



*The City of Monte Vista, situated in the San Luis Valley, desires to become a model for a Sustainable Community within Colorado. The City embraces the ideals of sustainability and wants to use technology as means to achieve those ideals.*

## COLORADO SUSTAINABLE MAIN STREETS INITIATIVE Community Profile



# City of Monte Vista

*Many of the parts and pieces to accomplish this goal are already in place or in progress, and the City wants to capitalize on these unique opportunities to provide positive change and growth within the boundaries of the town...*

*The City has followed a process that brings them to a critical point in the City's development and growth. With the cooperation and help of Federal, State and Local agencies Monte Vista is poised to move forward.*

*-excerpts taken from the Model Sustainability Analysis for the City of Monte Vista*

The City of Monte Vista, elevation of 7,666 feet, is located at the intersection of US Highways 160 and 285. The City was founded in 1884. The Monte Vista Downtown Historic District that encompasses much of Monte Vista's downtown core is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the State Register of Historic Properties. Goals of the downtown district include expanding economic vitality and preserving historic architectural character. Community leaders are pursuing creating a sustainable community from multiple levels, including economic development, community development, redevelopment, and affordable housing.

-excerpts from the City's Comprehensive Plan  
and the Model Sustainability Analysis

### City of Monte Vista

**County:** Rio Grande

**2008 Population:** 4,357

**Avg. persons/household:** 2.6

**2Largest area employers:** Mountain King, Monte Vista Public Schools C-8, Sargent School District RE335, Grower Shipper Potato Co.

