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Golden Sustainability Initiative Goals
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The purpose of the Golden Sustainability Initiative is to protect our quality of life and ensure a healthy, prosperous, sustainable community now and for the future.

Goals

1. Increase our community's energy efficiency and our use of renewable sources of energy. Specifically:
 - Reduce the City of Golden's energy usage by 25% and increase to 50% the proportion of its energy use derived from renewable energy sources within ten years (25 x 50 in 10).
 - Reduce overall community energy usage in Golden by 15% and increase to 15% the proportion of its energy use derived from renewable energy sources within ten years (15 x 15 in 10).
2. Improve the economic health of our community by increasing business opportunities focused on energy efficiency and renewable energy and by reducing the energy costs of all Golden businesses. Specifically:
 - Double the number of jobs in Golden in the energy efficiency and renewable energy sectors within ten years.
 - Enable businesses located in Golden to lower their energy costs by reducing the average energy consumption by 15% within ten years.
3. Improve the energy efficiency and reduce the environmental impact of new and existing buildings in Golden. Specifically:
 - Ensure that within ten years 90% of all new buildings constructed in Golden each year are built to green building standards.
 - Ensure that within ten years 10% of all remodels in Golden each year are built to green building standards.
 - Revise Golden's land use code to reflect the best practices in sustainability once every five years.
4. Ensure that Golden sustains a clean, stable water supply into the future. Specifically:
 - Reduce Golden's per capita water use by 15% in ten years.
 - Maintain the highest water quality standards for Golden's water supply.
5. Increase the ability of Golden residents and visitors to travel to and through Golden using alternative transportation. Specifically:
 - Reduce the communities total Vehicle Miles Traveled by 15% in ten years.
6. Reduce our solid waste stream contribution through the expanded use of recycling programs, waste diversion programs, and other tools. Specifically:
 - Reduce our solid waste stream contribution by 25% in ten years.