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for Sustainable Colorado



Colorado Sustainability Dashboard

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What is a Sustainability Dashboard?

- Quick reference point
- A set of indicators and how they may be interconnected
- A gauge of progress (or lack of progress)
- A decision-making tool
- An awareness building mechanism
 - Minimizes value based judgments



Why create a Sustainability Dashboard?

- Currently nothing like it exists
 - State of the Rockies
 - Colorado Springs Quality of Life Indicators
 - Sustainable Breck
- How can we get to where we're going if we don't know where we are?



How to create it?

- Graduate Intern from UC Denver School of Public Health
- Research & Methodology
- Stakeholder Input
- Advisory Committee
- Graduate Student Team
 - MBAs, Public Affairs, Environmental Policy



Research Phase

- Maryland Genuine Progress Indicators
- Central Texas Sustainability Project
- Colorado Springs Quality of Life Indicators
- ICLEI: STAR Community Index
- Sustainable Breck
- Sustainable Cincinnati
- Sustainable Minneapolis
- Sustainable Seattle
- Urban Sustainability Directors Network



Methodology for Inclusion

1. Relevant to Colorado
2. Not skewed by regional variation
3. Available from existing secondary data sources
4. Could be standardized to represent a percentage or ratio



Stakeholder Input

Brendle Group

Coalition for the Upper South
Platte

Colorado Environmental
Coalition

CDPHE

CORE

Embrace Northern Colorado

First Affirmative Financial
Network

Four Corners Office for Resource
Efficiency

High Country Conservation
Center

McKinstry Consulting

Mesa County Long Range
Planning

Natural Capitalism Solutions

Orton Family Foundation

PlaceMatters

Pikes Peak Area Council of
Governments

Rocky Mountain Institute

Southeast Colorado RC&D

Yampa Valley Data Partners

Yampa Valley Sustainability
Council



Main Sections

- Agriculture & Food
- Buildings
- Community Wellbeing
- Demographics
- Economy & Finance
- Education
- Energy
- Health
- Land Use & Urban Planning
- Materials & Waste
- Transportation
- Water Quality & Quantity



Next Steps

- Measure (current and past)
- Seek endorsements
- Hold contest for info-graphic
- Release 2012 Dashboard
- Use in decision-making
- Re-evaluate



Long Term Plan

- Publish annually
- Create regional Dashboards
- Compare and contrast
- Track new indicators



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