

Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU)

Hello friends of the SEU,

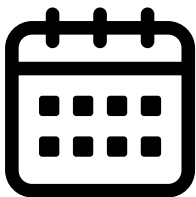
It's been a whirlwind of a few weeks as we continue to push forward on the three key priorities I shared with you in September: securing start-up **funding**, determining **service offerings and rates**, and engaging with the **community**. I'll add one more focus area that we're diving into: **preparing for operations**.

On these dimensions, here are a few of the latest developments:

- Supported by the Municipal Investment Fund [grant](#), we have kicked off work with Public Sector Consultants / Michigan Saves to develop a funding plan.
- We completed interviews and are in the final stages of selecting a [consultant](#) to help refine our financial model and develop rates for our service offerings.
- We delivered a keynote presentation at the A2Zero Ambassador summit. (Sound intriguing? Learn more about the [ambassador program](#)!)
- Working closely with the City's IT, customer service, and public works teams, we're beginning to map out what the SEU's daily operations, processes, and systems may look like, and how to staff and service them. This includes preparing an RFP for a billing software.



Chatting with A2Zero Ambassadors



Coming up soon: On November 19, the SEU will be speaking at the US Green Building Council's [Building Resilience in Michigan: Strategies for a Changing Climate](#) forum (see link for registration if interested).

Notable Sustainability Updates and Events

- Join OSI on November 19 for the next installment of the [Sustainability and Cinema](#) film series, for a free screening of [All Too Clear: Beneath the surface of the Great Lakes](#)
- Save the date for a [holiday gift and clothing swap](#) at City Hall on November 20. Bring giftable goods and clothing to share, and/or come to 'shop' for free.
- 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](#). Or find us on **social media**: [Instagram @a2zero2030](#) and [Facebook at A2Zero](#)!