



## **Grassroots Neighborhood Visions Shared By Meeting Participants in 2008**

### Sharing resources

- Community gardens, front-yard gardens
- Neighborhood-wide yard sales to reduce consumption and exchange goods
- Tools that you can share with neighbors
- Build a neighborhood kiosk with carpooling opportunities
- Service exchanges (like Shanahan Ridge's "Skillshare"); energy-saving tips

### Alternative transportation

- Bike to work neighborhood challenge
- Bike, scooter and car share on a neighborhood level

### City-wide

- Dark skies initiatives become the norm
- City wide car-free days
- Organize the city block by block
- Every home has an audit to understand their energy usage
- Boulder facilitates the use of gray water
- Boulder passes a commercial energy efficiency code
- City develops a code that resolves the tenant-landlord split incentive
- Boulder realizes the potential of the Smart Grid
- Facilitate increased renewable energy projects (Ballot 1A addresses this)
- Strive towards carbon neutrality by 2020 (reduce energy use and offset rest with wind)
- Recycling/composting education on the city's new single stream recycling and curbside composting program (starts fall 2008)
- Xeriscape gardens or lawns

### CU collaboration

- Involve the Greek community
- Work with The Hill neighborhood for more harmonious student/resident relations

## **Ideas On How To Engage Your Neighbors**

### City of Boulder & ClimateSmart Resources

- Boulder Energy Project pamphlet
- ClimateSmart-generated list of resource partner agencies
- ClimateSmart Household enrollment info
- ClimateSmart & CRC Neighborhood Energy Workshops

### Neighborhood-based education and engagement

#### *Education/Action & Events*

- Organize climate action committees/groups
- Fundraising for bulk purchase of insulation or (solar panels, evaporative coolers, insulated shutters or blinds)
- Promote use of Kill-a-watt meters by block
- CFL door to door blitz or porch-light installs
- Quick audit with handheld infrared laser
- Weatherization “barn raisings”
- Neighborhood hosts 2-3 cars donated to Boulder CarShare
- ClimateSmart presentation (in development) with motivational imperatives and helpful tips to norm energy conservation behavior change
- Create block/neighborhood eco-living or tours
- kWh or Therms reduction challenge (using yard signs to post your monthly usage)
- Electric or push mower challenge (discuss air quality & noise pollution)
- Block parties or potlucks twice/year
- Bike & Dine event to get to know your neighbors; or other community Bike Ride
- People in streets, walking, talking with neighbors
- Make your annual community event carbon-neutral
- Movie night & raffle
- Host skill-sharing workshops like:
  - How to construct a home compost bin using donated materials
  - Do a basic utility bill analysis
  - Share energy efficiency strategies and resources with one another
  - Educate each other on recycling/composting/yardwaste info