## What Makes a Good Application?



Here are a few quick tips to remember when filling out your application:

A competitive application will show support from the neighborhood; as individual neighbors, from the registered neighborhood organization (RNO), and from the Councilmember of that district. Signatures and letters of support from other neighborhood organizations and local businesses are great too! *You must apply as one of Denver's officially recognized neighborhoods. Please refer to this Neighborhood Map for clarification.* 

Competitive applications will include proposed sustainability initiatives, projects, and topics that you would like to address in the neighborhood – anything from increasing recycling rates, to holding a sustainability potluck series, to signing neighbors up for energy advising, and more. Feel free to refer to the "Goals, Target Areas, Suggested Projects" brochure for ideas. The evaluation team will also be looking at *how* you plan to make these initiatives and projects happen.

Below is a list of the criteria used to evaluate all applications:

- Neighborhood support (includes # of signatures, support from RNO, Councilmember, etc.)
- Quality of proposed projects (how detailed the proposal is, clear goal setting, connection to existing City or neighborhood resources)
- History of success or collaboration on neighborhood projects
- Neighborhood diversity (socio-economic, race, ethnicity, age can all be considered)
- Selection for Sustainable Neighborhoods program is likely to be catalytic (cause positive change) for the neighborhood

Thank you for your interest in the Sustainable Neighborhoods Program and good luck with your application! If you have any questions, or need assistance with the application, please contact Taylor Moellers at <a href="mailto:Taylor.Moellers@denvergov.org">Taylor.Moellers@denvergov.org</a> or 720-865-5477.



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