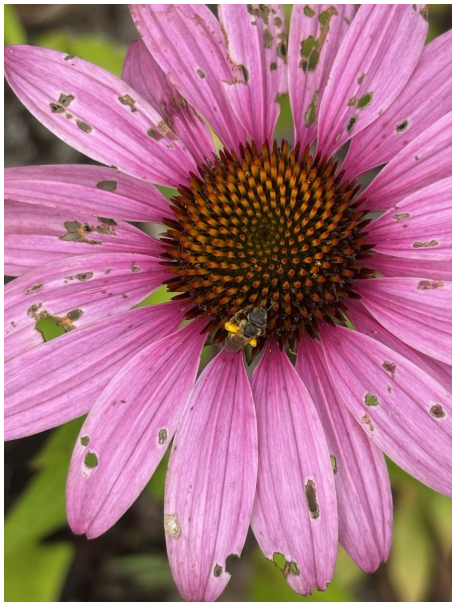


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Thank you for signing up to learn more about this project. This newsletter will serve as a resource for project details, relevant stories, and ways to stay engaged. Check out the information below and stay tuned for more.

SEAP+ IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES

Pollinator Habitat and Naturalistic Landscape Registration Now Open



Charlotte is encouraging residents and property owners to plant pollinator habitats and naturalistic landscapes that support environmental health. Pollinators, including bees and butterflies, help sustain many of the plants that support our local ecosystem. In urban areas, adding pollinator-friendly plantings can also help protect waterways and may reduce the need for watering, fertilizers, pesticides, and frequent mowing.

Pollinator habitats often look different than a traditional yard. Taller native plants, clustered flowering beds, and more

natural-looking layouts can sometimes be mistaken for overgrown vegetation. To help prevent well-maintained pollinator gardens from being cited, the city offers a registry for qualifying pollinator habitats and naturalistic landscapes. If your habitat is well maintained and follows the city's guidelines, you can

register it for review by the landscape management team.

No space is too small. Even a small garden bed or a few pollinator-friendly containers on a balcony can contribute to a stronger network of habitat across Charlotte.

[Learn more](#) and register online.

Featured Program: Energy Saver North Carolina

The Energy Saver North Carolina program has officially come to Charlotte. This initiative helps income-eligible homeowners and renters across the state cover the cost of energy efficiency and electrification upgrades. There are two rebates within the program:

1. Homeowners Managing Efficiency Savings (HOMES): HOMES rebates are for improvements that increase the overall energy efficiency of a home, such as insulation, air sealing, and upgrading heating and cooling systems.
2. Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR): HEAR rebates support the purchase of energy-efficient appliances and the electrification of home systems, like cooking, laundry, hot water, and heating and cooling.

Energy Saver program benefits align with [Strategic Energy Action Plan Plus \(SEAP+\)](#) goals and strategies. Buildings in Charlotte account for a major portion of the city's total emissions, and residential buildings have the largest emittance within that category. With Energy Saver rebates, you can make your home more energy efficient and electrify your home systems — all contributing to our SEAP+ goals. Retrofitting and electrification have sizable impacts on greenhouse gas emissions, and Energy Saver NC is a simple step in the right direction.

[Learn more](#) about the program and apply online.

RELATED EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

April 11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Charlotte Earth Day Celebration at Independent Picture House, 4237 Raleigh St., Charlotte, NC 28213

Celebrate Earth Month with a community-focused event highlighting sustainability, environmental education and local green initiatives. Attendees can engage with organizations promoting conservation, recycling and eco-friendly living practices. [Learn more](#)

April 20 - 24, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. / 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Clean the Queen: Charlotte's Citywide Cleanup and Celebration at The Innovation Barn, 932 Seigle Ave., Charlotte, NC 28205

Each year, Keep Charlotte Beautiful partners with Envision Charlotte and City of Charlotte Solid Waste Services to offer dozens of cleanup opportunities on Earth Week. Spots are filling up quickly, so reach out soon to reserve a shift. [Register](#)

April 22 - 23, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., The Battery Show South and Energy Storage South at Charlotte Convention Center, 501 S College St., Charlotte, NC 28202

One of the region's leading energy events, this expo and conference brings together experts in battery technology, electric vehicles and energy storage. Attendees can explore innovations driving the future of clean energy, electrification and sustainable manufacturing. [Learn more and register](#)

April 25, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Fourth Annual TreeFest at NoDa Brewing, 150 W. 32nd Street, Charlotte, NC 28206

You are invited to the fourth Annual TreeFest, a free, family-friendly event hosted by TreesCharlotte. Enjoy live music, tree-themed activities, arts and crafts, and an eco-market featuring local organizations, while learning more about the importance of trees and sustainability. Attendees can also take home free tree seedlings and explore hands-on activities focused on caring for Charlotte's urban forest. [Learn more](#)



April 11, 10 a.m. to noon, Stream Cleanup with Storm Water Services at 3114 Bank St., Charlotte, NC 28203

During this event, volunteers will help remove litter and debris from the stream and surrounding areas to improve water quality and wildlife habitat! [Learn more and register.](#)

April 22, 10 a.m. - noon, Earth Day Stream Cleanup and Storm Drain Marking with Storm Water Services at 715 Charlottetowne Ave., Charlotte, NC 28204

Celebrate Earth Day by helping remove litter from streams or by marking storm drains! You can choose between two meaningful activities. Stream Cleanups involve removing litter to improve water quality and wildlife habitat, or you can participate in Storm Drain Marking, which requires driving to a secondary location to glue informational placards onto storm drains. During this activity, we will use the Quick Capture app to log the marked drains. [Learn more and register.](#)

April 30, 11 a.m. - noon, Stream Cleanup with Storm Water Services at 3114 Bank St., Charlotte, NC 28203

During this event, volunteers will help remove litter and debris from the stream and surrounding areas to improve water quality and wildlife habitat! [Learn more and register.](#)

LOCAL RESOURCES & STORIES



Power Down the Crown Partner Spotlight

Coca-Cola Consolidated, one of the city's valued partners in its building energy performance benchmarking program, was featured on PBS for its recycling and conservation efforts. [Watch the feature today!](#)

Power Down the Crown was launched to encourage building owners to increase their buildings' energy efficiency and to highlight successful practices in that space. If you want to learn more about the program and how it can benefit you, fill out the [interest form](#).

Corridor near Charlotte light rail station gets more upgrades



Charlotte leaders hosted "Light Up the Night" March 30, a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the installation of new solar-powered street lights along Arrowood Station Drive, in the Arrowood Strategic Investment Area.

The newly installed streetlights are powered entirely by solar energy. Heather Bolick, the city's Chief Sustainability & Resilience Officer, said.

“Charlotte will lead as a global city by continuously improving, protecting, and preserving our environment, community, and economy,” Heather said. “We are committed to ensuring equity and resilience for today’s and future generations while balancing economic growth with the preservation of our natural resources.”

[Read the full article.](#)

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