

## ALLIANCE CENTER NON-PROFIT TENANTS CURRENT PROJECTS

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<b>Alliance for Sustainable Colorado</b> <a href="http://www.sustainablecolorado.org">www.sustainablecolorado.org</a>	<p>The Alliance is working to advance resource efficiency in the built environment. We supported successful legislation to increase conservation measures in the state plumbing code which was signed into law by the Governor this April. This and other sustainability news is shared with community leaders through 8 regional roundtables planned for 2010.</p>
<b>American Council of the Blind of Colorado, Inc.</b> <a href="http://www.acbco.org">www.acbco.org</a>	<p><i>Sight for Seniors</i> assists those who must adjust and adapt to vision loss to remain safe and healthy within their own homes by teaching seniors how to use alternative techniques/adaptive devices to help compensate for vision impairment. A similar program, known as <i>Vision Link Support Groups</i>, is tailored to younger adults. Other programs include peer mentoring and Children's Braille Book Program, which strives for Braille literacy.</p>
<b>AASHE (Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education)</b> <a href="http://www.aashe.org">www.aashe.org</a>	<p>AASHE recently received the USGBC Award for Leadership in the NGO category (with Second Nature and Eco-America) for founding and developing the American Colleges and Universities President's Climate Commitment. AASHE launched the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) this past January for assessing campus sustainability. AASHE will hold its 2010 Conference in Denver October 12-14.</p>
<b>Bike Denver</b> <a href="http://www.bikedenver.org">www.bikedenver.org</a>	<p>BikeDenver is providing all volunteers for the Denver B-cycle launch April 22, 23, 24 and 26 to help Denver introduce the largest city-wide bike sharing program in the USA. They are also organizing new bike lane ribbon cutting events and rides to engage local communities that can now take advantage of improved infrastructure for bicyclists. Bike Denver will be providing free bike parking corrals at major Denver events and festivals like A Taste of Colorado and the Cherry Creek Arts Festival from April to October.</p>
<b>CALSTART</b> <a href="http://www.calstart.org">www.calstart.org</a>	<p>In January 2010 CALSTART launched the California Hybrid Voucher Incentive Project to speed the adoption of hybrid trucks and buses in California. In March 2010 the US Army Tank Automotive Research Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) National Automotive Center (NAC) awarded CALSTART an additional \$4 million to continue the Hybrid Truck Users Forum (HTUF), which will speed the commercialization of heavy-duty hybrid technologies.</p>
<b>Center for American Progress</b> <a href="http://www.americanprogress.org">www.americanprogress.org</a>	<p>The Denver office works primarily on energy and climate change issues as part of CAP's Energy Opportunity Team. It is focused on getting comprehensive climate and energy legislation enacted.</p>
<b>Center for Native Ecosystems</b> <a href="http://www.nativeecosystems.org">www.nativeecosystems.org</a>	<p>Center for Native Ecosystems is currently working to protect endangered plants and wildlife from the threats of climate change. They are also leading the effort in Colorado to defend the Endangered species act; recently the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that the greater sage-grouse will be added to the Endangered Species Act "Candidate" list.</p>

<p><b>Centre for Urban Renewable Energy Environmental Technology</b>  <a href="http://www.dius.co.nr">www.dius.co.nr</a></p>	<p>Our immediate goal is training and placement for employment purposes, due to the many jobs lost (13 million) in the last 12 months. We are dedicated to developing innovative greens jobs in energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies.</p>
<p><b>Colorado Common Cause</b>  <a href="http://www.commoncause.org">www.commoncause.org</a></p>	<p>Common Cause is hosting the 2010 Taste of the State Fundraiser, which will feature Colorado's best wine and appetizer samples. CCC is also monitoring the legislative process to advocate for a balanced state budget, election reform, and campaign finance reform.</p>
<p><b>Colorado Conservation Voters</b>  <a href="http://www.coloradoconservationvoters.org">www.coloradoconservationvoters.org</a></p>	<p>CCV is currently working to secure victories for the environmental community's priorities in the legislature. The priorities for 2010 are growing the New Energy Economy, protecting scarce water resources and responsible uranium mining and processing. As the session ends we will shift our focus to reporting the session results to the public and holding legislators accountable for their votes on environmental issues. Starting in the early summer, the political arms of the CCV family will be working to ensure a bi-partisan conservation majority in the CO legislature in 2011.</p>
<p><b>Colorado Consumer Health Initiative</b>  <a href="http://www.cohealthinitiative.org">www.cohealthinitiative.org</a></p>	<p>CCHI is working to implement the Federal Healthcare Reform of 2010 at the state level; Members are also supporting Colorado HB1008, which would prohibit healthcare gender discrimination for women in Colorado and would expand maternity coverage..</p>
<p><b>Colorado Environmental Coalition</b>  <a href="http://www.ourcolorado.org">www.ourcolorado.org</a></p>	<p>One current project is promoting the Uranium Processing Accountability Act. CEC recently was successful in pressuring Shell to withdraw its claim for water rights to the Yampa River.</p>
<p><b>Colorado Public Interest Research Group (CoPIRG) and CoPIRG Foundation</b>  <a href="http://www.copirg.org">www.copirg.org</a></p>	<p>CoPIRG and CoPIRG Foundation's top priorities are financial reform, transportation, energy efficiency and health care. To advance a 21<sup>st</sup> century transportation future, CoPIRG Foundation organized a team of college students to spend their Spring Break last month on a 6-day, 12-city tour of the state to build support for public transit projects like rapid bus service along Highway 82, completing Denver's FasTracks light rail system and high speed rail along the Front Range as well as fixing our crumbling roads and bridges. At the federal level, CoPIRG is helping to advance financial reform that will ensure no Wall Street firm gets too-big-to-fail and that consumers are protected from unfair practices ranging from predatory mortgages to "gotcha" overdraft fees.</p>
<p><b>Community Shares of Colorado</b>  <a href="http://www.cshares.org">www.cshares.org</a></p>	<p>Community Shares launched its My Colorado Project in the spring of 2010. My Colorado is a local online giving tool for all Coloradans to cast their votes for a better community. We encourage everyone who is inspired to make a difference to form a Giving Circle and make change-making a part of your daily conversations. Sharing your philanthropy with others makes the experience richer, more fulfilling.....and more effective! <a href="#">My Colorado Project</a></p>
<p><b>eGo Car Share</b>  <a href="http://www.carshare.org">www.carshare.org</a></p>	<p>eGo recently secured 3 parking spots in Downtown Denver for their Pilot Parking Project. The spots are located on 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; Market, 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; Glenarm, and 17<sup>th</sup> and Pennsylvania. Cars at these spots can be rented for \$4-\$6 an hour for members. There are now a total of 17 rental cars available in Denver.</p>
<p><b>Environment Colorado and Environment Colorado Research and Policy Center</b>  <a href="http://www.environmentcolorado.org">www.environmentcolorado.org</a></p>	<p>Environment Colorado staff are working to help Colorado Go Solar – realizing its ability to build half a million solar roofs, protect water from uranium mining, and achieve cleaner air by shutting down dirty, old coal-fired power plants. While EC has been fighting in the legislature to win key reforms such as a 30% Renewable Energy Standard, Environment Colorado Research &amp; Policy Center has been preparing to use administrative rulemaking processes to better protect Colorado's water from toxic uranium mining pollution.</p>
<p><b>The Fund for Public Interest</b>  <a href="http://www.uspirg.org">www.uspirg.org</a></p>	<p>The Fund is gearing up for its busy summer canvass, through which it will run 46 canvass offices throughout the country and have more than 1.5 million conversations about pressing public interest issues. Working with more than 60 different partner organizations over the course of the summer, the Fund will educate, engage, and mobilize the public around campaigns ranging from Environment America's effort to reintroduce the Clean Water Restoration act, to the Human Rights Campaign's ongoing fight to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act, to the Sierra Club's work through its Beyond Coal campaign to stop mountain-top removal practices.</p>

<p><b>Great Western Institute</b>  <a href="http://www.greatwesterninstitute.org">www.greatwesterninstitute.org</a></p>	<p>Great Western Institute is currently working on several grants from the state in Pagosa Springs and The City of Brighton where they are conducting water audits, retrofitting selected buildings with new water efficient fixtures and appliances and creating messaging for water conservation. They are also working on a Water Conservation plans for The City of Durango. GWI is the host for Project WET, Water Education for Teachers, in the State of Colorado. They are hosting several upcoming teacher workshops with Denver Water, Loveland, Greeley, Colorado Springs and Pueblo.</p>
<p><b>Green America</b>  <a href="http://www.GreenAmericaToday.org">www.GreenAmericaToday.org</a></p>	<p>Green America's current projects include greening the airline industry through their Responsible Shopper program; protecting forests, climate, and communities with their Better Paper Project; and helping socially and environmentally responsible businesses in our Green Business Network that provides resources for business owners and a path to connecting them to consumers looking to "shop green."</p>
<p><b>International Society of Landcare Emissions</b>  <a href="http://www.isleprotocol.org">www.isleprotocol.org</a></p>	<p>ISLE helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the Boulder Outlook Hotel by switching to a non-synthetic fertilizer; developed a time-sensitive action plan and worked for Sustainable Land Care Public Education Outreach at The Pelton Luxury Condominium Community in Boulder.</p>
<p><b>Latina Initiative</b>  <a href="http://www.latinainitiative.org">www.latinainitiative.org</a></p>	<p>Successfully hosted the Colorado Latina/o Advocacy Day, presented by the Gay and Lesbian Fund for Colorado, on March 14-15, 2010. A full report will be released soon.</p>
<p><b>Living City Block</b>  <a href="http://www.livingcityblock.org">www.livingcityblock.org</a></p>	<p>Drawing on selected partners from around Denver and the rest of the US, Living City Block aims to transform an existing city block in Lower Downtown Denver into a model of 21<sup>st</sup> Century energy and resource efficiency. With its compelling business case, Living City Block will drive deep and lasting economic development for the city and the region. We are also working to establish Living City Blocks in other neighborhoods in Denver and will soon be exporting our model to other cities in the US and the rest of the world.</p>
<p><b>Orton Family Foundation</b>  <a href="http://www.orton.org">www.orton.org</a></p>	<p>Orton is working in Golden to enhance neighborhood connectivity and protect the city's western character. In Routt County, CO, it is supporting the development of a collaborative, comprehensive vision for a fast-growing region of stunning natural landscapes and destination resorts.</p>
<p><b>PlaceMatters</b>  <a href="http://www.placematters.org">www.placematters.org</a></p>	<p>Currently working with organizations in Albany, NY and Fort Collins, CO to create dynamic and technological public engagement forums for updating each City's Comprehensive Plan. Also working to engage public communication for the Wichita, KS Downtown Revitalization Master Plan.</p>
<p><b>Progressive Future</b>  <a href="http://www.progressivefuture.org">www.progressivefuture.org</a></p>	<p>Progressive Future's top priorities are promoting green jobs, reforming the financial sector, and pushing back against corporate money in politics. Progressive Future and Progressive Future Education Fund will also continue to engage their base of grassroots supporters, many of whom took action to advance the federal health care reform that was signed into law in March 2010.</p>
<p><b>ProgressNow Colorado</b>  <a href="http://www.progressnow.org">www.progressnow.org</a></p>	<p>Uses dynamic social networking tools such as Facebook, Twitter, and email, as well as media outreach, to educate and promote progressive legislation at both the state and national levels. Has an email network of 343,000 in Colorado alone, and over 2 million nationwide. In 2009, ProgressNow worked to counter the messaging of the right-wing so called "Tea Parties." Also worked to pass federal hate crimes legislation by organizing around the hate crimes trial of Angie Zapata's killer in rural Greeley, Colorado. Angie Zapata was brutally beaten to death with a fire extinguisher because she was a transgender woman. Angie's killer was the first conviction under updated Colorado State Hate Crimes laws, and this case was used to promote national Hate Crime Reform.</p>
<p><b>Public Interest Network</b></p>	<p>The Public Interest Network is a family of organizations that has grown out of the state Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs) since the early 1980s. Today, the network is composed of more than a dozen organizations operating in 129 locations across the United States. In The Alliance Center, the following organizations are a part of The Public Interest Network: Environment Colorado and Environment Colorado Research &amp;</p>

	Policy Center, CoPIRG and CoPIRG Foundation, Progressive Future and Progressive Future Education Fund, and The Fund for the Public Interest.
<b>Rock The Earth</b> <a href="http://www.rocktheearth.org">www.rocktheearth.org</a>	<p>After several years of education, outreach and fan activation, Rock The Earth saw a successful conclusion to its first artist-suggested issue as plans to build a reservoir near Newport News, Virginia, (which would have decimated wetlands and the Mattaponi River) were permanently withdrawn. Similarly, plans to expand the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site in southeastern Colorado were withdrawn after years of advocacy, education and fan activation by volunteers. Rock The Earth also participated in Green Apple Denver, and introduced two new successful programs: Green Screens (a Green Film series that showcases award-winning environmental films at outdoor summer festivals across the US), and a cellular phone recycling campaign.</p> <p>Selected artists who partner with Rock The Earth: Alanis Morissette, Barenaked Ladies, Bon Jovi, Dave Matthews Band, Guster, Incubus, Jack Johnson, Ozzy Osbourne, Sheryl Crow, String Cheese Incident, Tom Petty &amp; The Heartbreakers, Vans Warped Tour, plus many more.</p>
<b>Sierra Club - Rocky Mountain Chapter</b> <a href="http://www.rmc.sierraclub.org">www.rmc.sierraclub.org</a>	Currently focusing on the Cool Cities campaign, which strives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Denver by 2% each year until the year 2050.
<b>Sonoran Institute</b> <a href="http://www.sonoraninstitute.org">www.sonoraninstitute.org</a>	Rich McClintock, the Colorado Policy Director for the Sonoran Institute, is a key player in helping Colorado to rethink its policies on transportation and community development patterns. Rich was involved in the successful Funding Advancement for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery (FASTER) legislation in 2009, which will bring in at least \$15 million annually for public transit projects and bicycle and pedestrian safety.
<b>US Green Building Council – CO Chapter</b> <a href="http://www.usgbccolorado.org/">www.usgbccolorado.org/</a>	Staff are currently planning the Rocky Mountain Green 2010 Conference: Leading the Sustainable Building Community; April 21-22, 2010 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, CO.
<b>Western Conservation Foundation</b>	The Western Conservation Foundation is working to build new leaders not traditionally reached by the environmental community. They work closely with farmers and ranchers, sportsmen, and others with a love for the west and its land.
<b>WildEarth Guardians</b> <a href="http://www.wildearthguardians.org/">www.wildearthguardians.org/</a>	WildEarth Guardians are working to shut down existing coal-fired power plants in the West to pave the way for clean energy; Curbing oil and gas drilling to safeguard clean air in the West; Advancing protections for more than 700 endangered fish, wildlife, and plants;. Planting more than 50,000 cottonwood and willow trees to restore healthy habitats along rivers throughout the southwest.
<b>Work for Progress</b> <a href="http://www.workforprogress.org">www.workforprogress.org</a>	Work for Progress' priority right now is recruiting for the Fund for the Public Interest as they are about to expand the number of grassroots campaign offices they are running this summer. In addition, Work for Progress is maintaining a field campaign reporting system for the national Clean Energy Works coalition campaign calling for urgent action on a comprehensive clean energy and climate plan that delivers clean energy jobs, less pollution, and a more secure America.

VIRTUAL TENANTS	CURRENT PROJECTS
<b>Harvest Mountain</b> <a href="http://www.sustain-us.blogspot.com">www.sustain-us.blogspot.com</a>	Creating and developing community gardens through demonstration and education.
<b>Revision International</b> <a href="http://www.revisioninternational.org">www.revisioninternational.org</a>	Revision International's current program is called <i>Re:farm Denver: Local Food Reform</i> . Re:farm works in low-income communities to increase their access to healthy food and collaboratively build production and distribution systems for their neighborhoods. To do this, we work with individual families to establish gardens in their yards, and with whole communities to establish centralized production farms which also function as a youth training center in urban agriculture.
<b>Padres &amp; Jovenes Unidos</b> <a href="http://www.padresunidos.org">www.padresunidos.org</a>	Padres recently expanded the work Jovenes Unidos' to include Hinkley High School in Aurora and Skinner Middle School in Denver. Jovenes Unidos has begun to implement programs and build a youth leadership and membership base at both of the schools. Padres and Jovenes Unidos has also launched a massive campaign, in conjunction with the other member organizations of HEAA, to create and ensure the success of new legislation that will allow undocumented students who attended high school in Colorado to be eligible for in state tuition costs at Colorado's publicly funded universities.
<b>StEPP Foundation</b> <a href="http://www.steppfoundation.org">www.steppfoundation.org</a>	StEPP is currently funding a Carbon Emissions Reduction project in the community of Lyons that consists of community outreach and education using an in-depth Carbon Emissions Calculation Software, where every household within the community is being contacted and asked to participate. The data collected is aggregated at a community web-site, and, as households make individual changes, that information is accessible both to the individual and then aggregated for the entire community. Also, the Foundation recently funded and completed the installation of a number of photovoltaic cells at the Pueblo Zoo, along with educational placards that raise awareness about Carbon Emissions Reduction and the advantages of solar generated power.