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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

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 is a simple step in the right direction.

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

RELATED EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Feb. 14, 10 a.m. - noon, Stream Cleanup with Storm Water Services at Camp Greene Park, 1221 Alleghany St. Charlotte, NC 28208

Keep Charlotte Beautiful is partnering with Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation and Storm Water Services to offer a combined street, stream, and park cleanup! Join us for this meaningful community service event at Camp Greene Park! During this event, volunteers will help remove litter and debris from Camp Greene Park, Freedom Drive, and Alleghany Street! Volunteers at these special coordinated cleanups can grab a unique 'cleanup trifecta' sticker after the event! [Learn more and register.](#)

Feb. 17, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Climate Change Quilt Workshop at Area 49 Makerspace, Atkins Library 2nd Floor

Create a quilt square at the Area 49 Makerspace to represent your connection to climate change. No sewing experience is required; staff will assist with design using various supplies. Your square will join the campus Climate Change Quilt, potentially displayed during Earth Month 2026 and future events. Finish your square later if needed. This is part of the national [Climate Quilt Movement](#) to amplify climate change voices. [Learn more and register.](#)

Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m., NC Citizens Climate Lobby Utilities Commission Training on Zoom

Duke Energy has submitted its most recent Carbon Plan proposal to the NC Utilities Commission, with more gas and less wind, plus rising emissions in the short term. Please register for the training to learn more about the Carbon Plan and get tips on speaking at one of the upcoming public hearings or submitting comments online. [Register here.](#)

Feb. 25, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Food Documentary Viewing at Independent Picture House

CMCL and SoINation are hosting a free viewing of the 30-minute documentary, "Environmental Justice is Food Sovereignty," on Wednesday, Feb. 25, from 6-8 pm at Independent Picture House. The film connects access to healthy, affordable, culturally relevant food with environmental justice and community stability, highlighting issues like food deserts and barriers to healthy choices through local voices. A panel discussion and open Q&A will follow the viewing. Popcorn and sweet treats will be provided. [Register here.](#)

Feb. 28, 9 a.m., Patagonia Community Trail Run at Stevens Creek Nature Preserve

Grab your friends and your running shoes, and meet Patagonia staff at the Stevens Creek Nature Preserve on Saturday, February 28th for a 3.7 mile trail run. No drop, all speeds welcome, good times guaranteed.

Feb. 28, 10 a.m. - noon, Sol Nation Black Climate Week Community Clean Up

Sol Nation is creating spaces for learning, reflection, and action with a Community Clean Up, putting collective care into practice and honoring the tradition of service that has always been rooted in Black history and environmental stewardship. You are invited to join this month to clean, connect, and take action together.

Feb. 26, 11 a.m. – noon, Park & Stream Cleanup with Storm Water Services at 9414 Northlake W Dr. Charlotte, NC 28216

During this event, volunteers will help remove litter from Long Creek and Dixon Branch in the Northlake area! [Learn more and register.](#)

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