

## Climate, Environment + Sustainability Newsletter



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## **Environmental Stewardship**



#### Oakland Creek to Bay Day 2023

On Saturday, September 23, 2023, the City of Oakland is celebrating Creek to Bay Day! This is a day of watershed cleanups, education, and commitment to practices

to keep our city and water clean, from creek, to bay, and beyond. Individuals and households can participate by pitching in to clean up coastal areas across the city, as well as pledging and committing to actions from home to protect watersheds. Site Coordinator registration opens August 18, and volunteer registration opens September 4th; visit oaklandcreektobay.org to learn more!



#### ECAP StoryMap and Progress Report Update

Since the development of the Equitable Climate Action Plan (ECAP) in 2020, the City of Oakland's Sustainability Team has been working hard on its implementation over the past 3 years. To communicate the climate equity progress so far in Oakland, the City has published its <u>2023 Progress Report</u> and <u>StoryMap</u> to showcase accomplishments across the 40 actions. The goals of this new tool include:

- Centralizing communication on climate equity related projects undertaken by the various departments throughout the City,
- Highlighting the City's ECAP progress in a manner that is accessible to a large number of Oakland residents, and
- Creating ECAP reporting and communication mechanisms for greater transparency

Feel free to click below and look through this tool to learn more about how Oakland is advancing climate equity and offer feedback on how we can improve! <u>Climate</u> <u>Equity Progress in Oakland</u>

## **Transportation & Land Use**



#### **EBCE EV Charging Infrastructure Rebates**

Limited funding remains for Level 2 electric vehicle charging infrastructure through East Bay Community Energy's partnership with the California Energy Commission's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP). Businesses, commercial and multifamily housing properties, and public agency facilities in Alameda County can apply for rebates up to \$80,000 on eligible electric vehicle charger equipment and installation costs.

If you are new to EV charging, CALeVIP has created a list of service providers in your area to assist with developing an EV charging project for your site. To access that list, please visit <u>calevip.org/find-an-evsp</u>. To learn more about eligibility requirements, visit the <u>Alameda County Incentive Project website</u>.

**Buildings & Energy** 



#### **New Incentive Finder from EBCE**

Are you planning a home energy efficiency upgrade? Do you have your eye on that hot, new electric vehicle? It can be exhausting and confusing to wade through all the potential incentives out there! East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) just launched a new incentive finder to help you navigate the process.

Find your eligible incentives: incentives.ebce.org



#### **EBCE Health-e Home Program and 2023 Commercial Rebates**

EBCE's Health-e Home program, in partnership with BlocPower and Revalue.io, provides low- to moderate-income homeowners with affordable financing options to gain access to the health and safety benefits of transitioning to clean energy and electric appliances. The Health-e Home program also supports health and safety improvements such as wiring upgrades and roofing repairs—all to help reduce indoor air pollution, increase resiliency during extreme weather events, and potentially increase home value. For more information, visit <u>https://ebce.org/health-e-home/</u>

For businesses, EBCE has commercial rebates for restaurants and home performance contractors. EBCE is offering \$17,500 for <u>high-powered electric</u> <u>induction cooking equipment</u> for cleaner and more comfortable indoor air for staff and customers. For home performance contractors and plumbers, EBCE is giving \$1,000 for qualified professionals to install <u>high-efficiency heat pump water heaters</u> in their service area. Learn more about these commercial rebates at <u>ebce.org/programs-business/</u> or call 1-833-699-EBCE (3223) during business hours.



#### **Induction Cooktop Lending Program and Rebates!**

Induction is the safest and most energy-efficient cooking technology available today. The difference is in the technology. See for yourself!

- EBCE: <u>Reserve your Induction Lending Kit today</u>, including a portable cooktop and compatible pan, operating instructions, and recipes. The loan period is 21 days. The induction Cooktop lending Program is available to all residential electricity customers residing in the East Bay--EBCE customers as well as non-customers who receive service from PG&E.
- PG&E: PG&E's new Induction Cooktop Loaner Program offers plug-in countertop induction units for two-weeks, at no cost, to all residents. To borrow and learn more about induction cooking, visit <u>pge.com/inductionloaner</u> where you can start the loan process. PG&E will provide shipping details and cover shipping costs.

EBCE is also offering **up to \$300** per eligible residential customer for an induction cooktop/range, when you replace an existing gas appliance. Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis for qualifying residents with homes built in 2016 or earlier. Restrictions apply. Learn more and apply <u>here</u> today!



#### **EBCE Resilient Home Program**

With **Resilient Home**, EBCE has done the upfront legwork to select an experienced partner, Sunrun, and pre-negotiated solar and battery backup system incentives for Oakland homeowners. To further lower customer costs, Sunrun will pay homeowners \$1,250 after installation for agreeing to share their stored energy with EBCE when demand on the power grid is high. This will help the grid operate more reliably, and cut carbon emissions and costs for all EBCE customers.

Keep the lights on and the fridge cold. <u>Sign up now</u> to see if a solar and battery backup system is a good fit for your home

## **Urban Greening**



#### 8/20 Tree Care at Urban Point Park with Trees for Oakland

As summer heat and dryness progress, our recently planted trees experience several threat. <u>Trees for Oakland</u>'s goal again this month is to save the 20 trees in severe threat of dying. We will water, place cardboard under new layer of wood chips and strengthen structures design to protect the young trees. We preform these improvements on the 3rd Sunday each month during summer in numerous Oakland public places.

Please bring sun protection hat and water bottle. Trees for Oakland will provide gloves, supplemental refreshments and tools needed to succeed.

**Date and Time:** Sunday, August 20th, 2023 from 10:00am to 12:30pm **Location:** Union Point Park, 2301 Embarcadero, Oakland, CA

**Material Consumption & Waste** 



#### City of Oakland Hiring for Recycling Specialist I and II

Are you searching for a fulfilling career that allows you to make a difference and have a positive impact on the local community? Look no further! The City of Oakland's Public Works Department, Environmental Services Division, is seeking motivated and passionate individuals to join our dynamic team as a <u>Recycling Program Specialist I</u> or <u>Recycling Program Specialist II</u>. Come join a team of enthusiastic environmental professionals dedicated to promoting solid waste recycling and composting programs, supporting environmental stewardship with volunteers, providing environmental investigation and remediation services for City-owned land, and ensuring environmental regulatory compliance by City facilities and assets, all accomplished through active public outreach, stakeholder engagement, logistical support, and enforcement.

Don't miss out on this rare opportunity to work at the cutting edge of the Zero Waste field! Applications are due **August 28th**.

### Announcements



# Support Mycelium Youth Network Gaming for Justice Compendium

What if you could reverse climate doomism with a roll of the die? What could you imagine, what could you create? Mycelium Youth Network presents <u>The Mycelium</u> <u>Youth Universe Gaming for Justice Compendium</u>, a collection of 10 original Dungeons & Dragons adventures through the Bay Area's environmental and social justice history. Now through August 31st, join others in pledging your support to our month-long Kickstarter, where you can win rewards like hardcover copies of the book, VIP D&D sessions with our team, and more! <u>tinyurl.com/fund-mycu</u>

If your organization would like to have relevant community events or opportunities posted here, please email us at <u>climate@oaklandca.gov</u>.



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