



# REGIONAL CLEAN ENERGY CORRIDOR

RESILIENCE • ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION • INNOVATION

## Imagine a Clean Energy Future

Our three-county region – Garfield, Eagle and Pitkin counties – has made great strides in moving toward a cleaner, more energy-efficient economy. But we can and must do more. Imagine the future that’s possible if we work together to make this transition proactively:

- **A more diverse, sustainable economy** that harnesses the power of energy innovation
- **Clean energy solutions widely available** – “green for all”
- **A more resilient energy system**, thanks to a smarter, less centralized grid
- **A healthier environment**, with less pollution and CO2 emissions
- **A connected, forward-looking region** that’s working together to create a “just transition” and doing its part to curb climate change

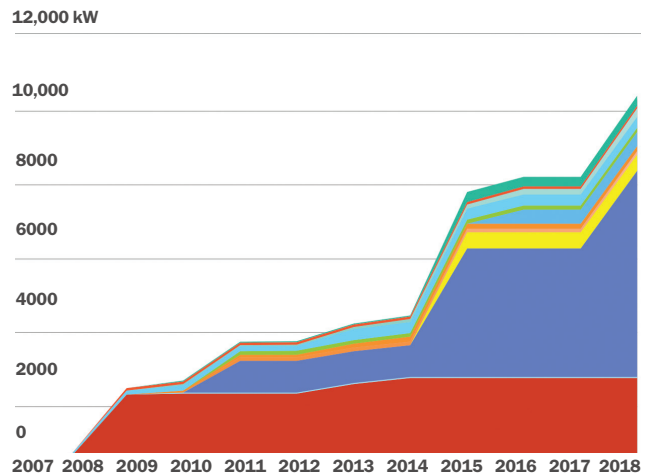


## A Regional Approach Can Get Us There Faster

The Regional Clean Energy Corridor Network is bringing together local governments, utilities, nonprofits, businesses and residents to work together to reach Colorado’s goal of 100% renewable energy by 2040 and other aggressive clean energy targets. A regional approach has many advantages:

- **Economies of scale** in programs and projects
- **Strategic coordination** to align targets, measure annual progress and accelerate results
- **Economic development benefits** from growing clean energy in our region
- **The demonstration value** of a multi-county initiative spanning diverse communities
- **Interdependence** – because our region is tied together by workforce, housing, transportation, human services, utility boundaries and the economy

**INSTALLED SOLAR CAPACITY IN GARFIELD COUNTY**



*Through coordinated action in Garfield County, solar has grown dramatically over the past 10 years. As a region, we can do even more.*

# Three Levers to a Clean-Energy Future

Currently in formation, the Regional Clean Energy Corridor Network will expand regional approaches to accelerating the clean energy transition, focusing on these three areas:



## RENEWABLE ENERGY

This is the Network's first initiative, aiming to dramatically ramp up rooftop and utility-scale solar projects, while creating regional economic benefits.



## CLEAN TRANSPORTATION

Transitioning to electric vehicles, powered by renewable electricity, is an essential part of our clean energy future.



## EFFICIENT BUILDINGS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Building on extensive progress to date, increased efficiency offers a major opportunity to reduce emissions, save money and create jobs.

## Initial Corridor Projects

- **Public solar program** to help local governments install significant on-site solar and reach net-zero goals
- **Online solar development toolbox**, including criteria for potential sites, utility regs, etc.
- **Improved baseline information** and the ability to track annual progress toward goals
- **Professional trainings and outreach** to advance the electrification of buildings and transportation
- **Residential "Solarize" program** to increase accessibility and economic benefits through bulk purchasing



## Participants in Meetings to Date

CLEER (nonprofit convener) ● Garfield Clean Energy ● Colorado Mountain College ● Eagle County ● Pitkin County ● City of Aspen ● City of Glenwood Springs/Glenwood Municipal Utility ● Rifle Economic Development Corporation ● Holy Cross Energy ● Xcel Energy ● National Renewable Energy Lab ● Rocky Mountain Institute ● Eagle Climate Action Collaborative ● Walking Mountain Science Center ● Community Office for Resource Efficiency ● Aspen Skiing Company ● Roaring Fork Transportation Authority ● Numerous private-sector solar firms

## How You Can Get Involved



### JOIN THE NETWORK

Your help in making this concept a full reality is needed! Go to [cleanenergyeconomy.net/corridor](http://cleanenergyeconomy.net/corridor) to learn more and sign up.



### TALK IT UP

Encourage local elected officials, major employers, etc. to participate and join the network.



### BECOME A FUNDER OR BUSINESS SPONSOR

Your investment will help accelerate solutions! Contact Maisa Metcalf, [mmetcalf@cleanenergyeconomy.net](mailto:mmetcalf@cleanenergyeconomy.net), or donate through the Corridor Network page.

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