Our Mission

To promote an ecologically, socially, and economically healthy city and county.

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

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The Corvallis Sustainability Coalition is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Our federal tax identification number is 27-1003508.
Advance the Action Plan

The Coalition will maintain a living Community Sustainability Action Plan that provides a framework for the development of a sustainable community.

1. Update the Community Sustainability Action Plan every five years.
2. Continue to determine baseline measurements and measures of progress.
3. Communicate milestones achieved by the Coalition action teams and partner organizations.

Support Volunteers and Partners

The Coalition will continue to foster an active and broad base of volunteers and partners.

1. Increase the number of active Coalition volunteers and partner organizations, and assist them in understanding and applying the Guiding Objectives.
2. Support action teams in developing and working on specific projects.
3. Foster leadership within action teams and committees to ensure continuity of the organization.

Develop Financial Stability

The Coalition will develop sustainable funding sources to ensure the long-term viability of the organization and its activities.

1. Develop regular sources of income.
2. Maximize existing event opportunities, and integrate fundraising into our activities.
3. Seek grants for Coalition operations and projects.
Goals & Strategies (cont.)

Provide Staff

We will employ staff to support our work.

1. Create a staffing plan that includes job descriptions and prioritized staffing needs.
2. Develop a model of staff management by grassroots leadership.

Increase Visibility

The Coalition will continue to be a highly visible organization.

1. Use effective marketing strategies to increase the Coalition’s visibility and availability as a resource for the community.
2. Use existing networks and organizations to educate and advocate for sustainability.
3. Communicate with decision-makers on a regular basis.

Our Values

Grassroots Base – We value and support our volunteers, who are the foundation of our organization. Our decision-making process is democratic and highly participatory.

Leadership – We provide direction for the organization and for the sustainability movement in the community.

Partnerships and Collaboration – We leverage our resources to achieve greater results by partnering with other organizations.

Inclusion – Our organization includes a broad range of people. We value and respect individual perspectives, and we seek to accommodate these differences.

Innovation – We are committed to developing innovative solutions to the challenges we face as a community.

Integrity and Honesty – We encourage open communication, model high standards and professionalism, and create a safe environment for disagreement.

Transparency – All actions and work of the Coalition are open for public review.
Corvallis Sustainability Coalition

- Is a network of organizations and individuals working together to create a more sustainable community.
- Includes nearly 250 partner organizations – businesses, non-profits, faith communities, educational institutions, and local government, as well as hundreds of individual volunteers who represent a wide diversity of interests.
- Supports our partner organizations through an annual Sustainability Fair and Town Hall, and Quarterly Gatherings that feature their successes.
- Received the Governor’s Sustainability Award in 2011 in recognition of our grassroots-led process, which can serve as a model to other communities.

Community Sustainability Action Plan

- Was developed through a community-wide public process led by the Sustainability Coalition, with substantial support from the City of Corvallis.


Coalition Action Teams

- Are pursuing the goals, strategies, and actions outlined in the Action Plan.
- Have developed a wide variety of projects and activities, including
  - Community-wide challenges such as the Corvallis Energy Challenge, Car Free Day Challenge, and the Buy Local First Campaign;
  - Resources such as the Corvallis Area Reuse Directory, the Corvallis Garden Resource Guide, and flyers distributed by Recycling Block Captains;
  - Special events such as Natural Areas Celebration Week, Edible Front Yard Garden Tours, Local Eats Week, and Abundant Choices House Tour; and
  - Demonstration projects, such as the 3 Waters Project at the local food co-op.