



SUSTAINABLE WHEAT RIDGE



Sustainable Neighborhoods Program 2023 Application Guide

Use this guide to prepare answers for your neighborhood's Sustainable Neighborhood Program online application, **open on March 6, 2023**. (available at <https://bit.ly/SN2023application>).

Applications are due by or before 11:59pm on Friday, May 12, 2023. For assistance, please contact Mary Hester at sustainability@ci.wheatridge.co.us or call 303-235-2841.

Application Page 1 – Basic Information

❖ Applicant Information

Select a primary contact for your application and provide the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Email

Application Page 2 – Neighborhood Information

❖ Please describe the approximate boundaries of your neighborhood

Use streets or landmarks to describe boundaries of your neighborhood. If you need help defining your boundaries, contact Mary Hester at sustainability@ci.wheatridge.co.us

We will work with you to finalize the boundaries if your neighborhood is selected. If desired, attach a map to illustrate the boundaries. An example of an existing Sustainable Neighborhood in Lakewood (Belmar) is provided here:

North: W Alameda Ave, **South:** W Center Ave,

East: S Pierce St, **West:** Wadsworth Blvd



❖ **Does your neighborhood have a formal neighborhood organization or homeowners' association?**

*Having a formal neighborhood organization is not required. If your neighborhood does have an organization or association, please provide the **organization name** and **website**.*

❖ **Describe the predominant type of housing in your neighborhood.**

Select the type of housing that best describes your neighborhood from the list below.

- Primarily single-family homes or duplexes
- Primarily multi-family residences or townhomes
- A mix of housing types
- Unsure

❖ **Share distinguishing features about your neighborhood**

Share distinguishing features that you would like us to know (e.g. a lot of urban agriculture, historic preservation areas, existing community spaces like parks or schools, possible business partners, etc.) Tell us what makes your neighborhood unique.

Application Page 3 – Neighborhood Project Ideas

Sustainable Neighborhood projects must fit into one of the five program goal areas (listed below).

You can download the "[Goals, Target Areas, Suggested Projects](#)" brochure on the Sustainable Neighborhoods Program website for project ideas, or visit the existing Sustainable Neighborhood web pages to see what kind of projects are currently being completed. (<https://www.sustainableneighborhoodnetwork.org/>). Feel free to adapt existing ideas or develop new ideas.

- **Energy:** projects that promote energy efficiency in the neighborhood and encourage the use of renewable energy sources.
- **Air:** projects that reduce emissions generated in the neighborhood and improve both outdoor and indoor air quality.
- **Water:** projects that conserve water resources and improve water quality.
- **Land:** projects that encourage stewardship and conservation of ecosystems and resources.
- **People:** projects that enhance the social vitality of the neighborhood by encouraging community interaction, partnerships, and outreach programs.

❖ **Neighborhood Project Ideas**

*Please share project ideas you would like to pursue if your neighborhood is accepted into the Sustainable Neighborhoods Program. Project descriptions should address **how** and **why** the projects will have the potential to positively impact your neighborhood. In addition, please address how the projects are customized to the neighborhood and its unique characteristics. Don't worry too much about telling us **how** the project will get done; focus instead on **why** this project is important to your neighborhood.*

If you have more than three project ideas that you would like to let us know about, please type them in a Word document and upload them at the end of the application.

Application Page 4 – Neighborhood Support

The Sustainable Neighborhood program is a great tool for strengthening community cohesion, increasing civic participation, and celebrating neighborhood diversity. This section of questions will help us understand how the program will help build community, value diversity, and catalyze project development in your neighborhood.

❖ How will participating in this program help build community in your neighborhood?

*Please select the **one** sentence that best describes your neighborhood. Based on your selection a follow-up question will pop up in the online form.*

- **Choice 1:** *There is currently a high level of engagement from a diverse group of residents in the neighborhood.*
 - **Follow-up to choice 1:** *Based on the level of engagement in your neighborhood, how will the neighborhood use the program to leverage this existing support to achieve sustainability goals?*
- **Choice 2:** *There is currently a moderate level of engagement from a diverse group of residents in the neighborhood.*
 - **Follow-up to choice 2:** *Based on the level of engagement in your neighborhood, how will the neighborhood use the program to leverage this existing support to achieve sustainability goals?*
- **Choice 3:** *There is currently community engagement from the same few faces in the neighborhood.*
 - **Follow-up to choice 3:** *How will participation in the program serve as a catalyst for engagement in your neighborhood?*
- **Choice 4:** *Community engagement is non-existent in the neighborhood.*
 - **Follow-up to choice 4:** *How will participation in the program serve as a catalyst for engagement in your neighborhood?*

❖ Inclusiveness and Diversity

Please provide examples of how your neighborhood will work to be inclusive in all projects and events and encourage diversity in program participants. This may include but is not limited to engaging residents of diverse race and ethnicity, residents of varying age and generation, residents who live in various types of housing, and residents of varying socioeconomic background.

❖ Demonstrate Neighborhood Support

Neighborhood success in this program requires that residents work together to plan and implement initiatives. Strong applications include signatures of support from residents living in all areas of the neighborhood. A minimum of 20 signatures is recommended and we encourage you to gather even more!

Instructions:

1. Download the [signature collection form](#) from the program website as a template to collect neighborhood signatures.
2. Scan or take a picture of the completed form(s).
3. Submit the completed form(s) through the online form or email to sustainability@ci.wheatridge.co.us