

ENERGY CONSERVATION WORKS JACKSON HOLE

WHY GO GREEN?

Preserve and protect the area's ecosystem in order to ensure a healthy environment, community, and economy for current and future generations

In 2012, our community passed a visionary comprehensive plan guided by the principle above. Energy Conservation Works was founded alongside this vision with a challenge by Jim Wolfensohn to make this special community exemplary in our environmental impact, particularly regarding energy use. We in Teton County know this is an exceptional place, however, Wolfensohn identified that we must do more to achieve our community vision.

In Teton County, per person home energy use doubles the national average. Between transportation, air travel, heating, and electricity, our small mountain community produces nearly ½ million tons of Co2 each year. Those emissions contribute to increasing wildfires in the Western United States, shorter winters and declining snowpacks in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, and a reduction of air quality in our spectacular viewsheds.

Without reducing our carbon footprint Teton County cannot achieve the values of our community vision. If we cannot achieve those goals, what community can?

Community leaders have taken action to inch us closer to our comprehensive plan goals and a more sustainable future for this valley. The Town and County Governments have both committed to 100% renewable energy, and work tirelessly to increase energy efficiency in their operations. Business leaders have also joined the movement, supported by the recent adoption of 100% Green Power by the Chamber of Commerce.

Now, we need the community to follow suit.

There is a problem and WE can fix it. The business community is well poised to lead Teton County to a better future. Your influence to both residents and visitors allows your business's commitment to sustainability to lead both within and beyond our community.

With the tools provided by Energy Conservation Works (ECW), your business can create a better future for our community through sustainable practices. We can help you secure the loans, grants and expertise to support your next great idea, visionary project, or basic efficiency improvements to help your business run more efficiently. Kickstart your sustainability initiatives with our Green Power program; one of the fastest, easiest ways to act towards a sustainable community future by reducing your impact.

Please review the resources provided to see how ECW can work with your business to be a part of our community energy solution.