

Sustainable Energy Utility (SEU)

Hello, friends of the SEU! Happy October. Welcome to our **46 new subscribers** - thank you all for spreading the word. Hope you are all staying cozy as we've finally got a taste of fall here in Ann Arbor. As the cool weather kicked in last week, so did my family's geothermal heating system, which brings us to this week's most exciting news:



The City has been <u>awarded a federal grant</u> to support the construction of a <u>neighborhood-scale ("networked") geothermal system in the Bryant neighborhood</u>, delivering affordable and efficient heating and cooling. This system will become a part of the SEU and serve as a pilot and a model for future neighborhood geothermal offerings around the City.

Other progress from the last couple of weeks includes:

- We have received **proposals from consultants** to update our financial model and develop the rates for our preliminary service offerings. We anticipate selecting the consultant around the end of this month and beginning work by December.
- We have launched a deep collaboration with the City's IT team to begin developing solutions across a wide variety of IT needs for the SEU, from asset management to billing systems and more.
- The SEU now has its own LinkedIn page. We invite you to follow us there for regular updates! Find us at https://linkedin.com/company/a2seu

Thanks as always for your interest, and stay tuned for more in the next edition! ~ Shoshannah Lenski, Executive Director, Ann Arbor Sustainable Energy Utility

Notable Sustainability Updates and Events

- The City has launched a **new air quality map and alert system** in partnership with Clarity Movement. See the map and sign up for automatic alerts.
- OSI has captured attention from <u>NPR for its work in on the Sustainable Energy Utility</u>
 (<u>SEU</u>) and international attention from the <u>BBC for its work in the Bryant Community</u>.
- Upcoming **electronics collection event** in November learn more and register at <u>a2gov.org/electronics</u>.
- Sign up for the OSI Monthly Newsletter: The Charging Station to learn more and stay up
 to date on the latest in <u>sustainability activities in A2</u>. Or find us on <u>social media</u>:
 <u>Instagram @a2zero2030</u> and <u>Facebook at A2Zero!</u>