



Michele Ryan Sannes

NECO Board Member

Michele has a vested interest in helping educate our neighbors, family and friends about things they can do to lessen their carbon footprint. Through her endeavors with the Metro Denver Green Homes Tour (MDGHT) * for 10 years, she works to promote and encourage her fellow citizens to do their part by making their homes and landscapes more energy efficient and water-wise.



With a professional background in hospitality, meeting planning, association management and advertising (primarily medical), Michele brings a broad approach to promoting the goals of NECO - most directly via the annual MDGHT.

Other past ventures include professional river guiding (w/ Centennial Canoe Outfitters for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science), and private rafting trips on the Green and Colorado Rivers. These strengthened her commitment to water conservation and preservation of our natural resources.

Additionally, Michele worked a unique stint for a Coors subsidiary, providing mobile hearing testing services for companies throughout the US, to ensure their compliance with OSHA requirements for safe audiology practices. This afforded her an in-depth view of our manufacturing sector – which in the 1980's – was not leaning toward, or engaging in, sustainable, energy efficient practices. This experience shaped and strengthened her commitment to learn, educate and put into practice a “greener” lifestyle, both personally and in her community.

Extensive travel throughout the US, Caribbean and Latin America, Canada and parts of Europe has also given Michele opportunities to learn what other countries are doing with regard to solar, other energy efficiencies and green-living strategies.

Other volunteer activities include her local Sustainable Applewood Neighborhood group, the Wheat Ridge High School Gift & Talented Program, and PLAN JeffCo (Open Space).