

The Sustainability Principles below have been added to the *Pueblo Regional Development Plan's* "Regional Plan Guiding Principles" Section as an amendment approved by the Pueblo County Planning Commission on September 27, 2011. The Sustainability Principles are applicable only to unincorporated Pueblo County. The Sustainability Principles have not been adopted by the City of Pueblo.

## **SUSTAINABILITY PRINCIPLES**

### **Maintain and, When Possible, Enhance Environmental Quality**

- Develop and support policies and programs that mitigate the negative impacts of population growth and consumption. This includes ensuring efficient use of, and reduced demand for, natural resources while taking necessary precautions to prevent toxic pollution and waste and protect human health, safety and welfare.

### **Promote and Support Clean, Renewable Energy**

- Actively encourage the use of renewable energy throughout County Planning Principles and projects.
- Develop internal Energy Efficiency and sustainable office and supply acquisition methods
- Seek out and support large and small-scale renewable energy projects.
- Promote development and energy applications to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and seek renewable alternatives to fission and other systems that propagate radioactive or similar waste.

### **Protect Land and Eco-systems**

- Encourage development and redevelopment efforts that consider sustainable land use practices such as compact, mixed-use projects, farming, water-wise, utilization of intelligent transportation systems and maintaining and adding to existing open space.

### **Plan Regionally**

- Encourage: measured development, land and water conservation, transportation and housing that have a regional or multicomunity sustainability benefit. Consider life-cycle costs and benefits.

### **Encourage Development that Advances Energy Efficiency, Minimizes Waste, and Utilizes Recycling and Reuse Concepts**

- Encourage 'reduce, recycle and reuse' concepts for new development via code development.
- Encourage development that involves Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) certified building concepts. Continue new code development according to the latest standards ie: IGCC.

### **Encourage Planning and Development Practices that Conserve Non-Renewable Resources**

- Development and utilization of planning tools to enable measurement of conservation actions in support of long-term economic, environmental and socially responsible decision-making.

### **Foster Community Health and Social Amenities**

Parks, playgrounds, meeting places, Senior facilities