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Mission

To seek a County-wide inventory of environmental activites and practices currently in place and submit the inventory to the public upon its completion

To communicate and educate the community on what the activities are

To identify any gaps and needs that may exist and develop recommendations to address them

Survey + Results

Collected Monday, March 25 through Friday, April 11, 2025

Pre-liminary data from committee members shared as submittal guidance

Social media, outreach to local partners, media advisory

Does your organization's work involve environmental sustainability or resilience?

Does your organization have any environmental initiatives?

Tell us about it!

Your business, non-profit, or governmental agency can be included in our countywide inventory of sustainable environmental actions!

Share your story of what we're *already* doing in Summit County to help us identify gaps & opportunities to better protect our environment.

Take our survey:

tinyurl.com/AdHocSurvey2025





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Environmental Ad Hoc Committee

Learn more: https://council.summitoh.net/pages/Enviro-Survey.html

Survey + Results

- Clean Water
- Air Quality
- Land Conservation & Soil Quality
- Biodiversity
- Food & Farming
- Access to Nature (People Activities)
- Climate Change
- Clean Energy
- Materials Management



















Public Sector Inventory



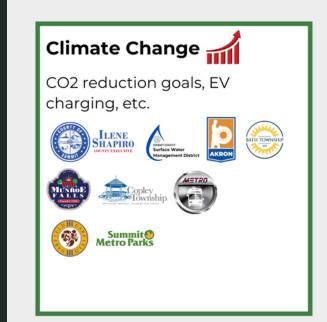
















Nonprofit Inventory



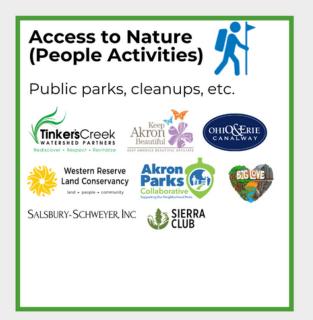


















Business Inventory



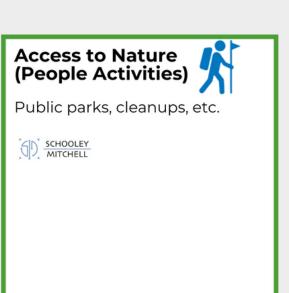
















Impacts & Insights



- Responses mainly from already-engaged partners, especially Summit of Sustainability Alliance (SoSA) members
- Opportunity for more outreach, especially with local business community
- Opportunity to learn about economic input & impact



Next Steps

 Promote the sustainability efforts collected in the survey

Existing platforms: Social media

New, creative opportunities?

 Build upon and invest human capital in existing collaborative effort of the Summit of Sustainability Alliance

Quarterly site visits in the community

Monthly/bimonthly team meetings





THANK YOU.

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