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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
- Next steps
- Future of PPRSP



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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.



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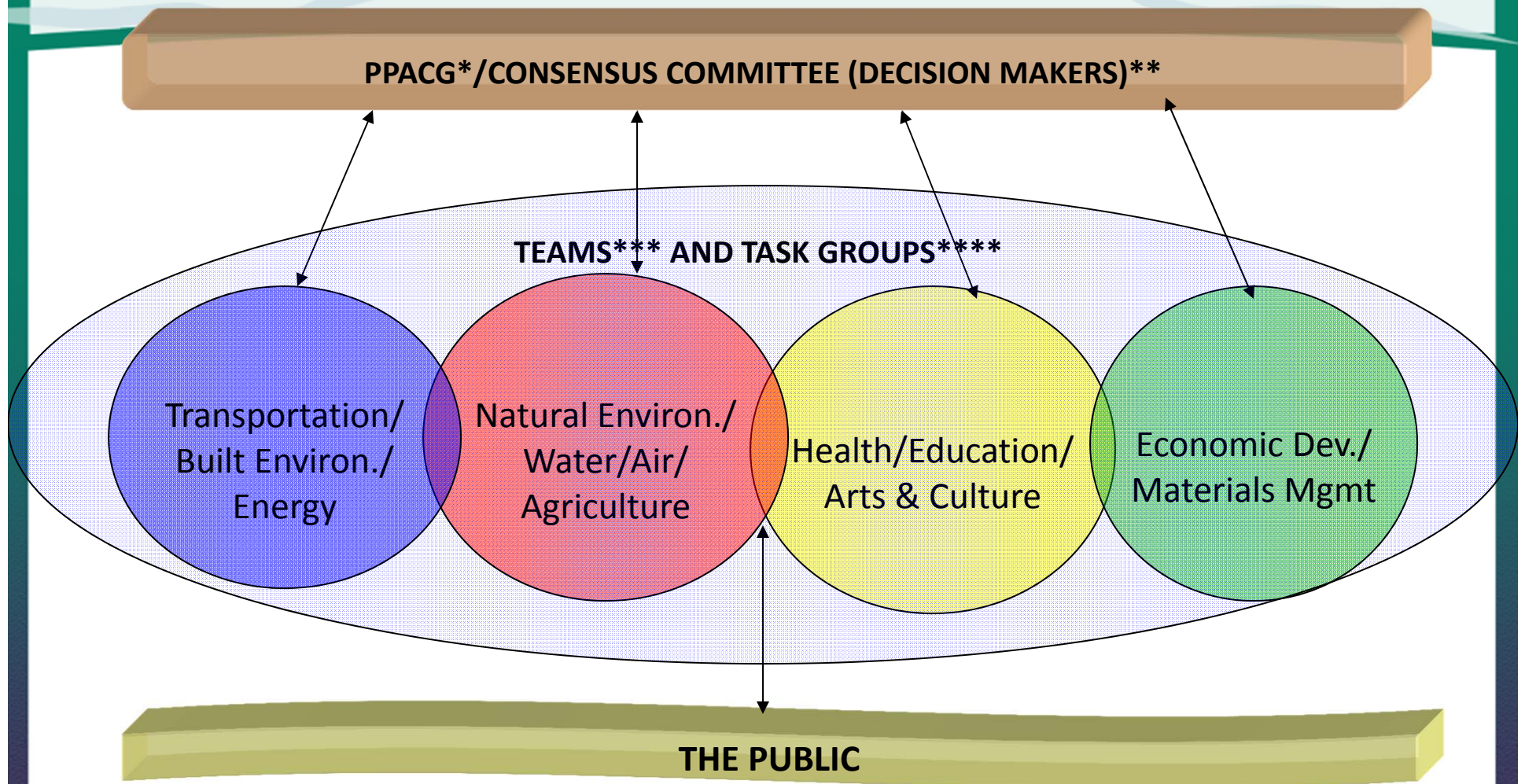
PPRSP Working Definitions

- *“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

PPRSP Process



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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

Economic Representative (Three)

- 1) **Jennifer Taylor**, Economic Development Corporation
- 2) **Dave Van Ness**, Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce/Southern CO Business Partnership
- 3) **Beth Kosley**, City of Woodland Park – Economic Development

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



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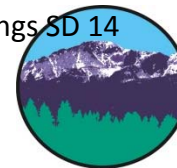
Involved Stakeholder Groups

City of Colorado Springs
City of Fountain
Town of Green Mountain Falls
City of Manitou Springs
City of Woodland Park
El Paso County
Teller County
Coalition for the Upper South Platte
Trails and Open Space Coalition
Colorado Springs Economic
Development Corporation
Sierra Club
Catamount Institute/Pikes Peak
Sustainable Business Network
Fort Carson
Peterson Air Force Base
US Air Force Academy
Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region
Pikes Peak United Way
Colorado Springs Utilities
Fountain Utilities
Black Hills Energy
Memorial Health System
Pikes Peak Library District
Council of Neighborhoods and
Organizations
Frost Livestock Company
American Institute of Architects
United States Green Building Coalition
Recycling Coalition of Colorado Springs

Pikes Peak Community College
UCCS
Colorado College
R Concepts Incorporated
Integrated Ag Connections
Penny Whitney & Associates
Brandy Wine Consulting
Leadership Pikes Peak
Office of Senator Michael Bennet
Terra Essentials/Holistic Networkers Association
YMCA/LiveWell Colorado Springs
Bike Colorado Springs
LGA Studios
Construction Specifications Institute
Lines and Designs
Olson Planning & Urban Landscapes
Downtown Partnership
Congress for New Urbanism
El Paso County Department of Health & Environment
Planned Parenthood
Peak Vista Community Health Centers
American Cancer Society
Partners for Healthy Choices/Manitou Springs SD 14

Home Builders Association
Energy Resource Center
Mile High Youth Corps
Pikes Peak Community Foundation
Waste Connections
Bestway Disposal
BETTR Recycling
Open Range Construction
Lee Edward Wolf, Inc.
Art of Engineering
Southern Colorado Clean Cities
Coalition
Sustainable Transformations
Green Cities Coalition
Operation 60 ThirtyFive
Public Personal Rapid Transit
Consortium
Planning Matters
Pikes Peak Workforce Center
Business Transformation Consulting
Pikes Peak Area Council of
Governments/Area Agency on Aging
ReNewable Energy Consulting
US Fish & Wildlife

And more....



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Phase I (Aug.-Dec. 2010)

- **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.



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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*
- **November 18-19 2011:** Roll out Draft Plan to the public at the Southern Colorado Sustainability Conference. Public can review the Draft Plan at <http://www.ppacg.org/sustainability/aboutregplan>. Public comments collected until December 23, 2011.
- **January 2012:** Consensus Committee meeting to review the public comments and finalize Plan



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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



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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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