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### **Wheat Ridge Sustainable Neighborhoods Program Opens for Applications**

*Creating a More Vibrant and Sustainable Community*

**WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. June 15, 2020** -- The City of Wheat Ridge has opened applications for residents and neighborhood organizations for the Wheat Ridge Sustainable Neighborhoods Program joining the cities of Lakewood, Denver, and Fort Collins in the Sustainable Neighborhoods Network. An Open House will be held on Wed., July 29, 2020, at 6 p.m. at Wheat Ridge City Hall, 7500 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Ave in Wheat Ridge. There will also be a virtual option to attend this informational meeting and information will be available on the [city website](#).

The Sustainable Neighborhoods Program provides residents the opportunity to become active partners in helping make Wheat Ridge a more vibrant and sustainable community. Neighborhoods participating in this unique certification program receive guidance from city staff to organize workshops, projects, and events that enhance the livability of their neighborhood and reduce residents' ecological footprint.

Participating Sustainable Neighborhoods earn credits for achieving sustainability goals by completing projects such as: offering home energy workshops, hosting gatherings at the local community garden, cleaning up alleyways and parks, and encouraging neighbors to reduce water use at home. Depending on the number of credits earned in a given year, neighborhoods receive designation as a "Participating Sustainable Neighborhood" or as an "Outstanding Sustainable Neighborhood."

[Applications](#) are due by **Monday, August 31, 2020**. To learn more about the [program](#). For more information about [sustainability efforts in Wheat Ridge](#) or contact the Sustainability Coordinator Kayla Betzold [sustainability@ci.wheatridge.co.us](mailto:sustainability@ci.wheatridge.co.us) or 303-235-2841.

The **City of Wheat Ridge**, located west of Denver with a population of 31,000 residents, is home to a mix of retail/commercial businesses and unique residential neighborhoods. Wheat Ridge is a vibrant community in a prime location, providing easy access to the Denver metro area and to recreation west into the mountains. The City was recently ranked Top Smallest City by the Economic Development Council of Colorado. Info about Wheat Ridge [ci.wheatridge.co.us](http://ci.wheatridge.co.us)

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