

3. SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND WASTE

Vision

Durango's residents, visitors and businesses produce, consume and dispose of materials in a thoughtful manner that prioritizes sustainable local materials management, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and minimizes the volume of waste sent to landfill.

KPI	Baseline	Goal
Emissions associated with community waste disposal	15,922 MT CO ₂ e (2016 GHG Inventory)	↓
Emissions associated with municipal waste disposal	1,217 MT CO ₂ e (2016 GHG Inventory)	↓
Diversion Rate	33% (2019)	↑ 60% by 2030, 100% by 2050
Per capita landfill waste	0.47 Tons (2019)	↓
Household Hazardous Waste diverted	84,554 lbs diverted of 86,335 lbs collected at 2020 event	↑
% population living in food poverty	LPC 11.1% food insecure (5,990 people) (Feeding America 2016)	↓

Ongoing	Phase 1 (2021-2023)	Phase 2 (2024-2025)	Phase 3 (2026-2030)
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 3.1. WASTE DIVERSION: Increase the percentage of waste generated in Durango that is diverted from landfill and reduce the greenhouse gas emissions associated with waste disposal.			
3.1.1. Continue to improve local recycling programs			
3.1.2. Provide opportunities for hazardous waste diversion			
3.1.3. Conduct ongoing recycling outreach and education			
3.1.4. Expand fats, oil and grease (FOG) diversion			
3.1.5. Increase recycling and composting at city facilities			
3.1.6. Expand community organic waste diversion			
3.1.7. Consider disincentivizing landfill trash generation			
3.1.8. Evaluate potential for expanded diversion of hard-to-recycle items			
3.1.9. Update Solid Waste and Single Stream recycling audits			
3.1.10. Develop long-term sustainable materials management plan			
3.1.11. Expand local re-use and end-use of recycled materials			
3.1.12. Offer expanded public space recycling options			
3.1.13. Engage landfill operator on options for gas capture			
3.1.14. Require recycling and composting at public events			
3.1.15. Explore potential to require recycling and composting (Universal Zero Waste)			
3.1.16. Explore potential to require deconstruction and recycling of construction waste			
 3.2. SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION: Encourage conscious production and consumption that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and supports Durango’s local economy.			
3.2.1. Expand sustainable consumption outreach			
3.2.2. Continue to reduce municipal paper use, while being conscious of electronic storage			
3.2.3. Update municipal Environmental Purchasing Policy			
3.2.4. Reduce consumption of single-use plastics through regulation and/or outreach			
3.2.5. Support and promote local green business certification program			
3.2.6. Incentivize preservation and re-use of existing structures			
 3.3. FOOD SYSTEMS: Create and support an interconnected food system that is healthy, inclusive, equitable and resilient to change.			
3.3.1. Enhance access to locally grown food			
3.3.2. Support local food recovery and diversion			
3.3.3. Support and encourage backyard gardening			
3.3.4. Develop outreach around low carbon food options			
3.3.5. Participate in development of Community Food Strategy			
3.3.6. Evaluate opportunities for food policy action			
3.3.7. Purchase local / low carbon food options for municipal events			
3.3.8. Support initiatives that encourage regenerative agriculture and carbon sequestration			
3.3.9. Support local “Good Food” certification			
 3.4. SCALING UP			
3.4.1. Advocate for state and federal policy to support regenerative agriculture			
3.4.2. Advocate for state-wide recycling and composting requirements			
3.4.3. Participate in regional collaboration that supports recycling			