

Recommendations to be reviewed by City staff for cost and work-load requirements

Council also directed Staff to review the many recommendations to establish a sustainability committee and hire a sustainability director. The table below leaves off these recommendations to avoid duplication.

These recommendations will be the first to be reviewed. The remainder will be reviewed over time.

Building	
A.	Review current City building codes, fees, HOA restrictions and zoning regulations to identify code/regulations/fees that discourages/prohibits/precludes the use of sustainability practices and add/change/repeal regulations to promote sustainable practices where beneficial.
B.	Effective January 2008, adopt the US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver standards for all new and remodeled commercial/non-residential buildings.
Economic Health	
A.	Direct staff to identify existing resources, partnerships, and relationships that are integral to a Sustainable Business Cluster.
F.	Direct staff to research the costs of placing some wind generators or solar panels in downtown Golden and putting hot water or photovoltaic collectors on the Recreation Center.
Education and Communication	
	City Council frequently and strongly endorsed the importance of education and communication to the success of the Golden Sustainability Initiative. However, no specific programmatic recommendations were referred for staff review.
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy	
B.	The City should establish an incentive program that will encourage residents and businesses to invest in energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy technologies. These incentives would be in the forms of either fee reductions, fee waivers, tax reductions, grants, or other direct dollar savings for certain progressive activities.
I.	The City should promote increased use of energy efficient lighting (such as compact fluorescent lights [CFLs] and light-emitting diode [LED] holiday lights). This initiative would involve some combination of education, publicity, and (optionally) incentives (see Recommendation B, City Sponsored Incentives). One aspect of promoting increased use of CFLs would include making it relatively easy for users to recycle the used bulbs at the end of their life cycle.

Solid Waste and Recycling	
A.	The City should implement a SSR system to achieve a higher participation of recycling, and increase current level of recycled materials in the residential communities.
D.	Golden should select a single SW hauler who will provide exclusive SW service to all of Golden’s residents.
H.	Golden should develop an event-recycling program that applies to all events held in the city. Currently, there is no recycling at Buffalo Bill Days, the Wild West Car show or other Chamber of Commerce sponsored events.
Transportation	
A.	Creating a viable pedestrian transportation network will provide significant reductions in vehicle traffic. Golden must implement many additions, changes, and upgrades to create pedestrian transit options for residents, students, and employees within the City to meet this recommendation.
B.	Golden must have a complete, contiguous bicycle transit network accommodating residents, students and employees. Only a well-funded, serious and concerted effort will provide a cycling network that will be a preferred choice over car transit.
C.	Alternative transit methods developed with an eye to reducing vehicle miles traveled must provide similar levels of convenience and access to locations across Golden and to neighboring cities. Shuttles, busses, ride-sharing, taxis, and other public transit options should be added and/or coordinated together to provide an integrated, effective and convenient level of access for citizens to achieve a reduction in individual car travel. Golden’s public transit system must connect the City’s workers, residents and students with primary RTD terminals as well as intra-Golden destination points.
Water	
1A.	Encourage water-conserving landscape practices through efficient irrigation, water-smart gardening practices and xeriscaping.