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We looked at web sites for these municipalities and counties:

Alamosa, Arvada, Aurora, Boulder City and County, Brighton, Broomfield, Canon City, Colo Springs, Denver, Durango, Ft Collins, Grand Junction, Loveland, Pueblo, Sterling, Vail, El Paso County, Arapahoe County, Mesa County

While the search was not exhaustive, we did search several different ways on each site to locate any mention of waste diversion, minimization or reduction. Several expressed a specific goal or policy, as follows:

City and County of Denver, Greenprint Denver. Includes: Waste Minimization; Eco-Efficient Procurement

<http://www.greenprintdenver.org/solid-waste-recycling/greenprint-goals/>

City of Boulder, Master Plan for Waste Reduction, 2006

[http://www.bouldercolorado.gov/files/Environmental%20Affairs/Waste%20Reduction/mpwr-february\\_2006-web\\_version.pdf](http://www.bouldercolorado.gov/files/Environmental%20Affairs/Waste%20Reduction/mpwr-february_2006-web_version.pdf)

Boulder County, In 2005, County Commissioners passed a resolution setting the county on a path to achieve a goal of "Zero Waste - or darn near."

<http://www.bouldercounty.org/sustain/waste/>

City of Ft Collins, City adopted goal of diverting 50% of waste stream from disposal in landfills by 2010

[http://www.fcgov.com/recycling/pdf/ftcollins\\_5yr\\_sw\\_plan\\_2006-0208\\_v15.pdf](http://www.fcgov.com/recycling/pdf/ftcollins_5yr_sw_plan_2006-0208_v15.pdf)

and

<http://www.fcgov.com/climateprotection/pdf/climate-action-plan.pdf>

Town of Vail, Environmental Sustainability Strategic Plan, Adopted Jan 2009, Goal #1: Solid Waste Stream Reduction and Recycling -- Reduce the amount of Town of Vail landfill contributions by 10% within 5 years, and 25% within 10 years

[http://www.vailgov.com/docs/dl\\_forms/Environmental\\_Sustainability\\_Strategic\\_plan\\_030909.pdf](http://www.vailgov.com/docs/dl_forms/Environmental_Sustainability_Strategic_plan_030909.pdf)

These entities are looking at or have implemented strategies or plans that encourage waste minimization:

Mesa County, Implemented a Solid Waste Management Plan in 1994, but nothing on their web site

City of Grand Junction, Reduce the amount of waste and increase recycling and reduce paper consumption 20% in CITY operations by 2012

<http://www.gjcity.org/CityDeptWebPages/Administration/PublicInformation/EnergyConservation.html>

City of Colorado Springs, Policy to be considered next year that encourages recycling by the city and community ("guiding principles for a more sustainable city")

<http://www.springsgov.com/Page.aspx?NavID=1056>

City of Durango, Comprehensive plan states policies, but no specific goals, to expand recycling efforts and minimize waste flow

<http://docs.durangogov.org/sirepub/cache/2/24fytd55szoyq055xwvk1z55/222490109102009023129685.PDF>

City of Loveland, Was not able to locate a specific goal or policy on their web site, but volume-based "pay-as-you-throw" rates were implemented in 1993, and diversion rate soared to over 50%. Since then, diversion rate has exceeded 50% every year.

<http://www.ci.loveland.co.us/publicworks/SolidWaste/Overview.htm>