

Kevin Kreeger Mayoral Candidate

What does sustainability mean to you?

Implementing smart practices like not wasting food and water, using less, using things longer, shopping at thrift stores, and following reduce, reuse, recycle practices. He cares a lot about it and tires really hard to be sustainable in daily life. There is more than one reason to be sustainable, ie better air quality, water quality, etc.

If elected, how would you support sustainable initiatives?

First off, he was one of the city council members who fought hard to get the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Task Force (ESATF) started. He believes that city council members/officials can't be experts on everything, so they rely on people like the task force to help inform them on important issues. So, supporting these groups is crucial. Some initiatives he has considered: having composting available in Broomfield and making it easy for people to compost so they are more likely to adopt the practice; possibly introducing a tax on single use plastics, since banning them is not possible currently; allow native species to be planted in parkways vs. a strip of grass requiring wasteful watering; requiring home-builders to install smart sprinkler systems that gauge the moisture in the soil to save water; making it easier to use non-motorized transportation in town, ie more bike lanes, trails linked together, etc; and plan for and build in spaces for alternative transportation methods of the future.

What are your thoughts on transitioning Broomfield to 100% renewable energy?

Prefers to call it carbon neutral and wants to work toward that. Change and progress will require different methods for different sectors of the city. Government might need to exert more control when regulating businesses and use things like ordinances and bans to create change. Whereas the city would exert less control over residents and promote ideas and change through education. Ready the city for a change in how vehicles play their role, as we move to electric and autonomous vehicles.

Stan Jezierski, Ward 1 candidate for re-election

What does sustainability mean to you?

Sustainability means minimizing our impact on the environment so that parks, open spaces and natural resources are available for many many generations in the future.

If elected, how would you support sustainable initiatives?

As a current City Council Member I fully supported the recent creation of our Environmental Stewardship Task Force. I look forward to implementing their ideas as they come forward. Supporting and promoting water conservation, use of renewable energy sources (such as solar and wind), and trash composting are areas I would like to explore.

What are your thoughts on transitioning Broomfield to 100% renewable energy?

One of my goals is to make Broomfield a leader in environmental sustainability. I fully support planning a transition to 100 percent renewable energy. Of course, costs and availability of renewable resources will impact the timeline.

Brent Hultman, Ward 2 candidate

What does sustainability mean to you?

I am not sending out mailers or doing any glossy printed materials in my campaign. Instead, I am asking folks to "Like" and "Share" the Brent for Broomfield Facebook page. Each of us has a

responsibility to look for ways to act in sustainable ways and this is one way to make my campaign friendlier to our environment. We are all responsible for assuring that we leave a flourishing planet for future generations. Identifying and implementing practices and programs that solve current problems and anticipate potential collateral damage and unintended consequences are important parts of sustainability. Sustainability means implementing solutions that can be built on so that we realize improvements right away and see greater gains going forward.

If elected, how would you support sustainable initiatives?

It is exciting to see all of the innovative ideas and new technologies that are being developed to make sustainable initiatives possible. Green roofs for new commercial, mixed-use, and multi-tenant buildings, plastic road paving using recycled plastics, and xeriscaping and naturalized landscapes to reduce water use and carbon emissions from lawn maintenance are initiatives that I support.

What are your thoughts on transitioning Broomfield to 100% renewable energy?

I support renewable energy options that reduce carbon emissions and I support any that are effective and do not simply shift emissions and pollution upstream or to another location.

William Lindstedt, Ward 2 candidate

What does sustainability mean to you?

Sustainability is something that should be prioritized in all decision making. Resource use, impacts on our environment and climate, and our public health are all key pieces to sustainability. To me, sustainability means that what we are doing will ensure that the next generations of people and wildlife will have the same quality of life as today.

If elected, how would you support sustainable initiatives?

We should enforce a 40% open space plan in Broomfield, prevent oil and gas drilling near our homes and open spaces, and move towards 100 percent renewable energy. We should also consider moving towards municipal trash services with required composting and recycling services, and we should incentivize residents to transition from their septic systems. I would like to see Broomfield push for the use of xeriscaping, native plants, and pollinator gardens on private and public property. Finally, we should prioritize proposed developments that include renewable energy and electric vehicle infrastructure.

What are your thoughts on transitioning Broomfield to 100% renewable energy?

While Xcel Energy is currently moving towards carbon-neutral power in our area, I think the City and County of Broomfield needs to put more pressure on them to move towards 100 percent renewable energy. There are already Colorado towns that are using 100 percent renewable energy and renewables have become less expensive than their competition which is why coal-fired power plants are being shut down across the state. Finally, we can do more to reduce consumption with high standards for new developments and improvements to existing buildings.

Christopher Cleary, Ward 3 candidate

What does sustainability mean to you?

The Native American Nations have a philosophy of being conscious of your decisions. That there needs to be a consideration of what you decide to do today, how that would impact the next seven generations. Are your decisions sustainable? Will they make the world a better place for the next seven generations.

Currently, from what I've seen in Broomfield, many of the current practices are not sustainable, and that needs to change.

If elected, how would you support sustainable initiatives?

We need to develop a fully functional Housing Authority, in order to create more attainable and affordable housing options for our citizens, nurturing a more diverse and thriving community. We need to form a Renewable Transition Office, that would work with the residential, municipal, and business sectors of Broomfield. The Renewable Transition Office would have county-wide purchasing power to acquire the latest developments in renewable technologies. Preservation of the Open Space, where drilling, mining, and logging are prohibited. We should also have restoration projects in the open spaces, such as bee colonies, insect hotels, and hemp. Creating our own industrial hemp farms to create CBD's, textiles, and biofuels. Industrial hemp can now be used to replace almost every type of plastic product. Some car manufacturers are currently replacing the plastics in their cars with hemp alternatives. Utilizing viable roof space for gardens and solar farms.

What are your thoughts on transitioning Broomfield to 100% renewable energy?

Yes, we need to transition Broomfield to 100% renewable energy. This will be achieved by approaching it from multiple directions. We currently have enough off the shelf technology to do it. Other municipalities nearby have taken control of how they get their energy and Broomfield could follow in their footsteps. I'd like to see more solar, which creates a balance between people's individual power production and the overall grid. There is even rooftop shingles which generates power as a new option out there. Using industrial hemp for biofuels, creating solar and wind farms, refitting glass covered buildings with clear solar panels, and adding rooftop solar to commercial and residential buildings. Adding EV charging stations across the county. Creating our own energy sovereignty, in a way that is Sustainable, is Broomfield's future.

Jean Lim, Ward 3 candidate

What does sustainability mean to you?

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Working Group III defined sustainable development as "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." Sustainability includes practices which preserve natural resources and enable humans and the entire ecosystem to thrive. Sustainability involves balancing the needs of the environment, society, and the economy.

If elected, how would you support sustainable initiatives?

Broomfield created its Environmental Stewardship Advisory Task Force (ESATF) in July 2018 and I hope to be a Council Member assigned to ESATF. This group has begun to make recommendations to Council involving the "management of waste, water, and energy, as well as other activities that support resource conservation and improved air and water quality," according to the goals set for it by Council.

According to HB19-1261 Climate Action Plan To Reduce Pollution that was signed into law by Governor Polis on May 30, 2019, Colorado now has "statewide goals to reduce 2025 greenhouse gas emissions by at least 26%, 2030 greenhouse gas emissions by at least 50%, and 2050 greenhouse gas emissions by at least 90% of the levels of statewide greenhouse gas emissions that existed in 2005." In order to enable Colorado as a whole to reach this goal, every municipality must set carbon reduction targets and take specific actions.

Since it is important that all municipalities conserve water, Broomfield's review of a proposed Water Efficiency Plan in early fall 2019 is essential. After this overall plan review, Broomfield plans to review municipal codes to simplify use of greywater and I intend to support these efforts as a Council Member.

What are your thoughts on transitioning Broomfield to 100% renewable energy?

As a first step recommended by ESATF, Broomfield is updating its Sustainable Energy Benchmarking and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Study "to categorize sources and volumes of emissions and identify data for energy savings policies." As a college professor who teaches environmental justice, I understand the existential threat of climate change for future generations and have had the opportunity to interact with young adults who also prioritize personal and public policy action on renewable energy. With the costs of renewable energy continuing to decline, I will bring to Council a full understanding of both the pressing need for action on renewable energy and the arguments for its economic feasibility.

Kevin Jacobs, Ward 3 candidate

What does sustainability mean to you?

Sustainability begins with the environment and includes other aspects of what we value as a community. Broomfield must be a thriving, welcoming and inclusive community with strong cultivation and stewardship of our natural, physical, economic and social resources.

If elected, how would you support sustainable initiatives?

In my previous terms on council, I was the sustainability champion among my peers. If re-elected, I will support the pursuit of new renewable energy, transportation, waste management and other conservation opportunities.

What are your thoughts on transitioning Broomfield to 100% renewable energy?

The necessary move toward 100% renewable energy in Broomfield begins with city and county government. Council can directly establish expectations for its facilities and fleet which, as the largest single entity in town, has a real impact and sets a good example.

Laurie Anderson, Ward 4 candidate

What does sustainability mean to you?

When I think about sustainability, I think about the world we are leaving to the future generations and I am very worried. We were all taught to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle, but there is a reason that Reduce comes first. To be more sustainable, we all need to reduce what we consume. We should stop relying on single use plastics and move to sustainable alternatives. Sustainability is a practice everyone needs to be taking part in.

If elected, how would you support sustainable initiatives?

The Environmental Stewardship Advisory Task Force (ESATF) was formed to make recommendations to the City Council on sustainable initiatives. As a city council member, I would look at all of these recommendations and decide how we can make wiser choices as a city. I would ask how can we educate our citizens to improve sustainability in Broomfield?

What are your thoughts on transitioning Broomfield to 100% renewable energy?

I believe we can make the transition with different government ordinances. For instance, in new developments, some of the houses have solar panels on them. I think we should make it a requirement for all new construction to incorporate solar into their plans and construction. We should also be leading by example, like installing electric charging stations, purchasing electric vehicles, and moving toward an all electric fleet.

Emily Joo, Ward 4 candidate

What does sustainability mean to you?

I care deeply about the earth and her animals. I believe humans have encroached on the land and have not been good stewards of the bounty entrusted to us. There is a lot that Broomfield can do to enhance the way we care for the earth and I think that the goals and policies outlined in the city's sustainability plan are a good starting point for these efforts. Maintaining 40% open space is paramount to protecting as many natural habitats as possible and future development must prioritize the environment because once we have disturbed or destroyed nature, we can never get it back to where it once was. Sustainability to me means caring for our earth today and preserving all that we can for tomorrow.

If elected, how would you support sustainable initiatives?

I would always inquire to the sustainability practices for future developments and prioritize the environment as much as possible. I would also like to see more trash companies offering composting programs to make composting more accessible to citizens who do not want to compost at home. Education on recycling, water conservation and minimalism is very important as well as leading by example, and the CCOB can make sure that all city owned buildings and events are "green" within a reasonable allowance by staff and volunteer efforts.

What are your thoughts on transitioning Broomfield to 100% renewable energy?

In a perfect world, transitioning Broomfield to 100% renewable energy would be a reality, but it is not at this point because humans have not yet developed perfect, sustainable technologies with the ability to provide the amount of power we consume. With that said, I think the energy efficiency programs, LEED certified buildings and new construction, as well as green energy whenever possible, can really do a lot to create a more sustainable environment in Broomfield. Broomfield needs to ensure an adequate supply of reliable and affordable energy, utilizing new technologies, while minimizing environmental impacts by encouraging conservation and the responsible use of energy.

Heidi Henkel, Ward 5 candidate

What does sustainability mean to you?

To me, it means to live in a symbiotic relationship with the world around us. Locally, it means all hands on deck, that everyone needs to be participating to make our city sustainable. We need to lower our waste and know that everyone can learn and make improvements in this area. Sustainability is keeping things alive and creating nurturing environments for life to thrive.

If elected, how would you support sustainable initiatives?

I also support the use of hemp products as an alternative to plastics. First thing, Broomfield needs to admit we have a problem with sustainability. I would support grassroots organizations and groups advocating for better housing options. Currently, having so many people forced to live under one roof isn't sustainable either. I am a Climate Reality Leader, and as such, I would push back on new developments that encroach on open spaces, or that overload our carbon footprint, and advocate for

greater walkability and accessibility in Broomfield.

What are your thoughts on transitioning Broomfield to 100% renewable energy?

I would be willing to support a transition to 100% renewable energy. I would like to investigate all of the options which are available for this type of transition. The ESATF was discussing a grant application for solar incentives for our city through SUN (Solar United Neighbors). This would provide citizens who purchase solar panels with a \$1000 rebate. We also need to look at diversifying our energy portfolio to include sources like hydropower, solar, and wind. I would also like to see more EV charging stations in Broomfield.