

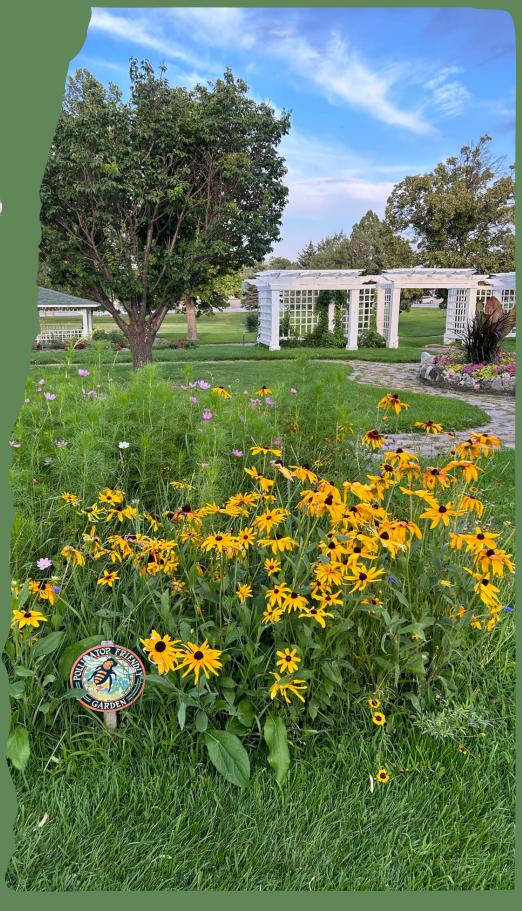


Annual Report to City Council 12.18.2023

## Agenda

- About RCSC
- Highlights
- Q&A





## Sustainability Defined

Sustainability means meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.



People

Societal Impacts



Profit

Financial Performance

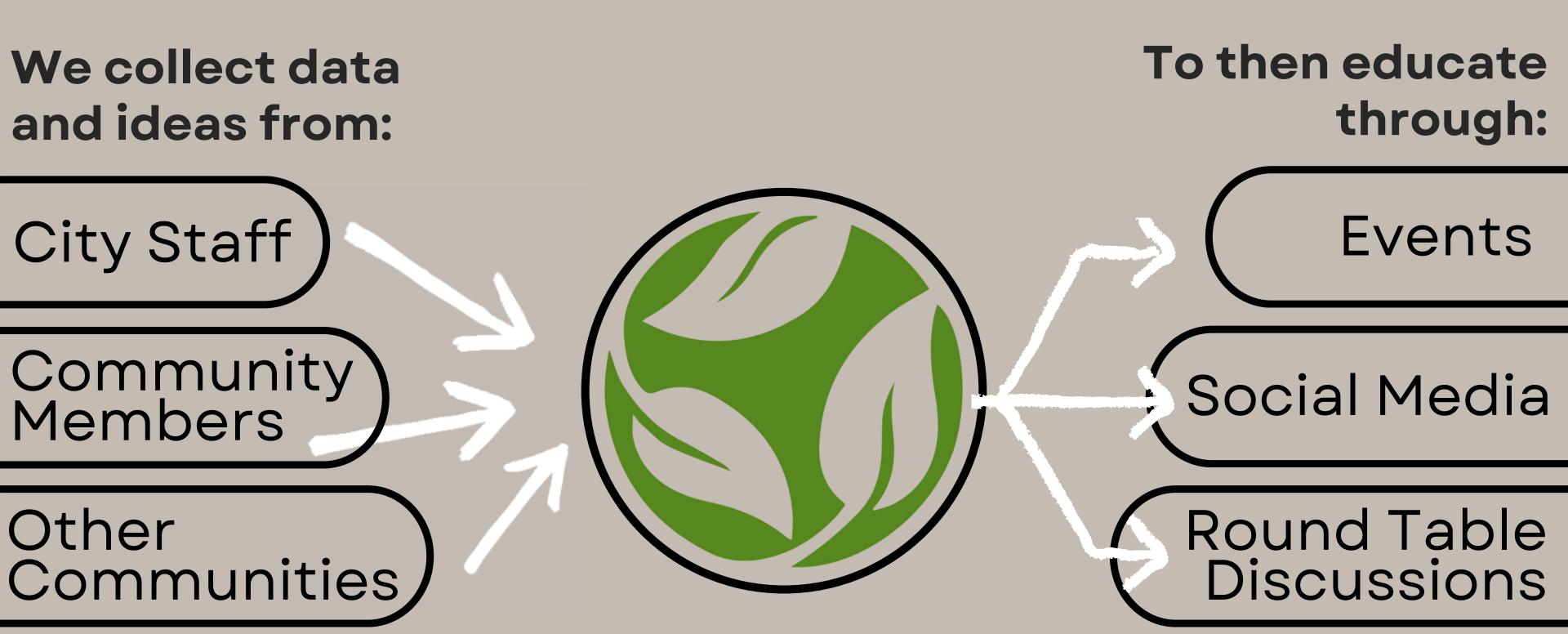


Planet

**Environmental Responsibility** 

Three Pillars of Sustainability

## Why does RCSC exist?



Rapid City Cares about Sustainability!

## City of Rapid City Standing Committee on Committee on Committee Members Sustainability Committee Members

### **Members**

Olivia Boerger Stacie Granum Kelli Juhl Kelly Moore Jason Phillips Heidi Sieverding Nicole Uhre-Balk Garth Wadsworth Jon Holsworth - Alternate Tim Trueblood - Alternate

### **Officers**

Alan Anderson – Chair David Holland – Vice-chair Ria Hannon – Secretary Patricia Scarborough – Treasurer Cathy Thrash – Social Media

## **City Liaisons**

Pat Roseland – City Council Ria Hannon – Solid Waste Lysann Zeller – Public Works

And 13 more applicants!



# 1

## Program Development Manager - Sustainability & Stewardship



Lysann Zeller

Priority Areas

Sustainable Development

Water Efficiency

Waste Management

Transportation

**Education & Outreach** 

Resiliency

- Position ~10 years in the making
- Duties Include:
  - Priority Areas (Identified in 2022)
  - Public Works Operations
  - EPA Climate Pollution Planning Grant
- Contact Information:
  - (605) 394-4165
  - Lysann.Zeller@rcgov.org

## Sustainability Awards

## **Dan Driscoll**

- With West Dakota Water Development District
- For Erosion Control Efforts at Star Village

## **Rapid City Garden Club**

- Community Education & Beautification Efforts
- Support Rapid City's Bee City USA designation





## 2 Education Events & Activities

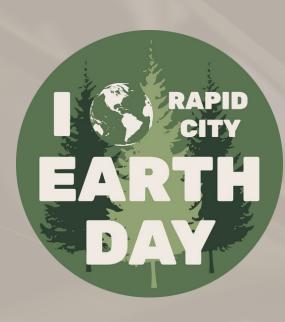
- Scouts Sustainability Merit Badges
- Stevens High School Student Pollution Solutions
- Teamed up with Black Hills Fly Fishers for Rapid Creek cleanup
- Home Show Booth Partnership
- Ft. Collins Meet and Greet @ City Hall
- SD Mines Student Poster Presentations
- Dark Sky Week
- Thomson Park Cleanup
- Trail Challenge
- YFS Harvest Festival
- Electric Vehicles @ the Car Show
- SD Municipal League/Family Night Out
- Pollinator Booth @ the Farmers Market















# 665

## miles driven to Fort Collins & back



#### FOSTERING PARTNERSHIPS

More than collaboration, partnerships work together to solve problems.

#### **COMMUNICATION & TRUST**

Among departments and within the community.

#### **COMBINE FORCES**

Work with County, State, and other local/regional entities.

#### **NEED A BASELINE**

We need data to define the problem and show progress.

LESSONS LEARNED

#### **BE PROACTIVE**

Incentivize, not disincentivize, and solve the real issue first – reduce, reuse, *then* recycle.

### WE ARE UNIQUE

Rapid City's sustainability program should be tailored to fit our community's wants and needs.

#### LEARNING FROM OTHERS

Is SO important and we can't wait to do it again!

PREVIOUS PRESENTATION

## 800 Attendees at Earth Day Expo

- Partnership with Western Dakota Tech
   & Sister City: Apolda, Germany
- Featured sustainable products for your home and yard
- 40 other organizations set up booths
- Other highlights: speakers, workshops, electronics recycling, tree sale, etc.
- 2024: Saturday, April 20th @ WDT



# 2,219

## Followers on Facebook & Instagram



Education and Outreach happens through:

- 132+ posts & reposts in 2023
- RCSC Website
  - "Start Now" entails sustainable ideas around:
    - Energy
- Waste
- Water
- Landscaping

Food

# \$1,000,000



Thank you to
Jamie Toennies & Katie Pavel,
Rapid City Grants Division!

Grant money awarded to develop a plan for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions & other harmful air pollution with a focus on:

- Low-Income & Disadvantaged Community Benefits
- Workforce Development & Jobs Creation
- Community Engagement & Partnerships
- \$4.6 Billion in Future EPA Implementation Grants

## 2024 Numbers

- Setting goals for our 2024 strategic plan
- #10 slide: hope to meet with each city council member



Q&5A

Meetings - 2nd & 4th Mondays @ 5:30 pm

www.rapidcitysustainability.com

