Goals, Target Areas and Project Ideas

These are just suggestions - feel free to improvise.
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

INITIATIVE & PROJECT IDEAS

Neighborhood Transportation Pledge
Research different pledge programs that promote improving air quality by reducing weekly trips. Set up a prize system to incentivize participation.

Vehicle Maintenance Educational Workshop
Learn to improve efficiency and reduce emissions.

Bike to Work Day
Plan a group bike ride or host a station for riders on Bike to Work Day.

Carpool Network
Promote regional carpooling programs or create one for the neighborhood.

Alternative Transportation Map and Guide
Develop a resource for existing and new residents in the neighborhood highlighting bike, pedestrian, vehicle sharing and other features.

Carbon Footprint Challenge
Host a workshop with the City to learn how to reduce your carbon footprint.

Anti-Idling Pledge
Establish an anti-idling pledge in your community to reduce emissions and increase air quality.

Fireplace Replacement
Reduce the number of wood-burning fireplaces in use in your neighborhood by educating neighbors about the impact they have on air quality.

Tree Planting
Hold events to plant trees in yards or along the street to improve air quality.

Electric Lawn Equipment
Promote the use of electric lawn equipment. Research and communicate different purchasing options with the community.

In-home Air Quality Workshop
Learn about sources of indoor air pollution and how to address them.

Radon Detectors
Test homes for high levels of radon.
GOAL
Conserve water resources and improve water quality.

TARGET AREAS
• Indoor and Outdoor
• Water Conservation
• Stormwater Management
• Stream/Ditch Protection

INITIATIVE & PROJECT IDEAS

Indoor & Outdoor Water Audits
Partner with Larimer County Conservation Corps for Home Efficiency Assessments, and schedule sprinkler audits with Fort Collins Utilities.

Water Conservation Fair
Give neighbors the opportunity to learn about water-wise products and services to reduce water use, discover rebates available from Fort Collins Utilities and talk with local businesses about water use reduction and conservation services. [fcgov.com/save-water]

Garden in a Box
Replace under-utilized areas of grass with colorful, low-water plants, professionally designed for a space. [fcgov.com/GIAB]

Neighborhood Mulch Day
Call a local arborist or landscape supply company to bring a pile of wood mulch to your neighborhood for a day of mulching.

Leaky Faucet Repair Team
Build a team of neighborhood volunteers who can be contacted to repair leaky faucets and toilets.

Stream Bank and Adopt-a-Ditch Projects
Protect vegetation and prevent erosion around neighborhood waterways; commit to regular cleanup days of local waterways.

Rain Barrel Workshop
Rain barrels are now legal in Colorado! Hold a workshop to inform residents of what they need to know for installing rain barrels in their yards.

Fertilizer and Pesticide Reduction Campaign
Learn about the impacts of chemicals on water quality and create a pledge to reduce chemicals.

Stormwater Education
Educate neighbors on stormwater drainage and quality.

Regional Water-wise Garden Tours
Learn about water-wise landscaping and tour local xeriscape gardens. [fcgov.com/xeriscape]

Water Conservation Best Practices Pledge
Create a neighborhood-wide pledge to reduce your water usage by turning the faucet off when washing dishes and brushing your teeth, only run your dishwasher and clothes washer for full loads, etc.
GOAL
Encourage stewardship and conservation of ecosystems and resources.

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

INITIATIVE & PROJECT IDEAS

Community Garden Development
Connect with gardening groups to transform yards and community spaces into gardens. The Gardens on Spring Creek are a great resource. [fcgov.com/gardens/community-gardens]

Wildlife Friendly Yards
Get neighbors to commit to pollinator and wildlife friendly yards through elimination of harmful chemicals to treat landscape.

Native Plant Workshop
Hold a workshop to educate neighbors on which native plants work well for landscaping and why they are important for the ecosystem.

Alternative Methods Workshop
Put on an educational workshop to inform neighbors of alternative, safe methods for pest management.

Soil Amendment
Add materials to neighborhood soil to improve its capacity.

Habitat Tree Inventory
Identify older neighborhood trees that provide important habitat.

Living with Wildlife
Learn how to reduce conflicts with coyotes, skunks, foxes and other wildlife.

Household Hazardous Material Recycling
Organize a special collection to learn about the types of hazardous materials that can be recycled and where to take them.

Green Purchasing Guide
Create a guide for purchasing environmentally friendly household cleaners and other products.

Curbside Recycling Sign-up
Host an information workshop in partnership with the City about what items can and cannot be recycled. Then, encourage curbside recycling by residents as part of their trash service.

Noxious Weed Removal
Hold a workshop to educate neighborhoods on how to remove noxious weeds and then spend a day removing these threatening plants.

Compost Workshop and Leaf Recycling
Host a workshop on backyard composting and a fall leaf cleanup.

Alternative Pest Control
Learn how to use horticultural oils to keep plants safe while reducing effects on beneficial insects.

Hard to Recycle Event
Hold an event for neighbors to drop off hard-to-recycle items.
GOAL
Promote energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy.

TARGET AREAS
• Home Energy Efficiency and Conservation
• Solar Photovoltaic (PV)
• Green Building

INITIATIVE & PROJECT IDEAS

Home Energy Assessments
Sign up for a home energy assessments to get technical assistance and rebates. [fcgov.com/HomeEfficiency]

Solar Energy
Organize a solar bulk purchase approach with Solar United Neighbors. [solarunitedneighbors.org/colorado]

Energy Efficiency Online Store
Sign up and share the discounted items on the Efficiency Works Online Store. [EfficiencyWorksStore.com]

Project Sunroof
Use Google to map the solar potential of rooftops in your neighborhood and share the results with neighbors. [fcgov.com/solar]

Sign up for Renewable Energy
Purchase renewable energy through Fort Collins Green Energy Program. [fcgov.com/greenenergy]

Weatherization DIY Workshop
Invite local experts to share best practices for DIY insulation and air sealing.

Green Building Design Workshop
Hold a workshop with local experts to educate neighbors on green building best practices.

Time-of-Day Power Check
Use the online Monitor My Use tool from Utilities or in home displays available from the library to monitor your utility use. [fcgov.com/monitor-my-use]

Efficient and Dark Sky Porch Lights
Replace conventional porch light bulbs to save energy and change fixtures to promote dark sky.

Organize a Refrigerator and Freezer Roundup
Get your neighbors to recycle old and inefficient refrigerators and freezers. [fcgov.com/rfr]
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

INITIATIVE & PROJECT IDEAS

**Develop a Community Outreach Plan**
A community outreach plan should include all possible outlets of communication to the neighborhood such as social media, phone and email trees, mailing lists, webpages, etc. Identify which resources are multilingual.

**Community Asset Inventory**
Create an inventory of all organizations, schools and nonprofits in the neighborhood to explore potential partnerships.

**Community Clubs**
Create a group that meets regularly to do activities such as exercise or cleanup trash in the neighborhood.

**Walkability Analysis**
Identify missing sidewalk links and other barriers.

**Community Charity Events**
Host food, coat, school supply, or other charitable drives.

**Helping Hands Network**
Establish a network of volunteers to assist with home maintenance.

**Historic and Cultural Resources Inventory**
Research neighborhood history and identify properties of historic significance.

**Local Lunch Club**
Create a group to meet regularly at local restaurants.

**Healthy Living Workshop**
Host a workshop to learn how to make healthy eating and regular activity a part of your community.

**After-school Activity Enrollment**
Encourage participation in after-school programs for neighborhood children.

**Recreation Programs**
Set a goal for increasing recreation program participation.

**Farmers Market Carpool Network**
Setup a carpool network to visit the seasonal (May - November) Farmers Markets around the City.

**Elderly Driving Assistance Network**
Identify volunteers willing to be contacted to assist elderly neighbors with getting around town and to appointments.

**Local Business Partnerships**
Work with area businesses to accomplish projects and support the neighborhood.

**Community Gardening**
Build a community garden and share produce from home gardens.