



Eco-Guide

The Eco-Guide is a resource outlining sustainability-related organizations, service providers and retailers in Routt County by category. The Eco-Guide provides visitors and locals a one-stop-shop to meet their sustainability needs and learn about the many community environmental initiatives.

Government Organizations

[City of Steamboat Springs](#)

970-879-2060

<http://www.steamboatsprings.net>

The City of Steamboat Springs continually strives to incorporate the triple bottom line of sustainability into all of its governmental functions. Current sustainability efforts internal to the organization include, but are not limited to, performance contracting, sustainable purchasing, participation in the Sustainable Business Program, employee housing, and high performance buildings such as the LEED Certified Community Center. Current community-wide sustainability programs include the following: Green Building (residential new construction), ENERGY STAR for New Homes (program coordinator), Water Conservation Plan, water quality programs, historic preservation, increased hybrid bus fleet, and the building of high performance capital facilities. In the future the city will continue progress on its sustainability goals and will strive to become a leader in sustainability.

[Colorado Division of Wildlife](#)

303-297-1192

<http://wildlife.state.co.us/>

The mission of the Colorado Division of Wildlife is to perpetuate the wildlife resources of the state and provide people the opportunity to enjoy them.

[Colorado State Forest Service](#)

970-879-0475

<http://csfs.colostate.edu/pages/steamboatspgdist.html>

The mission of the Colorado State Forest Service is to provide for the stewardship of forest resources and to reduce related risks to life, property and the environment for the benefit of present and future generations.

[US Forest Service](#)

303-275-5350

www.fs.fed.us/r2/

Our mission is to lead in the conservation and wise use of the nation's forests and grasslands. To carry out this mission, the US Forest Service is organized into three areas: the National Forest System, Research, and State and Private Forestry.

[Routt County Government](#)

970-870-5588

www.co.routt.co.us/sections.php?op=listarticles&secid=21

Routt County is working to reduce energy use in their public facilities through a comprehensive energy performance contract, which is planned to be completed in 2010. The project will retrofit lighting in County buildings to more energy efficient fluorescent and compact fluorescent bulbs, retro commission building HVAC systems to operate more efficiently, and replace older mechanical equipment with newer high efficiency equipment, as well as other energy saving measures. The project will reduce energy usage at the Historic Routt County Courthouse and Annex Buildings, Detention Facility, Justice Center and Yampa Valley Regional Airport. The results are projected to reduce energy usage in the buildings by 18%. Routt County's greening government program is reducing paper usage by 20%, as well as water and petroleum consumption in coordination with goals of the Colorado State Greening Government Initiative. The Routt County Justice Center's 26.4 KW Photovoltaic Array has generated 77 Megawatts of clean solar energy over the last two years. The City of Steamboat Springs and Routt County, in cooperation with the University of Colorado - Denver are developing a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions study to establish 2005 baseline GHG emissions and GHG reduction recommendations.

Routt County Environmental Health

970-879-0185

www.co.routt.co.us/sections.php?op=viewarticle&artid=80823

The Routt County Department of Environmental Health manages a wide range of environmental and consumer programs including consumer protection, water supply and wastewater treatment, solid waste, recycling, and air and water quality. Consumer protection and non-community water supply programs are conducted under contract with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. A state certified bacteriological water lab is provided for testing water samples from private and community drinking water systems. The Department also identifies local environmental and public health issues deserving special investigation and recommends appropriate policy development options to various public and private organizations.

Non-Profit Organizations

[Bark Beetle Information Task Force](#)

970-879-0475

<http://csfs.colostate.edu/>

The Mission Statement of the Bark Beetle Information Task Force (BBITF) is to provide the public with information about bark beetles and potential tree mortality so they can make informed decisions regarding the protection of their private property and provide meaningful input regarding proposed actions on public lands. In 2001, the Task Force expanded its mission to include education about the role of fire in the ecosystem, fire prevention for homeowners, and fuel reduction projects in wild land urban interface area.

[Colorado Environmental Coalition](#)

970-824-5241

<http://www.ourcolorado.org>

Colorado Environmental Coalition has been uniting Coloradans to protect our natural heritage and quality of life for 45 years. We are committed to helping communities conserve our clean air, water and open spaces. In Northwest Colorado, CEC works to promote balanced energy development while protecting special places like the Roan Plateau & Vermillion Basin. For more information please visit our website.

[Community Agriculture Alliance](#)

970-879-4370

www.communityagalliance.org

The mission of the Community Agriculture Alliance is to preserve the agricultural heritage of the Yampa Valley by initiating, supporting and encouraging actions, programs and policies that mutually benefit and connect agricultural producers and consumers.

[Community Alliance for the Yampa Valley](#)

970-846-8488

http://yampavalley.info/centers/natural_resources_%2526_environment/organizations/community_alliance_of_the_yampa_valley

The mission of the Community Alliance is to help preserve the natural environment of the Yampa Valley, enhance the quality of human life, retain the unique character of our community, and build a sustainable society in harmony with nature. We serve as a catalyst to empower individuals through collective action to address economic and social trends that endanger the quality of life and the natural environment in the Yampa Valley.

[Craig Moffat Economic Development Partnership](#)

970-826-2039

<http://cmedp.org/>

The Craig Moffat Economic Development Partnership is a public-private partnership dedicated to supporting a vibrant, diverse, and stable economy for Moffat County.

[Deep Roots Local Food Trust](#)

970-819-8695

<http://deeproootsco.org>

Deep Roots Local Food Trust believes a thriving and sustainable local food economy is a vital element of our healthy Northwest Colorado community.

[Friends of the Yampa](#)

www.friendsoftheyampa.com/

[Historic Routt County](#)

970-875-1305

http://yampavalley.info/centers/history_%2526_genealogy/organizations/historic_routt_county

Historic Routt County is an award-winning, nationally-recognized non-profit historic preservation organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the historic character of Routt County communities and rural areas through programs, projects, and education.

[HomeResource](#)

970-879-6985

<http://salvageit.org/>

The mission of Home Resource is to divert reusable materials from the landfill, reducing our environmental impact particularly from construction and providing affordable options to the public.

[MainStreet Steamboat Springs](#)

970-846-1800

www.mainstreetsteamboatsprings.com/

MainStreet Steamboat Springs is a volunteer-driven membership organization with the mission to preserve, promote and enhance downtown Steamboat Springs.

[The Nature Conservancy](#)

[Yampa River Project/Carpenter Ranch](#)

970-276-4626

www.nature.org

The leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. The Yampa River preserve protects acres of lush riparian forest and upland habitats that provide home to an abundance of wildlife, and the Carpenter Ranch serves as the centerpiece of the Conservancy's efforts to conserve the natural, historical and agricultural heritage of the Yampa Valley.

[Rocky Mountain Youth Corps](#)

970-879-2135

www.rockymountainyouthcorps.org/

The mission of Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (RMYC), "Linking community, education and environment through service" drives our programming and organizational objectives. RMYC helps youth and young adults make a difference in themselves and their

community through meaningful service opportunities and educational experiences. RMYC is part of a network of over 100 youth corps nationwide working to improve communities, the environment and the lives of youth and young adults by putting them to work on public lands and open spaces. RMYC strives to meet the needs of the community of Northwest Colorado by offering long term mentoring for middle school students and summer conservation corps participants. Participants, called corps members, work on crews to complete service projects for multiple city, state, federal and nonprofit agencies.

[Routt County Economic Development Council](#)

970-870-4461

http://yampavalley.info/centers/business_%2526_economy/pages/routt_county_economic_development_cooperative_3

The Routt County Economic Development Cooperative (RCEDC) mission is to facilitate the growth, diversification and stability of Routt County's economy primarily through the practice of "Economic Gardening" as an economic development strategy that supports and fosters a culture of entrepreneurship.

[Routt County Riders](#)

www.routtcountyriders.org/

We unite all bicyclists in Steamboat Springs and Routt County to create a fun, healthy and safe bicycle friendly community benefitting local citizens and visitors alike. Since 1991, Routt County Riders has been working to improve cycling in the Yampa Valley. RCR is actively involved with new trail planning, construction and maintenance and provides a volunteer base and assistance for many cycling events.

[Sierra Club](#)

970-871-8799

<http://rnc.sierraclub.org/tlg/>

Since 1892, the Sierra Club has been working to protect communities, wild places, and the planet itself. We are the oldest, largest, and most influential grassroots environmental organization in the United States. The Trappers Lake group serves Northwest Colorado, which consists of Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt counties.

[Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association Sustainable Business Program](#)

970-875-7003

www.steamboatcchamber.com/sustainable

The mission of the Chamber's Sustainable Business Program is to provide leadership in the Yampa Valley toward raising awareness and sharing of ideas relative to sustainable business goals and practices using the Triple Bottom Line approach, which includes environmental, economy, societal components. To accomplish this, the Chamber offers a comprehensive, quantifiable, and robust Sustainable Business certification program for businesses in all sectors in the Yampa Valley. See below for a full list of businesses enrolled in the program.

[Vision 2030](#)

970-846-1404

www.vision2030routt.org

Vision 2030 is a collaborative citizens' effort to help define the future of the Yampa River Valley by gathering the wisdom of valley residents, updating the 1994 Vision 2020 Report, and creating collective stewardship of a community vision that retains and sustains our "Heart and Soul" assets for generations to come.

[Yampatika](#)

970-871-9151

www.yampatika.org

Yampatika is a non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire environmental stewardship through education. We fulfill our mission in by implementing hands-on inquiry-based educational programs; advocating conservation and the sound use of natural lands and cultural resources; and strengthening connections to natural and cultural environments through place-based education.

[Yampa Valley Community Foundation](#)

970-871-0431

www.yvcf.org

The Yampa Valley Community Foundation provides leadership in raising funds, in partnership with community members, to support innovative programs benefiting the Yampa Valley community. Our vision is to build a healthy and vital community through the power of philanthropy.

[Yampa Valley Land Trust](#)

970-879-7240

www.yvlt.org

Yampa Valley Land Trust works in partnership with willing landowners to develop conservation easements, which permanently protect the rural landscapes and important ecological resources found throughout Northwest Colorado.

[Yampa Valley Partners](#)

970-824-1133

www.yampavalleypartners.com

Yampa Valley Partners supports the development of healthy communities in Routt and Moffat Counties by fostering communication, cooperation and collaboration.

[Yampa Valley Recycles](#)

970-870-7575

www.yampavalleyrecycles.org

Yampa Valley Recycles believes it is possible for people to coexist with the environment without depleting natural resources or polluting the environment. We aim to expand and support comprehensive recycling programs in the Yampa Valley by educating, promoting, and implementing creative solutions to help communities reduce, reuse, and recycle.

[Yampa Valley Sustainability Council](#)

www.yvsc.org

The mission of the Yampa Valley Sustainability Council (YVSC) is to provide leadership to advance environmental, economic, and social sustainability for current and future generations through education, programs and collaboration among individuals, organizations, businesses and government.

Other Organizations & Community Outreach

[Colorado Mountain College](#)

970-947-8438

<http://coloradomtn.edu/>

[Colorado State University Extension Office](#) (and Master Gardeners Program)

970-879-0825

www.ext.colostate.edu

Colorado State University Extension offers reliable, research-based information to help you make informed decisions.

Community Gardens

- Oak Creek community: garden soroco_cg@yahoo.com.
- South Routt Community Garden and the local-food dinner: Call the South Routt Nursery at 970-736-0040
- Steamboat Springs community garden:
<http://rcextension.colostate.edu/Hort/communityroots.html>
- Hayden Garden Club and the Hayden community garden: Contact Tammie Delaney at Yampa Valley Feeds at 970-276-4250
- Supplies: HomeResource
- Instruction: Yampatika, Deep Roots
- Online Network: <http://transition.ning.com>

Zero Waste Initiatives

[YVSC Zero Waste Initiative](#)

www.yvsc.org/programs-projects/zero-waste-initiative/

Launched in summer 2009, the community Zero Waste initiative focuses on the reduction and ultimate elimination of waste at large-scale, public events. In its inaugural year, the all-volunteer initiative worked to make the following Steamboat Springs community events waste free: Family Fun Fest, two free concerts at the Ski Area, a Bike-in-Movie, and the Nordic Combined Olympic Trials. Based on last year's success, the initiative is on track to triple in scope in 2010.

[Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation](#)

970-879-6111

www.steamboat.com

In 2009, Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation (SSRC) launched a Zero Waste Pilot Program for the Ski Area. SSRC made a commitment to the community and their guests to lead the way in waste and recycling programs in Northwestern Colorado and for ski areas everywhere. SSRC's programs include implementing a sustainable waste management plan, turning the resort to Zero Waste, educating locals and visitors on the concept and practices of Zero Waste, recycling all possible items, composting organic waste, and teaching guests and employees to sort discards to prevent recyclables and compostables from entering the local waste stream.

Transportation

[Steamboat Springs Transit](#) (Free Bus)

970-879-5585

www.steamboatsprings.net

Steamboat Springs Transit (SST) provides a fixed route transit service throughout the City of Steamboat Springs. Free year-round bus service is provided daily around town and between downtown and the Ski Resort Mountain Base area. Schedule information is available on the buses and in brochure racks located throughout Steamboat Springs.

[Yampa River Core Trail](#)

<http://www.trailink.com/ViewTrail.aspx?AcctID=6129168>

This seven mile, multi-use trail follows the meandering Yampa River from Walton Creek Road and Highway 40 to the James Brown Bridge on Shield Drive. Groves of cottonwood trees, excellent fishing, scenic overlook benches and lovely picnic spots make this trail a great place for a leisurely stroll or a commuter route through town.

[Buy Local Program](#)

The Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association, in partnership with a dedicated group of local business owners, have launched a Buy Local Campaign in hopes of bringing attention to the importance of supporting local commerce, especially in a tough economic environment.

The five themes to the Chamber's Buy Local Campaign each represent a reason why you should buy from a local business. All five themes might not speak to you personally, but chances are when you purchase locally you are doing it for one of these reasons:

- ***Buy Local. Give Local.***
- ***Buy Local. Build Partnerships.***
- ***Buy Local. Get Value.***
- ***Buy Local. Be Green.***
- ***Buy Local. Think Community.***

Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association Sustainable Business Program

The following local businesses are enrolled in the Sustainable Business Program:

Architectural/ Engineering

Kelly & Stone Architects
Drexel Barrell & Co.
Landmark Consultants

Banking and Finance

Alpine Bank
Mountain Valley Bank

Business Services

PostNet
Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Assn.
TouchStone Promotions
Alpine Insurance
Northwest Data Services

Communications

NRC Broadcasting
Steamboat Pilot & Today

Construction/ Development

Marabou
Fox Construction
Drahota Construction Co.
Native Excavating
Letson Enterprises

Government & Institutions

Horizons
City of Steamboat Springs
Colorado Mountain College
Lowell Whiteman School K-8

Landscaping

Mountain West Environments

Lodging/ Property Management

Moving Mountains Chalets, Inc.
ResortQuest
Resort Group

Simply Steamboat Property

Management
Central Park Management
Pinnacle Resort Management/The Porches
Sheraton Steamboat Resort

Manufacturing

Moots Cycles
Dovetail Designs

Medical & Therapeutic

Pet Kare Clinic
Life Essentials Wellness Spa
Aspire Osteopathy

Real Estate

Prudential Steamboat Realty

Restaurants

Big House Burgers
Rex's American Grill & Bar
Mazzola's Restaurant
Ore House Restaurant at Pine Grove
Rio Grande Restaurant

Retail

BAP and Big Agnes
Mountain Home Stove & Fireplace
Black Tie Ski Rentals
Smartwool
Irene Nelson Interiors
LightWorks of Steamboat

Travel & Leisure

Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp.
Administrative Offices
Catamount Ranch & Club

Services

Air Quality Systems
GO Alpine