

Proving Your Energy Saving Program's Worth

Karen Messmer and Karen Janowitz

Energy Facilities Connections Conference

May 2011



Energy Management Saves Money

- Reduction in energy use
- Reduced peak demand charges
- Investments pay off over time
- Non-energy benefits also accrue

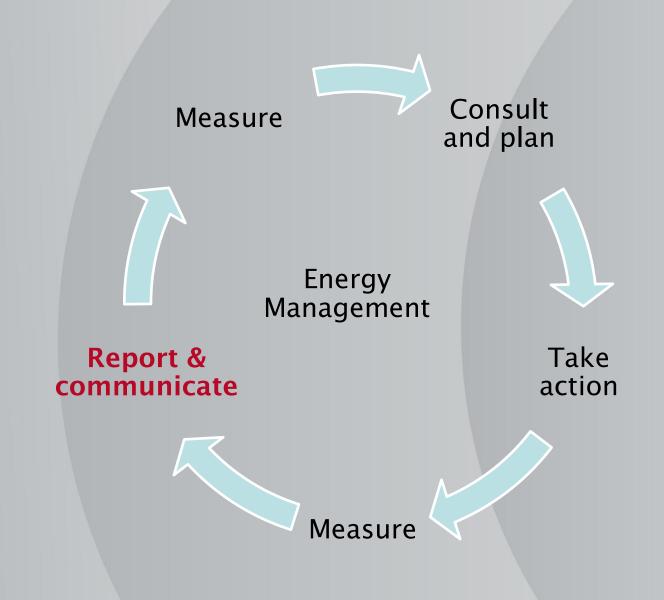
Use the money for important services











Measure Your Use and Savings

- Track energy use
- Track energy saving actions/projects
- Measure specific results

Communicate your success to

- Budget developers
- Your co workers and team members
- Public/taxpayers
- Building Occupants

For this discussion – focus on decision makers

Communicate Regularly

- Once is not enough
- Set up schedule for reporting
- Use many methods

What communication tools do you use?

Example Communication Tools

- Newsletter
- E-mail announcement
- Report
- Poster
- Awards
- Web site
- Presentation
- Press release

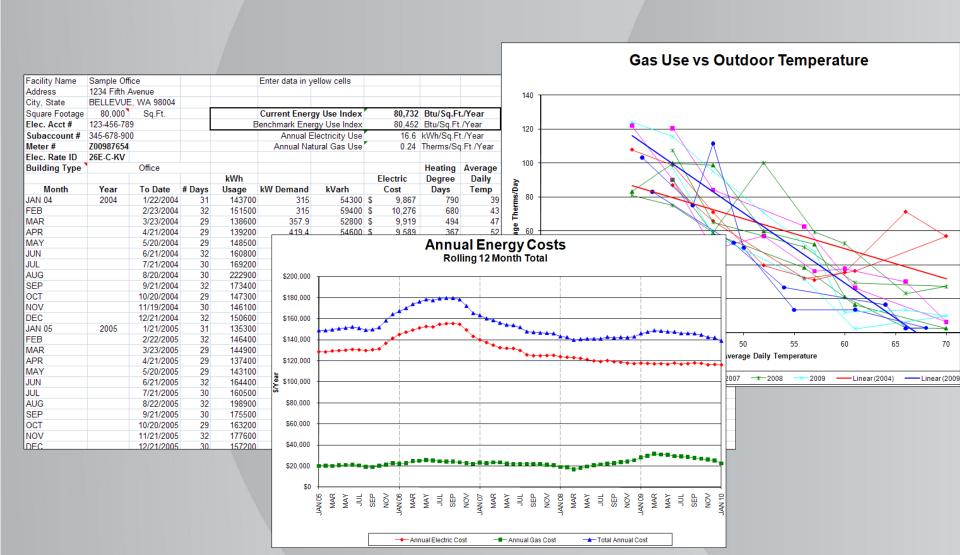
Show Savings with Graphics

- Dollar savings
- Energy Savings
- One time and over time





Target the type of information to the audience

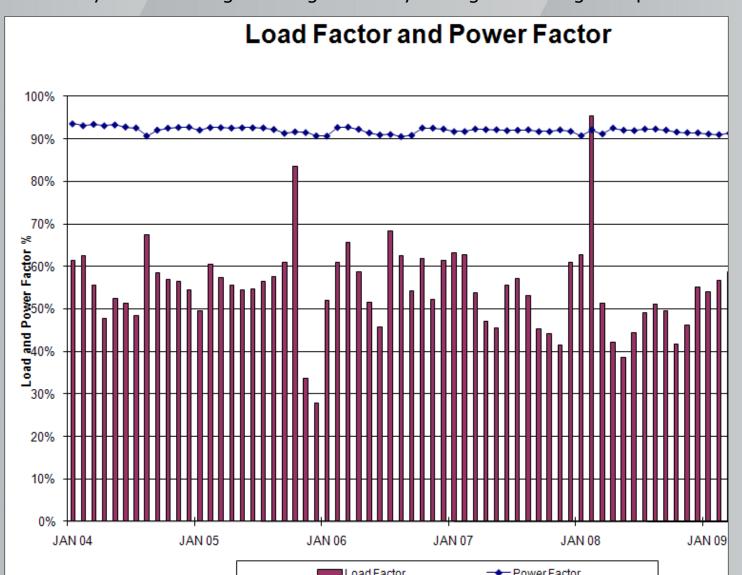


Examples

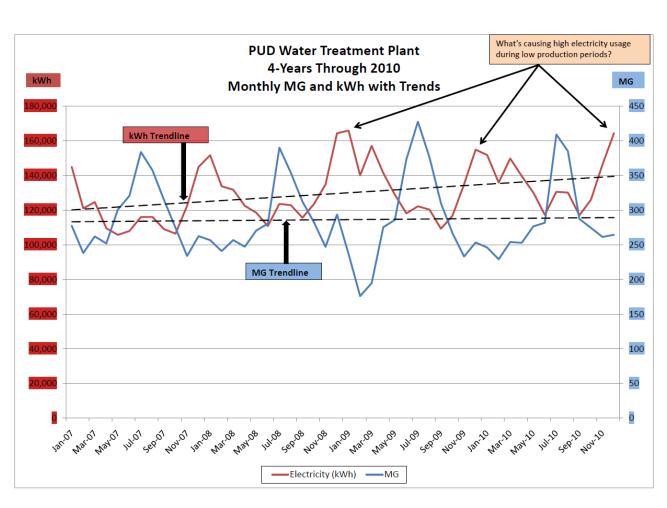
- It was not so easy to find good examples why is that?
- Good examples, the credit goes to energy manager or RCM doing the work.
- Links in small print.
- You DO NOT have to read and understand these examples.

Who might find this bar chart useful?

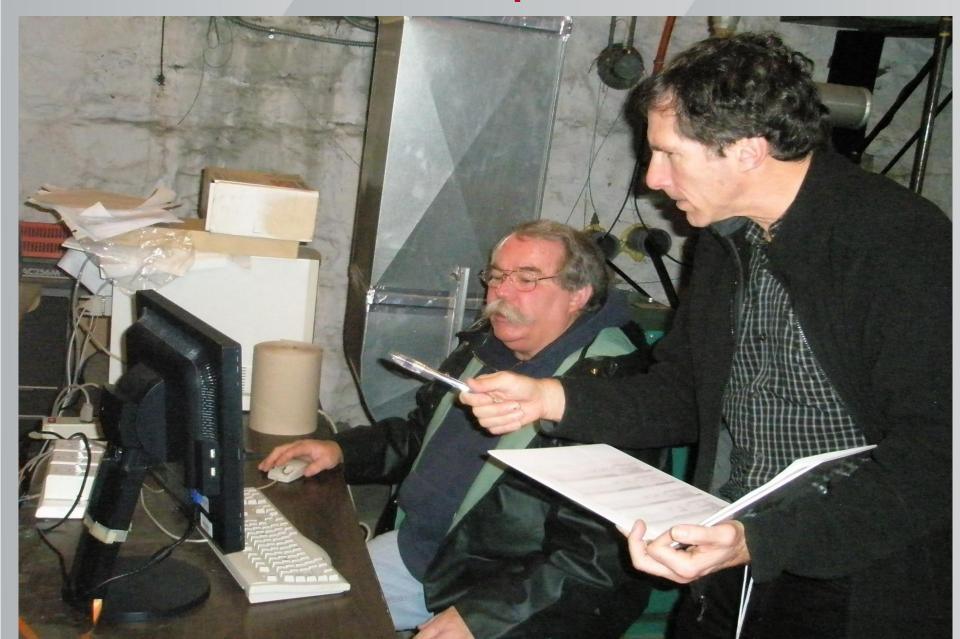
Policy makers? Budget manager? Facility manager? Building Occupants?



Data for meeting with facility manager



Don't underestimate personal contacts



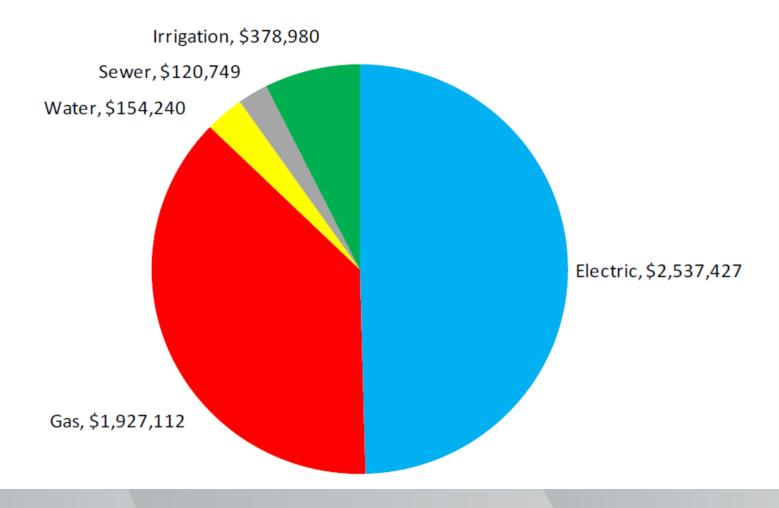
Decision makers have different needs

- · What are their interest areas?
 - Dollar savings
 - Greenhouse gas reductions
 - Energy savings
 - Comfort
 - Productivity
 - Air Quality
 - Health

Provide context

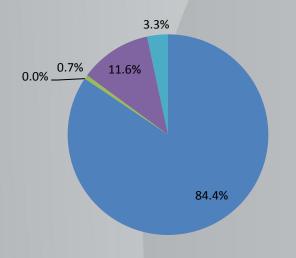
- Council adopted policy in 2009
- Staff has been taking actions
- Here is how much is being spent compared to the rest of the budget

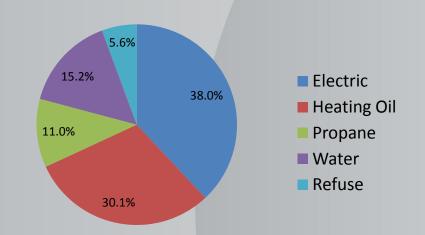
D-11 FY 09-10 Utility Cost Breakdown Total Cost \$5,118,508



Agency resource usage

Chimacum 2010 Utility Cost Fort Worden 2010 Utility Cost

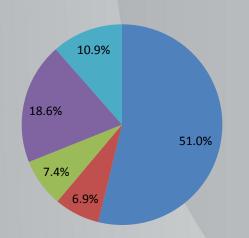


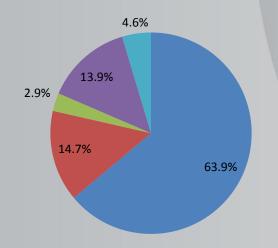


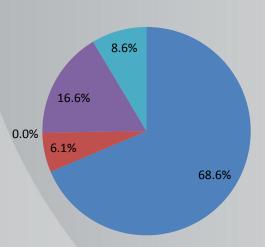
JeffCo 2009 Utility Cost

City of PT 2010 Utility Cost

PTS 2010 Utility Cost







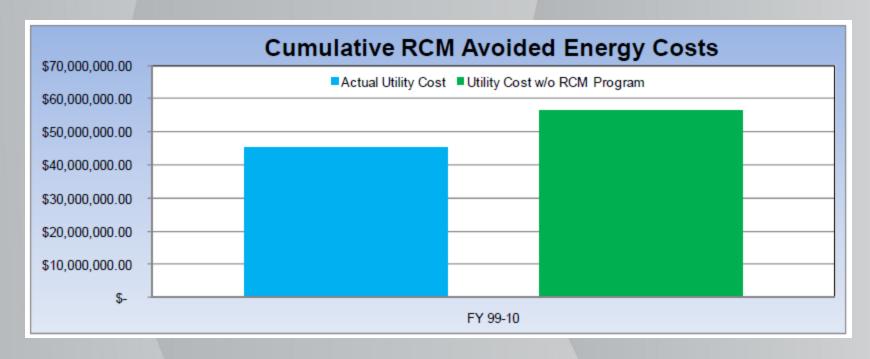


Energy



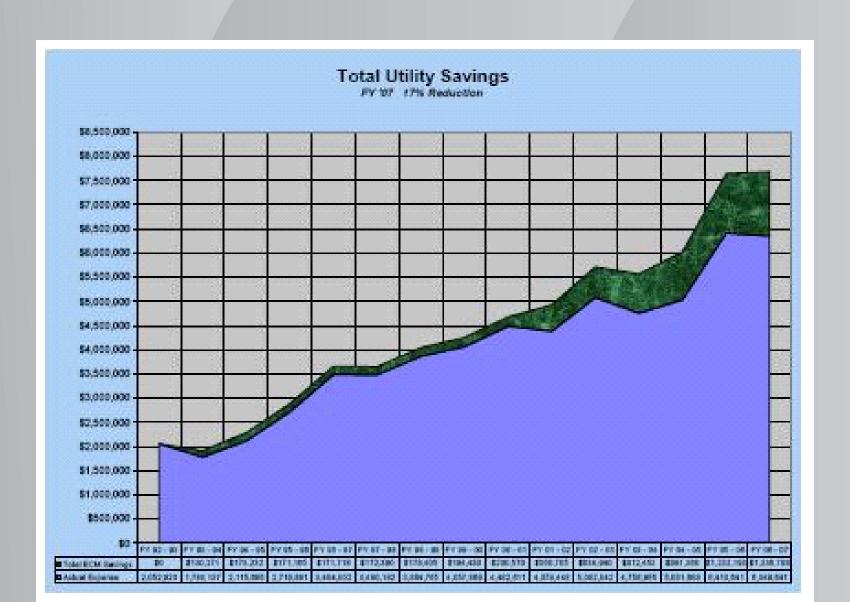
- Schools spend more money on energy than on computers and textbooks combined
- Energy conservation can cut costs and provide excellent learning opportunities

Avoided Cost



Colorado Springs School District

Avoided Cost



Cost Avoidance Summary

- Four and a half years of data
 - Sept 2005 to Feb 2010
- Total program savings= \$2,388,751

 The equivalent cost of two years of electricity for all our buildings.

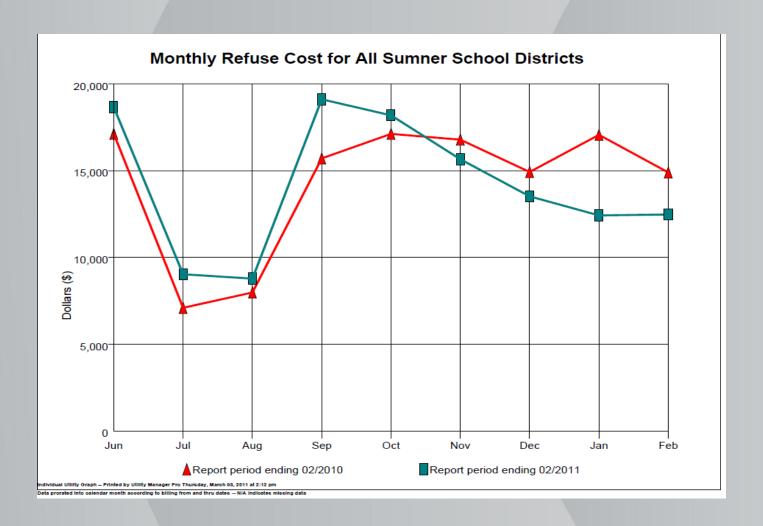
Electricity Equivalent

Over four years, we have reduced our kilowatt usage by

11.8 Million Kilowatts

This is the equivalent of the electricity usage for **24 of our schools for an entire year.**

Simple images



Success Story

Energy Management Example



- Identified Human Services Building as underperforming
- Shut down natural gas boilers during summer
- Moving out of building in January 2011
- Saved \$121,218 by reducing energy use.



Olympia School District Newsletter

The Green Wire

Resource Conservation News April 2011



Inside this issue:

Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Activities & Trainings

Well Fed and Well Read 4
Carbon Calculators 4

Energy Myths

Myth: The higher you set your heater's thermostat, the faster the room will warm up.

Fact: Whatever the setting it takes the same amount of time for a room to warm up. Setting the thermostat all the way up (and we've seen 90 degrees)

Earth Day Every Day

April 22nd is Earth Day so allow me to recognize those who take action and make a difference by helping the planet.

- Teachers recommended and Support Services has implemented processes to reuse plastic bags instead of removing them daily.
- Custodians have found ways to schedule work with minimum use of lights and heat after hours.
- Students and community volunteers have monitored our compost lines so that we have the most successful food and paper composting schools in the state.
- Students and community volunteers have restored habitat and toiled at wetlands and giving gardens.
- Students and teachers have conducted environmental inquiries and produced impressive research projects on a variety of important



Newspaper Story

Home | Site Map | Subscribe | Abou



Opinion

Eatonville, WA Currently | Hourly Info | 15 Days | Videos

Partly sunny

Sports & Outdoors

RealFeel®: 64°F Winds: NW at 7 mph

Your Extended Forecast

Calendar





Road to Ra

Advanced !

search

May

16 17 18 19 20

22 23 24 25 26 27

29 30 31

Weather Forecast | Weather Maps | Weather Radar

Classifieds

search...

ption Login SUBSCRIBE

Us

tome

Notices

nunity Links

to Rainier

a Letter to the

Gallery

y Ads



Obituaries

Share home ' news ' news

11/12/2008 10:14:00 AM

Bethel saves \$1.4 million in energy costs

by Bruce Smith

News

Through a robust program of energy conservation, Bethel schools have been able to save \$1.4 million over the past three years, the district announced last week at its Board meeting.

Michael Knaack, head of the district's Energy Operations Department, told members that the \$1.4 million represents about one-quarter of the total energy used by the district's 26 schools and administrative buildings. The majority of savings comes from a reduction in the consumption of electricity.

"I basically go around turning off lights," Knaack said good-naturedly, but his job is actually much more dynamic.

Michael Knaack, the Manager of the Energy Operations Department for the Bethel School District, has developed an energy conservation program that has saved the district \$1.4 million over three years.

May 04, 2011

Knaack has developed a comprehensive program that involves both the installation of energy-efficient appliances and HVAC equipment, along with new maintenance practices that reduce energy consumption. Enlisting the support of the district's maintenance and custodial staff, Knaack says clean-up crews now turn off electricity in sections of a school that have been cleaned or are waiting to be serviced.

Savings in the news RCM position paid for by savings

The Olympian, May 10, 2005, 131

Energy conservation gains steam

BY HEATHER WOODWARD

THE OLYMPIAN

OLYMPIA — An Olympia School District effort to save money and conserve energy appears poised to result in a new policy that dictates ways to reduce lighting, heating and other costs.

Brittin Witzenburg, the district's first resource conservation manager, presented a proposal Monday to the Olympia School Board that would emphasize ways staff members can conserve energy.

Board members largely voiced support for the policy Monday though some had additional questions about wording and whether the proposal should extend to school construction practices as well.

In some cases, the proposed policy sets specific parameters.

For example, it states thermostats for hot water heaters for washrooms and classrooms be set no higher than 110 de-

In other cases, the policy simply encourages the use of recycling, and reusing waste as much as possible.

"I think that the purpose of the policy is really to formalize the district's commitment to energy and resource conservation in our physical facilities and in the way that we operate within them," Witzenburg said.

Kathy Kinnaird, a Washington Middle School eighth-grade science teacher, said she would favor the board passing the policy.

"I think it would serve as a great reminder." she said.

The policy is one of several initiatives Witzenburg has launched since joining the district in November.

Other efforts include installing new thermostats in Olympia's 43 portables that will save the district \$6,435 a year.

The district estimates that in her first year, Witzenburg will find savings of about \$75,000, or about \$10,000 more than the cost of her salary and benefits.

The total savings in the next three years could total \$120,000, district officials said Tuesday.

The effort comes in the wake of \$3.6 million in cuts the Olympia School Board made in the summer to the district's 2004-05 \$64.8 million budget.

The cuts were made to plug a \$2.2 million budget shortfall for the 2004-05 school year, to build a cash reserve for monthly expenses and to establish an emergency fund.

Heather Woodward covers education for The Olympian. She can be reached at 360-754-4225 or hwoodward@olympia. gannett.com.

Give Credit for Successes

- Develop support from within
- Announce successes
- Spread on the positives

Shamelessly Seek and Celebrate Awards

From the Colorado Springs School District website

 Leadership in Energy Management District 11 Energy Awards

Twenty D11 Schools have been EPA Energy Star Certified

2001 AEE Energy Manager of the Year

2002 & 2003 CSU Water Saver Champion

2004 EPA Energy Star Leader

2005 EPA Leadership in Energy Management

2005 Energy Star Partner of the Year

2006 Colorado Governor's Energy Champion

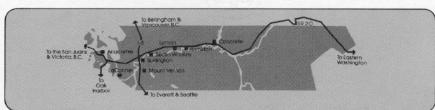
2007 EPA High Performance K-12 Design

2008 IFMA Resource Conservation Award

2008 CSU Utility Board -- Community Leader

Skagit Council of Governments News Release

Ric Boge, Shared RCM, Skagit Council of Governments



Skagit Council of Governments

204 W Montgomery • Mount Vernon, WA 98273 • (360) 416 -7871 • Fax (360) 416 -7831 • ricb@scog.net
Ric Boge, Resource Conservation Manager

News Release

Date: April 25, 2011

From: Ric Boge, Resource Conservation Manager

Subject: Local Governments Honored with Energy Conservation Awards

The Skagit Council of Government's (SCOG) Resource Conservation Management Program recently issued several awards at its Annual Conservation Awards meeting to recognize energy conservation efforts and accomplishments in 2010. Overall, the Program had an 8.6% reduction of gross energy usage in 2010 for daily operations of the 125 facilities in the Program. Eight of the nine local jurisdictions participating in the Program achieved reductions in the facilities they own and operate:

- · City of Sedro-Woolley
- · City of Burlington
- City of Anacortes
- Skagit County
- · Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
- Port of Skagit County
- Town of La Conner
- PUD #1 of Skagit County.

Special Recognition Certificates were presented by Lori Moen, Supervising Engineer for Puget Sound Energy's RCM Support Group, and Ric Boge, SCOG Resource Conservation Manager. Certificates were awarded in each of the following categories to key individuals responsible for the accomplishments:

2010 Outstanding <u>Percentage</u> Reduction in Energy Usage by a Single Facility: Sedro-Woolley Municipal Building – more than 16.9% reduction in gross energy use! Nathan Salseina, Operations Lead.

The Skagit Council of Governments is a voluntary association of general and special purpose units of local government in Skagit County

Colorado Springs School District Annual Energy Report

- D-11 Annual Energy Report FY09-10 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
- The Energy Manager at Colorado Springs School District 11 (D-11) is committed to excellence in management and stewardship of District resources to facilitate opportunities for educational excellence. In FY 09-10 we decreased weather corrected energy use per square foot by 5.3% over FY 08-09 and by 6.4% over our previous 3 year average. Utilities spending increased by 8.2% over FY 08-09 spending due to rate increases and a colder winter. The 8.2% increase in utilities spending is much lower than anticipated due to our continued conservation efforts. Our efforts resulted in decreased consumption of each utility over its previous 3 year average and the return of approximately \$505,000 of the utility budget to the district's general fund.

http://www.d11.org/fotc/energy/Energy%20reports/Annual%20Energy%20Report%20BOE%20FY%2009-10.pdf

Practical tips

- PowerPoint is NOT the perfect tool!
- Schedule ahead for your place on the agenda
- Recruit help for graphic images
- Recruit help for writing
- Use agency standards for communications
- Check protocols for news releases
- Seek feedback to improve

Stars

- Thanks to those who provided examples
- Jay Donnaway Sumner SD, Bonney Lake, and City of Buckley RCM
- Michael Knaack Bethel School District RCM
- Ric Boge Skagit Council of Governments Shared RCM
- Colorado Springs School District
- Lake Washington School District
- Brian Goldstein Jefferson County area Shared RCM
- Bonnie Meyer Olympia School District
- Ryan Dicks Pierce County Office of Sustainability

Acknowledgement

This project is funded in whole or in part by funds made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). This funding was awarded by the US Department of Energy through the Energy Policy Division of the Washington State Department of Commerce under Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant No.DE-EE0000849.

Karen Messmer messmerk@energy.wsu.edu

Resource Conservation Management

http://www.energy.wsu.edu/PublicFacilitiesSupport/ResourceConservation.a spx

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION ENERGY PROGRAM

www.energy.wsu.edu