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Executive Director Report

Our process of increasing environmental impact by intensifying a market-driven approach is paying off through sales of our water-saving "Garden-in-A-Box". Almost **1,300 gardens have sold to date**, out of which a third have been in Front Range communities new to CRC. That's a projected water savings of almost **1 million gallons a year**. We've also done well with the sale of peripherals including drip kits, control clocks, and our new gardening service which enables homeowners to get everything at once, and have someone else do the work if they so desire.

We are planning to have a late summer sale of xeric plants to help people revive fading gardens and invest in the next season.

Other news from the Water Division includes us saying farewell to Water Division Director **Jeff Woodward** who is pursuing an MBA at Yale. In a couple of weeks we will be welcoming the new director **Daniel Stellar** who is coming to us from the Water Center of Columbia University's Earth Institute. We wish both Jeff and Dan success with their new challenges. In the meantime, Interim Director **Kate Gardner** is leading almost 20 water auditors to put the "Slow-the-Flow" water audit program in full swing, targeting audits to **1,600 households this year**.

With ReSource, we've had strong sales in both Boulder and Fort Collins. ReSource Fort Collins recently completed its ReVisions art show, closing at New Belgium brewery with over 300 people attending who bid on works of art fashioned out of reused materials. Our **Fort Collins Advisory Committee** and ReSource Manager

Kendol Gustafson made the fundraiser a remarkable event. ReVisions was a precursor to an arts initiative being launched this month in Boulder to encourage the use of reused materials among the arts community.

The ReSource Tool Library continues to scale new heights, weeks ago surpassing its 500th membership, **tool rentals have doubled from May to June** and after six months **we're showing a profit**. With your support and participation we hope to continue the upward trajectory and offer tools for rent at very affordable prices, along with the ongoing Tool School classes.

Finally, we are looking forward to our expansion into Denver

Upcoming Events

July Plant and Garden Sale

Come to the CRC office on Spruce St. and get plants and gardens while supplies last. Greatly discounted items! Prices and garden information [here](#).

Announcing a Fall Garden-in-a-Box sale!

Stay tuned for details!

Tour of Sustainable Homes

October 2, 2011
[More to come](#) on the homes, community locations, and seminars.

ReWards Dinner and Auction

Saturday, November 5, 2011 at St. Julien Hotel
[Come support CRC and members in our community making a difference!](#)

Fall Plant

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as part of Denver's **Better Buildings program**. We will have our hands full reaching our targets in Denver, but our hope is to ultimately bring the rest of our services to Denver residents, adding to and complementing and existing sustainability efforts.

[Proud CRC Community Partners Page](#)



Sincerely,

Keith Frausto
Executive Director

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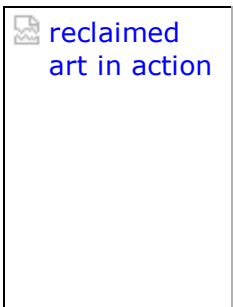
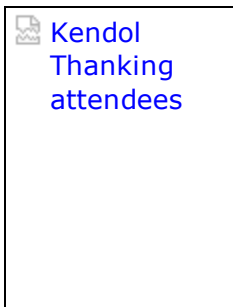
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Thank You, ReVisions Supporters!

The 2nd annual ReVisions art show evolved into a whole new experience this year. It manifested into much more of a community event than we anticipated. The lessons and support we received along the way let us know we are making a difference in our community.

Local artists donated over 80 pieces of art to the month-long art show held at ReSource Fort Collins. Works ranged from sculpture, to wood works, to paintings, to iron work. Thank you to all the talented artists who promoted conservation through their reuse of materials. We love your work and appreciate your support.

On Friday July 1st, ReVisions moved to New Belgium Brewery for a closing gala and fundraiser. Over 350 guests and ReSource supporters attended the gala.



Traveling? Now's the Time to Test Your Home for Radon

Are you traveling this summer? If so, it is the perfect time to get a \$15 radon test kit from the CRC. [We sell short term test kits](#) that you can leave out for up to 5 days. It is wise to test your home at different times during the year because levels can change. However, your home needs to be closed up for results to be accurate. A good reason to take a vacation!

Did you know that radon is invisible and is the second leading cause of lung cancer? It is a naturally occurring gas that comes up through the ground and most often is found in your basement or lowest level. If you sleep or work out downstairs, you are at greatest risk. Our short term test kit is processed by a professional lab. If your level is low you can sleep easy! If your level is a 4 or higher mitigation is highly recommended. Some mitigation techniques you can apply to your home on your own. Typically though, it is best to bring in a mitigation specialist who will apply long lasting solutions to keep your home safe.

To purchase a radon test from [CRC visit our office](#) Monday - Friday between 9-5pm. We accept cash or check for the \$15 payment. While you're here check out our remaining xeric plants and explore our sustainable office displays.

CRC's Energy Division Adds New Programs and Services and Expands to Denver and St. Vrain

Many new programs are starting-up in the [Energy Division](#) this summer. We have begun working with Greenprint Denver to provide energy advising services as part of their new "Better Homes" program. The [ReNew Our Schools](#)



program was awarded funding from the **Governor's Energy office** to develop energy conservation competitions between schools in the **Boulder Valley, St. Vrain, and Denver Public School systems**. We have many interesting home applications and many enthusiastic program partners for our **Tour of**

Sustainable Homes this year occurring on Sunday October 2nd.

The "Better Homes" program is a free service available to all **Denver residents**. The program removes barriers that may prevent a homeowner from implementing recommendations from their home energy audits, taking them **from audit to action**. Energy Advisors walk residents through the energy audit process and





help them prioritize installations, contact contractors, and ensure that appropriate rebates are applied for and received. Energy Advisors can be in the home while the work is being done and perform quality assurance checks of all installations.

The [ReNew Our Schools](#) program is a friendly competition between schools to see how much energy they can conserve this fall. Students will also gain conservation credit from homes they recruit into Boulder County's EnergySmart program and the City of Denver's Better Homes program. Student groups in the schools with the greatest reductions will get to select from prizes for their schools. Such as, tools for energy education and renewable energy systems for their schools.

This year the Tour of Solar and Green Home has transformed into [Tour of Sustainable Homes](#). We want to expand the conversation about sustainability. Sustainability is a concept that goes well beyond a household's consumption of energy, use of water, or creation of waste. Transportation, food, community, education, and all other aspects of our interaction with the local economy determine what's sustainable in a local context. The tour will include many local groups that will be accessible to help each household with its unique plan of action. We will also be following the renovation project of a local family over the summer and fall, showing you how they deal with a sustainability project, their frustrations, and mostly importantly, the rewards from the process.

Summer classes? See You at Tool School

The ReSource Tool Library's [Tool School](#) is the CRC's newest educational outreach program designed to teach tool skills across a wide range of project applications.

Some of the great July offerings include [Upcycled Robots](#), [Sustainable Flooring](#), [Using a Thermal Infrared Camera](#), [Wood Joinery](#), and [Compressors and Pneumatic Tools](#).

The [Womens Tool Series](#) begins on July 16th. Classes are held at the ReSource Yard at 6400 Arapahoe Rd.



Tool School offers more than 50 classes in five tracks: Tool Skills, Garden & Landscape, Tools for Efficiency, Green home DIY, and Tools for Kids. [Sign up for a class today!](#)

July is Smart Irrigation Month- Are You Wasting Water Outdoors?

Call the CRC today to schedule a FREE sprinkler inspection for your home.

To get on the schedule today call **303-999-3820 ext. 217** or [visit our website.](#)



A trained auditor will come to your home, teach you about your system and give you a customized watering schedule.

Plus! City of Boulder residents- Your [Slow the Flow](#) audit could enter you to win a free iPad!

WANT TO WIN? Water your lawn more efficiently by changing out standard spray heads or nozzles with matched precipitation rate spray heads or nozzles.



Take the following steps and you will automatically be entered to win:
Step 1: Contact the CRC for a "Slow The Flow" irrigation audit by signing

up at 303-999-3820 X217.

Step 2: Purchase approved matched precipitation rate spray heads or nozzles for all of your spray zones by selecting from the Water Conservation Program [Approved List](#) .

Step 3: After your "Slow the Flow" irrigation audit, install the new matched precipitation rate spray heads or nozzles.

For more information visit www.bouldersaveswater.net

1st PRIZE: iPad

2nd & 3rd PRIZE: Hunter® Smart Control Clock

Change of Date-CRC's 7th Annual ReWards Dinner

Save **November 5th, 2011** on your calendar for an extraordinary night with the CRC at our [7th Annual ReWards Dinner!](#) We will be gathering at the St. Julien Hotel and Spa for a splendid meal and one of the finest silent and live



auctions in Boulder. The night will also serve to celebrate the work of the CRC, our partners in the community, and individuals who have made an impact by conserving resources! For tickets or to donate an item to our auction, please contact

Doug Yetman at dyetman@conservationcenter.org or call 303.999.3820 x215.

**Are you or is someone you know interested in volunteering as part of the ReWards committee? We would love your help! The volunteer committee meets monthly. Please contact [Doug Yetman](#) for more information.

Garden-In-A-Box Blow Out Sale!
**Lowest Prices of the
Season!**
Garden of Gold \$60
Sunset \$75
Cool Connection \$80
While Supplies Last

Center for ReSource Conservation's Mission:

To empower our community to conserve natural resources.

Center for ReSource Conservation's Vision:

A thriving community that understands the finite nature of natural resources and acts to conserve them.

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