

Staff Updates for Sustainability Commission – March 2026

Planning

- **Comprehensive Land Use Plan to be Considered by City Council.** Following the Planning Commission's approval on February 18th, the resolution to approve the Land Use Comprehensive Plan will go to City Council on March 16th. Learn more about the [Ann Arbor Comprehensive Land Use Plan](#).

Office of Sustainability and Innovation

- **Electronics Collection Drop-Off Bin Coming to City Hall March 9 – 24.** Household electronics such as laptops, cell phones, tablets, keyboards, hard drives, hot spots, GPS units, routers & modems, cords & cables, media (CDs, DVDs, disks, tapes), consoles will all be accepted. Please note that the bin opening is 1.5 inches tall, and items that do not fit cannot be accepted. Registration is not required. The drop-off bin will be open during City Hall's regular business hours. Learn more at a2gov.org/electronics.
- **Monthly Clothing Swap:** March 19, 4 - 7 PM | 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 10 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. Completely free event.
- **A²ZERO Sustainability Forum: Climate Action for Renters – Breaking Barriers to Participation** | March 31, 6 PM, Ann Arbor District Library Downtown Branch. Join Ann Arbor's Office of Sustainability and Innovations for the third session of the 2026 Sustainability Forums to explore how renters can participate in Ann Arbor's energy programs. From the green rental housing ordinance to the home energy advisor program, the Sustainable Energy Utility, and beyond, come to learn and ask questions about how renters can increase their comfort, improve their indoor air quality, reduce their emissions, and more! 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.
- **\$184,000 IN A2ZERO HOME ENERGY REBATES CLAIMED IN PAST MONTH.** Funded by the Community Climate Action Millage, the A²ZERO Home Energy Rebates have helped hundreds of Ann Arbor residents fund energy projects at home.
- **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.
- **OSI RECEIVED LEAK DETECTORS** to give out to small food retail businesses who participate in our refrigerant management technical assistance program to help eligible businesses reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and save money by replacing or retrofitting old and faulty refrigerant systems. Interested businesses can sign up for the technical assistance program at a2gov.org/refrigerant.

Public Services

- **North Main Transportation Study Public Events.** The Transportation Services Unit is conducting a North Main Transportation Study that aims to improve safety, expand mobility options, and support future land use density. The team will host a interactive workshops that bring together project staff, agency partners, stakeholders, and community members to explore issues, generate ideas, and refine solutions through technical meetings and public engagement. Meeting details:
 - Tuesday March 10: Open House – 5:30-7:30*
 - Wednesday March 11: Open Studio – 2:00pm-5:00pm**
 - Thursday March 12: Open Studio – 1:00pm-3:30pm**
 - *Open House: This public meeting is available to anyone who would like to learn about the project and be part of sharing their experiences or vision for the corridor. Ask questions, review materials, and provide input at a time that works best for you.

- ****Open studio drop-in hours throughout the week:** These informal sessions will allow community members to stop by, review materials, ask questions, and provide input at a time that works best for you.

You can also stay informed and provide feedback throughout the project by visiting the project website: <https://engage.a2gov.org/n-maintransport-study>

- **Revisions to Chapter 40, the portion of city code pertaining to vegetative maintenance, are in effect for 2026.** With the exception of the lawn extension and residential corner properties, the Chapter 40 revisions have removed vegetative height restrictions for private property. Previous regulations had a 12-inch height restriction. Property owners must still ensure that vegetation does not encroach or hang over sidewalks or streets. There is also revised guidance for residential corner properties using “sight triangles” – 40 feet back from the intersection of the road and a 30-inch height restriction (40-30 rule). Requirements for lawn extensions were not revised. See the updated [Chapter 40](#) language for additional details.