
Visioneering Wichita – Environmental Sustainability

Economic Environmental

Mission

To increase the number of energy efficient buildings and homes and recruit new “green” businesses to South-Central Kansas in order to support economic development in the region.

Benchmarks

Energy Efficiency

- Department of Energy
- Average KW hours similar or less than peer cities

Built Environment

- Number of LEED certified or energy efficient standards buildings by 2015
- LEED for existing buildings
- Green policies and codes

Strategies

- Partnerships
- Raise public awareness
- Policies/codes

Tactics/Actions

- Develop partnerships with builders about economic advantages of energy efficient structures
- Identify demonstration projects to promote as “best practices”
- Partner with GWEDC to recruit “green” businesses
- Change policies/codes in accordance with “Aging in Place” concepts
- Work with WABA about choices in home construction
- Provide education opportunities for businesses that work to promote “green” practices
- Encourage businesses to recycle, reduce waste

Projects/Grant Ideas

- Retro-fitting/remodeling – Planet Re-Use reduces waste to landfill
- Habitat for Humanity
- Schools/school board
- Case studies (architectural firms)
- Cost savings and impact
- March sustainability summit
- Recycling
- Construction