

Corvallis Sustainability Coalition

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

What is sustainability? The City of Corvallis Sustainability Policy, adopted in 2004, defines sustainability as “using natural, financial, and human resources in a responsible manner that meets existing needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”

What is the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition? The Coalition is a network of organizations and individuals in Corvallis and Benton County who are working together to accelerate the creation of a sustainable community.

Who is eligible to become a Coalition partner? Participation is open to local organizations and individuals who support our vision, mission, and guiding objectives (see reverse side). There is no fee for participation.

What are the benefits of participating in the Coalition? Coalition partners have an opportunity to increase the effectiveness of their sustainability efforts by:

- Reaching more people through increased communication and collaboration
- Strengthening support for partners’ initiatives
- Learning from other partners’ successes
- Participating in projects with community-wide visibility

What does it mean to be a Coalition partner? Each organizational partner designates a representative to receive communications, attend quarterly Coalition gatherings, and provide input. Partners may also participate by serving on a Coalition action team (Community Inclusion, Economic Vitality, Education, Energy, Food, Health & Human Services, Housing, Land Use, Natural Areas, Transportation, Waste Prevention, and Water) or on a Coalition committee (Communications & Marketing, Finance, Fundraising, Membership).

How does the Coalition operate? The Coalition Steering Committee guides its work using a modified consensus-based model. For public policy positions taken on behalf of the Coalition, the Steering Committee will take proposed positions to partners for a vote. Adoption of a proposed position or action requires approval by at least two-thirds of partners that vote.

To become a Coalition partner, simply fill out the form below and mail it to Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, P.O. Box 2310, Corvallis, OR 97339, or email it to admin@sustainablecorvallis.org.

Corvallis Sustainability Coalition – PARTICIPATION FORM

Name: _____ Action Team/Committee***: _____

Organization*: _____ Your title*: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Your email: _____

Organization Website*: _____

Organization Representative*: _____ Rep’s email*: _____

* If you are joining the Coalition on behalf of an organization, please include these fields.

** If you are joining the Coalition as an individual, please include this field.

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Vision, Mission, and Guiding Objectives

Our Vision

For the community: Corvallis is a community in which the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It is a flourishing and thriving city with a vibrant economy that respects, restores, and cares for the community of life.

For the Coalition: The Corvallis Sustainability Coalition provides grassroots leadership, inspiration, resources, opportunities for collaboration, and innovative solutions to help Corvallis and Benton County become more sustainable.

Our Mission

To promote an ecologically, economically, and socially healthy city and county. We will achieve our mission by using the Sustainability Guiding Objectives and a democratic, highly participative decision-making process.

Sustainability Guiding Objectives - A Framework for Decision-making

Our community will:

1. Reduce and ultimately eliminate our community's contribution to fossil fuel dependence and to wasteful use of scarce metals and minerals. Use renewable resources whenever possible.
2. Reduce and ultimately eliminate our community's contribution to dependence upon persistent chemicals and wasteful use of synthetic substances. Use biologically safe products whenever possible.
3. Reduce and ultimately eliminate our community's contribution to encroachment upon nature (e.g., land, water, wildlife, forests, soil, ecosystems). Protect natural ecosystems.
4. Support people's capacity to meet their basic needs fairly and efficiently.

For further information about the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition and to view the **Community Sustainability Action Plan**, go to www.sustainablecorvallis.org.