Pikes Peak Regional Sustainability Project

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Agenda

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• Background about the PPRSP
• Timeline and process
• Who’s involved
• Goal areas
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• Future of PPRSP
What is PPACG?

- Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
  - Metropolitan Planning Organization
  - Area Agency on Aging
  - Air Quality Planning Agency
  - Water Quality Management Agency
  - Military Impact Planning Agency
  - Pikes Peak RTA Administrator
PPRSP Background

• **June 2009**: Ad hoc group of Fort Carson and community sustainability leaders (including UCCS) began to meet and plan an approach for developing a regional sustainability plan.

• **Oct. - Dec. 2009**: The group drafted and circulated a Statement of Commitment Letter for regional sustainability, which was signed by over 30 agencies and organizations.
  – Provides the foundation for local collaboration on a regional sustainability planning process - referred to as Sustainable Action Plan for Pikes Peak Region (SNaPP)

• **March-July 2010**: PPACG obtained funding from Federal Consolidated Transportation Planning Grant, Office of Economic Adjustment, Edmondson Foundation, Fort Carson, City of Colorado Springs and others.

• **May 2010**: SNaPP Steering Committee designates PPACG as lead agency for developing a regional sustainability plan.
“Sustainability is acting in a manner that improves our quality of life by balancing economic vitality, a healthy vibrant community, and mindful stewardship of the natural resources and environment for current and future generations”.

**Stretch goals** are goals that are both aspirational and inspirational and push everyone to move beyond the status quo. They require fundamental changes in ideas, approaches and strategies to be achieved.

**Strategies** and objectives are the approaches and measurable steps developed to achieve the stretch goals.
Goal Development Categories

- Energy
- Water
- Agriculture
- Materials Management
- Built and Natural Environment
- Transportation
- Economic Development
- Health
- Education
- Arts & Culture
Consensus Committee

Elected Officials (Five)
1) Dennis Hisey, El Paso County Commissioner
2) Jan Martin, Colorado Springs City Councilmember
3) Marc Snyder, Mayor of Manitou Springs
4) Tyler Stevens, Mayor of Green Mountain Falls
5) Stephen Randolph, Mayor of Woodland Park

Environmental Interests/Open Space (Three)
1) Susan Davies, Trails and Open Spaces Coalition
2) Jane Ard-Smith, Sierra Club
3) Darlene Jensen, Catamount Institute/Pikes Peak Sustainable Business Network

Social Institutions (Three)
1) Gene Montoya, City of Colorado Springs Housing Authority
2) J.D. Dallager, Pikes Peak United Way
3) Lynn Telford, Care and Share

State Fed Agencies (Two)
1) Lisa Silva, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment
2) Alison Michael, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Utilities (Two)
1) Dave Padgett, Colorado Springs Utilities
2) Larry Patterson, Fountain Utilities

Building and Design (Two)
1) William Fisher, American Institute of Architects
2) John Radcliffe, Nolte Associates, Inc.

Military Installations (One)
1) COL Robert McLaughlin, Ft Carson

Culture and Arts (Two)
1) Laura Long, COPPeR
2) Paula Miller, Pikes Peak Library District

Transportation (One)
1) Tim Harris, Colorado Department of Transportation

K-12 & Higher Ed. (One)
1) Gary Reynolds, UCCS

Health (One)
1) Carm Moceri, Memorial Health System

Private Citizens (Two)
1) Dave Munger, CONO
2) Ferris Frost, Frost Livestock Company

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Communities Working Together
## Involved Stakeholder Groups

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- **Aug. 2010**: Regional Sustainability Plan Project kick-off meeting held.
- **Aug. – Dec. 2010**: Stakeholders representing over 70 regional organizations devoted over 1,000 professional hours to develop sustainability goals in the Consensus Committee and focus group meetings.
- **Nov. 2010**: PPACG announced draft sustainability goals to the public at the Southern Colorado Sustainability Conference and releases a public survey on the goals.
- **Dec. 2010**: Consensus Committee met to review public input and finalizes goals. End of Phase I.
Phase 2 - (Jan. 2011 – June 2012)

- **Jan. – April 2011:** Obtain baseline data, define metrics/indicators and benchmarks
- **March – Sep. 2011:** Define strategies for goal topic areas
- **Oct. – Dec. 2011:** Develop Draft Regional Sustainability Plan
- **January 2012:** Consensus Committee meeting to review the public comments and finalize Plan
The Future of PPRSP

Path Forward in 2012

- Broaden outreach to more regional representatives and the public
- Identify leads for implementation
- Work with elected officials/policy makers/community organizations to adopt sustainability plan
- Align with Quality of Life Indicators (QLI) to measure sustainability goals
- Pursue funding sources
How do we create sustainable synergy in the Pikes Peak Region?

• Semiannual or annual meetings to discuss sustainability progress, problems, barriers to implementation and success stories.
• Find opportunities to create interregional goals, strategies and solutions.
• Create links for other regional sustainability efforts on local websites.
• Cross-boundary information sharing and integration (start with common planning requirements such as transportation).
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