

LARIMER COUNTY | SOLID WASTE POLICY COUNCIL

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North Front Range Regional Wasteshed Coalition Mission/Values Statement October 2020

Background

A Policy Advisory Committee for the Wasteshed Coalition project was formed in 2016 and met quarterly to develop a Solid Waste Infrastructure Master Plan (<https://www.larimer.org/solidwaste/wasteshed>), which was adopted by Larimer County Board of Commissioners in December 2018. An expanded Solid Waste Policy Council was established in 2019. The Policy Council developed the following updated Mission/Vision/Values/Outcomes statements in 2020 with support from staff members from each partner jurisdiction, collectively referred to as the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

Mission Statement
The North Front Range Regional Wasteshed Coalition develops solid waste management policies, infrastructure and resource recovery systems to sustainably divert as much as possible of the Larimer County community's waste stream from landfill disposal into locally-used resources.
Vision Statement
For generations to come, residents of Larimer County will benefit environmentally, socially and financially from an Industry-Best resource recovery and waste management system, intentionally designed to sustainably convert community waste materials into resources for use in the local economy.
Core Values

1. Resource Conservation: We will optimize the recovery of waste materials for their highest and best use, consistent with the Environmental Protection Agency's Waste Management Hierarchy i.e., Reduce, Re-use, Recycle, Compost, Energy Recovery, Landfill.
2. Customer Service: We will ensure all residents receive excellent and equitable treatment and are fairly charged for services.
3. Innovation and Best Practices: Innovations and Best Management Practices in waste management will be closely monitored and applied as soon as may be reasonably achieved.
4. Triple Bottom Line Principles: All activities undertaken by the Wasteshed Coalition will be developed and guided by applying core Environmental, Social and Economic Principles.
5. Collaboration and Partnerships: The Coalition acknowledges and values the important roles of both public & private sectors in delivering waste management and resource recovery services to our residents, and the essential role of each coalition partner. The Coalition members commit to working collaboratively to meet this mission and vision and to incorporate the perspectives and insight from our private sector partners.

Goals	Outcomes/Deliverables
<p>1. Establish a regional materials management system.</p>	<p>A new system for comprehensively managing our region's waste and recoverable resources that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - designed for a minimum of 40 years - financially sustainable under Larimer County's existing Enterprise Fund business model - applies a systems-based approach for materials management - affordable to residents & businesses - minimizes environmental impacts.
<p>2. Implement programs and construct new facilities, as quickly as can be reasonably achieved, as committed in the Wasteshed's 2019 Intergovernmental Agreement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New programs are affordable to customers as demonstrated through an annual survey comparing prices at landfills along Colorado's Front Range. - Ongoing research and evaluation of emerging, innovative techniques for managing waste is demonstrated by a periodic update from the Technical Staff to the Policy Council. - Customers' needs are met (convenience, accessibility, etc.) as measured by periodic customer satisfaction data collected by Larimer County.

<p>3. Each member of the Coalition adopts waste diversion/reduction policies and goals consistent with the Wasteshed Coalition's mission/vision.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Within 18 months of becoming a Wasteshed Coalition partner, each jurisdiction adopts ordinances and policies appropriate for their community that align with the mission and vision of the Wasteshed Coalition. - Summary information derived from biannual trash and recycling hauler licensing reporting requirements is reviewed annually by the Policy Council.
<p>4. Conduct strong, consistent public education and outreach.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Active, robust programs are implemented in a collective fashion by Coalition parties that include universal guidelines for curbside recycling and other outreach/engagement tools. - Residents in the Wasteshed area will be regularly surveyed to gauge the effectiveness of awareness about recycling and waste reduction.