



Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Energy Efficiency Grant *Progress Report*



AURORA

Population: 180,000 +

Median Age: 35-36

Hispanic/Latinx: 41.6%

Median Home Value: \$274,800

Median Rent: \$1,596

Median Household Income: \$94,784

Poverty Rate: 9-10%

At or below 80% AMI ~
48.63% of City of Aurora



GOALS

METRIC 1

- Engage at least 1,000 income eligible residents

METRIC 2

- Increase participation in low-income programs by 20% among reached residents

METRIC 3

- Reach at least 1,400 household through street team

EVENTS

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE	ATTENDANCE	CONTACT
Screening of "Bad River" documentary	Aurora University	4-Mar-26	45	12
Aurora GreenFest	Downtown Aurora	2-May-26	1,200+	141 Rain Barrel Entries
Sierra Club - Understanding Data Centers	Batavia Public Library	18-May-26	63	11
Education Board	Waubonsee Community College	3-Jun-26	22	22
1st Friday's - "Plant a Seed, Read"	Aurora Public Library	5-Jun-26	Approx. 300	60+ adults
City of Aurora Sustainability Town Hall	Waubonsee Community College	22-Aug-26	TBD	TBD
TOTAL			1,630	246



July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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August 2026

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- ✓ Alderman Ward Meetings
- ✓ National Night Out
- ✓ Back to School Events
- ✓ Parent-Teacher Events

HANDOUTS

10 Conduct an Energy Audit!
Schedule a free **Home Energy Savings Assessment**.
Get a free or discounted energy-saving products, + personalized recommendations to help you save even more!



AURORA
10 WAYS TO MAKE YOUR HOME MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT
Sustainable Aurora

312-201-4507
energy@mayorscaucus.org
www.eesavings.com/mmc

Make a Difference
Be Energy Smart!




- 1 Tend to your furnace!**
Change air filters every 1-3 months. A dirty filter will slow airflow and make the system work harder to keep your home warm, wasting energy.
• ComEd customers can purchase a smart thermostat and get a \$75 instant rebate.
- 2 Set your thermostat to 78 Degree Fahrenheit in the summer.**
Every degree to extra cooling can increase energy usage 6-8%.
- 3 Use Ceiling Fans**
Remember to select the "reverse" option to push the hot air down into the room. Don't leave the bathroom or kitchen ventilation fans running. They replace inside air with outside air.
- 4 Run large appliances during off-peak energy times.**
Use dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers at night and with cold water. Having them run at night can help keep the house cooler and spread out energy use. Try hanging your clothes to dry on a clothesline or drying rack (it's better for your clothes!).
- 5 Keep your refrigerator and freezer as full as possible.**
They actually operate most efficiently when full, so keep them as full as possible (use water bottles if nothing else). But be careful about overfilling them, as this can reduce airflow and cause the appliance to work harder.
- 6 Be sure to unplug!**
Don't leave your mobile phone plugged in overnight. Avoid using unnecessary energy.
- 7 Don't peek in the oven while baking, the temperature can drop 25 degrees fahrenheit.**
Turn off the oven a few minutes before cooking time runs out, residual heat can help you finish cooking without using extra electricity.
- 8 Plant shade trees on the south & west sides of your home.**
Trees provide natural cooling for your home by blocking sunlight that would otherwise radiate right through your windows and into your house.
- 9 Use solar-powered path or landscaping lighting.**
Most of your outdoor lighting can be powered with renewable solar energy.

GROWING AURORA TOGETHER



SAVE MONEY AND ENERGY AT HOME!




SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIEW RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS



Sustainable Aurora
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Kane County Recycles
Green Guide 2026



English Language

El Condado de Kane recicla
Guia Verde 2026



Spanish Language



03 SAVE MONEY AND ENERGY AT HOME!



Save Money and Energy at Home!

Take or Discounted Energy-Saving Products:

- Smart Thermostats
- Smart Power Strips
- Smart Plugs
- Smart Light Bulbs
- Smart Water Heaters
- Smart Irrigation Controllers
- Smart Garage Door Openers
- Smart Smoke Detectors
- Smart Security Systems
- Smart Locks
- Smart Doorbells
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For more information, visit www.aurora.gov/greenfest

Aurora 2026 Greenfest

I'm a KEEPER
(unlike your ex...)
or plastic water bottles



Aurora Greenfest 2026

May 2nd, 2026



106
TOTAL
VENDORS



- Electric Car Show**
Benton Street
Sat 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Zumba with Karla**
Electric Plaza
Sat 10:00 am - 11:00 am
- Live Music**
Stolp Island Patio
Sat 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Phillips Park Zoo**
18 W Benton Street
Sat 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Public Art Show: Rain Barrel Giveaway!**
Stolp Island Patio
Sat 10:30 am - 11:30 am
- Conservation @Home Presentation**
18 W Benton Street
Sat 10:30 am - 11:15 am
- DJ Limon**
Electric Plaza
Sat 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Wings & Talons**
18 W Benton Street
Sat 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Kid's Facepainting**
18 W Benton Street
Sat 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Aurora Tree Board Presentation**
18 W Benton Street
Sat 11:15 am - 12:15 pm
- Ocelot-Cihuacoatl Calpulli (Aztec Dance Group)**
Electric Plaza
Sat 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
- Public Art Show: Rain Barrel Giveaway!**
Stolp Island Patio
Sat 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- Data Center Regulations**

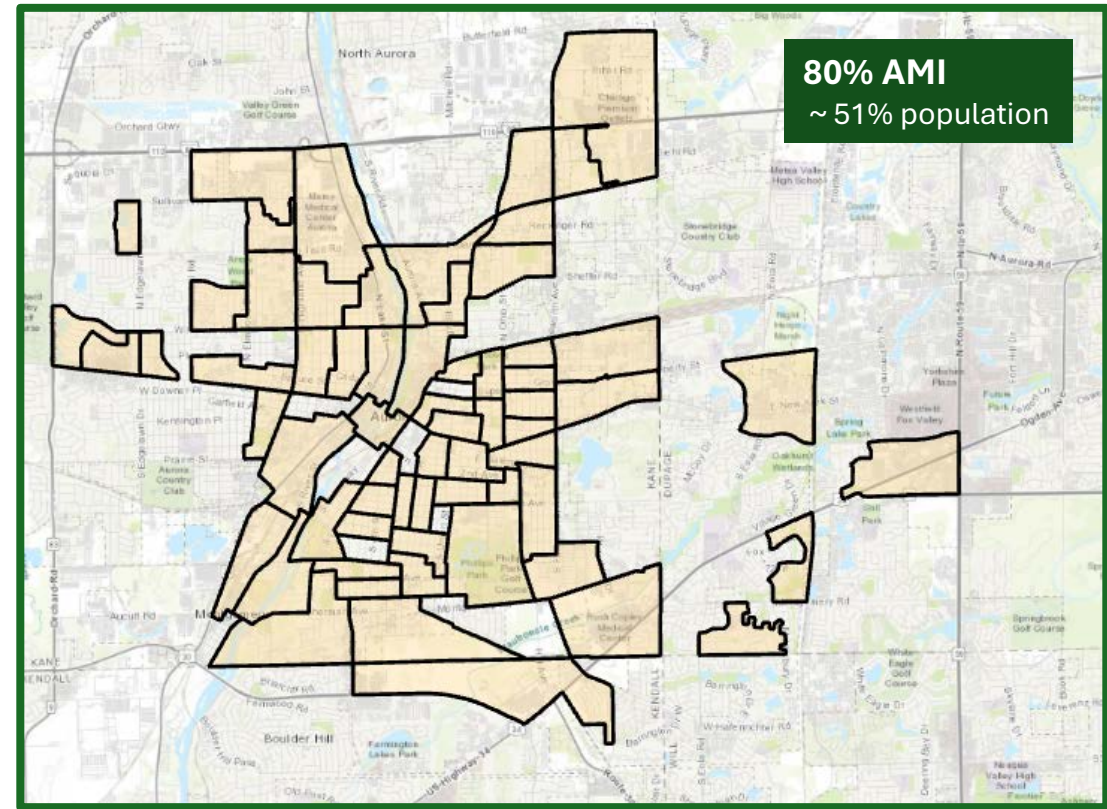
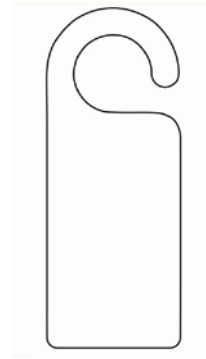
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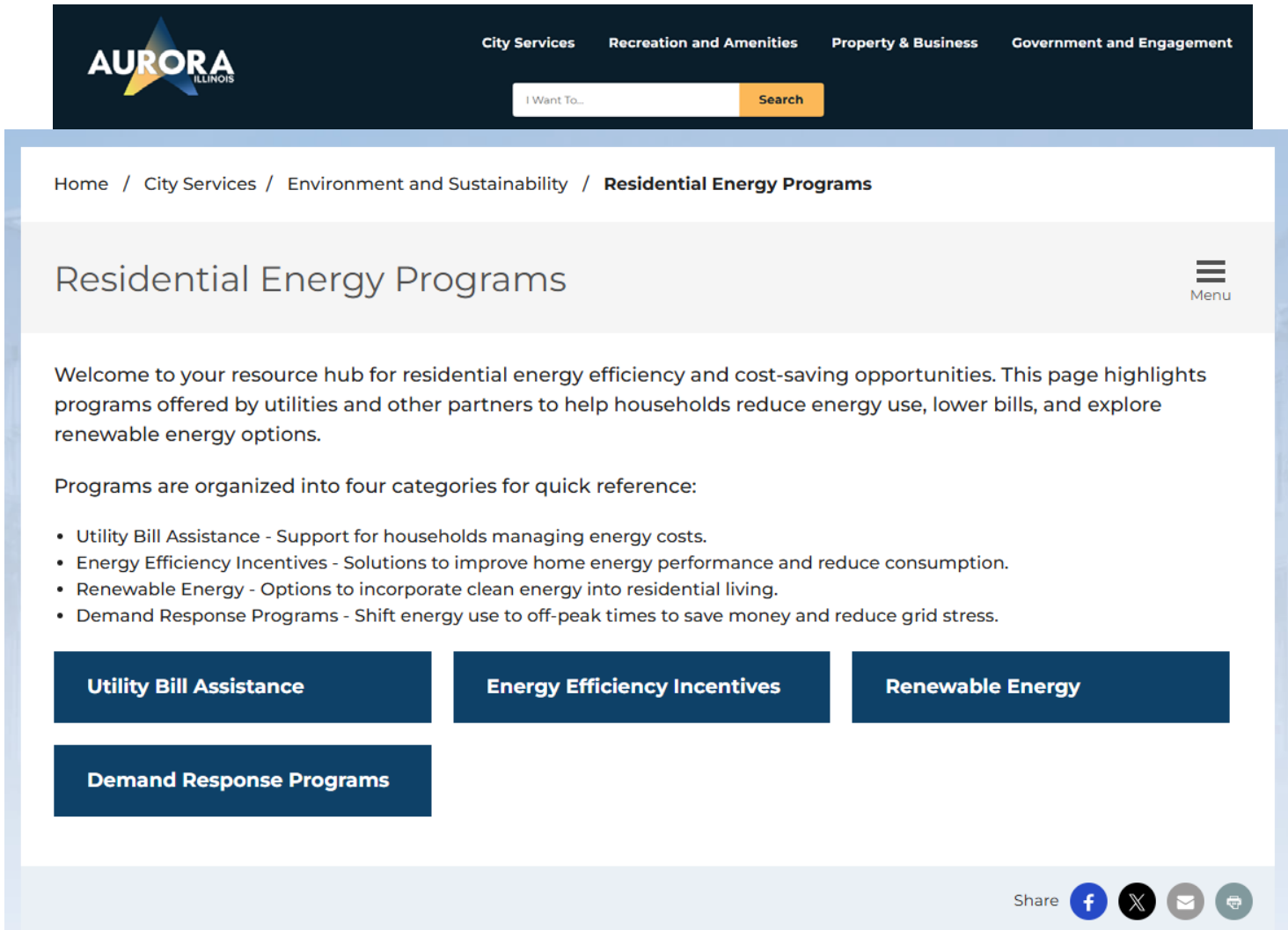
GARDEN CLUB
FOX VALLEY
Plastic water bottles are banned at
Aurora Green-Fest. Thirsty? Get free water
and a "Keeper" cup with
food vendors.

NEXT STEPS...

- Outreach Street Team
 - Beginning August
 - Script (English & Spanish)
 - GIS Dashboard with HH demographics, income, owner- vs renter- occupied,
 - **Communications!**
 - Identifiable Shirts/lanyards
 - Social Media posts/newsletter/Ward Signs/City Council meetings



WEBSITE



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the Aurora Illinois logo and links for City Services, Recreation and Amenities, Property & Business, and Government and Engagement. Below is a search bar with the text "I Want To..." and a "Search" button. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home / City Services / Environment and Sustainability / Residential Energy Programs. The main heading is "Residential Energy Programs" with a "Menu" icon. The introductory text states: "Welcome to your resource hub for residential energy efficiency and cost-saving opportunities. This page highlights programs offered by utilities and other partners to help households reduce energy use, lower bills, and explore renewable energy options." Below this, it says "Programs are organized into four categories for quick reference:" followed by a bulleted list: Utility Bill Assistance, Energy Efficiency Incentives, Renewable Energy, and Demand Response Programs. At the bottom, there are four dark blue buttons corresponding to these categories. A social sharing bar is visible at the very bottom.

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City Services Recreation and Amenities Property & Business Government and Engagement

I Want To... Search

Home / City Services / Environment and Sustainability / Residential Energy Programs

Residential Energy Programs

Menu





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Programs are organized into four categories for quick reference:

- Utility Bill Assistance - Support for households managing energy costs.
- Energy Efficiency Incentives - Solutions to improve home energy performance and reduce consumption.
- Renewable Energy - Options to incorporate clean energy into residential living.
- Demand Response Programs - Shift energy use to off-peak times to save money and reduce grid stress.

Utility Bill Assistance Energy Efficiency Incentives Renewable Energy

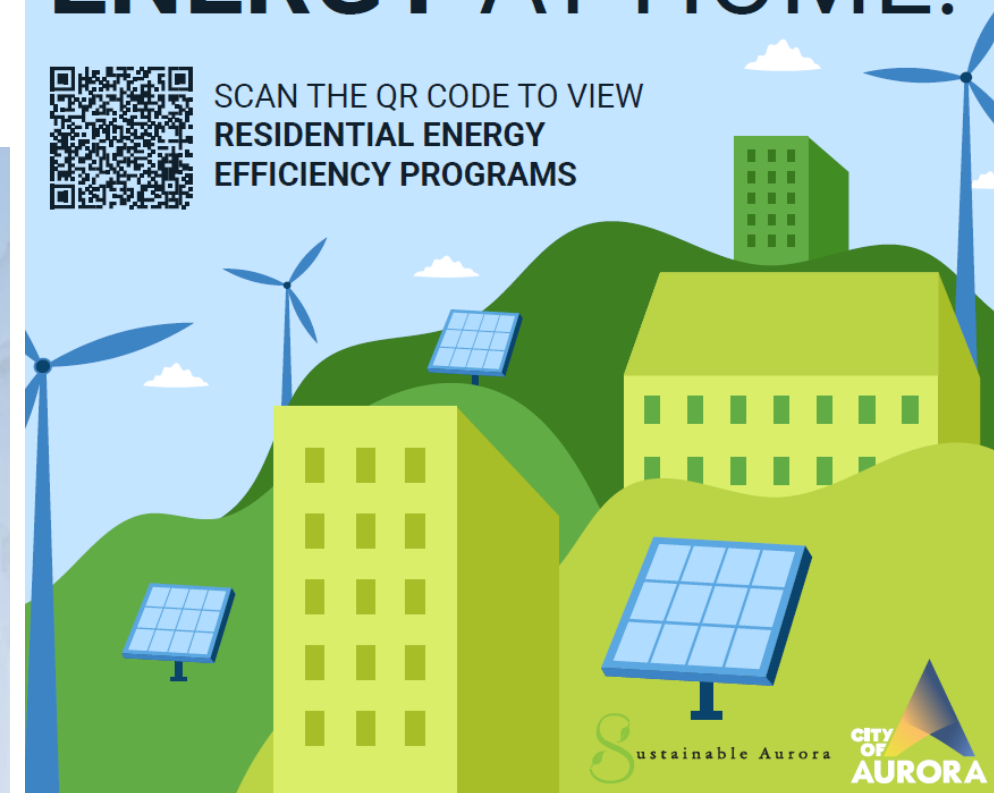
Demand Response Programs

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<https://www.aurora.il.us/City-Services/Environment-and-Sustainability/Residential-Energy-Programs>