

CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

PROGRAM INFORMATION



Climate Smart Glacier Country (CSGC) has played a key role in fostering community conversations about climate change. Through events such as workshops, panels, movie screenings, Green Drinks, field trips, webinars, radio interviews and symposiums, CSGC brings community members together to learn about climate issues and discuss local solutions. CSGC engages local leaders and promotes youth involvement. Along with outreach to increase awareness about the impacts of climate change, these events provide an opportunity for citizens to voice their concerns and connect with others in the community to build a climate movement in the region.

2017

- Film screening/panel (*Before the Flood*) Climate Conversations, Green Drinks, Solar Ease Workshop, Fire Forum

2018

- Film screening (*Save the Snow*). KGEZ monthly interviews. Climate Champion Awards. Climate Conversations, Green Home Tour

2019

- 3-day Plastic symposium at Flathead Valley Community College. Green Drinks. KGEZ Interviews. Climate Smart Art Expo. Earth Day Exhibitor.

2020

- Green Drinks. KGEZ interviews. On-line information clearinghouse. Sustainable holiday tips - infographics.

2021

- Earth-Month calendar. Spearheaded Earth Day resolutions from Whitefish, Kalispell, Columbia Falls & Big Fork. Six-part zero-waste webinars. KGEZ monthly interviews. On-line Eco-Challenge.

2022

- Sponsored Flathead Valley Community College Earth Day & student conservation projects. Earth month calendar. KGEZ interviews.

2023

- Free the Seeds "Climate Conversation Workshop". Earth Day Exhibitor. Earth month on-line calendar. KGEZ interviews.

2024

- Regional climate network meetings. Watch party for oral arguments in *Held v. Montana* case. Earth Day Exhibitor. Earth month calendar. Panelist for MT DPHHS climate & health webinars. KGEZ interviews.



COLLABORATION

Collaboration is key to successful community engagement. Collaborating with the following groups has helped amplify and strengthen programs to confront climate change.

- City of Whitefish -Helped conduct outreach & develop Climate Action Plan
- United Way of Northwest Montana – Annual donation of items for cooling center
- Flathead County Health Department & Logan Health – Donation of HEPA Filters to distribute to low-income households during wildfire smoke season
- Free the Seeds – Event sponsor & presenter at annual expo
- Land-to- Hands & Whitefish Farmer’s Market – Sponsored zero waste pilot & donated zero waste tent for events
- Montana Climate Lobby –Coordinated on making Earth Day a zero waste event
- Citizen’s For a Better Flathead – Co-sponsor of Green Drinks & Earth Day exhibitor
- Under the Big Sky Event –CSGC volunteers surveyed attendees on sustainability practices
- Fire Safe Flathead – Partnered on hosting workshops
- Glacier National Park – Sponsored “Hike Smart” event in park on trails day
- Whitefish Community Foundation – Funder for various projects
- Climate Ride – Biking event to raise awareness/funds for non-profits & climate

Youth Engagement

- Whitefish School District – Coordinate on climate action plan & sustainability workshops
- Flathead Valley Community College- Sponsored prizes for student competition on conservation projects.
- AmeriCorp – Co-sponsored Energy Corp interns to work on climate projects
- Columbia Falls High School youth representative on climate network planning committee