

Mission Statement: The Ophir Self Reliance Project is working towards the ultimate goal of carbon neutrality for the Ophir community. OSRP is collaborating with local organizations to increase public transportation, manage waste, increase local food access, reduce energy usage, encourage community and individual carbon offsets.

Compost: Sonja is concerned with the winter coming up that there will not be enough volunteers to maintain the compost and that the compost program may fail. Sonja would like to see a paid employee that would maintain the compost. An increase in trash fees may be necessary to pay an employee, this would need to be passed through an ordinance with GA approval. Discount on quarterly bills for those who volunteer? Recycling- once a week on Tuesday. Funding for an employee to maintain the compost ended in June. Someone paid to maintain 3 days a week would be good. Turning, filling wood chips, shredding paper. About 2- 3 hours a week at maximum? Compost training? Earth Cube training? Storage for wood chips over winter? In trash cans in the maintenance barn? Next round of granting: expansion, maintenance? \$5,000 towards the Greenhouse from the Telluride Foundation. (End of October) Next RREO cycle is Fall of 2020- mini grant. Food diversion is tracked, should we track paper waste as well? Would be helpful for grant writing etc!

Transportation: Dave Averill, SMART guy- Pilot Program: 9 passenger 2005 Sprinter Van currently available – not 4wd, not awd. Willing rider? SMART provides vehicle, insurance, maintenance, and fuel- Ophir community provides drivers- optimal times of day: those using it could set a schedule. If Ophir had their own van we could determine pick up and drop off locations. Fare structure- \$2.00 each way for Ophir residents would be fair. Kids are a different rate? Bike rack? Skis? Agenda item at GA. Only thing Ophir would need to commit is drivers & riders. Town staff will have this on the next town staff.

GrowDome: Feasibility grant? How to get food consumed? Would need a system for harvesting. CSA? A buy in system. CSU extension. Locations: Leech Field for water plant and swing sets. 40 ft would be easier near water plant. Planning grants.