

Expansion means Energy-Savings for the Littleton Co-Op

We are entering an exciting new phase for the Littleton Food Co-Operative. After a period of steady growth in members, shoppers and sales since 2010, the Co-Op has embarked on a program to build a 5,700 foot expansion in 2016. The expansion means more capacity for more goods to better serve our shoppers, more jobs for the region, updated technology systems, and a better working environment for the staff.

Importantly, this expansion will be guided, in part, by a component of the Co-Op's mission statement which directs the promotion of environmental sustainability. As part of the expansion, rigorous energy systems analysis will be undertaken for both the old and new buildings to find ways to improve lighting and heat recovery, optimize building tightness and ventilation, and tune the efficiency of the systems that properly store our food. Many of the energy-saving opportunities will be immediately implemented as part of the expansion; others will follow as part of a comprehensive long-term plan.

The result will be a store that uses less energy, saves operating costs, and contributes to the sustainability of the environment. As members and shoppers, we can be proud of our Co-Op for its energy conscience, alongside all the other contributions the Co-Op makes to the local food community and the economy of our region.

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