



GOSS GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD CLIMATE ACTION FORUM

Saturday, April 17, 2021

Hosted by Goss Grove Neighborhood Association

Sponsored by the City of Boulder Department of Climate Initiatives

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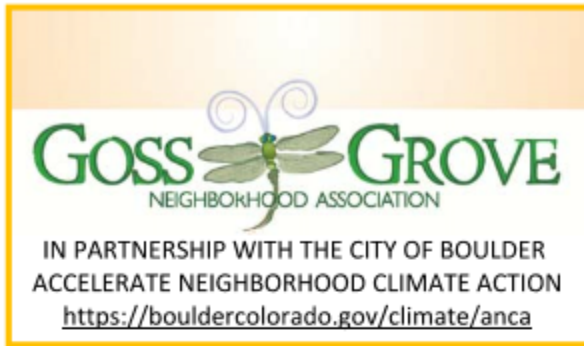
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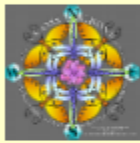
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**CLIMATE
ACTION
PALOOZA**



**APRIL
17, 2021**

**FEATURED
GUEST:
NOAA
CLIMATE
SCIENTIST**

REGISTER
<https://forms.gle/D1dKinzPo3gSvfF19>

**WHAT WOULD YOU DO
TO REDUCE THE
CARBON FOOTPRINT
IN THIS
NEIGHBORHOOD?**

**BRING YOUR IDEAS
AND BRAINSTORM
WITH NEIGHBORS**

THE BEGINNING: THE GOSS GROVE CLIMATE ACTION FORUM IN THE PLANNING

The Forum planning committee of Susan Iott, Michelle Wright, and Michele Bishop, invited the neighborhood to a “Climate Action Palooza” by distributing these flyers door-to-door throughout Goss Grove.

Despite the beautiful weather the morning of the event, neighbors showed up online, some with their laptops outside, to share their ideas and make plans.

The first thing neighbors saw when they logged into Zoom was a looped PowerPoint showing off Goss Groves community activities from the past. To view the PowerPoint, click [here](#).

Then everyone introduced themselves and shared what they are already doing for planet earth, a long and healthy list! See it on the next page.

ONE THING YOU ARE DOING NOW

To stop climate change, I'm already ...	Names
1. (example) rebuilding my garden soil without tilling it	Sunny Walker
2. Compost bin & chickens/eggs	Michelle W.
3. Also composting & donated one to community garden, recycling everything	Michele B.
4. Take the bus, try not to drive	Susan
5. Garden is covered with snow, just waiting	Sherwood
6. Composting, including community garden, removing grass and putting in mulch & low-water plants in a large yard in Louisville	Robin
7. Bike a lot, try not to drive, one-car household	Laurel
8. Try to do lots of installs (works for NOAA)	Roger
9. Not much driving except things like delivering Christmas trees	Jenny
10. Not in Goss Grove, Naropa IS in GG - was carless for 12 years, Naropa - no biocides, permaculture, compost all greens and browns, pollinators -> broad pollinator access across Boulder, bike repair shed, Buddha bikes, core sustainability course - with a focus beyond zero sum on worldviews and ecological worldviews - less an external relationship	Michael
11. Living in Goss Grove 44 years, grass is gone, take care of trees, compost bin, no pesticides or chemicals and hardly drive, planting more bee and bird bushes	Mary
12. Renter in Goss Grove, getting household to eat a lot less meat and reduce food waste, willing to work on any projects and so is my partner Max	Shawna
13. Architect for Boulder county, promotes energy efficient buildings, solar arrays, live downtown to be able to bike more, eat less red meat for the environment, work remotely, grooming new employees	James

<p>14. 41 years in GG, personally do the things above, yard converted to a biodiverse pollinator habitat and leading the Goss Grove pollinator project, helping others turn their yards into pollinator plants, building little island to service the bees to remain alive. Request people not use pesticides. It's a challenge.</p>	<p>Andre</p>
<p>15. Renovated the house as LEAD friendly and environmentally friendly, worked on our garden to regenerate the soil, composts directly into my soil in the summer and use straw (put greens directly in the soil and cover with straw, preferably rotting straw).</p>	<p>Ines and Peter</p>
<p>16. Trying to use less products, have an older cell phone, even watch amount of shampoo I buy and use, for example</p>	<p>Diane</p>

Next, neighbor Roger Pulwarty from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) gave a timely presentation on the current science behind climate change. It was not only highly informative, but easily understood by all who were present. A link to the presentation will be coming shortly.


In the middle of the Vision work, there was a break. Afterwards, Michael Bauer of Naropa shared what was happening on the campus and stirred interest in partnering. Michael shared Naropa's overarching philosophy, beyond the science, of the importance of people and spirit in addressing climate change.

THE VISION

Following Roger's presentation, the group began to address their vision question:


What do you see in place in Goss Grove in 3-5 years as a result of your efforts to lower your collective carbon footprint:

Below is an image of the entire Mural Board where the participants brainstormed in breakout teams about their lower carbon footprint Vision and then clustered similar accomplishments



Goss Grove
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Accelerate Neighborhood Climate Action (ANCA) Initiative



2 Step 2 - Watch, participate, & see the consensus emerge!

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What do you see in place in Goss Grove in 3.5 years after your efforts to lower your collective carbon footprint?

Community	Energy	Suburban	Community Design	Low Income Transportation	TP Collaboration	Vision Building
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1 Step 1 - Go to your assigned team!

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3. Agree on ideas until you have 0-9 ideas.
4. When finished, select your 2-3 shared items and put them to the top of this page.

1 idea per team
2-7 shared items per team
8-9 ideas per team

TEAM 2

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Here is the Vision only. A typed version in on the following page. Tilted "Stickies" indicate no consensus or where that idea fits.

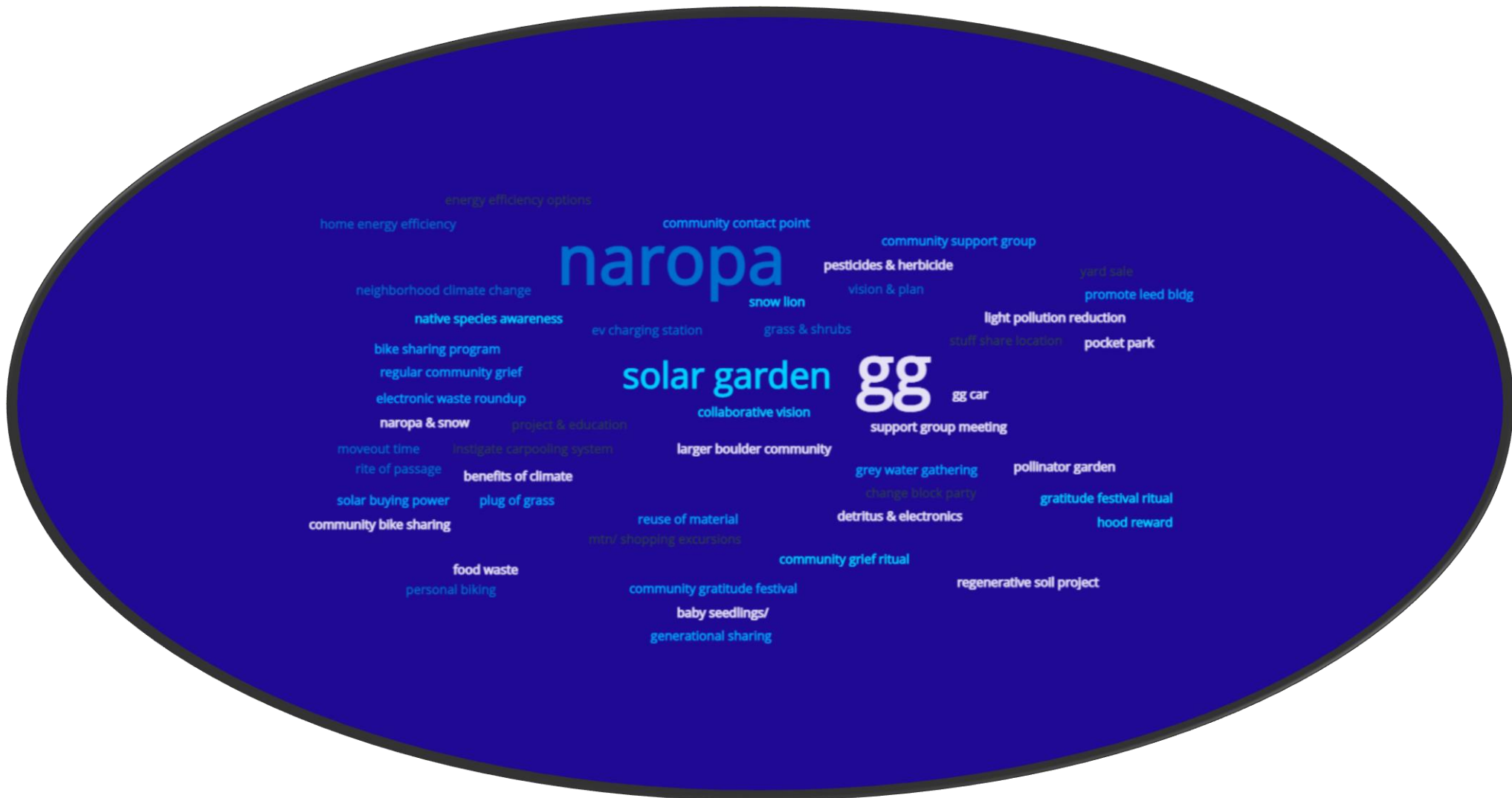
Tilted stickies have a "?" in front of the comment on the typed chart.



<p align="center">Goss Grove Climate Action Vision</p> <p align="center"><i>What do you see in place in Goss Grove in 3-5 years as a result of your efforts to lower your collective carbon footprint?</i></p>						
COMPOSTING	ENERGY	GARDENING	COMMUNITY SHARING	LOW-IMPACT TRANSPORTATION	PR/ COMMUNICATION	VISION BUILDING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community compost sharing (Naropa) • Reduce pesticides & herbicides • Buy “Eco-Compost” brand compost from A1 Organics to close the loop • Community library – eco gardens • Community composting in pocket parks • Composting Awareness campaign in GG • Regenerative soil projects & education • City-supported composting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home energy efficiency options • Increase Solar on homes • Community solar buying power • Put in a solar-array to power an EV charging station • Light pollution reduction • Decentralized solar on houses • Promote LEED bldg. specifications for remodeling • Collaborative vision & plan for solar • Solar gardens on rooftops (like McGuckins) • Community solar gardens at Naropa & Snow Lion • ? Carbon counting (see Auraria campus) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plugs of grass – need people to plant • Volunteer to rear seedlings • Pollinator gardens • Grey water gathering – garden use • Urgent – volunteer to raise baby seedlings/ already started • Build biodiverse gardens • Sidewalk rock pick up • More natural vegetation, low water • City/GG supported mat. grasses & shrubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic waste roundup • Clothing and other stuff share location • Clothing swap • Yard Sale at move out and move in times at CU to re-home materials • Garden supply sharing • Reuse of materials – turnover at moveout time • Grants to deal with move-out detritus & electronics • ? Reduce food waste, food security • ? rebuilding back better / recovering better...the new normal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/hood rewards for people w/o cars • GG car pooling • Personal biking, reduce driving • Community bike sharing program • Instigate carpooling system (Mtn/ shopping excursions?) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those who aren’t engaged now are VERY engaged • Share & expand GG success to other areas • Rites of passage or initiation into the great “call to adventure” of climate crisis • Regular community grief rituals (Naropa) • Normalize not wasting food • Regular “The Work that Reconnects” workshops (Naropa) • Educational seminars – passing information – generational sharing • Community Gratitude Festival Rituals (Naropa) • Native species awareness • Community support group meetings • Marketing – Pick one and DO! • Clear benefits of climate actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We did NOT return to the old “Normal” • Community contact point w/City • Efforts are collective in GG and the larger Boulder community • Regular “Feed the 5000” community meal with “nearly wasted food” • Host a neighborhood climate change block party, students inclusive, with mini-booths to talk about ideas and practices

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A “Wordle” from all the words in the Vision Chart. Larger sized words appeared more often.



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GOSS GROVE INITIAL ACTION PLANS

The Goss Grove residents were so excited to get started with their amazing ideas, many in the vision for things to DO right away, that they moved immediately in Action Planning groups on three of four areas to launch in the coming years:

1. Solar
2. Composting / Gardening (initially pollinator pathways)
3. Community Sharing
4. PR/Communication

This came with the understanding that the PR/Communications column was key to everything and many participants will pick that up and complete an Action Plan for that arena over the coming year.

In addition, over time, they would review the vision work and further define and refine their actual future Vision in each of the general areas seen in the columns of the chart above.

The Following pages contain the Action Plans created in Vision area breakout groups.



Goss Grove - Climate Action Planning Form

VISION: Connecting Bio-diverse/Native Habitats Across GG Neighborhood

Title: Composting / Gardening

<p>Output (What will be delivered)</p> <p>Initial 2-3 homeowner properties</p>	<p>Outcome (Intended impact of this plan)</p> <p>Create new viable spaces to put in the habitat</p> <p>Create a “cooling path” – Biodiverse carbon-sequestration habitats</p>			
<p>Supporting Factors →</p> <p>Have over 1000 square feet already established from the past 4 years</p>	<p>← Resisting Factors</p> <p>Dig up the rocks</p> <p>Getting landlords (non-resident) on board</p>			
Implementing Steps		Who	Start Date	Finish Date
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify the possibilities (small number) 2. Get plant materials & get labor to plant them 3. Maintain these habitats 				
<p>Resource Requirements:</p> <p>Next Meeting:</p>		<p>Coordinator: Andrea</p> <p>Team Members:</p> <p>Jenny</p> <p>Ines</p> <p>How communicate:</p>		



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Title: Solar

<p>Output (What will be delivered)</p> <p>Solar powered neighborhood (moving in that direction)</p>	<p>Outcome (Intended impact of this plan)</p> <p>50 percent solar power</p>		
<p>Supporting Factors ☐</p> <p>small decentralized solar</p>	<p>☐ Resisting Factors</p> <p>Trees</p> <p>Legal Restrictions</p>		
Implementing Steps	Who	Start Date	Finish Date
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Potential solar project areas map 2. Ask about buying into collective solar gardens 3. explore solar technology and provide report 4. Contact partners (CU, Naropa, McGuckins) 	<p>Diane</p>		
<p>Resource Requirements:</p> <p>Next Meeting:</p>	<p>Coordinator: Susan Iott</p> <p>Team Members: Diane, Jeffrey, Roger, Susan</p> <p>How communicate:</p>		



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Title: Community Sharing

Output (What will be delivered) Waste reduction (particularly during move out)	Outcome (Intended impact of this plan) Waste and consumption reduction		
Supporting Factors ☐ Goody bag program to welcome students; good neighborhood communication; good spaces to hold events such as e-waste collection, clothing swaps; infrastructure at the community garden and little library. Maybe add a document where people add what they're looking for and what they want to add. NextDoor	☐ Resisting Factors Spreading word to the would-be tossers; convenience of tossing clothing and electronics. Waiting for move out.		
Implementing Steps	Who	Start Date	Finish Date
1. In the Little Library add a physical document that people sign up to "share" tools and other items (could also be electronic). Good place to share information.	Mary	I'll ask this Tuesday at the GGN meeting	TBD (by end of May?)
Resource Requirements: Next Meeting:	Coordinator: Team Members: How communicate:		

NOTE: An Action Plan for PR/Communication will be developed soon.



The happy neighbors at the end of a hard morning of work / thinking!

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About ANCA

Accelerate Neighborhood Climate Action was formed initially by a group of Denver colleagues who saw a need to involve Denver residents in the City’s sustainability efforts. The word “Neighborhood” was added to the name as it had become the vehicle through which to engage people.

ANCA was incorporated as a 501(c)3 charitable organization in March of 2019. To date (4-3-2021) 12 Climate Action Forums, 11 in Denver covering 13 neighborhoods and 1 in Boulder, have been completed with nearly 50 neighborhood level Action Plans created. Interchange events between these neighborhoods are held twice a year. In December of 2019, ANCA was invited to present their work at Denver’s Sustainability Summit.

The City of Boulder saw a similar need and in collaboration with ANCA Denver launched their own ANCA program with a city-wide Climate Action Forum demonstration on November 14, 2020. The city is continuing with 5 specific neighborhood “pilots” in 2021.

- Phase One: Martin Acres, Sundance, and Goss Grove
- Phase Two: HyView and Melody Catalpa

Website: <http://accelerateclimateaction.org>

Boulder website: [Accelerating Neighborhood Climate Action \(ANCA\) \(bouldercolorado.gov\)](https://www.bouldercolorado.gov/accelerating-neighborhood-climate-action)

Facebook: [Accelerate Neighborhood Climate Action Denver](https://www.facebook.com/accelerateclimateactiondenver)



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Title:

Output (What will be delivered)	Outcome (Intended impact of this plan)
Supporting Factors →	← Resisting Factors

Implementing Steps	Who	Start Date	Finish Date
1.			

<p>Resource Requirements:</p> <p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>How to measure success?</p>	<p>Coordinator:</p> <p>Team Members:</p> <p>How communicate:</p>
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