




CAP Progress Tracker 2023/2024

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		Support the implementation of the Atmos programs in Routt County								
		CAP Implementation Team lead an outreach/education effort to transition away from natural gas toward electrification								
	<a href="#">ER5</a> . 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.		YVSC, Colorado Energy Office							YVEA at over 40% renewable now but have about 3% locally generated renewable energy now. Guzman will allow up to 18% local renewable generation when their contract kicks in (2028). WG wonders if Recommendation 5 renewable energy goals should be higher.
		Fund the plan development								
		Develop the plan and fund implementation								
		Identify and remove barriers to local energy production (utility rules and constraints)								
		Track and report progress								
	<a href="#">ER6</a> . CAP governments develop a strategic action plan that will meet the 2050 CAP energy efficiency and beneficial electrification (BE) goals for existing residential, commercial, and industrial buildings.		YVEA, YVSC, CAP govt staff							
		Identify funding for contracting with an organization capable of performing this work								
		CAP governments to approve the plan when prepared								
		Technical support to implement the plan when adopted								
		Ongoing support and funding								

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	<a href="#">TR1</a> . Adopt and implement an individual municipal or county-wide EV Readiness plan.		CAP governments with the County leading	2021 - City of SS has adopted	Plan adopted. Implementation ongoing.	<a href="#">City of Steamboat Springs EV Readiness Plan</a>	30 EV chargers installed, 388 EVs registered, Routt County approved purchase of 4 new EVs (12/12), SSSD electric bus fleet (fall 2023)			City of SS is complete and provides a good template for the other CAP governments
		Identify if individual municipal or county-wide			(Decision to proceed county-wide)					
		Identify if staff or contractor used								
		Establish budget - obtain grant or Govt funding								
		If contractor, issue RFP and select vendor								
		Complete plan and adopt			(County-wide EV Readiness Plan)					
	<a href="#">TR2</a> . Adopt and implement community or county-wide vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction plan(s) with specific goals and benchmarks.		CAP governments, contractor and/or NGO	2021 - City of SS has adopted		<a href="#">City of Steamboat Springs Transportation and Mobility Plan</a>				City of SS is complete and provides a good template for the other CAP governments both 2021 and 1998 recommendations - with CAP WG strong suggestion to incorporate detailed <a href="#">'98 plan recommendations</a>
		Fund, develop and adopt plan development								Fall 2023 - CDOT funding for passenger train study
		Fund ongoing plan implementation								
		Annual reporting and progress tracking								
	<a href="#">TR3</a> . 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.	Complete RTA process	City staff to develop ballot language and supporting NGOs to lead campaign		Modify funding sources and service levels or not		determination of service levels and obtainment			Once the RTD issue is settled focus needs to be on SST funding beyond general fund/sales tax. Grants and other funding options should be explored. Improved service needed.
		City Council to review status of SS transit								
		Engage staff or a consultant to develop funding options								
		Engage the community								
		Obtain voter approval								
	<a href="#">TR4</a> . Implement a voluntary emission mitigation plan for the Yampa Valley Regional Airport (YVRA).				CAP Fund (via YVCF) participating non-profit in The Good Traveler Program		Funds raised			Funds can only be dispersed after fund raises \$10,000

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		Identify lead agency and develop concept	CAP Board, Kevin Booth (YVRA)	July 2023						
		Establish fund for carbon offset plan	CAP Board, YVCF	August 2023	Routt County Climate Action Collaborative Fund	<a href="https://yvcf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?fund_id=4135">https://yvcf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?fund_id=4135</a>				
		Create Partnership with The Good Traveler and Yampa Valley Regional Airport (HDN)	CAP Board, Kevin Booth (YVRA)	August 2023	CAP Fund (via YVCF) participating non-profit in The Good Traveler Program	<a href="https://thegoodtraveler.org/partners/yampa-valley-community-foundation/">https://thegoodtraveler.org/partners/yampa-valley-community-foundation/</a>				
		Develop marketing plan and manage program	CAP Board Marketing sub-committee	September 2023 (Ongoing)						
		Fund local CAP carbon reduction projects	CAP Board							
	<b>TR5.</b> Adopt EV readiness requirements in the next County-wide building code update process		Routt County Building Department, with guidance from the CAP Transportation Working Group and the CAP Board	EV readiness requirements included in 2021 building code to be adopted in January 1, 2024: 2021 BUILDING CODE ADOPTION POLICY Town of Yampa 2021 Building Code Ordinance 2023-05 City of Steamboat Springs 2021 Building Code Ordinance-2931 Routt County 2021 Building Code Resolution 23-078 Town of Oak Creek 2021 Building Code Ordinance 667 Town of Hayden 1st Reading Approved Proposed Ordinance Not Fully Approved until 2nd Reading on 11/16/2023 Contractor 2021 ICC Code Training Invitation Flyer Dec 11th-15th CY2023	Code adoption	<a href="https://www.co.routt.co.us/DocumentCenter/View/14951/Steamboat-Springs-2021-Building-Code-Ordinance-2931?bidid=Starting%20page%2044">https://www.co.routt.co.us/DocumentCenter/View/14951/Steamboat-Springs-2021-Building-Code-Ordinance-2931?bidid=Starting page 44</a>				
		Identify timeline requirements for developing the required code language. The next code adoption process is scheduled for 2026 for adoption by January 2027. Develop the specific code language								
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		CAP governments to approve the Code language when prepared								
		Technical support to implement the code changes with the builder/development community when adopted								
		Ongoing support and builder/developer education								
	<b>TR6.</b> 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.		RTA partner governments			<a href="#">RTA website</a>	RTA formation or not			The outcome of this study and its adoption (or rejection) by the voters is a key input to the funding of City of Steamboat Springs Transit
		Complete the RTA study			study done YE 2023					
		Bring RTA results to governmental partner entities								
		Develop RTA partnership and boundaries								
		Bring the RTA to the voters (approval and funding) with a well-developed information effort			Target date November 2024					
		If funding is approved, implement the RTA								
 Waste										
	<b>WR1</b> All CAP governments ban single use plastics, including water bottles, straws, lids and utensils.									City of Steamboat Springs Recycling coordinator working on a styrofoam ban (state law). Businesses have until July 2024 to use styrofoam. County to support outlying areas.
		Determine list of stakeholders	CAP govts							







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	<a href="#">WR10</a> . Require Construction & Demolition (C&D) diversion at all construction sites in Routt County.		CAP governments, planning and building departments							The City of Steamboat Springs will be funding a feasibility study to look at diversion opportunities/issues for the construction and demolition sector in 2024. It would be great to work synergistically with the other jurisdictions.  Collection should be tailored to what we can reasonably divert. Any action on this recommendation probably won't happen until 2025 once the study is complete.
		Convene stakeholders								
		Require C&D data reporting from haulers								
		Review available data (Recycle CO toolkit)								
		Ensure markets exist to divert C&D								
		Revise code to require C&D diversion at construction sites (see Pitkin and Boulder counties)								
		Consider a phased implementation with discounted fee structure for sites with diversion and incentives for using reclaimed materials in construction								
		Incentivize C&D diversion through landfill disposal fee structure (see Pitkin and Eagle Counties)								
	<a href="#">WR11</a> . Establish a regional materials recovery facility (MRF) or transfer station for commingled recyclables that is accessible to all in Routt County.		CAP govts							
		Identify stakeholders								
		Review feasibility study								
		Determine who manages or operates								
		Locate and secure a site(s)								
		Consider public purchase of existing infrastructure								
		Identify funding								
		Apply for any grants								
		Permit and buildout facility								

Land Use	CAP RECOMMENDED ACTION	IMPLEMENTATION STEPS	LEAD IMPLEMENTER(S)	DATE COMPLETED	OUTPUTS	LINKS/DOCUMENTATION	OUTCOMES	GHG REDUCTION IMPACTS	NON-GHG MEASURES OF SUCCESS	NOTES
	<a href="#">LUR1</a> Develop new projects and secure funding for climate-smart agriculture practices.				# projects					
		Identify eligible practices likely to be adopted in RC	Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)							National list available at: <a href="https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2023-10/NRCS-CSAF-Mitigation-Activities-List.pdf">https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2023-10/NRCS-CSAF-Mitigation-Activities-List.pdf</a> Working Group recognizes that it will be difficult to proceed with NRCS projects until District Conservationist position is filled
		Identify funding for contracting for outreach and project planning	Need to identify							Working Group recommends outreach to CSU extension, Community Ag Alliance, and RCCD about options for initiating outreach
		Approve projects and execute contracts with landowners								
		Provide cost share opportunities and explore other incentives for landowners								
		Provide technical support to implement projects and build project workforce								
		Monitor climate benefits								
	<a href="#">LUR2</a> Restore wetlands and riparian areas in Yampa basin headwaters including using low-tech restoration techniques.		Routt County, USFS, BLM, CPW, NRCS							
		Inventory and prioritize restoration opportunities on public and private land. Use upcoming model from National Forest Foundation of restoration opportunities in CO River headwaters		Underway						UYWCD recived funding for CWCB Wildfire Ready Watershed planning Fish Creek watershed wildfire plan includes recommendations for wetland restoration





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		Set goals for urban canopy cover for residential areas in municipalities and unincorporated areas. Consider "tree equity" and opportunities for water and energy savings								
		Develop government budgets for increased tree planting, incorporating projected savings from other costs including stormwater management, energy savings, and landscaping maintenance								
		Adjust landscape codes to incentivize or require tree planting in new developments along with protection of existing trees; consider landowner responsibility for maintenance of trees in new codes								
		Develop partnerships to guide climate-smart tree planting, including selection of tree spp.								
		Develop partnership with YVEA to support appropriate urban tree planting as part of their ongoing vegetation management program								
	<a href="#">LURS</a> . Continue planting canopy trees along the Yampa to increase shading to help meet water temperature standards.		CoSS, YVSC	Ongoing			Acres planted/# of trees			
		Identify highest priority lands	YVSC	10/1/21						YVSC completed spatial analysis showing best opportunities for additional riparian cover. City of Steamboat contracted with Freshwater Trust to model best opportunities for reducing solar inputs to river temperature.
		Conduct outreach to riparian landowners		Ongoing						YVSC sent letter of interest request to all landowners with parcels along Yampa between Catamount and confluence of Elk. Community Ag Alliance is doing outreach to land owners in Middle Yampa as part of follow up to Yampa River scorecard project.
		Develop an alternative compliance program		Ongoing						Under consereration by CDPHE
		Maintain pipeline of suitable riparian tree seedlings		Ongoing						
		Obtain sustainable funding for planting								City/YVSC program funded through 2024
	<a href="#">LURS</a> . 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.		USFS, CSFS, BLM, Division of Fire Prevention and Control							
		Use the upcoming Routt County Community Wildfire Protection Plan to identify priorities for cross boundary projects in collaboration with USFS		CWPP Complete 11/1/2023 implementation Plan and prioritization underway						Routt County leading development of CWPP implementation plan
		Continue to collaboratively prioritize and implement mitigation projects		Ongoing						North Routt Fuels Reduction Project xx acres in 2023 South Routt Fuels Reduction Project in NEPA (10,917 acres) Bears Ears Fuel Reduction project in NEPA (55,000 acres)
		Explore and develop sustainable, local funding sources for mitigation projects on private lands (e.g. mill levy)								
		Support Routt County Wildfire Mitigation Council in promoting fire-adapted communities (Firewise) and in other outreach efforts		Ongoing						Ambassador program developed; "WIRE" project underway
		Support USFS to increase the number and scale of forest management projects covered by NEPA								New collaborative group established for North Routt to help increase number of USFS projects
		Continue to develop Good Neighbor Agreement projects between CSFS and USFS to help achieve landscape mitigation goals across property boundaries		Ongoing						





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		Foster innovative and interdisciplinary uses for forest biomass and timber to make forest management more economical and scalable (including incentives for local mills), provide wood products, and reduce the carbon footprint of forest management								Xcel Energy has formally filed a proposal with the PUC to build a biomass energy plant at Hayden Station. Will have impacts on other wood proesign options. Decision by PUC to authorize due by end of 2023.
		Increase public education effort to help residents and visitors understand the role of prescribed fire and where it is appropriate								
		Include wildfire ready elements in new building codes		Partial as of 11/1/23						Code adopted by CAP Governemnts includes parts of Chapter 5 of 2021 IWUIC proposed code, relating to building materials. Additional components of IWUIC could still be added to land use and development code.
	LUR7. 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.		City of Steamboat Springs and Routt County planning departments							
		Engage consultants to identify best practices for protecting sensitive wetland and riparian habitat in updated land use codes at City and County level		Underway						Routt County has engaged consultants and established technical committee to draft new land use codes relating to environmental issues
		Identify practices that would have the biggest benefit for protecting wetlands and riparian areas, including mandates, incentives, and mitigation areas		Compete per River Network consultant (Torrie James) memo						
		Seek to include "like for like" mitigation requirements if included to ensure retention of co-benefits from wetlands in a particular area (e.g. water temperature benefits where exceedances occur)								
		Seek input from local and state experts on key areas for enhanced protections and for best mitigation practices through a Technical Working Group		Underway						
		Seek public input on proposed regulations								
		Include strong protections in revised codes and regulations								
	LUR8. Evaluate and develop smart siting/mitigation rules/guidelines for utility-scale solar development to minimize clearing of native habitat or productive agricultural lands.		Routt County Planning Department							Routt BoCC adopted new codes pertaining to utility scale solar on 10/31 See: <a href="https://www.co.routt.co.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/22268?fileID=21502">https://www.co.routt.co.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/22268?fileID=21502</a>
		Evaluate model code from other jurisdictions that have addressed this issue		Complete						
		Create a pre-permit consultative process to identify optimal siting in conjunction with project developers		?						
		Create a mapping application, or specific criteria, to identify optimal appropriate areas for large-scale renewable resources as mentioned in the Master Plan. Consider working with The Nature Conservancy to take advantage of their existing renewable energy mapping criteria		?						
		Seek to include "like for like" mitigation requirements if part of the process to insure retention of co-benefits for wildlife habitat and to be "carbon neutral" in terms of impact of land disturbance		Not included in code?						
		Seek input from local and state experts, particularly CPW, on areas to protect and options for optimal siting		Complete						
		Seek public input on proposed regulations		Complete						



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		Include strong protections in revised codes and regulations		Complete						
	<a href="#">LUR9</a> 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.		Routt County planning department, municipal planners							
		Engage consultants to identify best practices for including land clearing permits as part of County land use regulations, with the intent of protecting important forest areas and other natural habitats		Underway for County						
		Seek to include tree replacement requirements as part of the permit process where loss of forest is caused by development activities								
		As part of urban forest programs, develop criteria for tree protection that could be included in new development codes								
		Seek input from local and state experts on how to balance tree and forest protection requirements with wildfire ready developments								
		Seek public input on proposed regulations								
	<a href="#">LUR10</a> 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 a focus on turf replacement.		City of Steamboat Springs, Mount Werner Water District, other smaller water providers, Routt County and municipal planners							
		Engage consultants to identify best practices for outdoor water conservation in new developments based on other arid areas in the western US		Underway?						
		Consider limiting the amount of new irrigated turfgrass in new developments and support turf replacement programs as the most effective way to reduce water use								
		Include more stringent requirements for irrigation efficiency, including smart systems that apply water based on soil moisture and precipitation								
		Where applicable, water providers should consider moving to metered water connections and evaluate use of block pricing to limit high use of treated water								
		Seek stakeholder and public input on proposed regulations								
		Promote adoption of new regulations by city/town councils and the Board of County Commissioners								
	<a href="#">LUR11</a> 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.		Routt County planning department, municipal planners							
		Engage consultants to identify best practices for limiting impact of new developments in rural areas with important natural habitat		Underway						
		Develop subdivision review criteria and standards that provide landowners with clear guidance for preserving open space while maintaining flexibility		Underway						

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		Encourage Tier 1 Municipalities to re-evaluate their zoning and subdivision standards to incorporate "gentle density" measures such as lot splits, small multi-family developments, and accessory dwelling units to accommodate growth within the existing urban fabric								
		Encourage cluster development and Use of Land Preservation Subdivision (LPS) Exemptions to discourage and reduce the desirability of 35-acre subdivisions. Consider new incentives for developers to limit the amount of land disturbed in 35-acre subdivisions		?						
		Seek public input on proposed regulations								

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	<b>ER1.</b> Create and incentivize green purchasing programs/policies at government and commercial levels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review procurement policies, identify relevant staff</li> <li>Hire local, buy local contracts for govt</li> <li>Conduct LCAs of good frequently used by industry partners</li> <li>Educate local businesses/schools/large entities how to secure local government contracts</li> <li>Educate benefits of green procurement</li> <li>Support bulk purchasing of green products</li> <li>Pitch night for local resources</li> <li>Identify higher impact procurement changes</li> <li>Establish a cooperative for businesses to jointly purchase eco-friendly packaging in bulk</li> </ul>	CAP govts (procurement departments), other large entities							
		Adopt procurement policy		10/23 - City of Steamboat Springs						
	<b>ER2.</b> Develop and expand a buy local campaign that educates the public about and promotes businesses that use low-emission production and transportation practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a steering committee of 6-11 local business owners and identified lead implementers to develop/implement the campaign</li> <li>Create and or expand a County-wide list of local businesses</li> <li>Consider creating a local business alliance, looking at American Independent Business Alliance (AMIBA) models to identify the scope and benefits to business (e.g. centralizing marketing costs which are out of reach to small producers)</li> <li>Consider developing a branding kit with the Colorado Green Business Network of the Yampa Valley (CGBN-YV) that local businesses can use/display</li> </ul>	Community Agriculture Alliance (CAA), Steamboat Chamber, Routt County Economic Development Partnership (RCEEDP) YVSC							Chamber open to co-hosting a webinar with the City
										Community Agricultural Alliance is scaling up their operations.





