

# Teton Valley Community Recycling

## 2017 Annual Report

### Our Mission and Vision

**Teton Valley Community Recycling develops ethical waste reduction solutions that are financially and environmentally sound for our community. We envision a healthy community that reduces, reuses, recycles, and rethinks its way toward zero waste.**





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## Summary

### 2017 Board of Directors

**Ashley Koehler - Co-chair**

**Al Young - Co-chair**

**Emily Selleck - Secretary**

**Kate Bierman - Board Member**

**Julie Mueller - Board Member**

**In 2017 Teton Valley Community Recycling celebrated its 20th anniversary of serving the community—and we've got a lot to show for it!**

In 1997, a committed band of volunteers joined forces, hoping to establish a local recycling program in Teton Valley. Their vision has become a full-fledged Recycling Center at the County Transfer Station that accepts traditional recycling and non-traditional sorted items for diversion and recycling. Our community now also has access to convenient curbside recycling service, thanks to TVCR's influence on the county waste hauler contract and Waste Diversion Plan. Since the inception of the Recycling Center in 2011, our county has gone from diverting a mere 13 percent of our waste to 31 percent in 2017, on target to meet our goal of 35 percent diversion by 2020.

TVCR continues to make a difference locally with many of our outreach efforts and community projects. In 2017, we received \$24,610 in grants and \$16,500 in donations to fund a wide array of recycling projects in our county. While our name is "Recycling," we also emphasize the importance of REDUCING, REUSING, and REPAIRING.

Collaboration is a hallmark of TVCR, and 2018 is no exception. We are partnering with the Teton Valley Foundation to help eliminate disposable plastic from Music on Main, helping the Community Foundation of Teton Valley make the Tin Cup Challenge a "greener" event, and teaming up with the Valley of the Tetons Library to start a free Tool Lending Library for community members to borrow tools, allowing them to repair more and throw away less. We are also forging strong relationships in the schools and with local businesses.

TVCR is always seeking new opportunities to divert waste. We recently joined the TerraCycle program to collect "hard to recycle waste" ranging from foil energy bar wrappers to dental waste. Our partnership with Friends of the Teton River and Teton County Solid Waste led to the first successful Household Hazardous Waste collection in our county!

2017 was a challenging year in the world of recycling and 2018 looks to be the same. China's newly enacted policy banning imports of contaminated scrap material from the United States and other countries has left recycling facilities across the nation scrambling to figure out how to manage and sell their recyclables. Contamination rates in recycling continue to increase as people assume that everything can be recycled by modern machinery, resulting in more materials ending up in the landfill. Nationally, awareness about our global plastic pollution continues to grow as more people realize that we need to scale back our disposable lifestyle.

Fortunately, Teton County is ahead of the curve. We "source separate" our materials at home and have always chosen ethical end destinations for our recycling, so it has never been shipped long distances to China for unknown processing. We also try to emphasize alternatives with our "Reduce, Reuse, Rethink, Recycle" mantra. As we move into 2018, we will continue our efforts in waste reduction and education, engaging the whole community in waste diversion.

Thank you for being an important part of our history and of our success! We appreciate your continued support of TVCR!

**Iris Saxer**  
Executive Director, Teton Valley Community Recycling



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PREVIOUS PAGE: SAUL VARELA, TETON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGER, GIVES THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS A TOUR OF THE RECYCLING CENTER. LEFT TO RIGHT: NEW INDUSTRIAL MAGNET PICKS UP SCRAPS TO DIVERT EVEN MORE METAL; KURT MITCHELL ACCEPTS THE 2017 RECYCLER OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR WITH THE GRAIN CONSTRUCTION; NEW YEAR-ROUND RECYCLING RECEPTACLES MAKE VICTOR'S SHERMAN PARK A BETTER PLACE!

## 2017 Programs and Services

**Waste Diversion** – Recycling and diverting trash saved Teton County residents more than \$180,000 in 2017. A total of 3,100 tons of material delivered to the transfer station was recycled or diverted—that is more than six million pounds not going to the landfill!

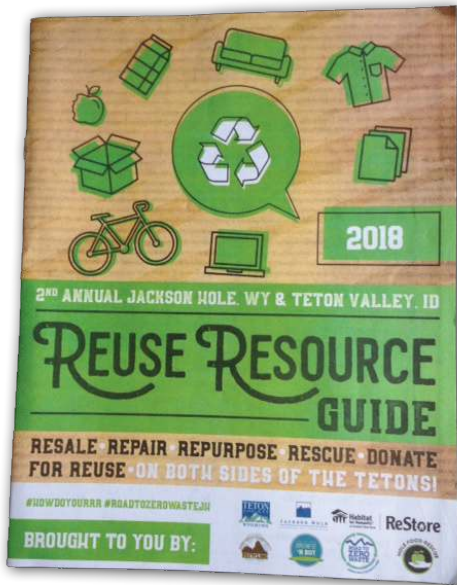
**Recycling Receptacles for Victor Parks** – TVCR purchased two year-round recycling containers to service popular picnic locations, Sherman Park and the Depot.

**Mobile Water Refill Station** – A generous donor has constructed a portable Water Refill Station to use at community events. We have also teamed up with See & Save, Seniors West of the Teton Valley, and the Community Foundation of Teton Valley to offer free sanitized recycled water bottles to reduce the amount of disposable plastic bottles going to the landfill.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection** – TVCR assisted Friends of the Teton River and Teton County Solid Waste in running the first ever county-wide Household Hazardous Waste event in May 2018, removing 7,000 pounds of hazardous material from our waste stream.

**Tool Lending Library** – TVCR has partnered with Valley of the Teton Valley Library to create our very own Tool Lending Library in Victor for Teton County residents. This library is designed for people to borrow tools for home repair and DIY projects. It is slated to open in summer 2018.

**RRR Business Leaders Program** – TVCR partnered with Jackson's Integrated Solid Waste & Recycling to extend the popular Sustainable Business Recognition Program to Teton Valley Businesses. This program not only encourages and recognizes green business practices, but also offers free waste audits and networking opportunities.



## 2017 Budget

**Income - \$47,175 • Expenses - \$36,133**

### 2017 Corporate Sponsors

- Eagle Orthopedic
- Fall River Electric
- Farmer's Insurance
- Grand Targhee Resort
- MD Nursery
- RAD Curbside
- Peaked Sports

### 2017 Grants and Projects

**In total, TVCR earned \$24,610 in regional grants in FY 2017. All of the funds were directly reinvested into applicable programming and equipment that directly impact the waste diversion rate in Teton County, Idaho.**

**Recycling Receptacles for Victor Parks:** Teton Springs Foundation, Community Foundation of Teton Valley, Idaho Community Foundation, Grand Targhee Resort's Protect Our Winters

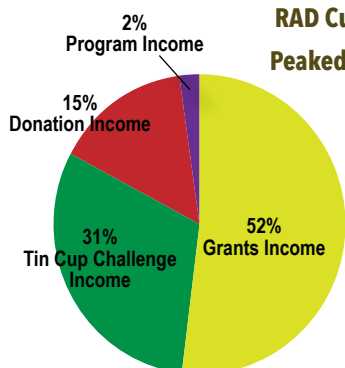
**Recycling Bins for Teton High School:** Grand Targhee Resort

**Industrial Magnet for County Recycling Center:** CHC Foundation

**Recycling in Teton Valley pamphlets:** Idaho National Laboratory, Battelle Energy grant

**Household Hazardous Waste Training for County staff:** US EPA

**Deterra Drug Deactivation bag giveaway:** Teton Valley Health Care



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# Special thanks to our 2017 supporters

**Individual Donors:** Yoshiko & Jason Abrahamson, Barbara & David Agnew, Travis & Megan Allen, Jeanne & Peter Anderson, Sarah & Thomas Balben, Hazel Ray & William Belk, Bob & Jean Benedict, Kathryn Bierman, Stacy Bodis, Jeannette & Bradly Boner, Jennifer & Peter Brannen, Ann-Toy & Porter Broughton, Joseph & Dorothy Burns, Patricia Butts, Rex & Marie Christiansen, Kelly & Aleisha Circle, Greg Collins & Sue Miller, Tracy Delamater, David & Amy Dery, Dawn Felchle, Thomas & Kathryn Ferris, John & Alice Finley, David & Melanie Fischel, Linda Fitzgerald, Julie Geng, Jack & Jo Haddox, Ben Hammond & Lisa Johnson, Eric Helgroth, Robert & So la mee Heneage, Shawn Hill, Dan Hundere & Eva Dahlgren, Frederick & Rita Johnson, Jeff & Diane Jung, Glenn Kerr & Sue Lincoln, Ashley Koehler, Chris Larson & Cathy O'Conner, Ronald & Gayle Lien, Guch Lombardi, Rene Lusser, Paul & Judith Mangold, Lars & Eva Marmsater, Saunders & Mary Mason, Michael & Nancy McCoy, John & Pauline McIntosh, Alan McKnight & Katherine West, Michael & Barbara Morey, Ben & Deirdre Morris, Ralph Mossman & Mary Mullaney, Jaime Musnicki, Allen O'Bannon & Molly Absolon, Charles Otto, Stephen Piscatelle & Linda Grimm, Elizabeth Pitcher, Jared Power & Josey Gray, Dan Powers & Lynne Wolfe, John & Linda Prentice, James & Ellen Rein, Sean & Jackie Riley, Ellen Rosenau, Nick Roznafsky, Donn & Brooke Saindon, Lynn Sandmann, Iris Saxer, Merrill Schneider, Philbin Schulz, Emily Selleck, Donald Sharaf & Julie Mueller, Nancy Siverd, Tamara Sperber, Georgie Stanley, Robert & Alice Stevenson, Donald & Jane Streubel, Emily Sustick, Elizabeth Thebaud, Jan Tice, Frank & Kim Trotter, Robert & Marie Tyler, Chris & Lane Valiante, Willy & Abby Warner, Scott Weiner & Tanya Anderson, Ted & Clarissa Wells, Kent & Jennifer Werlin, Michael Whitfield & Liz Davy, Ben Winship & Caroline Herter, Charles Woodward, Al Young, Felix & Joyce Zajac, Barbara Zimmer & John Carr

**Businesses and Organizations:** American Avalanche Institute, Biodiverse Gardening, Bun in the Oven & Beyond, ChrisKoe Property Management, City Pass, Corner Drug, Driggs Liquor Store, Festive Living, Fisher Creative, Fitzgeralds, Grand Teton Brewing Co., Habitat, Haywood Crafts, Leadership at Play, LGV Creative, National Outdoor Leadership School, Powder Mountain Press, Snowdrift Farm, Streubel Physical Therapy, Taste Buds, Teton Indoor Sports Academy, Teton Valley Foundation, Teton Valley News, Trail Creek Nursery, Valley of the Tetons Library, Valley Lumber & Rental, Victor Emporium, Work Family Fund, WorldCast Anglers, Yostmark

We apologize if we inadvertently omitted anyone.

## Please support TVCR in the 11th Annual Tin Cup Challenge!

We need your support to continue our education and outreach efforts to increase recycling and reduce waste in Teton Valley! Please make a charitable donation to Teton Valley Community Recycling during the 11th Annual Tin Cup Challenge, now through July 27. All donations will receive a partial match through the Challenger Fund helping to increase your giving power. Please visit the Community Foundation of Teton Valley's website ([cftetonvalley.org](http://cftetonvalley.org) "Donate Today"!). **Come visit the TVCR booth on race day, Saturday July 21, from 8am-noon at Driggs City Park or come join our "Green Team!"**



COVER PHOTO: "THE BAG MONSTER" DANCES DOWN MAIN STREET AT THE VICTOR 4TH OF JULY PARADE. THE BAG MONSTER REPRESENTS THE 500 PLASTIC BAGS USED IN ONE YEAR BY THE AVERAGE CONSUMER. DO YOU HAVE YOUR TVCR CANVAS BAG YET?

### SAVE THE DATES!

- **Saturday, June 16, 8-11:30am: Fall River Annual Membership Meeting, Teton High School, Driggs**
- **Monday, June 18, 5pm: Grand Teton Brewery Pint Night (with Full Circle Education)**
- **Thursday, June 28: Music on Main featured Nonprofit**
- **Fridays, June 10-Oct 2: Teton Valley Farmers Market**
- **Saturday, July 21, 8am: 11th Annual Tin Cup Challenge at Driggs City Park**
- **Saturday, November 4: Annual Trash Bash Celebration!**
- **November-December: Broken Holiday Lights Recycling Collection at GeoTourism Center**
- **December (all month): Free Gift Wrapping Station at GeoTourism Center**
- **January: Used Denim Collection Drive at GeoTourism Center and the Laundry Co.**



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New Industrial Magnet purchased by TVCR for Teton County Transfer Station to reclaim bits of scrap metal.