

Mayor's Sustainability Task Force: topic work groups

Water

5-14-08 1st meeting



5 Stages of Climate Grief

1. **Denial:** It's not getting warmer. Even if it is, it's not our fault.
2. **Anger:** I don't care, I'm not going to change my lifestyle.
3. **Bargaining:** Warming will make things nicer, not worse.
4. **Depression:** It's too late; we're doomed.
5. **Acceptance:** Let's get to work!

- Dr. Steve Running, IPCC, U. of MT

Sustainability Strategic Plan

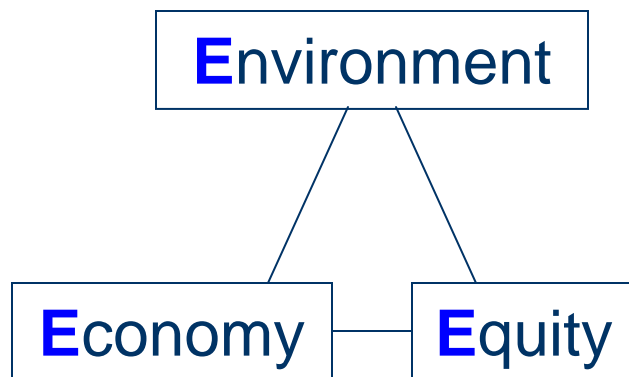
- 1 year state grant from CTED: \$75,000
- **Task:** Develop a **strategic plan for** actions our **City government** can take to *mitigate* and *adapt* to the impacts that *climate change* and *peak oil* may have upon its operations, services, programs and policies.
- Chance for city government to **lead by example, help community adapt / prepare**



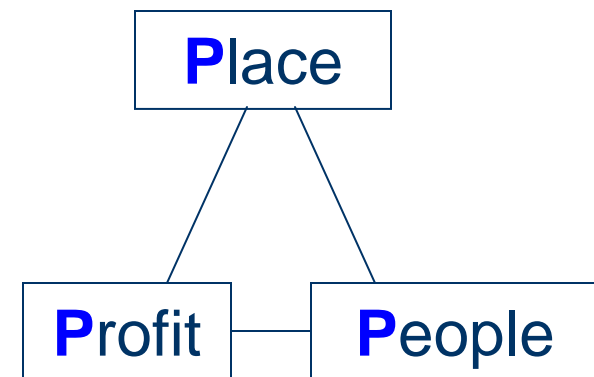
Sustainability means...

Finding the balance that provides for current needs without sacrificing the needs of future generations.

3 E's



3 P's



Why?

Climate Change

a/k/a Global Warming, Climate Chaos

“Tackling climate change is the pro-growth strategy; ignoring it will ultimately undermine economic growth.”

- Sir Nicholas Stern



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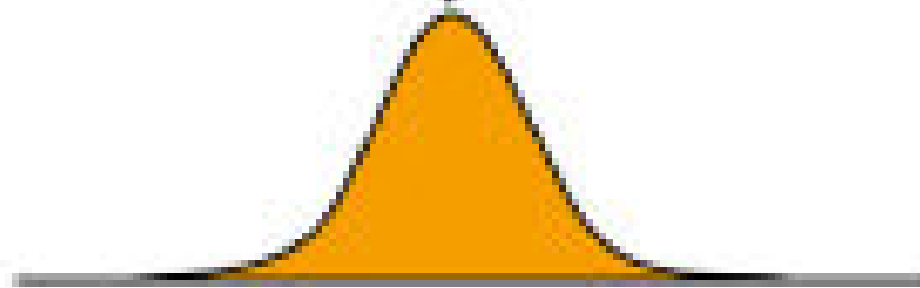
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Peak Oil

a/k/a Global Oil Depletion: **demand is increasing**

but **supply is decreasing:**

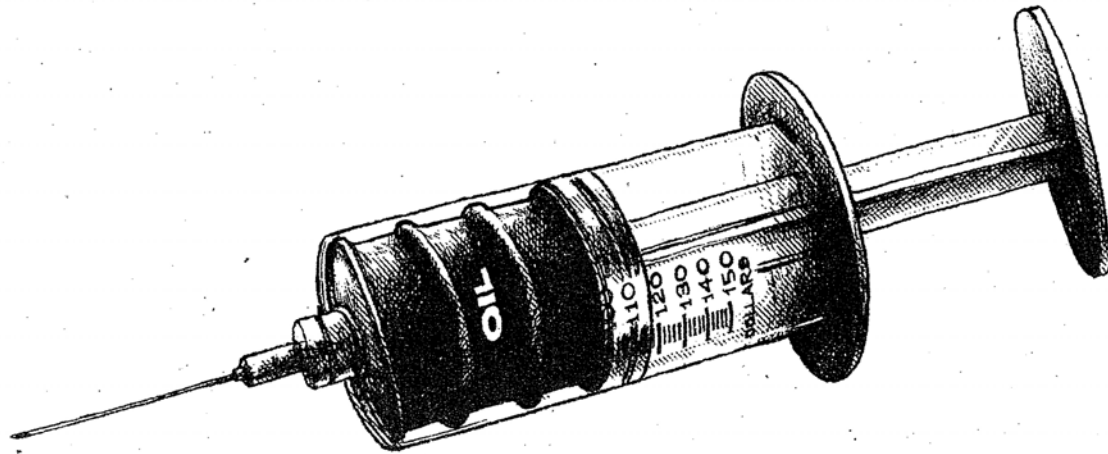
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Peak Oil

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Why?

Now is the Time

The actions we
take
TODAY
will determine
the options
our children and
grandchildren
have in the
future.



Why?

Continuation of earlier commitments

- City Council's **Quality of Life Initiative**
(2-19-07)
- **U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement:**
Spokane signed 2-1-07
- **Governor Gregoire's Climate Change Challenge**



**It's a
balancing
act!**



What?

Addressing BOTH together



Mitigation

- Reduce GHG emissions
- Less reliance on oil

Adaptation

- alternative energy?
- water availability?
- increased expenses?
- decreased revenues?

PEAK OIL:
rising energy prices



What?

Prepare for Energy and Climate Challenges

- Change our **operations and services**
 - Alternative fuels: Solid Waste, Police, Fire
 - Street maintenance costs
 - Storm impacts on water & wastewater
 - Keep local economy strong
- **Programs & policies** : support the community's efforts to address these trends
 - Land use, building, transportation options
 - Incentives: green building, water conservation, energy efficiency



What?

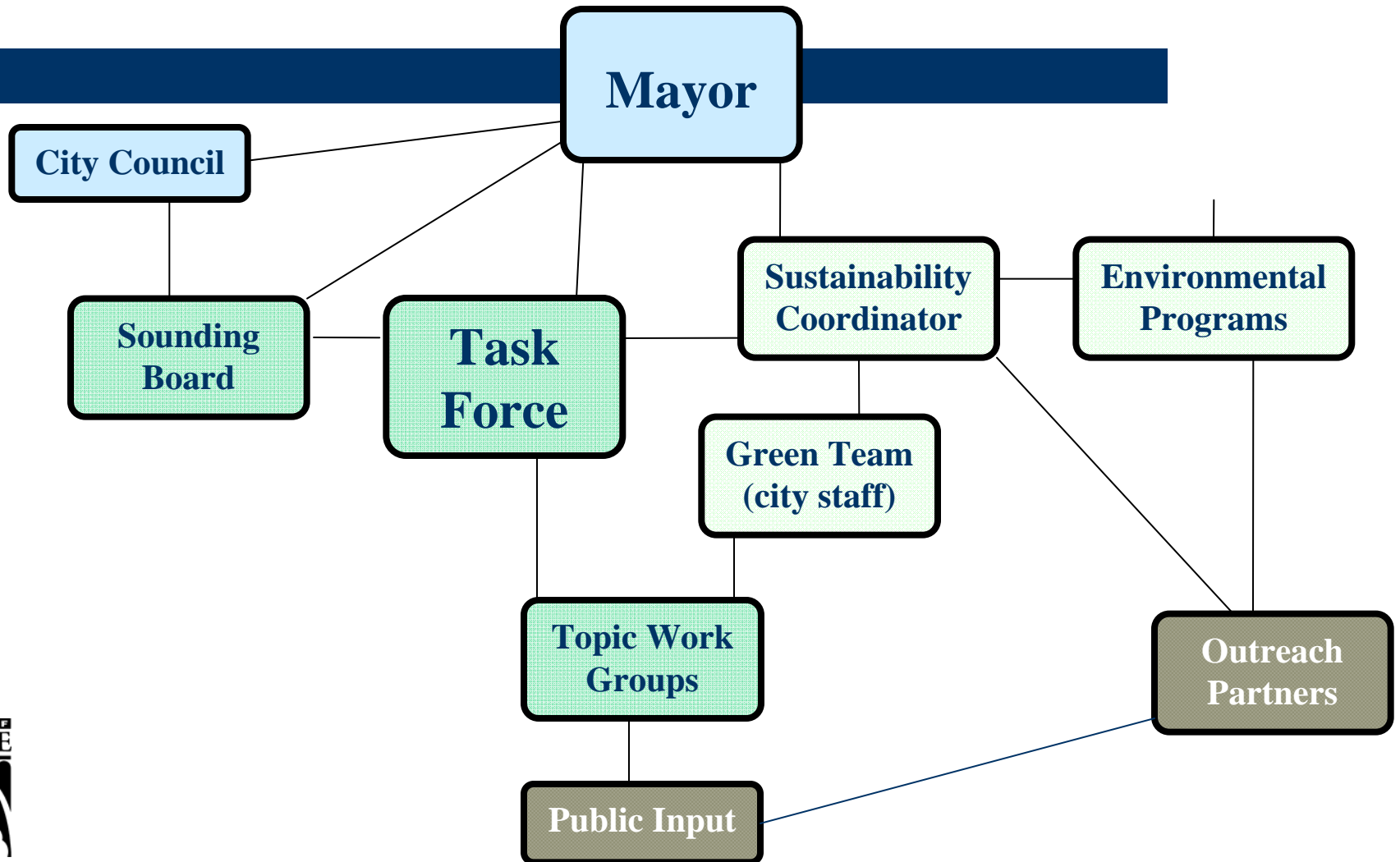
Long-term Benefits

- Safeguard city government's fiscal stability and high quality services
- Strengthen the local economy with new “green” business ventures and “green collar jobs”
- Successful adaptation = competitive advantage
- Preserve Spokane's great Quality of Life



How?

Sustainability Planning Participants:



How?

Planning stages

- **DISCOVERY:** wrap up by 8-29-08
 - 1st: energy & climate mitigation
 - early-mid July: summit, keynote speaker
 - 2nd: climate adaptation
- **SYNOPSIS:** presented to City Council 9-30-08
- **SYNTHESIS:** findings, ideas blended into recommendations 12-31-08
- **draft STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN:** presented to City Council 2-28-09

How?

Opportunities for Public Input

- Join a topic Work Group
- <http://www.greenspokane.org/>
- Blog: coming soon!
- Other community outreach events:
 - June 3, Tues., 5:30-7:30 pm, South Hill library
 - June 5, Thurs., 6:00-8:00 pm, N.E. Community Center
 - June 17, Tues., 5:30-7:30 pm, Shadle Library

Work group logistics

- Who will lead this work group?
- Future meetings:
 - Frequency?
 - Recurring date = ?
 - Location = ?

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