



# The Summit of Sustainability Alliance (SoSA)

**March 9<sup>th</sup> Biodiversity Workshop**  
**Cascade Valley Metro Park**

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# Introductions

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# SoSA History

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- Greenprint Akron 2012
- Summit of Sustainable Awards 2012-2015
- Summit of Sustainability Awards Workshops 2016
- SoSA fiscal and organizing entity leadership changes
- Summit of Sustainability Awards Future Discussions 2017/18
- Strategic Planning Process 2018/19
- Institute for Conservation Leadership (ICL)
- One-on-One Interviews
- Surveys
- Collaborative Multi-Sector Network w/33 Organizations

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# SoSA History

## Stakeholder interviews

- Past SoSA committee, award winners, key community businesses
- Interviews = interest in education, collaboration

## Planning Workshops 2019: Key Outcomes

- April – Leverage success, drive policy changes, create structure for collaboration, KPIs, education, clear vision
- June – Niche, purpose, and vision development, need for corporate inclusion, iterative and adaptive, UN SDGs
- July – Refine niche, purpose and vision, identify partners (missing energy, transportation, food), share results of poll of UN SDG priorities

# SoSA Vision, Purpose and Direction

- Creating a Sustainability Forum in the Summit County Region
- Network for Nonprofit Organizations, Educational Institutions, Governmental Entities and For-Profit Businesses
- Inform Policy
- Improve Practices
- Support Innovation

**Vision:** a Summit County region that is a successful model of sustainable community. Partners work together across sectors to create and enhance a thriving community surrounded by a healthy natural environment.

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# SDG Introduction



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# UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Initial pilot focus

# SoSA Structure and Leadership

## SoSA Members

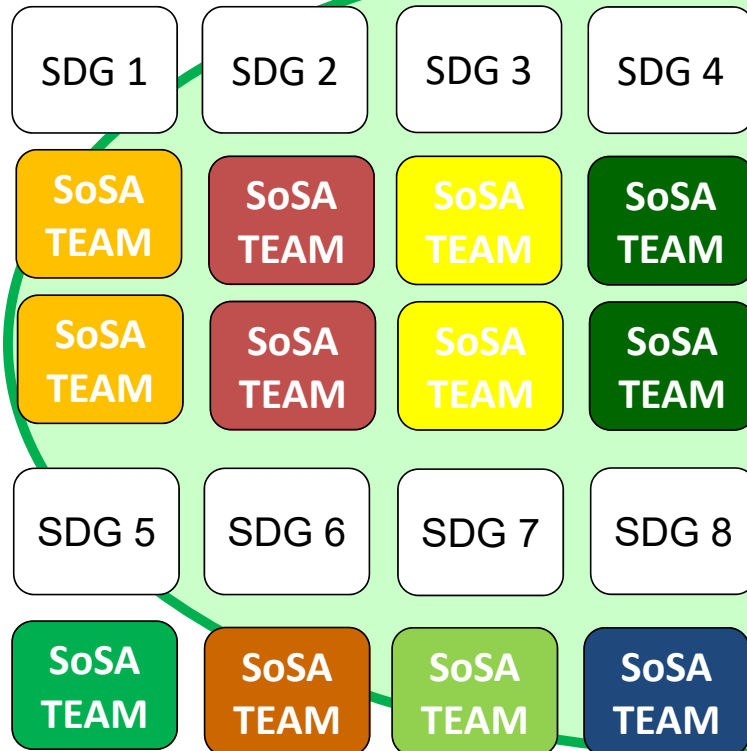
Non-Profit, Education, Government and Business

### SoSA Core Team

Maximum 12 Members (3 from each of the 4 sectors) Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

## SoSA Teams

SoSA Members  
Chair and Vice Chair  
SoSA Core Team Member  
Advisors



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# Initial Focus SDGs

# Life on Land

## Biodiversity Pilot

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### Related Topics



#### Biodiversity and ecosystems

Related Goals

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#### Forests

Related Goals

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#### Mountains

Related Goals

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#### National strategies and SDG integration

Related Goals

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#### Desertification, land degradation and drought

Related Goals

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# Responsible Consumption

## Zero Waste Pilot



### Related Topics



#### Chemicals and waste

Related Goals

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#### Sustainable consumption and production

Related Goals

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#### Sustainable tourism

Related Goals

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Peace Justice and Strong Institutions  
Industry Innovation and Infrastructure  
*Peace Justice and Strong Institutions*

Partnerships for the Goals *Decent Work and Economic Growth*

**Affordable and Clean Energy**

*Good Health and WellBeing* **Good Health and WellBeing**  
*Reduced Inequalities* **Zero Hunger** *Life Below Water*  
*Quality Education* *Good Health and WellBeing*

**DEVELOPMENT**

**SUSTAINABLE**

*SUSTAINABLE* *Zero Hunger* *DEVELOPMENT* **GOALS** *GOALS* *life on land*  
*Climate Action* *Quality Education* **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

*Quality Education* **Reduced Inequalities** *No Poverty* **Gender Equality**  
**SUSTAINABLE** *DEVELOPMENT*  
*SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS* *Life Below Water*

*Responsible Consumption and Production* **Responsible Consumption and Production**  
*Affordable and Clean Energy* *No Poverty* *Gender Equality*  
*Decent Work and Economic Growth*

**Partnerships for the Goals**

*SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS* *Sustainable Cities and Communities*

*Industry Innovation and Infrastructure*

*Climate Action*  
**Clean Water and Sanitation**  
*Sustainable Cities and Communities*  
**Life on Land**

