

Task Force Goals and Responsibilities

1. Establish a Traveling Energy Fair that features a "Go Green" power point presentation, an energy kit for all attendees, displays of local students' energy related science fair projects, displays of energy wasting vs energy saving devices, and interactive displays.
2. Establish an annual Green Competition for all MBA, Engineering, or Technology students with a monetary prize.
3. Establish an annual Green Business Conference. Goal: green job creation and training opportunities, ways to "green" your fleet, etc.
4. Promote plant a tree programs in local communities in conjunction with the Summit Soil and Water Conservation District.
5. Establish a County Speakers Bureau.
6. Promote economic development by recommending to the Executive and Council environmental policies that create jobs, promote entrepreneurial partnerships, and expand green business opportunities.
7. Prioritize long-term and cumulative impact projects
8. Promote environmental, Go Green awareness, education and environmental literacy.
9. Seek incentive-based strategies that reduce use of natural resources through energy efficiency, water conservation and sustainable land use and that promote the highest quality of life for Summit County citizens.
10. Establish benchmarks to measure results in achieving goals and report to the Executive and Council.

Executive and Council Collaborations

1. Set up a "green preference" purchasing policy. (Perhaps a 3-5% bid advantage, similar to our in-county vendor preference).
2. Display "Go Green" facts/suggestions on County, Executive's and Council's web pages
 - a. solid waste reduction tips
 - b. buy local, reduce fossil fuel use and air pollution
 - c. car tips: inflate tires, replace air filters, do not top off gas tank, tune-up engine, upgrade motor oil, do not idle car, do not warm up engine on cold mornings, average American driver contributes 11,500 lbs. of carbon emissions to the atmosphere annually!
3. Establish a "green building" incentive program for new and retrofitted municipal and county buildings that may include money from a low interest revolving loan fund, tax abatements (one-time or longer) or zoning flexibility (with municipality buy in), streamlined permitting process and timeline, and incorporate the program into county zoning and building codes.
4. With Job and Family Services, establish job training courses at the One Stop (ex. Teach solar panel installation techniques, geo-thermal HVAC installation).
5. Establish a County Fleet Policy that incorporates the car tips from above, reduces the size of our motor pool(?), when feasible replaces vehicles with smaller, more fuel efficient vehicles, establishes a percentage of vehicles (either county wide or by department) that utilize alternate fuels, retrofit diesels to use biofuels.
6. Conduct energy audits of all buildings; make all reasonable (cheap) recommended changes. Ex., change over any remaining incandescent light bulbs with LED or new spiral fluorescent bulbs, install light switch sensors.
7. Establish and promote a countywide "Hour of Darkness" in conjunction with a National "Lights Out America" program on March 29 from 8:00 until 9:00 PM. Goal: save energy, get cars off the roads, reducing air pollution.

8. Jointly sponsor a Construction Demolition Ordinance that requires recycling and or re-use of 25% of debris generated from demolition of all government, commercial and multi-family structures. Goal: save landfill space, reduce disposal costs, feed a new eco-friendly business sector.
9. Perhaps establish an energy reduction goal. Ex., 15% by 2015.