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**SUMMIT COUNTY GREEN POLICY TASK FORCE HOSTS
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Summit County Green Policy Task Force has established three sub-committees dedicated to environmental initiatives related to Green Business Certification, Deconstruction and Demolition, and Community Engagement and Education. The sub-committees were an outgrowth of recommendations by the Green Policy Task Force.

In 2008, the Green Policy Task Force was established to recommend to the County Council and County Executive Russ Pry environmental policies that would create jobs promote entrepreneurial partnerships and expand green business opportunities for those who live and work in Summit County. After an initial six month time frame, several recommendations were submitted to the Council and Executive for approval, including extending the task force for another 24 months. With the Council and Executive's approval, the task force has continued to investigate ways that the County can adopt environmental awareness, education, and incentive strategies that reduce the use of natural resources through energy efficiency, water conservation and sustainable land use, while promoting the highest quality of life for Summit County residents.

The sub-committees will meet regularly over the next four months and develop 2-3 objectives/recommendations and high level action plans to report back to the Summit County Green Policy Task Force through Task Force members who sit on each sub-committee.

"We are very encouraged by the enthusiasm and engagement level of all sub-committee participants during these initial stages," said Green Policy Task Force Chair, Ilene Shapiro Summit County Council Member at Large. "There is a tremendous amount of knowledge and expertise at these tables and we are optimistic that there will be economically feasible recommendations and plans developed that will benefit this community for generations to come," she concluded.

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