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Chairman's Letter

As Chairman of the Board, I am proud to reflect on a year defined by strong governance, disciplined oversight, and a clear commitment to the long-term public mission of the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority. In a period shaped by global trade volatility, environmental urgency, and rising community expectations, the role of the Board has never been more important.

Good governance at DWCPA means more than fiduciary responsibility. It means ensuring transparency, accountability, and ethical stewardship of a public asset that is essential to the region's economic vitality and quality of life. The Board works closely with management to balance near-term operational realities with long-term strategy. Our goal is to support innovation while safeguarding the Port's core responsibilities to commerce, safety, and public trust.

In 2025, that approach helped guide major investments in decarbonization, workforce development, and infrastructure modernization, while maintaining strong partnerships with terminal operators, labor, community organizations, and government agencies. The Port is not just a collection of terminals; it is a regional system that supports 6,000 jobs, \$1 billion in economic activity, and neighborhoods that deserve cleaner air and shared opportunity.

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The mission of the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority is to support and grow the Port of Detroit as a safe, competitive, and sustainable maritime gateway that drives economic development while protecting public health and the environment.

The Board remains committed to thoughtful, inclusive decision-making that reflects both Detroit's maritime legacy and its future potential. By anchoring our work in sound governance and a clear public purpose, we are positioning Port Detroit to remain resilient, relevant, and responsive for generations to come. 



Jonathan C. Kinloch
*Chairman, Board of
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“That resilience comes from modernizing operations, strengthening partnerships, and accelerating our transition toward a cleaner, more sustainable future.”

*Sail Detroit 2025
Photo by Eric Perry*



Executive Director's Letter

The year 2025 marked a turning point for the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority, laying the groundwork for a stronger, more resilient Port Detroit in the years ahead. While the year delivered visible milestones—including a refreshed logo, a new website, and impactful marketing campaigns—our work remains focused on something far more significant: building a long-term strategy that will sustain Port Detroit for generations to come.

That resilience comes from modernizing operations, strengthening partnerships, and accelerating our transition toward a cleaner, more sustainable future.

Decarbonization is central to that effort. Through our Decarbonization and Air Quality Improvement Plan, we have set a clear and ambitious goal—net-zero emissions by 2040. This is not an abstract aspiration. It is being advanced through tangible investments in zero-emission equipment, cleaner fuels, improved data transparency, and workforce development that ensures surrounding communities benefit alongside our operations.

One important milestone ahead is the arrival of the Port's first electric patrol boats, now on order through a major EPA Clean Ports Program grant. These vessels symbolize the direction we are moving—replacing gasoline and diesel-powered assets with electric alternatives, improving air quality, and demonstrating what modern port operations can look like on the Great Lakes.

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2025 was also a standout year for Detroit River recreation. I want to thank our small but dedicated team for welcoming more cruise ships and visitors than ever before and delivering a landmark Tall Ships event that attracted 15,000 visitors and generated more than 100 media stories.

Port Detroit has always powered this region's economy. Our responsibility now is to ensure it does so in a way that is cleaner, smarter, and built to last for the next generation. 



Mark Schrupp
*Executive Director
Detroit/Wayne County
Port Authority*



Navigating Headwinds:

Port Detroit Cargo Operations in 2025

The Port of Detroit contains 18 terminals in Detroit, River Rouge, and Ecorse. General cargo is processed through the NT&D Detroit Terminal and the NT&D Ecorse Terminal, operated by Nicholson Terminal & Dock Company. Specific liquid and bulk cargoes are processed at other terminals along the Detroit and Rouge rivers. The DWCPA owns the NT&D Detroit Terminal located in the Delray neighborhood of Detroit. All other marine terminals at the Port of Detroit are privately owned and operated.

At the Detroit Freight Terminal, a 34-acre general cargo dock located just west of the Ambassador Bridge, operations remained active throughout the year. The facility is owned by the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority and operated under a Master Concession Agreement with Ambassador Port Company, established in 2005. Day-to-day terminal operations are managed by Nicholson Terminal & Dock Company, subcontracted by APC.

In 2025, cargo operations at Port Detroit unfolded against a complex and shifting global trade environment. Newly implemented and expanded U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum reduced imports of those items by over 25%, reducing port handling revenues, increasing costs for manufacturers, contributing to higher consumer prices, and disrupting supply chains already under pressure. Retaliatory tariffs from international trading partners further intensified uncertainty, creating measurable impacts across Great Lakes ports, including Detroit.

Despite these challenges, Port Detroit's freight terminals continued to play a vital role in supporting regional industry and construction, demonstrating both resilience and adaptability.





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In 2025, **cement imports remained relatively strong** at the Detroit Freight Terminal and accounted for the majority of materials handled at the site. These shipments supported ongoing construction and infrastructure projects across Southeast Michigan. Steel imports, however, were significantly impacted by tariffs and fell well below the **300,981 net tons handled during the 2024 shipping season**, reflecting broader national trends in reduced steel movement through U.S. ports.

Similar conditions affected operations at the **Nicholson Ecorse Terminal**, which is owned and operated directly by Nicholson Terminal & Dock Company. Nicholson reported a decrease in dockings and overall cargo volumes in 2025, citing tariffs as a primary factor. While cargo activity showed improvement during the second and third quarters, volumes remained below anticipated 2024 levels, underscoring the continued influence of trade policy on industrial supply chains.

Across both Port Detroit freight terminals, **47 vessels offloaded a combined 359,202.89 net tons of steel and cement** as of November 30, 2025. By comparison, **58 ships offloaded 415,958 net tons in 2024**. While this represents a year-over-year decline, the overall tonnage handled in 2025 still reflects **positive momentum** following earlier pandemic-era shutdowns, supply chain disruptions, and ongoing industry consolidation.

Looking ahead, the Port Authority remains focused innovation, investing in research and technology to attract new manufacturing opportunities and **diversify cargo offerings** beyond traditional commodities. [📍](#)



\$21.9 Million EPA Grant Powers Clean Haul Michigan and a New Era for Port Detroit

In a major step toward cleaner air and a greener future, the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority has secured \$21.9 million in federal funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as part of the EPA's Clean Ports Program.

Combined with \$3.2 million in local match funding from the State of Michigan and private terminal partners, the total \$25.2 million investment represents one of the most significant environmental upgrades in the Port's history.

"This grant is a game-changer for Port Detroit and for the communities that surround it," said Mark Schrupp, Executive Director of the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority. "Clean Haul Michigan allows us to take meaningful, measurable action to reduce emissions, improve air quality, and ensure that the benefits of a cleaner port are felt first and foremost by our neighbors."

Known as Clean Haul Michigan, the initiative will accelerate the transition to zero-emission, battery-electric equipment across Detroit's wet port terminals, replacing diesel-powered machinery that has long contributed to air pollution. The project directly targets neighborhoods in zip codes 48209, 48210, 48216, and 48217, areas historically burdened by industrial emissions.

Clean Haul Michigan is the first major implementation of the Port of Detroit's Decarbonization and Air Quality Improvement Plan, completed in 2024, which outlines a clear path to net-zero emissions by 2040. The goal of the plan is to completely eliminate the 30,000 tons of carbon emitted annually, and deliver better air quality and reduce noise, vibrations and sound from port operations. The goal of the plan is to completely eliminate the 30,000 tons of carbon emitted annually, and deliver better air quality and reduce noise, vibrations and sound from port operations.

Workforce development is a central pillar of the project. Construction will rely on union labor, and a new pre-apprenticeship program is being created to prepare residents of near-port communities for careers in construction, clean energy and electric equipment operations.



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"This investment is about people as much as it is about infrastructure," said Taylor Mitchell, sustainability manager for DWCPA. "We're building pathways to good-paying jobs while modernizing the port."

With strong progress already underway and partners, including Waterfront Petroleum, Amrize, Nicholson, the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, and the Detroit Harbormaster, Clean Haul Michigan stands as a national model for how climate action, economic development, and environmental justice can move forward together. ⚓

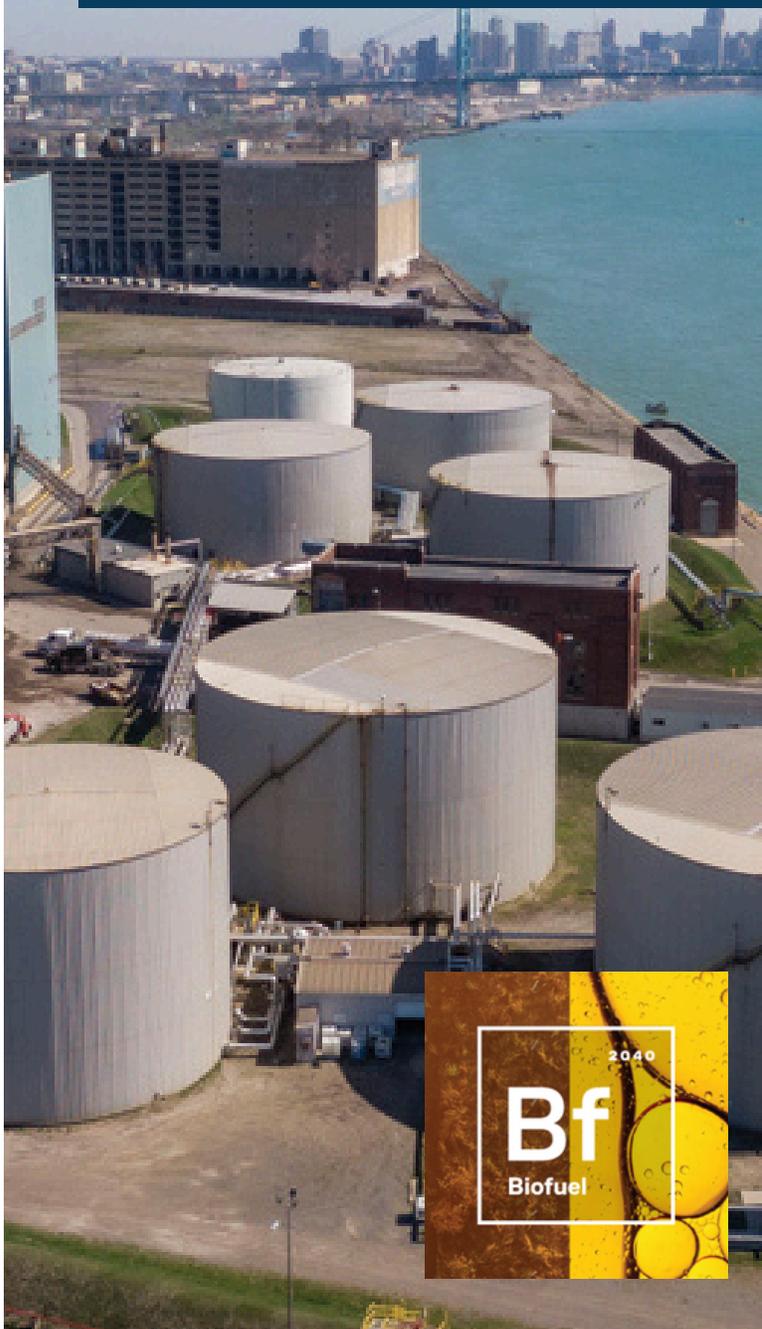
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Planning the Next Fuel Frontier: Port Detroit Advances Hydrogen and Green Methanol Strategy

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*-Taylor Mitchell
Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority*



The Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority is taking another decisive step toward a zero-emissions future with a **\$3 million Clean Ports Program planning grant**, funded through the

Biden-Harris Administration’s Inflation Reduction Act. The grant complements the Port’s larger equipment deployment investments and focuses on long-term transition planning for hydrogen and green methanol fuels.

“This grant allows us to think beyond today’s equipment and start planning for the next generation of clean maritime energy,” said Taylor Mitchell, Sustainability Manager for the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority. “Hydrogen and green methanol have the potential to dramatically reduce emissions while supporting the operational realities of working ports.”

A central component of the project is a feasibility study for a mobile, zero-emission fuel cell power barge capable of delivering 6 to 15 megawatts of clean electricity to vessels while they are docked. The Port Authority is conducting this work in collaboration with American Bureau of Shipping and the University of Michigan Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering.

“If we can demonstrate that this model works in Detroit, it opens the door for replication across other Great Lakes ports,” Mitchell said. “That’s how local innovation becomes regional impact.”

During the first year of the grant, ABS and the University of Michigan delivered extensive research, including vessel power requirement estimates, cargo throughput analysis, and a techno-economic assessment of both the barge and its potential fuel sources.

The project also benefits from partnerships with Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision and Michigan Clean Cities/NextEnergy, which are helping drive hydrogen adoption through workforce training, stakeholder engagement, and regional refueling network planning.

Together, the initiative reinforces Port Detroit’s role as a national testbed for clean fuels where climate action, innovation, and environmental equity move forward in tandem. 

Measuring Progress: How Port Detroit Is Turning Decarbonization Into Action

Decarbonization moved from strategy to measurable action in 2025 as the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority advanced its **Decarbonization and Air Quality Improvement Plan** with new data, deeper transparency, and a clearer picture of how goods move through the Port of Detroit.

A major milestone this year was the completion of the Port’s first **carbon emissions reassessment** since establishing its baseline inventory in 2023. Led by Tunley Environmental with support from the Port Authority’s sustainability team, the reassessment analyzed emissions tied to the 2024 calendar year using operational data voluntarily provided by port terminals.

“Tracking emissions is how we turn climate goals into accountable action,” said **Taylor Mitchell**, Sustainability Manager for the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority. “This reassessment helps us understand where emissions are coming from today so we can target solutions that actually move the needle.”

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All 23 terminal and patrol entities operating within the Port of Detroit were invited to participate, with **18 terminals contributing data**, in a strong showing that reflects growing comfort with emissions tracking and a shared commitment to continuous improvement. For entities that did not participate, emissions were estimated using publicly available data, maintaining consistency across the port system.

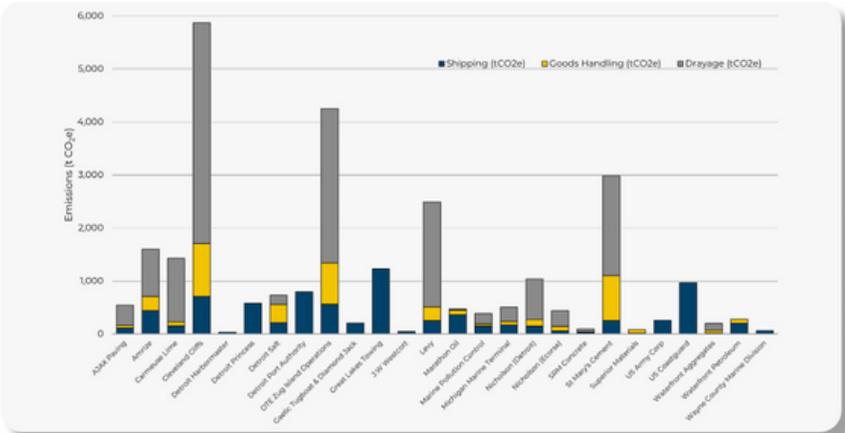


Figure 5: Emissions by terminal, showing the breakdown between emission categories.



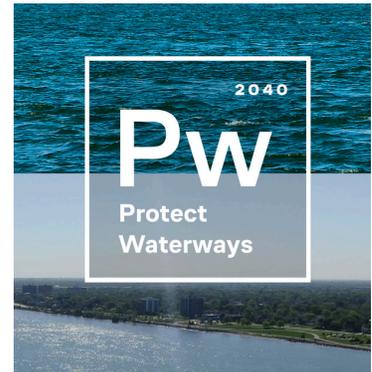
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The assessment examined three core components of port-related emissions: **shipping**, measured within a 28-mile boundary along the Detroit and Rouge Rivers; **goods handling**, covering on-site cargo loading and unloading; and **drayage**, limited to truck and rail movement within a 15-mile radius of the port. Together, these activities represent the heart of the Port's movement of goods.

The results showed **total greenhouse gas emissions of 29,422 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent (tCO₂e)** for 2024, with **27,545 tCO₂e** tied directly to cargo movement. Administrative functions, including utilities and employee commuting, accounted for the remaining **1,877 tCO₂e**. Overall emissions declined slightly from the baseline, largely due to improved data accuracy rather than reduced activity.

Looking ahead, Port Detroit plans to conduct port-wide emissions reporting every two years, measuring progress against the 2023 baseline as it works toward its goal of **net-zero emissions by 2040**. "Decarbonization is a long journey," Mitchell said. "But with better data, better technology, and strong collaboration, we're building a port that's cleaner, smarter, and ready for the future." 



The overall emissions for the Port of Detroit region in the calendar year 2024 were found to be 29,422 tons of carbon dioxide equivalents.



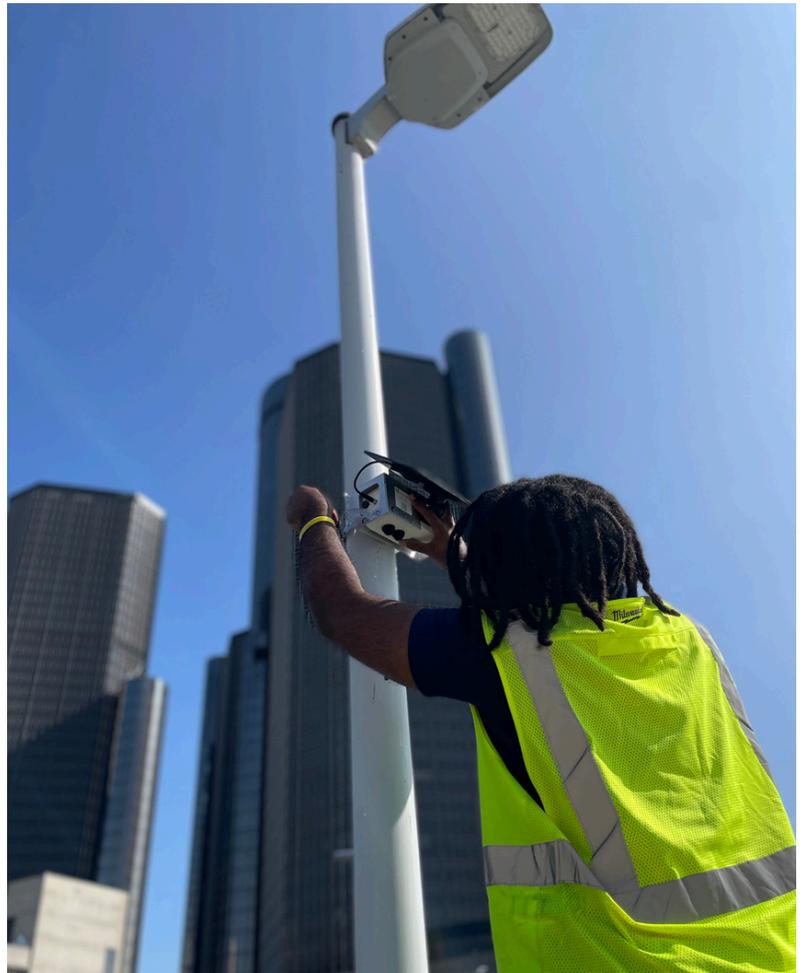
Making Air Quality Visible: Port Detroit Partners with Just Air

As part of its commitment to reducing emissions and protecting community health, the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority released its first Port of Detroit Air Quality Report in partnership with Just Air, a Detroit-based environmental technology company that installs neighborhood-scale air monitors and provides real-time pollution data to the public.

Founded and headquartered in Detroit, Just Air specializes in community-centered air quality monitoring, managing both the hardware and the data that helps residents, policymakers, and institutions better understand local environmental conditions.

“Access to real-time air quality data empowers communities and decision-makers alike,” said Darren Riley, CEO of Just Air. “By partnering with Port Detroit, we’re helping make invisible pollution visible and we’re turning data into action that can improve public health.”

Since launching the partnership in 2024, the Port Authority has installed 10 air quality monitors at strategic locations near terminal facilities. These monitors track pollutants including particulate matter, nitrogen dioxide, and volatile organic compounds, with data publicly available through Just Air’s online dashboard at JustAir.app.



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Insights from the first year of monitoring informed the Port Authority's Clean Air Action Plans, which recommend measures to reduce emissions from terminal activities such as diesel equipment use, concrete crushing, and bulk material handling. Actions range from immediate dust control practices to longer-term solutions like establishing green buffer zones to reduce community exposure.

Aligned with the Port's Decarbonization and Air Quality Improvement Plan, the Just Air partnership supports Detroit's goal of reaching net-zero emissions by 2040, while positioning the Southwest Detroit industrial corridor as a model for transparent, data-driven environmental stewardship. [📍](#)

Port Detroit Achieves Green Marine Certification, Advancing Its Commitment to Sustainable Maritime Leadership

The Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority has officially achieved **Green Marine certification**, marking a major milestone in its environmental leadership. Green Marine is a rigorous, voluntary program that pushes ports and ship owners beyond compliance to address air and water quality, biodiversity, and community impact.

"This certification reflects our commitment to real, measurable progress," said Mark Schrupp, Executive Director of the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority.



"Green Marine aligns directly with our Decarbonization and Air Quality Improvement Plan and our goal of reaching net-zero emissions by 2040."

The Port Authority encourages terminal operators across the Port of Detroit to explore Green Marine participation as part of a shared vision for a cleaner, more sustainable maritime future. [📍](#)

A Banner Year on the River: Port Detroit's 2025 Cruise Ship Season

Detroit's riverfront had no shortage of visitors in 2025, but some of the most striking arrivals came by water. As the cruise season concluded this fall, the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority marked another highly successful year—one that reinforced Detroit's growing reputation as a destination and highlighted the Port's evolving role as both an economic driver and a public gathering place.

"The cruise ships bring more than passengers. They bring attention, curiosity, and excitement to the waterfront," said Vanessa Baker, Facility Manager for the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority. "People come to see the ships, and once they're here, they start to see Detroit in a new way."

During the 2025 season, Port Detroit serviced 69 cruise ship visits between April 1 and October 31, welcoming 20,634 passengers directly onto the public dock. Cruise lines, including Viking Cruise Lines, Ponant Cruise Lines, Victory Cruise Lines, and Pearl Seas Cruises, brought guests from across the country and around the world, many experiencing Detroit for the first time.

"Passengers consistently tell us how much they love the city," Baker said. "They're drawn to Detroit's music legacy, its museums, its architecture, and the energy they feel when they step off the ship."



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The season's success extended beyond traditional cruise traffic. Port Detroit also hosted **44 charter yacht visits** from the Infinity and Ovation, alongside **six government vessels** and **three additional charter yachts**, reflecting the dock's versatility and growing profile within the Great Lakes maritime network.

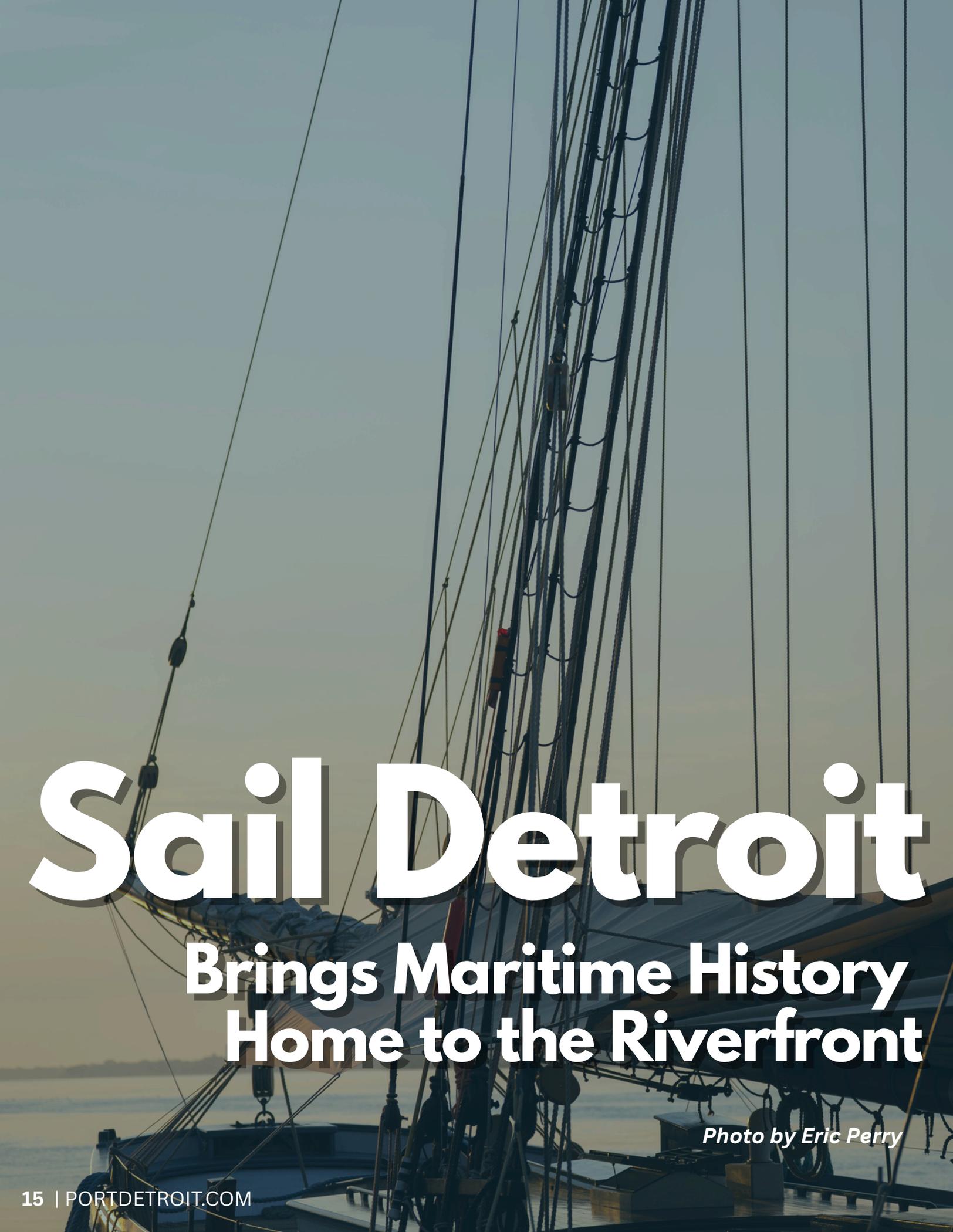
Public engagement reached new highs as well. Baker noted **record attendance for dinner cruises and other maritime activities**, underscoring strong local interest in the riverfront as a destination. "The dock isn't just infrastructure—it's become a place where people gather, celebrate, and experience the river," she said.

In 2025, the Port Authority also launched a newly designed website, adding a **publicly accessible cruise ship schedule** and a live dock camera that allows residents and visitors to watch ship arrivals in real time. "We wanted to make the port more visible and more accessible," Baker explained. "Sharing what's happening on the dock helps people feel connected to the river, even when they're not standing on it."

That visibility was on full display during late May, when Port Detroit hosted the **Grand Prix / Ilmor Marine event**, featuring vessel displays and dockside activity that drew additional crowds and reinforced the waterfront's role in major regional moments.

As Detroit continues to gain national and international attention, Baker sees the cruise season as both a reflection of the city's momentum and a catalyst for what comes next. "Detroit has always been a port city," she said. "What we're seeing now is people rediscovering that—and realizing how much the river still matters to Detroit's future." 





Sail Detroit

**Brings Maritime History
Home to the Riverfront**

Photo by Eric Perry



Photo by Eric Perry

After a 24-year absence, the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority proudly welcomed four Tall Ships back to the Detroit River from August

7-10 as part of their Great Lakes tour. Sail Detroit 2025 marked a powerful return of maritime history to the city's waterfront, reconnecting Detroiters with the river that helped shape the region's economic and cultural identity.

"These ships are a piece of sailing history and artwork all combined into one," said **John Jamian, Director of Port Operations for the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority**. "When they come into port, people immediately feel that sense of scale, craftsmanship, and history. It stops you in your tracks."

The event advanced Sail Detroit's mission to celebrate and elevate Southeast Michigan's deep maritime heritage, bringing it to the forefront of public attention while reinforcing the waterfront as a destination for civic pride, education, and shared experience. For Jamian, the return of the Tall Ships was about more than spectacle; it was about shared connection.

"There is something about the majesty of tall ships that unites us all," he said. "It doesn't matter your age or background. Everyone looks up at these vessels with the same sense of awe."

Over four days, residents and visitors gathered along the riverfront to explore the ships, engage with crews, and experience the vessels up close. That access, Jamian emphasized, is what transforms curiosity into lasting impact. "There's nothing quite like seeing these ships from on board," he said. "Walking the decks and seeing how they operate brings history to life in a way no exhibit ever could."

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Sail Detroit 2025 proved to be a strong community success, drawing significant crowds and generating meaningful engagement on Port Authority property. More than 15,000 visitors attended the event overall, with **6,900 guests** participating directly in on-site activities hosted by the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority. Ticketed ship tours were particularly popular, with **6,161 tickets sold**, reflecting strong public enthusiasm and regional interest.

Behind the scenes, the event required extensive coordination and planning. “It’s a lot of work to get these vessels here safely and successfully,” Jamian noted. “But it’s worth it when you see the waterfront filled with people reconnecting with the river.”

Beyond attendance, Sail Detroit delivered substantial media visibility for Port Detroit and the city’s maritime assets. The event generated 59 digital and print stories with an estimated reach of 419 million, alongside 56 television and radio stories reaching approximately 1.6 million viewers and listeners.

Jamian hopes the event also reframed how Detroiters think about their city. “We talk a lot about being the automobile capital of the world,” he said, “but that only happened because of our waterway and our ships. Detroit has always been a maritime city.”

Sail Detroit 2025 celebrated that legacy while elevating the waterfront as a living gateway to Detroit’s future. 



A Mark of Momentum: Port Detroit Unveils a New Logo

Rooted in history but designed for the future, the new logo of Port Detroit is more than a visual update. It is a statement of purpose. Inspired by the Port's mission to drive sustainable progress while honoring its maritime legacy, the mark reflects momentum, resilience, and a clear vision for what lies ahead.

At its core, abstract waves cascade downward, symbolizing movement and transformation while pointing to Port Detroit's commitment to achieving net zero emissions by 2040. The waves evoke both water and energy, reinforcing the river's central role in Detroit's identity and economic life.

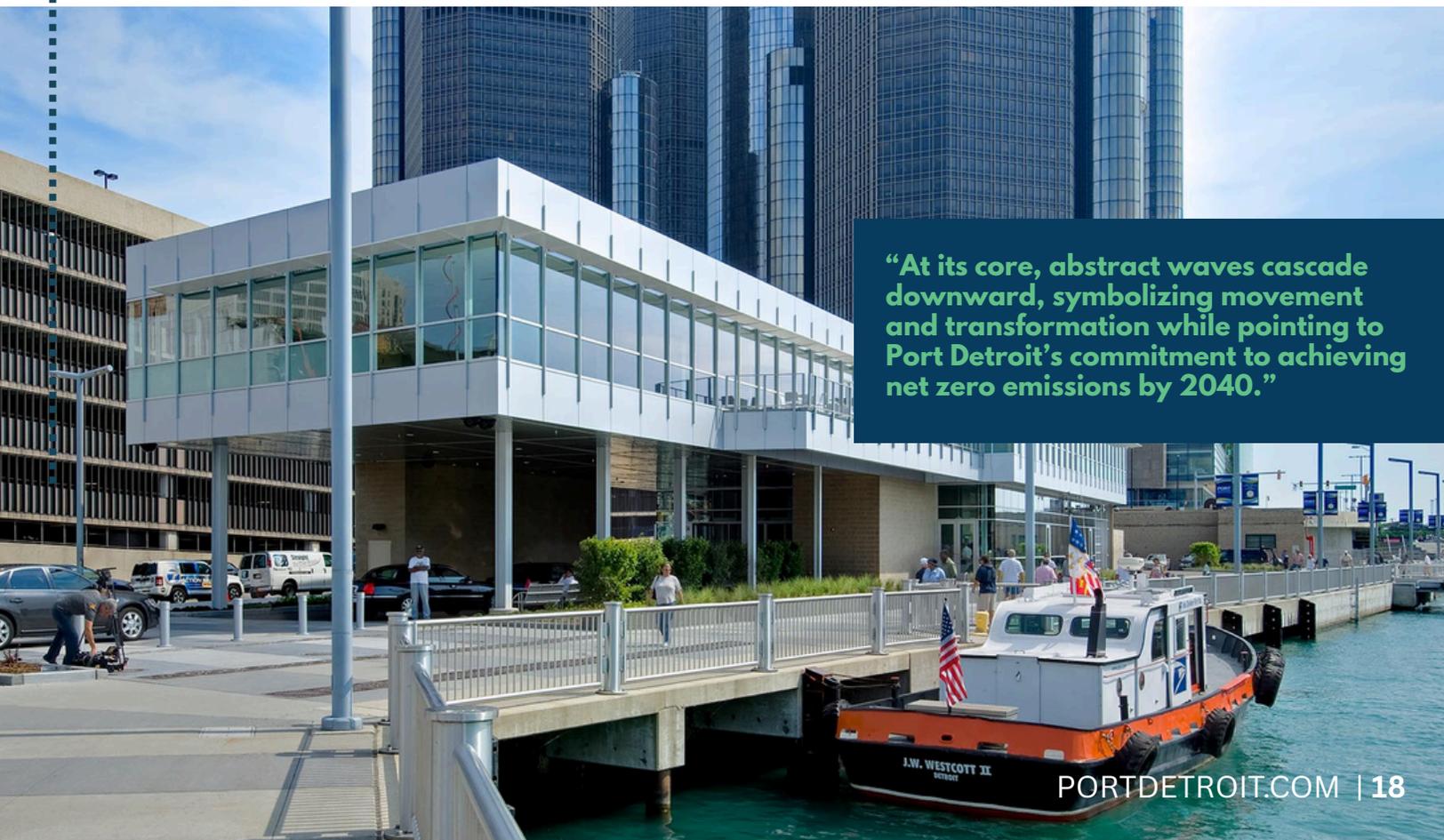
Anchoring the design is a simplified anchor form that conveys strength and reliability—essential qualities of a port that supports global trade and regional industry. Rising above it, an upward-sailing ship introduces optimism and motion, reflecting growth, connectivity, and the Port's role as a gateway across the Great Lakes and beyond. The ship also captures the excitement of cruising, welcoming travelers to experience Detroit from the water.



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“The goal was to create a symbol that feels both grounded and aspirational,” said Hallie Bram Kogelschatz, CEO of Shark & Minnow, creator of the logo. “Port Detroit is honoring its legacy while actively shaping a more sustainable, connected future.”

Together, these elements form a bold, meaningful mark that reflects Port Detroit's commitment to environmental stewardship, innovation, and progress. 



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More than 130 students gathered on April 12 at Port Detroit for the **Annual Detroit River Youth Career Expo**, connecting directly with 30 employers, training programs, and researchers to explore real-world career pathways. Participants toured docked vessels and learned about opportunities across maritime, STEM, and health and education fields that offer strong wages and long-term career growth. The expo underscored a clear message: good-paying maritime jobs are available now, and the riverfront is a gateway to opportunity. 🚢



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**PORT DETROIT GENERATES
6,000 JOBS AND \$1 BILLION
IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY**



Change Is Elemental is the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority's new call to action. This advertising campaign reframes the Port as a force for progress, sustainability, and opportunity. The campaign, created by Shark & Minnow out of Cleveland, highlights how elemental forces like water, energy, and movement shape Detroit's past while driving its future.

From global commerce and good-paying jobs to cleaner air and decarbonization, **Change Is Elemental** connects the Port's everyday work to big-picture impact. It underscores the Port's commitment to innovation, environmental responsibility, and community benefit and shows that meaningful change doesn't happen by accident. At Port Detroit, change is elemental to who we are and where we're headed next. 🚢

Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority Reports Revenue Growth, Strategic Investments in FY 2025

The Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority posted strong revenue growth in Fiscal Year 2025 while making targeted, one-time investments designed to expand its long-term economic and community impact across Southeast Michigan.

According to the Port Authority's unaudited financial results for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, total general fund revenues reached \$2,163,339, an increase of \$465,172 over FY 2024. The growth was driven primarily by higher cruise ship revenues and increased use of Port Authority event space, reflecting renewed waterfront activity and public engagement. Total expenses for the year were \$2,451,841, exceeding revenues by \$288,502.

"These numbers tell the story of an organization investing deliberately in its future," said Travis Jackson, Finance Director of the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority. "The operating gap reflects intentional, one-time investments in outreach, visibility, and community connection, not a long-term structural issue. Importantly, we continue to maintain a sufficient fund balance to cover ongoing maintenance, repairs, and unexpected needs."

Key FY 2025 investments included the Port Authority's sponsorship of the Tall Ships event, which attracted more than 15,000 visitors to the Detroit waterfront and generated significant goodwill with residents and regional partners. Additional spending supported the launch of a new website, refreshed logo, and enhanced video and social media messaging, all aligned with the Authority's mission to decarbonize port operations and improve air quality in and around the Port of Detroit.

The Port Authority also expanded its outreach with the Michigan Legislature, advocating for increased funding and economic development tools for maritime infrastructure. As a result of these efforts, more than \$7 million will be available for port improvements statewide, and legislation to expand the Authority's pass-through bond financing powers has cleared the Senate and gained strong support in the House.

"For years, the Port Authority's economic development role was underutilized," Jackson said. "With these strategic investments of time, resources, and relationships, we expect our impact on maritime commerce, riverfront development, and job creation to grow significantly over the next decade—for the benefit of our region and the state as a whole."

Audited financial statements, which include state and federal grant activity, are completed annually and available at portdetroit.com/financial-audits/. [🔗](#)

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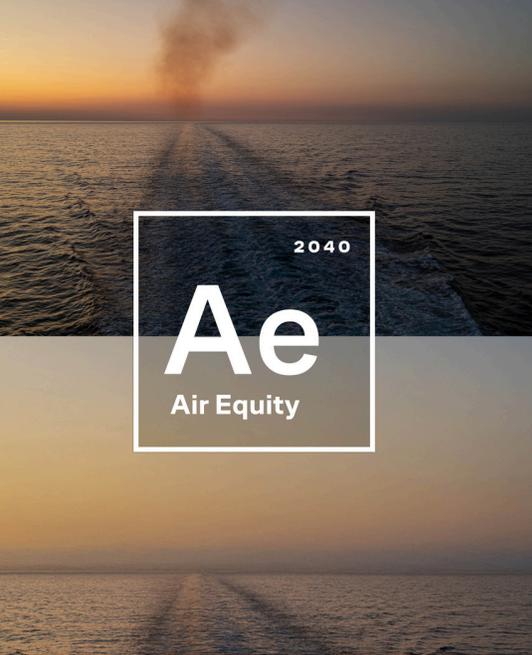
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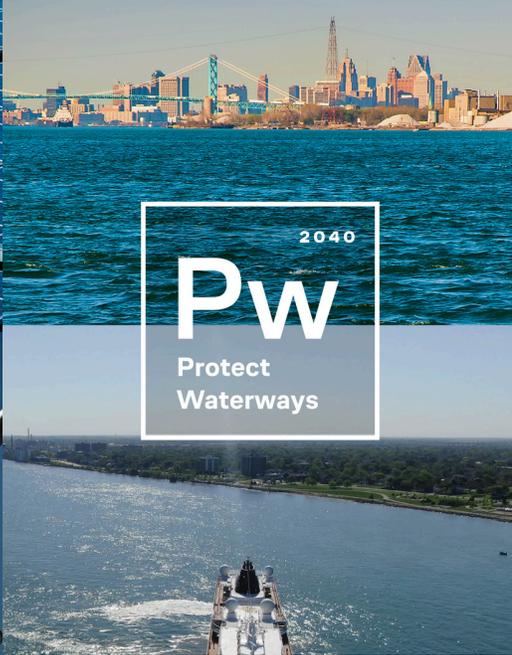
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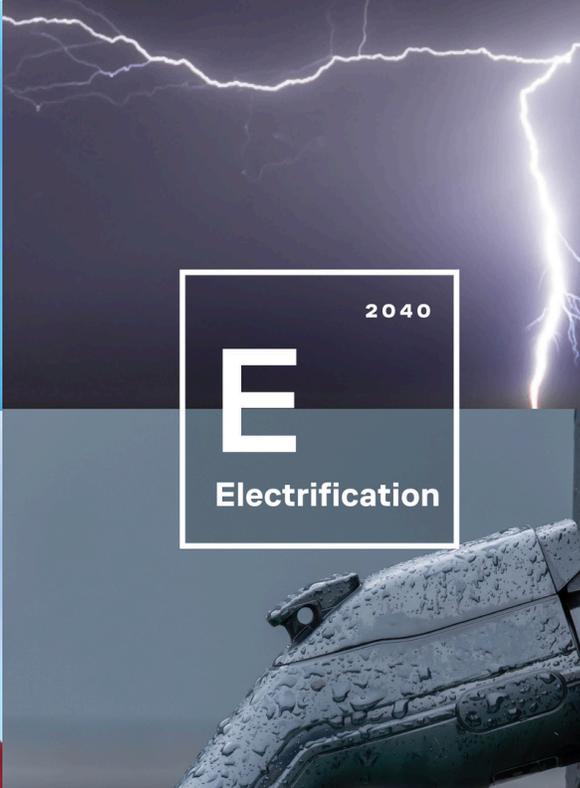
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