

Staff Updates for Sustainability Commission – December 2025

- Land Use Comprehensive Plan final opportunity for comment. The [Draft 3 Ann Arbor Comprehensive Land Use Plan](#) is open for public comment until 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, 2026. The planning team is accepting comments on the draft 3 of the plan submitted [via the form on the project page](#). On December 16th, the City Planning Commission will review comments received by the public and will discuss any remaining edits they have for the third draft. If you have not yet submitted and wish for your comments to be placed on the commission's next agenda, please submit comments before noon Thursday, December 11th. Any comments received after Dec. 11 will be in the Jan. 6 Planning Commission agenda packet. Public hearings will be scheduled in early 2026 for final plan adoption. Visit the [Comprehensive Land Use Plan project page](#) for details.

Office of Sustainability and Innovation

- NEW Residential Rebates for Leaf-Blowers and Snow-Blowers. The City of Ann Arbor just launched a new rebate program specifically for rakes and electric leaf blowers beginning November 21, 2025, through the end of the year, 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 all Ann Arbor residents. Rebates will also be available for snow shovels and electric snow blowers beginning Dec. 8, 2025 and will be available until Jan. 31, 2026, or until funding is expended.
- City of Ann Arbor Recognized as Sustainable Public Entity of the Year by Michigan Sustainable Business Forum. The City of Ann Arbor was awarded the 2025 Sustainable Business of the Year: Public Sector Award from the Michigan Sustainable Business Forum on November 13 at their Triple Bottom Line Bash. The award recognizes a local or regional government for its efforts to advance community sustainability and sustainable business practices in their community and operations.
- Cinema and Sustainable: Catching the Sun, Dec. 10, 7PM - 9:30PM | State Theater: Following an unemployed American worker, a Tea Party activist, and a Chinese solar entrepreneur as they race to lead the clean-energy future. This documentary explores the worldwide economics of the burgeoning solar energy industry and its impact on hopeful job seekers in the United States. [Free admission - Please reserve tickets in advance for an accurate attendance.](#)
- Monthly Clothing Swap, Dec. 18, 4PM - 7PM | Council Chambers, City Hall: Join the Office of Sustainability and Innovations for monthly clothing swaps on the third Thursday of each month! These are a perfect way to give your gently used clothes a new home. And you might just find an item of clothing you have been looking for, without having to buy it new. How it works: Each person can bring up to 5 items of clothing in good condition (no rips, holes, stains, or unwashed items please!).

Accessories are also welcome. You can take clothing without bringing anything, or bring clothing without taking anything. This is a completely free event.

Public Services

- The Ann Arbor Roadway Rightsizing (A2R2) project wants to hear from you! The [Ann Arbor Roadway Rightsizing \(A2R2\) project](#) is creating new concept designs for 10 city roads that have four or more lanes. These roads are associated with higher vehicle speeds and carry a greater risk of severe crashes. The new designs will further the city's safety and sustainability goals by repurposing road space for pedestrian crossings, protected bike lanes and bus priority designs. Visit the project page for [details and to take a brief survey](#). Also be sure to attend the **upcoming open house** to learn more and ask questions on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025 from 5–7 p.m. at the Ann Arbor District Library Downtown Branch (343 S. Fifth Ave.).