

TEAM SNAPSHOT

Boise, Idaho



KARL BOKENKAMP

OPERATIONS STRATEGY DIRECTOR, IDAHO POWER COMPANY

Experience with neighborhood development: In my role with Idaho Power, I am active in strategy, sustainability, planning, and economic development. Also, I am actively involved with the Idaho Technology Council.

I am interested in learning about...what it takes to make an EcoDistrict successful.

One challenge I'd like to address: Building momentum to sustain change.



MEGAN DURELL

PROGRAM COORDINATOR, CITY OF BOISE PUBLIC WORKS

Experience with neighborhood development: I have 13 years of experience working for the City of Boise on trash/recycling, planning and design, service, and code enforcement, and two years of experience in stormwater management.

I am interested in learning about...the effectiveness of EcoDistricts planning.

One challenge I'd like to address: The current stormwater permit challenges the city/developers to retain all stormwater on-site (all new and redevelopment projects) and use innovative approaches to stormwater management.



CODY RIDDLE

PLANNING MANAGER, CITY OF BOISE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Experience with neighborhood development: I have worked extensively on various land use applications, ordinance amendments and master planning efforts at the City of Boise including Blueprint Boise.

I am interested in learning about...how we can implement an ecodistrict that will be successful.

One challenge I'd like to address: Taking the vision of an ecodistrict and making it a reality.



CIERA SHAVER

GRADUATE RESEARCHER, INTEGRATED DESIGN LAB

Experience with neighborhood development: My research focuses on energy efficiency and smart architectural design integration at the neighborhood-scale.

I am interested in learning about...how to obtain funding and facilitate community involvement.

One challenge I'd like to address: How to get people on-board with sustainable design concepts and how to motivate investment in sustainable design. property taxes, return on investment and community value.



T.J. WILCOMB

PARTNER, JORDAN-WILCOMB CONSTRUCTION, INC./ PROPERTY MANAGER/DEVELOPER, WILCOMB LLC

Experience with neighborhood development: Besides developing long-term goals for various properties located in the downtown area, I was the project manager for the construction of the new office at 200 W Broadway.

I am interested in learning about...the hurdles and opportunities in regards to new and redevelopment.

One challenge I'd like to address: Finding a way to promote eco-friendly and economically viable development.



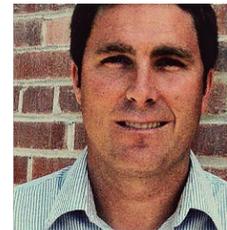
KRIS WILSON TEAM LEAD

PROGRAM MANAGER, US GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL, IDAHO CHAPTER

Experience with neighborhood development: Three years with Idaho Council of Governments Economic Development, sustainable affordable housing graduate studies and fellowship, Central Addition Master Plan Committee member and EcoDistrict Team Lead.

I am interested in learning about...municipality roles in implementing neighborhood scale sustainability.

One challenge I'd like to address: Change barriers that manifest from failure to address downstream costs.



CHARLIE WOODRUFF

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, USGBC IDAHO CHAPTER

Experience with neighborhood development: I have helped develop of a community garden, been involved with my neighborhood association, and have familiarity with LEED for Neighborhood Development.

I am interested in learning about...models of governance for a long-term neighborhood sustainability effort.

One challenge I'd like to address: Accommodating key land uses, like affordable housing or preserving the history and character of the neighborhood, in the face of high land prices.



PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Boise Central Addition

The Central Addition, situated on the edge of the Boise downtown core, is comprised of a mix of residential, institutional and commercial development. It is bordered on the south by the Boise River Greenbelt and Julia Davis Park, which include recreational amenities and access to biking and walking pathways.

Stemming from an increase in green building activity, programming and several sustainable development projects, the Boise Central Addition's vision is to create a vibrant neighborhood where property owners, businesses, residents and partners collaborate to identify and implement sustainable development practices that enhance ecological services, maintain historic character, strengthen the economy, and contribute to Downtown's livability.

Why this neighborhood?

The area's close proximity to the downtown core and the abundance of temporary surface parking lots and grocery retailers make this area attractive to developers. There is a critical mass of building owners, tenants and other groups who are interested in exploring a sustainability vision for this area.

Neighborhood

PRIORITIES:

1. Advance energy efficiency and alternative energy development
2. Incentivize a diversity of housing options, mixed use development, walkability and vibrancy through innovative public spaces
3. Establish baselines for water use, and set goals for reductions through stormwater infrastructure and other methods

Neighborhood

CHALLENGES:

1. Improving access and mobility
2. Transitioning from suburban style development to denser urban style development while maintaining historic resources and an authentic sense of place
3. Financing and funding for resource efficient development