

Summit County Climate Action Plan

Notes from Stakeholder Meeting—Waste and Forestry

Meeting held September 26, 2018

Meeting Attendees:

- Aaron Byrne SCRAP Director, Summit County Government
- Brooke Carson Colorado Mountain College
- Donna Lee Forestry Expert
- Emily Kimmel Sustainability Coordinator, BGV
- Erin Gigliello Council Member, Town of Breckenridge
- Hunter Mortensen Mayor Pro-Tem, Town of Frisco
- Jess Hoover High Country Conservation
- Jen Schenk High Country Conservation
- Jen Barchers Council Member, Town of Dillion
- Jessie Burley Sustainability Coordinator, Town of Breckenridge
- Joyce Allgaier Community Development Director, Town of Frisco
- Kate Berg Senior Planner, Summit County Government
- Mark Truckey Assistant Community Development Director, Town of Breckenridge
- Michael Wurzel Resource Specialist, Summit County Government
- Mike Nathan Sustainability Manager, A-Basin
- Ned West Planner, Town of Dillion
- Rachel Zerowin High Country Conservation
- Rob Taylor Community Manager, Mountain Parks Electric
- Tom Gosiorowski Senior Planner, Town of Summit
- Hillary Dobos Lotus Engineering and Sustainability, LLC

Meeting Agenda and Notes

Stakeholders were welcomed by Hillary Dobos from Lotus Engineering and Sustainability, LLC (Lotus) who also reviewed the process and timeline for the CAP. Hillary also provided a recap of August's transportation meeting.

Jen Schenk from HC3 led the waste and recycling conversation. Jen provided an overview of waste and recycling within Summit County; upcoming ballot initiative 1A which affects recycling, composting, and waste; and various waste strategies. As a group, the stakeholders reviewed each strategy and added new ones. Several questions came up during the waste and recycling conversation:

- **Can school districts be included in 1A funding to receive better recycling and waste infrastructure?**
Yes.
- **Why can't the compost facility accept all compostables?**
Cost prohibitive to do so since many items do not break down and, in return, devalue what the SCRAP can sell. Therefore, they are only able to take items that break down easily such as food and biosolids.
- **Where do recyclables go?**
Most fiber products (i.e. cardboard, paper products) go to domestic markets, plastics go largely overseas, glass stays in Colorado, and aluminum goes to Oklahoma or Northern California.

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- **What about concrete and asphalt?**
Concrete can be used locally if crushed. Therefore, there is an opportunity to create a concrete crushing facility. Asphalt can be a little harder since much of it is dirty (epoxy on top and/or dirt from digging it up).
- **Do all haulers offer recycling service in Summit County?**
Yes. However, many HOAs do not pay for it.
- **Can you use methane at the landfill?**
Not really because the landfill produces very little methane due to size, and breaking down waste at higher altitude produces less methane. Economics are not really there.

After these questions were answered, stakeholders then voted on strategies that should be pursued by Summit County in the short term (1-3 years), mid-term (by 2030) and long term (by 2050). A “should not pursue” option was also included for this vote.

Next Donna Lee and Michael Wurzel presented on the forestry greenhouse gas inventory and potential strategies. After a group conversation, stakeholders voted once again on strategies that should be pursued by Summit County in the short term (1-3 years), mid-term (by 2030) and long term (by 2050). A “should not pursue” option was also included for this vote. The table below illustrates the consensus of implementation for each strategy.

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	Strategy	Timeline Stakeholder Votes				% of Votes for Strategy
		Short Term (Next 3 years)	Mid Term (By 2030)	Long Term (By 2050)	Should Not Pursue	
Waste Policies and Codes	Adopt save-as-you-recycle ordinance across the County	14	3			100%
	Require new construction to include space for recycling and compost/food scrap collection	14	1			100%
	Create codes to require recycling at new construction job sites	10	5			100%
	Consider landfill bans on easily recycled items	13	3			100%
	Have local governments create and enforce zero waste event requirements	13			2	87%
Waste Programs	Incentivize deconstruction and reuse instead of demolition in construction and demolition projects	1	9	2	1	92%
	Create local markets and infrastructure for used asphalt and concrete	3	9	2		100%
	Use landfill methane to power or heat a facility at SCRAP	1	4	7	3	80%
	Work with haulers to implement a curbside food scrap collection program	16	1			100%
Public Outreach Forestry	Develop and implement a community-wide forest management and reforestation program to increase carbon sequestration.	0	8			100%
	Develop a Forest Health Index	4	4			100%
	Incentivize tree planting on private property	3	2			100%
	Educate the community about the benefits of healthy forests	6	1			100%
Forestry Policies	Have municipalities set goals for maintaining tree canopy	7	3			100%
	Ensure that county and towns work collaboratively to explore opportunities to expand Transferable Development Rights program to lower three basins	10				100%
	Examine necessity of reforestation program in clear cut areas	8	1			100%
	Encourage municipalities to increase number of street trees and reevaluate trees/landscaping in parks	8	3			100%
	Advocate for forest protection at the federal, state, and local levels	8				100%

Bike Rack

Due to the limited time available during the meeting to address all concerns of the group, items that could not be addressed during the meeting which require follow up were put in a 'bike rack'. No bike rack items came up during the meeting.