



Goals

Targets Areas

Suggested Projects



DENVER
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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Goal: Energy



Goal: Promote energy efficiency in the neighborhood and encourage the use of renewable energy sources.

Target Areas

- Residential Energy Conservation
- Commercial Energy Conservation
- Renewable Energy Sources
- Green Building

Suggested Initiatives & Projects

Energy Conservation

- **Sign neighbors up for the Denver Energy Challenge:** denverenergy.org or 720-865-5520
- **Sign local businesses up for Certifiably Green Denver:** Denvergov.org/CGD or 720-865-5457
- **Christmas light trade-in:** Replace old lights with energy efficient LED lights
- **Light impact assessment:** Reduce the amount of light needed to illuminate your property
- **Weather-stripping:** Reduce leaks around windows and doors to reduce energy use in the summer and winter

Renewable Energy

- **Solar installation incentives:** Examine opportunities for solar energy installation
- **Windsource:** Sign up with Xcel Energy to purchase energy produced from wind
- **Community Solar:** Learn about community solar gardens and examine opportunities to get involved

Green Building

- **US Green Build:** Learn the principles of “green building” and get assistance for new projects
- **Green Roofs:** Learn how green roofs reduce energy use and improve water quality
- **White Roofs:** Promote roof colors that save you energy



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Goal: Air



GOAL: Reduce emissions generated in the neighborhood and improve both outdoor and indoor air quality.

TARGET AREAS

- Outdoor Emissions
- Indoor Air Quality
- Trees and Vegetation
- Carbon Footprint Reduction

Suggested Initiatives & Projects

Emissions Reduction

- **EnginesOff campaign:** Reduce emissions from idling vehicles
- **Vehicle maintenance education:** Learn to improve efficiency and reduce emissions
- **Bike to work:** Commit residents to ride instead of drive on a weekly or bi-weekly basis
- **Carpool network:** Utilize RideArrangers or develop a neighborhood carpooling resource
- **Alternative transportation map & guide:** Develop a resource for existing and new residents in the neighborhood
- **Missing links assessment:** Identify barriers to walking and bicycling in the neighborhood
- **Fireplace replacement:** Reduce the number of wood-burning fireplaces

Landscaping

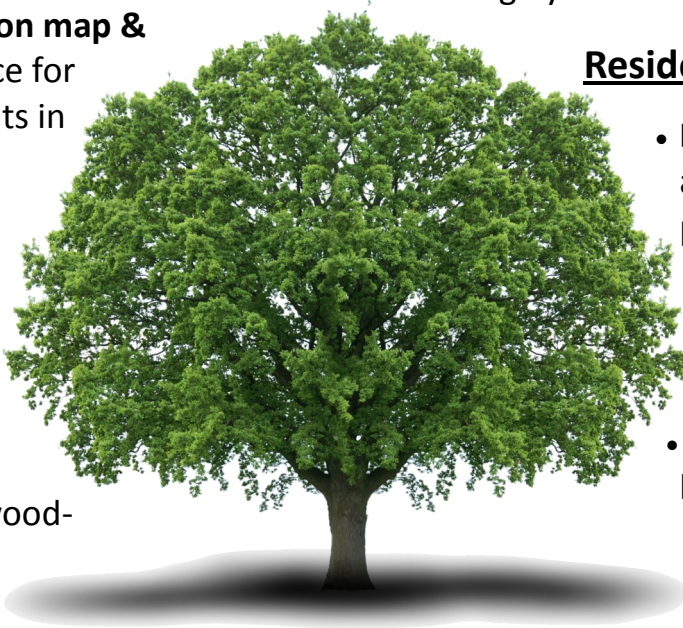
- **Shade tree planting:** Plant yard and street trees to reduce solar gain and improve air quality

Carbon Offsets

- **Household carbon footprint reduction:** Set goals for neighborhood-wide reductions in carbon emissions
- **Wind power purchase:** Sign up for wind power through your electric utility company

Residential Air Quality

- **In-home air quality:** Learn about sources of indoor air pollution
- **Carbon Monoxide:** Install sensors in neighborhood homes
- **Radon:** Test homes for high levels of Radon



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Goal: Water



Goal: Conserve water resources and improve water quality.

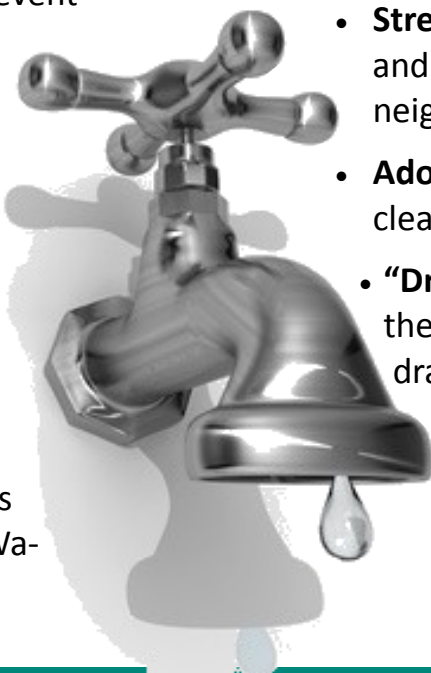
Target Areas

- Water Conservation
- Stormwater Management
- Stream/Gulch Protection

Suggested Initiatives & Projects

Water Conservation

- **Xeriscape workshops:** Learn about landscape using waterwise plants
- **Turf conversion:** Convert irrigated areas to waterwise landscapes
- **Irrigation system audits:** Minimize the time and amount of water used by residents to irrigate
- **Rain sensor program:** Encourage the installation of rain sensors to prevent watering during rainy weather
- **Leaky faucet repair squad:** Help neighbors fix plumbing leaks
- **Home water audits:** Identify inefficiencies in household water use by getting a free audit from Denver Water.
- **Install water efficient appliances:** Reduce water use and take advantage of numerous rebates available from Denver Water



Stormwater Management

- **Porous surfaces:** Identify areas where porous pavement may improve drainage and water quality
- **Rain gardens:** Learn how to reduce runoff by creating small wetland gardens
- **Green roofs:** Identify buildings that might be suitable for a green roof project

Stream/Gulch Protection

- **Stream bank projects:** Protect vegetation and prevent erosion around neighborhood waterways
- **Adopt-a-gulch:** Commit to regular clean-up days of local waterways
- **“Drains to Stream” stamps:** Work with the city to create signage on storm drains in the neighborhood
- **Fertilizer and pesticide reduction campaign:** Education on the impacts of chemicals on water quality

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Goal: Encourage stewardship and conservation of ecosystems and resources.

Target Areas

- Sustainable Landscapes
- Wildlife & Habitat Enhancement
- Chemical Pollution
- Recycling & Waste Reduction

Suggested Initiatives & Projects

Sustainable Landscapes

- **Native plants:** Encourage the use of native plants to provide food and habitat for area species
- **Vegetable garden assistance:** Promote residential food production
- **Soil amendment:** Amend soils during landscape and garden projects to increase water nutrients and water absorption

Wildlife & Habitat Protection

- **Noxious weed removal:** Prevent the planting and spread of noxious weeds in the neighborhood
- **Neighborhood diversity:** Inventory various species in the neighborhood in order to track changes
- **Neighborhood bird/wildlife list:** Keep a list of species that live in or pass through the neighborhood
- **Habitat trees:** Identify older neighborhood trees that provide important habitat

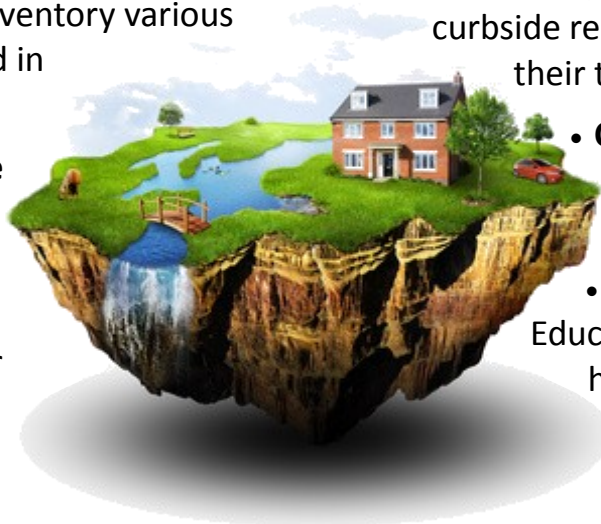
- **Living with wildlife:** Learn how to reduce conflicts with coyotes, skunks, foxes and other wildlife

Chemical Pollution

- **Household hazardous materials recycling:** Hold a special recycling day for hazardous materials
- **Electronic waste recycling:** Hold a special recycling day for electronic waste
- **Green Purchasing Guide:** Create a guide to purchasing environmentally friendly household cleaners and other products

Recycling & Waste Reduction

- **Curbside recycling sign-up:** Encourage curbside recycling by residents as part of their trash service
- **City drop site promotion:** Educate residents on drop-off recycling locations
- **Yard waste and composting:** Education on how to compost at home



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Goal: Enhance the social vitality of the neighborhood by encouraging community interaction, partnerships, and outreach programs.

Target Areas

- Health & Wellness
- Community Outreach
- Youth Programs
- Neighborhood Heritage
- Local Economy & Green Purchasing

Suggested Initiatives & Projects

Health & Wellness

- **Healthy living workshops:** Cover topics like active living and nutrition
- **Walkability analysis:** Identify missing sidewalk links and other barriers to non-motorized transportation

Community Outreach

- **Community Charities:** Host food, coat, school supply or other charitable drives
- **Helping hands network:** Establish a network of volunteers to assist with yard and home maintenance
- **Adopt-a-_____** (park, spot, street, etc.)

Youth Programs

- **After-school activity enrollment:** Encourage participation in after-school programs for neighborhood children
- **Recreation program participation:** Set a goal for increasing youth recreation program participation

- **Green initiative youth team:** Help form a volunteer team of neighborhood youth to lead sustainability projects

Neighborhood Heritage

- **Historic and cultural resources inventory:** Research neighborhood history and identify properties of historic significance
- **Neighborhood historic tour:** Create a self-guided tour that includes stories and myths about the neighborhood

Local Economy & Green Purchasing

- **Community garden:** Build a community garden
- **Farmer’s market carpool:** Organize shared rides to local markets
- **Neighborhood garden exchange:** Share produce or organize a “From our gardens” neighborhood potluck
- **Local business directory/ discount program:** Work with area businesses to get neighborhood discounts for buying local



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