

Energy, Equity, and the Environment Division

Quarter 1 Update

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Sustainability Focus Areas and Priorities

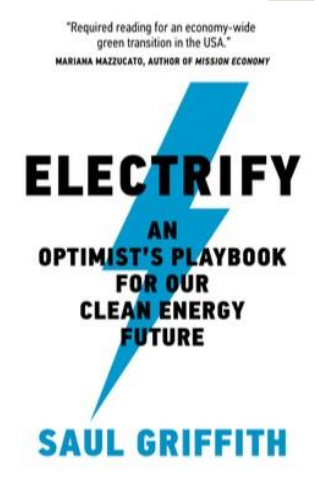
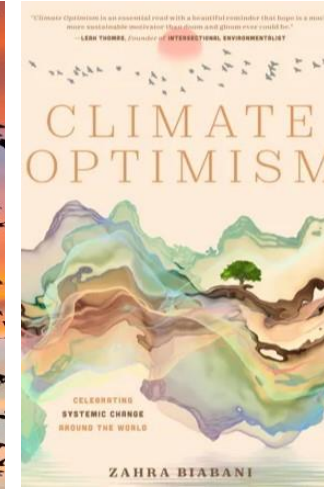
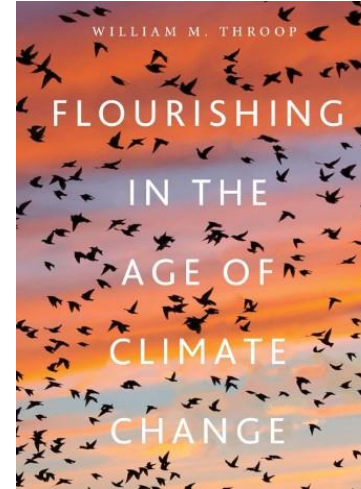
1. Education and Empowerment
2. Energy Efficiency and Renewables
3. Adaptation and Mitigation
4. Recycling and Waste Diversion
5. Water Conservation and Quality
6. Active Transportation
7. Health and Well-Being
8. Purchasing and Funding
9. Local Food Resilience
10. Tree Canopy and Biodiversity

Education and Empowerment

Participation in Q1

Monthly Challenge: 166

Sustainability Book of the Month: 9



Savings from Monthly Challenges

Measures that Matter

Total Participants	Total \$ Savings	Total CO2e lb Avoided	Total Gallons of Water Saved	Total kWh Saved
166	17,217.6	88,020	1,330	35,213

Education and Empowerment

Q1 Events/Programs

- Lunch and Learn: Drive Clean Colorado Watts @ Work
- LEED Cohort 1 Finished – 2 employees have taken the LEED exam and both passed. Others have until September to take the exam



Partnerships with C3 Divisions and Departments

Q1 Collaborations:

- Public Works – Bimonthly Meetings to Better Collaborate on Grants and Projects
- Parks, Recreation and Golf (PRG) – E3 Collaborations for 2025 with Sustainability Movies and educational summer camp activities
- PRG and CR – E3 helping provide input for the digital shift for PRG brochures
- CR – Monthly Meetings to Coordinate on E3 Public Outreach
- Economic Development – Monthly Updates to ED on Grants and Offerings
- Providing input for internal waste policy and provided reusable dishware/drying racks/dishwashing supplies to all C3 break rooms and kitchens
- ACT/ARPA Tree Planting Coordination with Public Works, PRG and Wildlands Restoration Volunteers
- Participant in the Schneider Electric Energy Performance Contract Group

Partnerships with Outside Organizations

Q1 Collaborations:

- Xcel Energy Partners in Energy
- Continuing partnership with Adams County municipalities and AdCo to plan for the Earth Day Celebration which was on April 26
- Introduction and Presentation by E3 Division to the Commerce City Chamber of Commerce
- Continued Work with the DCC Cohort working group to achieve a designated status of bronze, silver, or gold in EV-readiness policies, codes, and processes
- Met with the Sustainable Neighborhood Network to learn more about the program
- Attended the first Women Empowering a Sustainable Tomorrow (WEST) event

Development and Building Reviews

E3 reviews most land use applications as an internal agency reviewer and provides GID fees for some building permits and Master Model Reviews. E3 also evaluates ERU requests within the General Service Area (GSA).

- Q1 Land Use Application Reviews: 11
- Q1 General Improvement District (GID) Fee Reviews for Building: 3
- Q1 Master Model GID Fee Review for Building: 4
- Q1 GSA Issuance Letter to SACWSD: 2

Water

E3 provides a variety of services and expertise on water sustainability and water allocations. Our Division is tasked with coordinating and running bimonthly meetings for the Water Team and Water Committee and Water Commission meetings three times a year with appointed officials from C3's City Council and SACWSD's Board of Directors.

Other Q1 Water Items Included:

- Finalizing Public Outreach with the Xeric Demonstration Garden Grant
- Finalizing Public Outreach with Project Accelerator
- Educating ED and CD on C3's Water Portfolio
- Organizing a "Water 101" Presentation with Andrea Kehrl, C3's Contract Water Attorney, for 15 C3 Employees and Recording the Presentation
- Identifying Internal Policies and Processes Needed for Water Allocation with CD, PW, PRG, and the URA

Oil and Gas

E3 receives notices from the Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Commission (ECMC) periodically. E3 reviews the information on the ECMC's Interactive Map to locate the notices and to understand the work underway.

Q1 Notices/Research:

- Number of Work-Over Rig, Planned Operations Notices: 3
- Number of Move-In, Rig-Up Operation Notices: 4
- Number of Replugging Notices: 3
- Notice of Mechanical Integrity Test: 2

Monthly Adams County Oil and Gas Administrator Updates have also occurred each month in Q1, based on a request from City Council. They provided the following:

- Edmundson Pad air quality monitoring report
- Notice of a tanker catching fire at the Brighton Lakes Pad
- Update on two new Oil and Gas sites with associated public hearings in March

Air

E3 receives monthly updates on Suncor exceedances and reports them monthly to City Council.

In addition to these monthly updates, the following occurred in Q1:

- E3 received notice about a routine water sampling on February 20th that indicated a higher cyanide level. The event was reported to CDPHE and is being investigated.
- E3 attended both of the Suncor Main Plant 1 Flare Reroute Project Webinars offered on Wednesday, March 5th and Saturday, March 8th.
- E3 received an Air Emissions Permit Public Notice for the Holly Energy Partners site at 8581 East 96th Avenue.

Grants

1. **CDPHE EJ Grant Update.** E3 did not receive the CDPHE EJ grant for a desktop soil assessment and several mycelium youth workforce development projects with the non-profit, Spirit of the Sun.
2. **Cycle 2 Mountains and Plains (MAP) EJ Grant.** E3 applied for the EJ grant at the end of March for the desktop soil assessment and GHG Inventory for the core city.

Other Accomplishments

- Collaborated and Participated in a Session at the National Planning Conference 2025 (NPC25) with the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) and Drive Clean Colorado (DCC)
- Organized and Coordinated a Sold Out Mobile Tour at NPC25 with the Staff of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, C3's PRG Deputy Director, and City Manager Rogers
- Participation in the Tree Canopy Assessment RFP



Thank you!

Questions?



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