Located in southeast Michigan, Ann Arbor is known for its historic neighborhoods, renowned colleges and universities, ample recreation opportunities, and bustling business and commercial districts. The City regularly receives national accolades for being one of the best places to live and work in the United States.

Neighborhoods in Ann Arbor range from densely urban cores to suburban enclaves to rural villages. Diversity defines not only the City’s housing options but also its residents, reflected in the wide array of community resources, restaurants, and cultural events for which the city is known.
This three-year project aims to increase energy efficiency by lowering energy consumption, increasing energy efficiency in rental housing units, and increasing density, mixed use, development, walkability and transit options, all while preserving the city’s character.

DOWNTOWN HOUSING
In 2009, Ann Arbor revised its downtown zoning to increase density, mixed use development, walkability and transit options, all while preserving the city’s character.

| Downtown Residential Units Built-post-2000 | 1585 |
| Downtown Residential Units Built-2009 | 2919 |
| Corresponding Bedroom Creation | 574 |
| Corresponding Bedroom Creation | 1306 |
| Average Number of Bedrooms per Unit | 1.8 |

Downtown Residential Developments post-2009: 6

GREENING RENTAL HOUSING
In 2012, the City received a grant to increase energy efficiency in rental housing units as part of the HUD Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant.

Project Elements
- This three-year project aims to increase energy efficiency by targeting student and low income renters and landlords, who have less incentive to invest in energy efficiency.
- The project brings together several partners, including University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw County, and the City of Ypsilanti.
- Outreach strategies include:
  - Educating the public about energy efficiency
  - Voluntary, market-based and policy approaches that spur efficiency investments in the rental housing market
  - Incentives to property owners to increase energy efficiency in their units.
- The project has the potential to lower energy consumption, greatly reduce emissions, improve energy efficiency, and increase the City’s economic competitiveness by keeping more money in the local economy and improving housing affordability.

LIVING IN ANN ARBOR
Ann Arbor offers a bounty of things to do, from annual events, nightlife, unique restaurants, and recreation.

A Sampling of Annual Events
- **African American Downtown Ann Arbor Festival**: This nationally-recognized, award-winning collection of four simultaneous art fairs transforms the City into a massive outdoor art gallery with over 1,000 artists from around the country and attracts half a million visitors annually.
- **Ann Arbor Art Fair**: This nationally-recognized, award-winning collection of four simultaneous art fairs transforms the City into a massive outdoor art gallery with over 1,000 artists from around the country and attracts half a million visitors annually.
- **Ann Arbor Folk Festival**: For over 30 years, folk musicians and fans have been coming to Ann Arbor to enjoy this gathering of acoustic jazz, folk, bluegrass and singer/songwriter musicians.
- **Ann Arbor Restaurant Week**: Twice a year, diners enjoy meals at reduced prices at Ann Arbor’s best restaurants, allowing residents to explore the City’s dining scene.
- **Ann Arbor Summer Festival**: This three week festival offers theatre, dance, music and comedy performances that cater to audiences of all ages.