



## CAP DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

### Energy

Recommendation 1: All CAP governments approve the IEC 2021 building code and adopt planning/zoning regulations that minimize outdoor energy use unless it is provided by a low/no carbon energy source or offset by 100% renewable energy.

Recommendation 2: CAP governments implement an energy and carbon reduction program targeting high-energy use existing buildings based on their variance from an established energy use profile.

Recommendation 3: CAP governments adopt policies requiring that all new municipal building construction and capital energy equipment replacements require best practice and life cycle cost decision making that includes a social cost of carbon.

Recommendation 4: Engage with Atmos Energy to position Routt County as a targeted market area and implementation partner in their Clean Heat Plan scheduled for implementation in 2023.

Recommendation 5: CAP governments and partners develop a local renewable energy plan that will replace 5% of CAP baseline electricity and 5% of baseline natural gas with local renewable energy.

Recommendation 6: CAP governments develop a strategic action plan that will meet the 2050 CAP energy efficiency and BE goals for existing residential, commercial, and industrial buildings.

### Transportation

Recommendation 1: Adopt and implement an individual or county-wide EV Readiness plan.



Recommendation 2: Adopt and implement community or county-wide vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction plan(s) with specific goals and benchmarks.

Recommendation 3: City of Steamboat Springs identify and pursue dedicated revenue streams, other than the general fund, to support the expansion of Steamboat Springs Transit services. Transit expansion would include increased route availability, timing and an expanded service area resulting in a 25% increase in levels of service over 2023 levels of service.

Recommendation 4: Implement a voluntary carbon offset plan for the Yampa Valley Regional Airport (YVRA).

Recommendation 5: Adopt EV readiness requirements in the next County-wide building code update process

Recommendation 6: Complete the CDOT funded Regional Transportation Authority study and bring to the voters an RTA for the Yampa Valley including Steamboat Springs, Routt County and the City of Craig.

## WASTE

Recommendation 1: All CAP governments ban single use plastics, including water bottles, straws, lids and utensils.

Recommendation 2: Require contracted residential hauling for trash and recycling in all CAP government jurisdictions.

Recommendation 3: All CAP governments require residential volume based pricing for trash services in their jurisdictions.

Recommendation 4: Require that all takeout materials in municipalities be zero waste.

Recommendation 5: Revise municipal codes/design standards to include hydration stations in commercial buildings and public spaces.

Recommendation 6: Establish a Community Recycling Center for collection of:

- traditional recyclables
- hard to recycle materials
- household hazardous waste
- C&D materials (bricks, dimensional lumber, windows, fixtures, doors, etc.)
- organics (food and yard waste)

Include satellite drop sites for recyclables.



Recommendation 7: Support compost programs, including yard waste, and ensure composting is accessible to all CAP government jurisdictions.

Recommendation 8: Require that all permitted events in CAP government jurisdictions be zero waste.

Recommendation 9: All CAP governments require commercial and multi-family unit recycling in their jurisdictions.

Recommendation 10: Require Construction & Demolition (C&D) diversion at all construction sites in Routt County.

Recommendation 11: Establish a regional materials recovery facility (MRF) or transfer station for commingled recyclables that is accessible to all in Routt County.

## LAND USE

Recommendation 1: Develop new projects and secure funding for climate-smart agriculture practices.

Recommendation 2: Restore wetlands and riparian areas in Yampa basin headwaters using low-tech restoration techniques.

Recommendation 3: Increase capacity to accelerate tree planting on wildfire burn areas and other forested areas with need and potential for reforestation

Recommendation 4: Increase tree planting in urban and other residential housing areas through government urban forestry programs.

Recommendation 5: Plant canopy trees along the Yampa to increase shading to help meet water temperature standards.

Recommendation 6: Increase the area of wildfire risk mitigation projects (including prescribed burns) that help reduce the risk of large, intense fires that limit potential for forest regeneration.

Recommendation 7: Adopt land use regulations that establish or update appropriate wetland, stream and shoreline buffer widths and adjacent land uses and that avoid conversion of wetlands in new construction.

Recommendation 8: Evaluate and develop smart siting/mitigation rules/guidelines for utility-scale solar development to minimize clearing of native habitat or productive agricultural lands.



Recommendation 9: Develop land clearing regulations and incentives for protecting natural habitat within new residential developments in the County and include protections for urban trees in CAP government landscaping codes.

Recommendation 10: Include strong water conservation requirements, including limits on new turf installation, in updated landscaping standards and consider including in County land use regulations. Expand existing urban water conservation programs with focus on turf replacement.

Recommendation 11: Encourage the use of Land Preservation Subdivision (LPS) Exemptions and clustered development to protect natural habitat when 35-acre subdivisions are proposed in unincorporated areas.

## ECONOMY

Recommendation 1: Create and incentivize green purchasing programs/policies at government and commercial levels.

Recommendations 2: Develop and expand a buy-local campaign that educates the public about and promotes businesses that use low-emission production and transportation practices.

Recommendation 3: Fund and develop a feasibility study that examines a regional circular economy.

Recommendation 4: Evaluate and pursue carbon reduction pathways in value-added agriculture programs and pursuits.

Recommendation 5: Support and incentivize sustainability and carbon neutral/low emission zones in Industrial Parks and Industrial Zones.

Recommendation 6: Identify and pursue initiatives that support clean economy workforce development.

Recommendation 7: Expand Colorado Green Business Network of the Yampa Valley program in order to educate, provide technical assistance and recognize more businesses to grow a clean economy.

