small-scale projects supporting sustainability in Ann Arbor. Current awardees include SunBundle and Ann Arbor Joy Ride
- **SAVE THE DATE: A²ZERO WEEK.** Celebrate the sixth anniversary of the A²ZERO Plan with a week (May 31 – June 6) of events, resources, action, and fun. Learn more about last year's A²ZERO Week to get a taste for this year's at osi.a2gov.org/a2zeroweek.

Public Services

- **Congresswoman Dingell Hosted Roundtable Discussion on Environmental Protection Agency Next Steps for the Gelman Superfund Site.** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officials met with local officials and members of the Coalition for Action on Remediation of Dioxane at Washtenaw Community College on Tuesday, April 7, to discuss next steps and introduce the EPA's site team for the Gelman plume remediation. The existing consent judgement governing current remediation efforts will remain in place until the EPA selects a final remedy and an enforceable agreement for cleanup with the EPA is in place. The EPA also has the authority to respond to situations where there is an urgent and immediate threat to human health. Read more on [MLive](#).
- **Share your input: Ann Arbor Stormwater Survey.** The city is conducting a survey to help shape the city's ongoing comprehensive stormwater management planning effort — and we really value your input. Visit [Engage Ann Arbor](#) to take the survey. The survey will remain open through Thursday, April 30, 2026 (11:59 p.m.).
- **Public Services Staff Respond to Championship Celebration.** Staff throughout the city worked hard in the days leading up to, during and through the early morning hours after the University of Michigan Men's Basketball National Championship win. Among Public Services staff, Public Works, Signs and Signals, and Solid Waste teams planned, prepared and meticulously cleaned up, particularly in the areas around South University Avenue and Church Street, where thousands gathered to celebrate. By sunrise post-game, business as usual had resumed in Ann Arbor and streets and sidewalks were again spotless.
- **The Downtown Road Closure Planning Tool is Available.** This year will be a very busy construction season downtown. To help residents, employees, and

employers plan for this, the city has published a planning map that shows anticipated road closures between April and November. By clicking the next/back slide feature in the top left corner, travelers can see which of their routes may be impacted and plan accordingly. As construction season gets into gear in May, this planning map will be removed. Please see www.a2gov.org/roads under the "Plan Ahead - and Consider New Options" tab.