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SUSTAINABILITY NETWORK ORGANIZATION



Annual Report 2022

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From Our Board Chair

Dear Community,

2022 was a BIG year for SNO. We gathered over 30 community stakeholders and industry leaders for dynamic conversations about Big Sky's environmental needs and priorities while considering the feasibility of projects to get to a target of community wide net zero emissions by 2050.

The SNO Board dedicated countless hours to distilling these conversations into SMART strategies, which resulted in the publication of Big Sky's first Community Climate Action Plan: Collaborating on our Future.

Climate action implementation is underway with a community waste assessment, carpooling incentive program, partnerships to install solar panels on new buildings, water conservation initiatives and the development of a green building tool kit. We invite you, our neighbors, to be a part of the solution on Big Sky's path to net zero emissions and a more resilient ecosystem.

In solidarity for future generations,



Ruthi Solari

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Climate Action Plan

Collaborating On Our Future

Published in February of 2023, the Big Sky Community Climate Action Plan (CAP) provides a trail map to reduce carbon emissions & increase ecosystem resilience by 2050.

The CAP is designed in a way that will help the community focus on 4 Targeted Improvement Priorities:

- Energy & Buildings
- Transportation
- Consumption & Waste
- Natural Environment

Implementation of CAP projects & programs in the upcoming years will require collaboration and intentional community focus, taking an "all hands on deck" approach. There are many ways to be a part of the work to reach the CAP goals. Connect with SNO to find out more about how you can be a part of the solution.



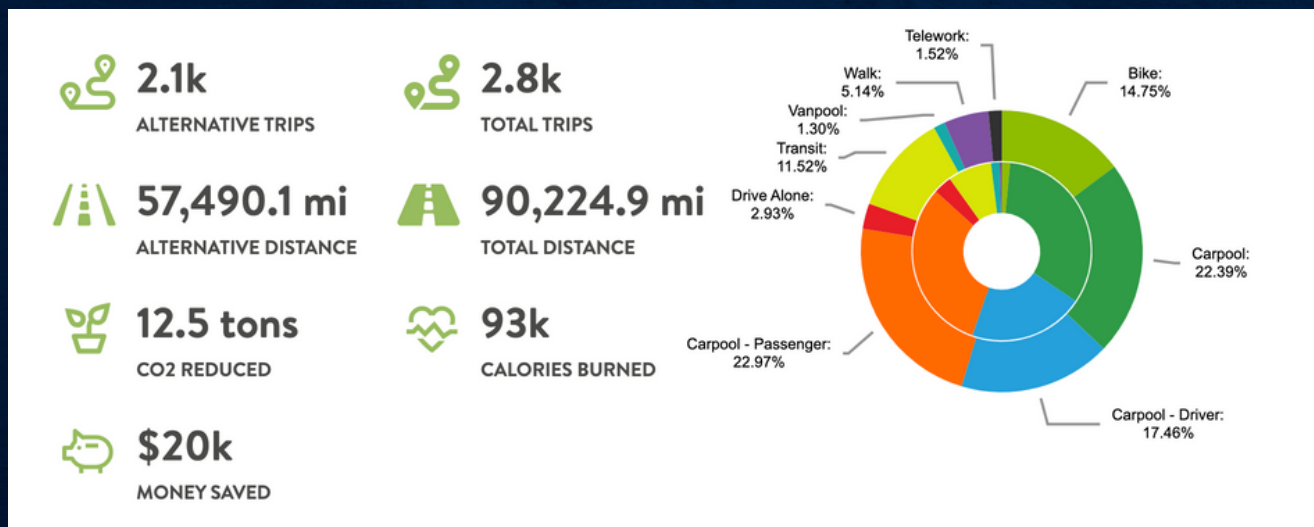
Transportation

One Less Car



Commuters log 4 carpool or bus trips through Gallatin Canyon at GoGallatin.org to receive a \$20-\$30 gift card from each month's sponsoring business.

2022 Statistics At a Glance



Thank you to our Business Sponsors: Big Sky Conoco, Ousel & Spur Pizza Co., Antlers Clothing Co. & Gallatin Alpine Sports

Consumption & Waste

Waste Composition Assessment



4,097 lbs. of waste sorted in 2022
52% of materials divertable

In cooperation with Gallatin County Solid Waste, Republic Services, Gallatin County Sheriff's Department, homeowners and owners associations, vacation rentals, businesses, & area resorts, SNO completed an assessment of the composition of the Big Sky community's waste. Think of it as data driven dumpster diving, informing future decisions about what we are sending to the landfill. In the summer of 2023, Big Sky SNO will produce a Waste Composition Report to inform solutions, future outreach campaigns, education and recommended protocols

Consumption & Waste

Zero-Waste Education



Trash Talk Volunteers	44
Zero Waste Events	18
Summer SNO Day Diversion	5,482lb
Pumpkin Composting Diversion	1,207lb



Given the amount of confusion around composting & recycling, volunteers are essential to sorting correctly.
-Karl Johnson, YES Compost



Outreach

Community Education

Pervasive community education is key to supporting widespread best practices. In 8 Farmer's Markets and 14 workplace trainings, SNO engaged businesses and community members on local composting & recycling guidelines. SNO engaged the younger generation in collaboration with BSCO's Camp Big Sky, creating a "Sustainability Education Week" and cultivated relationships within the Big Sky school to assist with funding and coordination for a student-led community greenhouse.

Future Initiatives

Climate Action Plan

As we forge ahead into 2023, SNO's primary objective is to encourage robust participation, leading implementation of the target improvement priority areas of the Big Sky Community Climate Action Plan.

Our intention is to meet you where you are; to introduce the methods by which we see a more sustainable future, and to encourage your own part in both the big and small ways to get there. Whether it's shutting off a light when you leave a room, or collaborating and leveraging expertise towards large-scale projects, the path to net zero by 2050 will take all of us. We invite you to be a part of it.

Targeted Improvement Priorities	
Energy & Buildings  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Electricity Supply • Electrify Buildings; Reduce Propane Gas Use • Energy Efficiency Participation • Green Builder Toolkit Platform 	Transportation  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) • Promote Electric Vehicle Infrastructure • Personal Travel Educational Programming
Consumption & Waste  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved Waste Diversion Rates • Increase Composting and Recycling • Enhance Food Recovery Systems 	Natural Environment  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon Offsets and Sequestration Education • Water Use Reductions • Natural Environment Restoration

Community Support



Grant Support



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Be Involved

Participate, Engage, Support

As Big Sky SNO begins gathering and meeting with CAP Implementation Coalitions, we invite the interest and participation of community members with the time, expertise and energy to get involved. Regular meetings will be held with the goal of creating a framework of timely and achievable projects based on the CAP strategies.

In addition to CAP participation, we invite you to show support by becoming a SNO Steward with a donation to SNO. No donation is too small or too large as together we create a more sustainable future.



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