

Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU)

Hello! I am thrilled to have joined the City of Ann Arbor team as the SEU Executive Director, and am grateful to the very many **elected leaders, staff, residents, and collaborators** whose bold vision, creativity, and tenacity launched the SEU!

With the SEU, Ann Arbor now has **our very own municipal energy utility** - and the opportunity to align our energy future with our community's values and needs. I am confident that with the SEU we will have a **hometown utility that supports our climate and equity goals, offers affordable and reliable service, and is, quite simply, a pleasure to do business with.**

In the coming months, the SEU's priorities are to:

- Secure **start-up funding** to acquire and build our first energy systems
- Clarify our preliminary **service offerings**, and **set rates** and service terms
- **Engage** with the community (first event on our list: see you at the [Green Fair](#) on Sep 19!)

There's much work to do. Thank you for your enthusiasm, as well as your patience, as we forge ahead on this uncharted and exciting path!

Shoshannah Lenski

P.S. If you signed up for this newsletter and the SEU waitlist prior to June 29, 2025, you should have received an email from the City requesting an updated [expression of interest](#) form. Please take 3 minutes to fill this out if you haven't already. The additional information about your household and your energy priorities will help guide our next steps. Thank you!



Notable Sustainability Updates and Events

- **Green Fair, September 19, 5 – 8 PM**, Main Street Ann Arbor: Join us for this annual event featuring 100 exhibitors advancing sustainable living with information about energy, the circular economy, local food, environmental resources, transportation, urban forestry, and so much more! [Learn more](#)
- Help us name our new **Sesame Solar Mobile Resilience Unit**. Learn more and submit your ideas [online](#).
- Join OSI for **household preparedness office hours** on Sept. 17 and Sept. 30 from 10am-5pm at the Downtown District Library. [Registration](#) required.
- **Monthly Clothing Swap | Sept 18, 4 – 7 PM**, Council Chambers, City Hall: Join OSI for a clothing swap and give your gently used clothes a new home or find new to you items - all for free. [Learn more and RSVP](#)
- Check out our [Home Energy Rebates](#) and starting saving energy and money today. You could be eligible for up to \$25,000!
- Sign up for the **OSI Monthly Newsletter: The Charging Station** to learn more and stay up to date on the latest in [sustainability activities in A2](#).