DEAR HC3 SUPPORTERS,

What difference can a small mountain community truly make? That’s a question we regularly ask at HC3. Although we have only 30,000 year-round residents, Summit County hosts millions of visitors every year. HC3 and our community must lead by example, inspiring guests to return home as environmental stewards.

In 2019, we built upon years of groundwork to achieve tangible reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and waste. The Strong Future mill levy funded new programs that make it much easier for residents to recycle and compost. We launched Solarize Summit, a residential program that tripled the amount of residential rooftop solar installed in Summit County compared to 2018. Through speakers, movies and more, we inspired more than 350 residents to be part of the climate solution.

By engaging our entire community in environmental stewardship, we are protecting this place we call home. And we hope to inspire visitors to do the same.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Schenk, Executive Director

VISION | Creating a healthy planet through local action
MISSION | Promote practical solutions for resource conservation in our mountain community

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LEADING OUR COMMUNITY IN CLIMATE ACTION

Climate change is not just a global problem. From declining snowpack and increased risk of wildfire to persistent drought, we all have a stake in this fight.

COMMUNITY GOAL: REDUCE EMISSIONS 80% BY 2050

CLIMATE PLAN: 4 AREAS OF FOCUS

HC3 leads the Summit County Climate Action Collaborative, which created our local climate action plan. Together, we’re working to address the following areas of impact.

1. REDUCE BUILDING ENERGY EMISSIONS
   We guided our community through the development of new sustainable building codes. Now, all new buildings will be more energy efficient than ever before. Plus, they’ll be pre-wired for future electric cars and solar panels.

2. ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY IN CLIMATE ACTION
   We hosted events featuring renowned professors Brad Udall and Scott Denning, as well as a screening of “The Human Element”.

   “Our country has a duty to lead in climate action. And if we lead, others will follow. We have it within us to do this.”
   - Brad Udall, Senior Water & Climate Research Scientist

4 CLIMATE EVENTS
350 EVENT ATTENDEES
3. INCREASE RENEWABLE ENERGY

We launched the Solarize Summit rooftop solar program, making it easy for residents to go solar. In addition, the towns of Frisco and Silverthorne joined Breckenridge and Summit County Government in setting 100% renewable energy goals.

Julie and Tony’s new solar panels offset 100% of the electricity used in their Frisco home.

4. REDUCE TRANSPORTATION EMISSIONS

We focused on increasing community awareness about the benefits of electric vehicles (EV).

70 SOLARIZE PARTICIPANTS
500 KILOWATTS SOLAR INSTALLED

ELECTRIC BUS AT EV RIDE AND DRIVE EVENT

SUMMIT CLIMATE ACTION COLLABORATIVE

- Local governments (Blue River, Breckenridge, Dillon, Frisco, Silverthorne, Summit County Government)
- Ski areas - Arapahoe Basin, Breckenridge Ski Resort, Copper Mountain, and Keystone Resort
- Breckenridge Grand Vacations
- Colorado Mountain College
- Mountain Parks Electric
- Summit School District
- Xcel Energy
HELPING YOU MAXIMIZE COMFORT AND EFFICIENCY

HC3’s Energy Smart Colorado program makes it easy for residents to save energy. And not only does energy efficiency help us meet our climate action goals, it also makes homes more comfortable to live in.

ENERGY SMART PROJECT

Del’s assessment uncovered that her home was among the 60% of U.S. homes that are under-insulated or un-insulated.

Crawl space re-insulation
Cost: $2,130
Rebates: $400
Net cost: $1,730
Annual energy bill savings: $413
Payback period: 4 years

“A low-cost energy assessment to reduce your monthly costs and help the environment. Why wouldn’t you?”
- Del Deocampo, Breckenridge

ENERGY SMART COLORADO IMPACTS

147 HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENTS
1,761 LED BULBS TO HOMEOWNERS
63 HOME ENERGY UPGRADES
$461 AVERAGE ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS
PROTECTING OUR WATER

As local temperatures warm, less snow is flowing into our rivers as runoff. That means it’s more important than ever to conserve water.

HC3 leads water conservation efforts through several programs that help the community save water and achieve major goals in the county-wide Water Efficiency Plan.

SLOW THE FLOW

Residents and businesses learn how to make their sprinkler systems more efficient. Applying those recommendations can save a large property up to 256,000 gallons of water in one summer.

TAME THE TAP

In 2019, HC3 created Tame the Tap, a program that teaches residents how and why to save water in their homes. Check-ups include leak detection, on-the-spot quick fixes and water education.

7% DECREASE IN WATERING TIME

246 SPRINKLER ISSUES IDENTIFIED AT PROPERTIES

26 HOMES INSPECTED

354,409 GALLONS OF WATER SAVED
WASTE REDUCTION

DOUBLING RECYCLING BY 2035

Recycling rules are different everywhere. And with a population that swells from 30,000 to 150,000 on peak holidays, communicating local recycling guidelines is a challenge.

HC3 eliminates the guesswork, helping residents, visitors and businesses recycle the right way.

THE PATH TO 40% DIVERSION

Our landfill diversion rate was 20% in 2019. While this means that 80% of our waste was still being trashed, 2019 marked the beginning of many programs to increase local recycling and composting efforts.

WHAT’S IN OUR TRASH?

In 2019, HC3 staff and volunteers spent seven days surveying trash, recycling and construction waste. We discovered that 81% of Summit County’s landfilled waste has the potential to be recycled or composted. This, and other findings, will guide the future of all new recycling programs in Summit County.
STRONG FUTURE: NEW RECYCLING PROGRAMS
Increasing recycling with new programs, funded by your taxpayer dollars.

917
NEW FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING PARTICIPANTS

376
FOOD SCRAP BUCKETS DISTRIBUTED

7
GLASS STATIONS ADDED IN COUNTY

2
NEW RECYCLABLES CARTONS & MATTRESSES

EXPERTS IN THE FIELD
New in 2019, HC3’s Zero Waste Ambassadors are local recycling experts who aren’t afraid to speak up in the name of waste diversion. These in-the-know volunteers help local students recycle and compost, they teach neighbors and coworkers how to recycle, and help HC3 understand the real recycling challenges of residents.
RESOURCE WISE

MAKING THE BUSINESS CASE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Local businesses are the backbone of our economy, but they also account for a third of our energy use and much of our waste. Through Resource Wise certification, businesses become more sustainable, setting an example for visitors and helping to preserve our mountain home.

$68,957 ANNUAL SAVINGS FROM BUSINESS ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS

32 NEW BUSINESS PARTICIPANTS

$2,998 AVERAGE SAVINGS PER BUSINESS

1,887 FREE LED BULBS INSTALLED

INNOVATIVE FAMILY DENTAL

Innovative Family Dental focused on waste reduction and energy efficiency, earning a gold level certification and the highest score among all new businesses in 2019.

66 LED tubes installed (bulbs provided by HC3)
Total cost: $0
Annual savings: $426

HEARTHSTONE RESTAURANT – GREEN SCENE AWARD WINNER

INNOVATIVE FAMILY DENTAL
With hands-on activities and experiments, HC3 teaches Summit County K-12 students the importance of conserving natural resources both locally and globally. We educate and empower local students to become future environmental leaders.

**INSPIRING SUMMIT COUNTY’S FUTURE LEADERS**

**ENERGY EXPLORERS**
Students learned how energy works, evaluated the pros and cons of renewable energy, and discussed climate change.

**ROCKY’S RECYCLERS**
Students learned why recycling is important and how to recycle in Summit County through hands-on activities.

**WATER WARRIORS**
Students learned where water in Summit County comes from, where it goes, and discussed climate change impacts on local water sources.

**K-12 EDUCATION**

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GREENS grown in California travel over 1,200 miles to reach Summit County. The greens – and much more – grown locally by HC3 account for far less emissions and much more nutrition.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

To kick off the 2019 gardening season, HC3 combined the expertise of our CSA farmer together with local gardeners and Grow to Share partners for a community planting day. The result? Increased collaboration and more local food.

GROW TO SHARE

Fresh produce donations and nutritional education for local families.

“Thank you to everyone who provided us with all of the amazing veggies for the last few months. Having all the fresh produce was a real blessing.”
- Grow to Share Recipients

SUMMIT CSA

Community farm-share program offering fresh, locally-grown food.
An audit of HC3 financials is underway. This report will be updated with that information once the audit is complete.
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