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Environmental Stewardship





Oakland Creek to Bay Day 2023 Recap

A huge THANK YOU to the volunteers that came out to do amazing work on Creek to Bay Day! You were part of a tremendous effort and came together with community members at various sites across Oakland to honor our Creeks & Waterways. We estimate that 970 volunteers participated to gather 7600 gallons of trash and 680 bags of green waste!!

We've compiled all of the photos from our Rovers and Site Coordinators and created a photo album, which can be viewed here: [Photos from Creek to Bay Day 2023](#). We will also have it available on our [website](#) in the coming days, so please feel free to share it with others (especially any volunteers you may recognize)!



City of Oakland Hiring Watershed Program Analyst

The City of Oakland is recruiting for a [Watershed Program Analyst \(Program Analyst III\)](#). Annual salary is \$99,563.16 - \$122,243.88. Generous benefits. Apply by **10/22/2023 11:59 PM Pacific**.

Contribute to the City of Oakland's efforts to protect and enhance water quality in creeks and the Bay, prevent stormwater pollution, comply with environmental regulations, improve creekside habitats through restoration and acquisition projects, help with new projects to repair and improve the storm drain system, provide ecological conservation feedback on proposed land developments in the City, and help solve a wide variety of problems and challenges facing water quality and nature in the City of Oakland. Our programs are described in part at www.oaklandcreeks.org.

Transportation & Land Use



Ride Electric at the Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 21, 11am – 4pm

Cedar Rose Basketball Courts, 20 Virginia Gardens, Berkeley, CA 94702

- Test ride electric bikes and scooters (must be 18+ years)
- See electric vehicles and talk to local EV owners
- Learn about credits, rebates, grants and loans for electric cars and bikes

- Enjoy family friendly crafts, games, food, live music and more at the City's Harvest Festival
- Street parking is limited; please consider taking BART (North Berkeley) or AC Transit (#52). Bike parking available.

Interested in volunteering at *Ride Electric*? Please use this [volunteer sign-up](#).

Any ?s Email electric@berkeleyca.gov



SF Bay Conservation and Development Commission Recruiting Two EJ Advisors

The SF Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) is looking for two representative from Disadvantaged Communities to fill two seats on BCDC's EJ Advisors. Successful candidates will be long-term residents within a socially vulnerable Bay Area community and have an advanced understanding of and familiarity with Environmental Justice issues. **Stipends are available** for your participation.

BCDC's Environmental Justice Advisors program was created in 2020 to help BCDC develop and nurture long-term relationships with leaders of communities serving socially vulnerable, underrepresented, and EJ populations within the nine-county Bay Area to ensure that their unique perspectives shape BCDC's programs and activities and increase equitable processes and outcomes. EJ Advisors shape Commission activities by providing independent analyses, recommendations, and other input. Please see more information about the [EJ Advisors Program here](#).

Please send applications to **Phoenix Armenta** at phoenix.armenta@bcdc.ca.gov for consideration.



Oakland International Airport awarded Level Two Airport Carbon Accreditation

Oakland International Airport (OAK), operated by the Port of Oakland (Port), was awarded Level Two status within Airports Council International's Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) program at the Airports Council International North America 2023 Annual Conference & Exhibition held in Long Beach, California last week. ACA is an international program that requires its airport members to commit to activities that reduce emissions and provide evidence of effective carbon management procedures. OAK met all requirements by:

- Developing carbon emission inventories for 2021 and 2022;
- Reducing carbon emissions year-over-year;
- Identifying a non-binding carbon emission reduction target (to reduce by 50 percent by 2030); and
- Developing a Carbon Management Plan.

OAK is actively pursuing the next levels of accreditation. Long term, OAK plans to reach zero emissions operations by 2040. The United States and Canada have committed to achieving net zero emissions at airports by 2050. The Airport Carbon Accreditation program has 548 airports participating worldwide.

Buildings & Energy

Oakland Awarded \$40 Million for Climate-Smart Housing

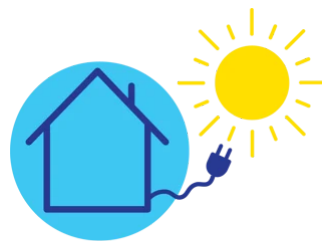
The City of Oakland was awarded \$40 million from the State's Infill Infrastructure Grant Catalytic (IIGC) program to provide more affordable housing in underserved neighborhoods and build greener and more walkable communities. Specifically, this investment will fund site preparation work including clearing, grubbing, and erosion

control. Utility improvements throughout the various housing sites will include a new sewer main, realignment of existing utilities and updating of existing utility lines. Roads will also be enhanced with new surfacing, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. In addition, other capital improvements will include storm water management, landscaping, and environmental mitigation and remediation.



BayREN Business Energy Efficiency Program

The Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) is accepting applications from small businesses for its [commercial energy efficiency program](#). Eligible businesses can receive incentives to install new air conditioning, Energy Star appliances, LED lighting, refrigeration equipment, and space and water heating equipment. In addition, free technical assistance is available from equipment evaluation to start-to-finish project service.



**Electric
Home Tour**
ELECTRIFY TODAY!



Two All-Electric Home Tours

Electric Home Tours

This year's Tour includes over 40 homes in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, ranging from new construction to those transitioning from gas. Experience cutting-edge appliances like heat-pump systems, induction cooktops, electric dryers, fireplaces, and energy-efficient gardening tools. Gain valuable insights from homeowners on appliance selection, contractor decisions, installation processes, and cost-saving benefits of the Inflation Reduction Act and other incentives, making your transition to electric living informed and cost-effective. [Watch the recording here.](#)

Marin Green Home Tour: October 26, 6-8pm

Are you interested in learning about heat pumps, greywater systems, how to electrify without upsizing your electrical panel, and more? Tour six Marin homes from the comfort of your own living room on this virtual tour, ask the homeowners questions, and learn how to jumpstart your planning process and access the resources to do it. Preview the [homes](#) that will be featured and the [presentations](#) that will be shared. [Register today!](#)

Heat Pump Summit in Berkeley

The [Heat Pump Summit](#) in Berkeley, CA on **November 13th** is a heat pump focused event for electrified building professionals and contractors to collaborate and train on how heat pumps are sold, designed, installed, and commissioned. The event features speakers across the heat pump and electrified building industry from hvac software startups to expert contractors and hardware manufacturers. Join for conversation and knowledge cutting across the industry from advocates to the trades. Contact Brent Davidson at brent@heatpumpsummit.org for questions and more information.



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Bay Area SunShares Electrification Webinar

In partnership with the Switch Is On, BayREN, and Ride & Drive Clean, [Bay Area SunShares](#) will host a webinar highlighting the benefits and importance of switching to all-electric transportation and buildings as well as the rebates & incentives available. [Register](#) for the **October 24th** webinar at **5pm**. Bay Area SunShares provides a discount on turnkey solar installations and home battery storage. Any resident in the Bay Area's 9 counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma) can sign up for the SunShares discount at www.bayareasunshares.org between **September 1st and November 15th, 2023**. SunShares is administered by the [Business Council on Climate Change](#).



EAST BAY COMMUNITY ENERGY

EBCE 2023 Commercial Rebates

EBCE has commercial rebates for restaurants and home performance contractors. EBCE is offering \$17,500 for [high-powered electric induction cooking equipment](#) 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 [high-efficiency heat pump water heaters](#) in their service area. Learn more about these commercial rebates at ebce.org/programs-business/ 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:** [Reserve your Induction Lending Kit today](#), 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 pge.com/inductionloaner 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 [here](#) today!

Urban Greening

Oakland Wins \$8 Million for Urban Forests

Through the Inflation Reduction Act, the U.S. Forest Service awarded the City of Oakland [\\$8 million in federal funding](#) for tree care and maintenance. Prioritizing

environmental justice communities, the City partnered with the [Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation](#) and [Common Vision](#) to deliver on this successful application. The City will perform street tree maintenance while non-profit partners do community engagement, tree planting, and workforce development. For both Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation and Common Vision, this grant is [more than just expanding Oakland's urban forest](#); it's an "opportunity to bring the city and community members together, build relationships, and educate people about environmental stewardship in the neighborhoods that need it most," as Wanda Stewart, Executive Director of Common Vision explains.



Friends of Sausal Creek 18th Annual Native Plant Sale and Open House

FOSC's 18th Annual Native Plant Sale and Open House will be held on **Sunday, October 29 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.** at the [FOSC Nursery](#) in Joaquin Miller Park. Check out the 100+ species we are offering this year by cruising our [webstore](#).

- Wide selection: we have a diverse range—over 100 species—of native plants for various garden and landscape needs.
- Expert advice: Our team and guest experts will be on hand to offer personalized guidance and answer your gardening questions.
- Community building: Meet fellow nature enthusiasts who share your passion for preserving our natural heritage, as well as local artists, community

organizations, and student tablers with a variety of fun workshops and information to share.



Home2Headwaters: Where Does Your Water Come From?

Join FOSC at the [Scout Hut](#) in Dimond Park for a conversation with Nina Gordon-Kirsch on **November 4th, 10am- 12pm**. In July 2022, Nina walked more than 240 miles, tracing the Mokelumne River—the river that provides tap water to the East Bay. After one month of walking, Nina made it to her destination and now has an important story to tell. More info and RSVP [here](#).



Grove Shafter Park Cleanup

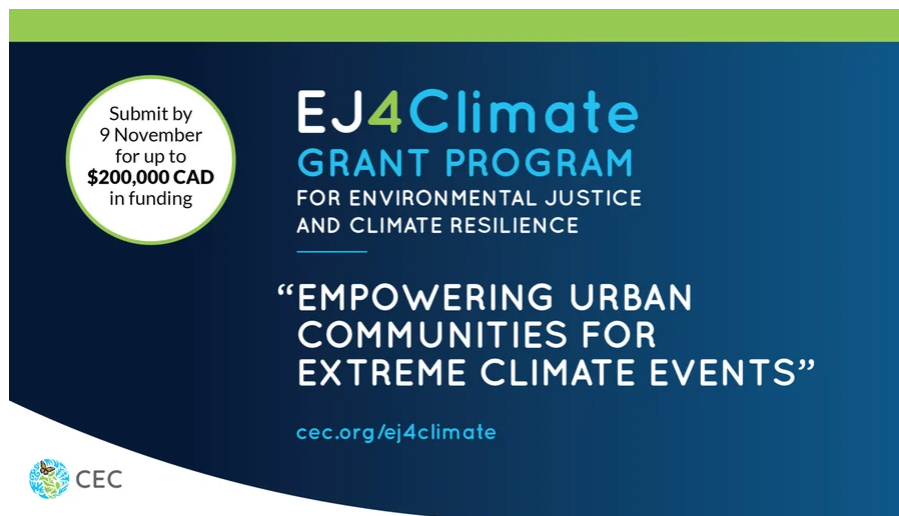
Do you want Oakland to be clean and litter free? [Keep Oakland Beautiful](#) is with you and that's why we're giving back! Please help us show love to Grove Shafter Park along Martin Luther King Jr Way on **Saturday November 18th**. We'll be beautifying the park alongside delicious local food, music, and giveaways. And we're not doing this alone - we're partnering with Urban Compassion Project, Clean California, Caltrans, Keep America Beautiful and Toyota to clean, green, and transform this space for the community. Our goal is for 100 volunteers of all ages and corners of Oakland join us. [Sign up to meet us there!](#)

Announcements



Greenlining Institute Just Future Summit

Returning to their roots in Oakland for the first time since 2019, the Greenlining Institute is holding their annual conference, the [Just Future Summit](#) at the Oakland Convention Center on **October 19th and 20th**. One of the country's largest racial equity conferences, over 1000 participants will convene on the policies and priorities impacting communities of color at the intersection of racial, climate, and economic equity. Celebrating its 30th year of movement for a just economy, the Greenlining Institute works closely with communities of color to understand and transform racist barriers to economic opportunity and investment.



EJ4Climate Grant Program

The [EJ4Climate Grant Program](#) provides \$2 million funding directly to community-based organizations in underserved and vulnerable communities, and Indigenous communities, in Canada, Mexico, and the United States for environmental justice projects that address community empowerment strategies to improve resilience to extreme weather events in urban settings.

Proposals are due by **9 November 2023** and projects will be expected to begin in Spring 2024. Maximum award for each projects is \$200,000.



Ecology Center Hiring for Community Engagement Program

Director

The Community Engagement Program Director leads and supports the Ecology Center's Community Engagement programming for the Ecology Center's store and public resource center, engagement & education programs, and EcoHouse. The Community Engagement Program Director leads, develops, and oversees the organization's Climate Action and Zero Waste education activities, plans and implements strategies to build and develop education and direct service programs, foster and promote retail sales, community partnerships, coalitions, organizational visibility, institutional funding, and individual giving. This position reports to and supports the Executive Director.

Full description and application instructions

here: <https://ecologycenter.org/getinvolved/jobs/jobs-2/community-engagement-program-director/>

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



City of Oakland, 1 Frank H Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA 94612

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