# Colorado Springs Office of Sustainability





### What is "Sustainability"



"Acting in a manner that improves our quality of live by balancing economic vitality, a vibrant community, and mindful stewardship of natural resources for current and future generations."

## Past & Present Efforts



### • Regional Efforts

- Fort Carson:
  - $\circ$  Sustainable Fort Carson founded in 2002 (Net Zero by 2027)

#### • Higher Education:

- UCCS Campus Sustainability Committee formed in 2002
- Colorado College The Sustainability Office founded in 2007
- PPCC Only community college in Colorado with a Sustainability program formed in 2011
- PPACG:

 $\odot$  Coordinated efforts to the PPR 2030 Plan from 2010 - 2012

- City's Past Efforts
  - 2009 2013: Office of Sustainability
    - $\,\circ\,$  Grant funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

## Colorado Springs Office of Sustainability



- Re-established in February 2016
- City leadership signed "Letter of Support for the Pikes Peak Regional Sustainability Plan"
- Governed by the Colorado Springs Sustainability Committee

Cross-departmental and regional committee

 Our mission is to be a leader in sustainability by improving the environmental, economic, and social health of our community.

# **Guiding Principles**



- The City of Colorado Springs is committed to meeting our present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.
- We will build sustainability awareness and accountability through community engagement, partnerships, and education.

## Focus Area Working Groups



- Agriculture
- Built & Natural Environment
- Energy
- Education
- Materials Management & Procurement
- Transportation
- Water Management

## Colorado Springs Sustainability Committee



| NAME              | DEPARTMENT                                |
|-------------------|---|
| Ryan Trujillo     | City Contract Compliance & Sustainability |
| Jill Gaebler      | City Council                              |
| Nina Vetter       | City Finance                              |
| Lonna Thelen      | City Land Use Review                      |
| Conrad Olmedo     | City Land Use Review                      |
| Eric Becker       | City Parks & Recreation                   |
| Kate Brady        | City Public Works Department              |
| Brenda McQuatters | Colorado Springs Police Department        |
| Tim DeLeon        | Colorado Springs Fire Department          |
| Kelli Patrick     | City Public Works Department              |
| Tara Evans        | City – Mountain Metro Transit             |
| Kris Andrews      | Colorado Springs Airport                  |
| Allison Plute     | Colorado Springs Utilities                |
| Steve Payne       | Colorado Springs Utilities                |
| Frank Kinder      | Colorado Springs Utilities                |
| Stuart Shelton    | El Paso County                            |
| Konrad Schlarbaum | PPCC & Green Cities Coalition             |
| Kyle Maggard      | Ft. Carson                                |
| Linda Kogan       | UCCS                                      |
| Pete Galusky      | PPACG                                     |