



Sustainability Oversight Committee 2010 Year-End Report

The Sustainability Oversight Committee (SOC) held its first meeting in May 2010 and has met monthly since that time. Copies of the meeting minutes are attached. The SOC identified several initiatives on which to focus its efforts over the coming 12 to 18 months. Under each heading is a brief description and a statement of action to date.

- Sustainability best management practices for Town staff
Description: Develop a list of best practices from experience at local organizations and institutions.
Action to date: List has been compiled, edited and attached.
- Transportation alternatives
Description: Identify ways to promote alternative transportation within the community.
Action to date: Members initiated discussion with interested parties at UR and RIT.
- Guidelines for new development
Description: Create list of general sustainability principles and actions to be incorporated in the planning process.
Action to date: Draft list has been compiled, and conversations with Town staff are ongoing. A copy of the draft list is attached.
- Mechanisms to support green technologies
Description: Investigate alternative-energy and enhanced-efficiency technologies, develop protocols to encourage their use, and establish a system for monitoring new technological developments.
Action to date: SOC members volunteered to work on solar, geothermal, and wind policies. Background research on these areas has been initiated, in collaboration with the Planning Department and Energy Management Consultant.
- Guidelines for remodeling projects
Description: Develop a list with ideas for environmentally responsible remodeling of Town facilities.
Action to date: none.

Committee members:

Karen Berger, Chair
Paul Tanel, Vice-Chair
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