Sustainable Neighborhoods
Villa Park Neighborhood
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Welcome, Villa Park Neighbors!
Sustainable Neighborhoods Denver
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Increasing neighborhood sustainability through community participation and resident action
Residents complete projects, organize workshops and events, and compete in neighborhood challenges that advance sustainability.

Use the Goal & Target Areas to help guide your project selection:

Make this program your own!
Choose projects that are meaningful to you and beneficial to your neighborhood.
The Sustainable Neighborhoods team provides support in the form of:
- In-kind resources
- Connections to City agencies and Non-profit organizations
- Outreach and Promotion
- Printing
- Venue and catering fees
- Park permits
- Staff time to support projects
Earning Credits

- Neighborhoods submit **Proposal** and **Credit** forms on the Sustainable Neighborhood Network site*

- Credits are awarded based on outcomes such as:
  - Participation
  - Hours Committed
  - Activities Completed
  - Goals Reached

*www.SustainableNeighborhoodNetwork.org
Neighborhoods earn credits for these accomplishments towards certification as a City and County of Denver Sustainable Neighborhood.

Certification Levels
- Based on number of credits earned within one year.

*Participating* and *Outstanding* Neighborhoods.
The Benefits

- Get to Know Your Neighbors
- Neighborhood Recognition
- Protect the Environment
- Educate One Another
- Become a Leader
- Beautify the Neighborhood
- Find Shared Interests

- Build a Stronger Community
- Customized Solutions
- Funding Opportunities
- Increase Neighborhood Safety
- Resolve Conflict
- Take Pride in Your Neighborhood
- Have Some Fun!
Example Projects

Work Days at the Community Garden

Neighborhood Clean Up Days

Sustainability Festival

Alley Art
What does sustainability in Villa Park look like to you?
The survey results are in...
Here are the topics and projects the neighborhood is interested in:

- Villa Park Cleanup Day - alleys, streets, parks/green space
- Increasing Neighborhood Recycling Rate
- Recycling and Composting Workshops
- Walkability in Villa Park
- Villa Park Heritage Walk
- Mapping Destinations in Villa Park
- Villa Park Heritage - Rename Lakewood/Dry Gulch Park
- Park Beautification and Maintenance - xeriscaping, low-water...
- Neighborhood Beautification and Public Art
- Conserving Water in Your Home
- Solar and Alternative Energy for Your Home
- Increasing Your Home’s Energy Efficiency
- Seed Giveaways and Seed Swaps
- Community Gardening
- Healthy Eating and Active Living
- Making it Easier to Bike, Take the Bus, and Light Rail
- Conservation in Your Home
- Increasing Your Home’s Energy Efficiency
- Solar and Alternative Energy for Your Home
- Conserving Water in Your Home
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Please indicate how you would like to be involved in the Villa Park Sustainable Neighborhoods project:
Beautification
Neighborhood cleanups (alleys, streets, Dry Gulch), public art, park maintenance
Communications and Outreach
Door-to-door outreach, communicating online and in print, flyers, website, social media
Gardening
Building a community garden
Walkability and Connections
Multi-modal transportation (walking, biking, public transit), mapping destinations/points of interest in the neighborhood (where do you actually need/want to get to?)
Group Discussion

What topics are you passionate about?
What projects do you want to take on?
What kind of workshops would you attend?