



2016 Director Election

Candidate Profile: **LORIE CAHILL**

In 2013, at my first Community Leadership Institute, I was particularly struck by a statement made to our group that would change my entire perspective about resident-owned communities.

Paul Bradley stood up and said, "This is your opportunity to step out of the 'Trailer Park' stigma we so often hear." He's right. In fact, our communities are safe, attractive, affordable neighborhoods where people take pride in their homes and the communities.

This statement set me on a course to take that opportunity and go as far as I could with it for my family and for our community.

My name is Lorie Cahill. I am a proud member of the Green Acres cooperative in Kalispell, Montana. We are a 32-home community of hard-working people who want what a majority of us want: a beautiful and safe place to live that we can afford and to have the opportunity to manage and care for it.



Marty and Lorie Cahill

I've formed relationships with our neighbors and we've worked together to form a great community. I have served on the Board of Directors at Green Acres for the past five years as the president. In that time, we have made many improvements both big and small. I have learned much along the way about what is important to people, how to listen to them and hear what their needs are, how to bring those needs and concerns to our board, and how to come up with ideas and solutions that benefit our community in the best way we can.

My husband, Marty, and I have enjoyed living and working together in our community. We have met many people and formed many great friendships not only in our community but throughout various ROCs across Montana and the country. I have wanted to pursue becoming a part of the ROC USA Board since that became a possibility with the ROC Association. I hope you will give me that opportunity by voting me to be the next Mountain/West representative.

With sincere appreciation,

Lorie Cahill
Green Acres Cooperative