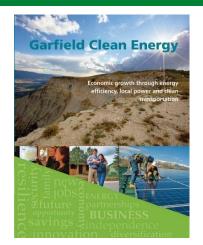


# **Garfield Clean Energy**

#### Programs update and 2025 outlook

Mayor Ingrid Wussow, Jason White, Morgan Hill, and Christina Matzl October 21, 2024

#### **Background on Garfield Clean Energy (GCE)**



- Established first as advisory board under the County in 2009; became a government Collaborative in 2012
- Garfield County was a founding GCE member
- Clean Energy Economy for the Region (CLEER) manages programs under contract

## Garfield Clean Energy membership

- 9 member governments
  - Garfield County
  - City of Rifle
  - City of Glenwood Springs
  - Town of Carbondale
  - Town of New Castle
  - Town of Silt
  - Town of Parachute
  - Colorado Mountain College (CMC)
  - Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA)
- Affiliate members:
  - $\circ$   $\$  Holy Cross Energy and the Garfield County Public Library District

#### **Garfield Clean Energy Vision**

Garfield Clean Energy will be an innovative leader in advancing energy efficiency, renewable energy, and clean transportation to protect the environment and build a strong, resilient and diverse economy.



#### Key areas of focus

- Energy efficiency saving homes, businesses, governments on energy expenses
- Locally-produced clean energy
- Clean mobility and transportation
- Economic benefits and economic diversification

#### **Residential and commercial energy programs**

Garfield County residents, businesses, and commercial property owners can receive free energy coaching through GCE.

- Biggest bang-for-the-buck energy saving measures
- Available rebates and other financing options
- Recommendations on appliances
- Contractor lists



#### **ReEnergize Garfield County**



- Income-qualified residential energy efficiency program up to 150% area median income (AMI)
- Provides rebates from \$2,000-\$4,000
- Installations performed by Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG)
- Projects include
  - Insulation & air sealing
  - Pipe & duct wrapping
  - Heating/cooling system upgrade
  - LED lighting

#### **ReEnergize Garfield County**

Community	Homes qualified to date	2022-2023 ReEnergize funding allocated	2024 ReEnergize funding allocated to-date
Parachute / Battlement	27	\$49,701	\$4,000
Rifle	31	\$47,896	\$20,000
Silt	20	\$31,540	\$11,000
New Castle	41	\$45,114	\$37,000
Glenwood Springs*	38	\$44,977	\$29,000
Carbondale	31	\$35,928	\$13,000
Countywide total	140	\$255,156	\$114,000

GCE has saved Garfield County residents \$84,600 annually on utility bills through ReEnergize upgrades since 2022

### **ReEnergize stories from the field**

- 4 Mile townhome with multiple upgrades
  - Annual energy savings=\$1,625
- Duct insulation in crawl space • Annual energy savings=\$792
- Mini-split heat pump installation
  - Annual energy savings=\$1,813





#### Accessing residential energy efficiency resources

- Contact our energy coaches at CLEER at (970) 704-9200 or visit garfieldcleanenergy.org/res-buildings
- Access to ReEnergize program information and application can be found at <u>garfieldcleanenergy.org/reenergize</u>



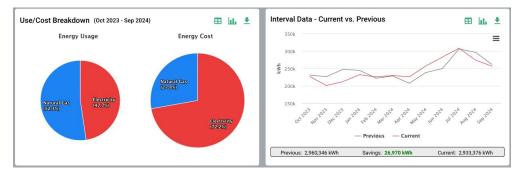
#### **Commercial Program**



- Free energy consulting services to businesses and commercial property owners interested in improving efficiency
- Includes a detailed walkthrough
- Anyone interested can reach out to us at info@garfieldcleanenergy.org
- Or complete the form here <u>https://garfieldcleanenergy.org/com-form/</u>

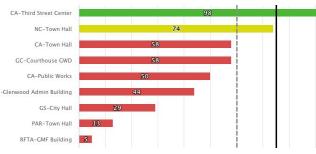
**Garfield County: Advanced Energy Management** 

Advanced Energy Management (AEM): Utilizes both monthly energy invoice data and near real-time electricity data to continuously monitor energy use at both commercial buildings and municipal facilities.

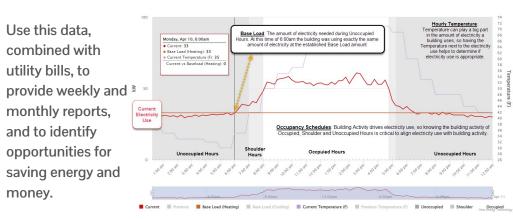


## AEM Services: Utility bill tracking and analysis

- Tracking utility bills for 13 Garfield County buildings
- County buildings are recorded in Portfolio Manager for benchmarking
- Facility managers are provided with Quarterly reports to update progress

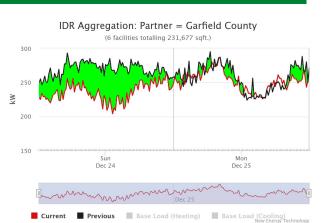


#### **AEM: Interval Data**



#### Holiday shutdown successes

- Christmas 2023, Garfield County buildings successfully reduced energy use over 2022
- Buildings reduced about 1,000 kWh or \$100, over the two days
- All GCE buildings totalled saved 3,000 kWh, or \$300.



#### Energy code adoption and implementation

- Provided energy code adoption and implementation support for both local government staff and developers
- Hosted training series in May and June





### **Clean transportation**

- EV charging infrastructure grant assistance
- Countywide EV Readiness plan
- Charge Ahead Colorado and EV Fast-Charging Plazas
- Fleet support
- EV Ride and Drives
- Workshops in Spanish





#### **Clean transportation**

- 50 e-bikes provided to income-qualified Garfield County residents in 2024
- 240 attendees at BikeThere







#### **Events and outreach**

- Earth Day 2024
- WinterWise energy efficiency campaign
- Monthly GCE newsletter
- Lodging workshop Oct 24





## What's ahead in 2025

- Continuing to build and grow residential and commercial energy efficiency programs
- Implementation of EV Readiness plan
- Transportation Management Organization (TMO) development
- Optimization of state and federal resources
- Enhanced advanced energy management coaching
- Support for renewable energy projects
- Economic and workforce development

## Thank you Garfield County

GCE countywide collaborative programs would not have been possible without Garfield County's ongoing participation.

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