



A Scan of Toronto Green Groups

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Introduction

Look around you.

Toronto is a pretty cool place to live.

We are a city of villages, a metropolis with community spirit.

We revel in being a multicultural city, and we are constantly recreating ourselves and investing in our future.

Welcome to what makes Toronto one of the greenest cities in all of North America.

It's not just because we have lots of greenspaces and community gardens, or a wind turbine on the lakefront, or that people ride bikes all over the city. It's because Toronto has the most active and engaged citizens of almost any city in North America.

We stand up for our neighbourhoods and our city. We have active community associations, we invented business improvement associations (in 1970); and we are the founding city for Jane's Walk (now an international annual celebration of community leadership in urban planning). We have scores of city-wide and community groups, and community hubs. We are constantly creating new ideas and the organizations and businesses to back them up.

We get involved. We plan community gardens, tree-plantings on streets, backyards, and parks, community ovens and ice rinks, farmer's



Celebrating in Kensington (photo: Y. Bambrick)

markets, and music and cultural events. We take care of our neighbourhood, streets and parks. We do small things, we pitch in, and sometimes we think big. We do it all.

With a little help, we could do so much more. We could map out safe bike routes in our neighbourhoods, share things (from tools to cars), make the most of our parks and common areas, foster local economies

This is our first step: a simple scan of the programs and resources offered by Toronto's green groups. It will help us pull together a Toronto Green Network of organizations and community leaders and develop a community action plan for Toronto.

Together, we can continue to make Toronto one of the greenest and most livable cities around. A place we can all be proud to call home.



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Section 1. Organizing Ourselves



We share a passion for our city, and a commitment to make it better.

These are some of the opportunities and organizations that are helping people to come together and collaborate on community planning and projects.

Community planning in Scarborough with the Live Green Toronto Community Animation Project (photo: EcoSpark)

Green Networking and Support



Transport Futures Conference 2010 (photo: Y. Bambrick)

Toronto's great green ideas

Torontonians have lots of great green ideas. Our collective challenge is to help make them happen.

You'll find issue-networks throughout this report, but to start out here are some of the groups and initiatives that support networking and action.

Networking and Support

Live Green Toronto Community Animators

The Live Green Toronto Community Animation program, managed on behalf of the City of Toronto by two external organizations, formally ended when the contracts with the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, Canada ([ACORN Canada](#)) and [EcoSpark](#) expired.

During the three year project, the community animators worked with hundreds of groups in neighbourhoods across Toronto. Please check the [Live Green](#) website for details of new community animation services.

Green Drinks

<http://www.greendrinks.org/ON/Toronto>

Toronto Green Drinks started in June 2005 and has attracted hundreds of environmental professionals and interested residents to our monthly gatherings. Our average attendance ranges from 200 to over 350 people a night and it's a different group every month... definitely not cliquey!

Toronto sustainability Speaker Series

<http://ecoopportunity.net/>

The Toronto Sustainability Speaker Series (TSSS) was launched in 2008 to dispel the myth that sustainability is a cost to business and to share the experiences of companies that have found economic advantages by integrating sustainability into their corporate strategy. Our events occur 8 times each year and act not only as a learning opportunity but also as a networking forum for individuals to come together as allies and partners in efforts to promote sustainable business practices

Transition Toronto

<http://transitiontoronto.ning.com/>

Started by a few keen and energetic Torontonians in late 2009, **Transition Toronto (TTo)** was created to make the City **more resilient** to the effects of peak oil and climate change. Due to the size and breadth of our City, TTo **acts as a hub**, serving the many smaller individual [neighbourhood Transition Initiatives](#) that we hope will sprout up.

Project Neutral

<http://projectneutral.org/>

What would happen if two Toronto neighbourhoods went carbon neutral? We think you'd change everything. Project Neutral is working with Riverdale and the Junction to pilot this initiative to help neighbourhoods become carbon neutral.

Community Networks

A community network, whether a green network or one with a broader mandate, is a good way to identify and build support for common priorities. Toronto doesn't have any formal community networks yet, but there is a lot of informal networking going on between like-minded people and organizations.

Looking to start a neighbourhood green network? Here's a few places to look to for help:

- Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition: <http://www.ohcc-ccso.ca/>
- Conservation Council of Ontario: <http://www.weconserve.ca/communityaction/index.html>

Online Resources

Great Green Directory

www.greatgreendirectory.ca

Search the Great Green Directory for the products, services, programs, financial incentives, and resources that will make it easy for you to live a little lighter on this planet. You can use the map to find green businesses and organizations in your neighbourhood, or do an advanced search to find products, services, programs, and incentives for your issue and your area. Save listings to create your own info sheet for your own use, for class projects, or for community events.

Live Green Card

<http://www.livegreencard.ca/>

Get your free Live Green Toronto Membership Card and join the growing number of shoppers who choose to support green-committed businesses in Toronto. Show your card at participating businesses to receive special offers and discounts. Check the website for the listing of over 340 businesses.

5 Blocks Out

<http://5blocksout.com/>

5 Blocks Out is a community of people who love their neighbourhoods. We make it fun and easy for friends, neighbours, and parents to share helpful tips on local living.

Green Living

<http://www.greenlivingonline.com>

The Green Living Marketplace is a guide to products approved by Green Living Enterprises.

Greenspiration

www.greenspiration.org

Angela Bischoff has been tirelessly compiling a weekly list of environmental events and actions. To sign up for her list, e-mail Angela at greenspiration@web.ca, write "subscribe" in the subject line, and tell her what city/country you live in.

People and Planet Friendly

<http://www.planetfriendly.net/calendar/>

The largest and longest running calendar of green/environmental events in Canada. Over 1,500 eco-events, courses and conferences in Canada are posted each year. You can search for events in the Toronto region.

The Great Convergence



Healthy Futures

It's all connected: environment, economy and society.

Across Ontario, there is a growing recognition that we are all working towards a healthy future. And no matter what point you start from, it all seems to come down to healthy communities.

After all, it's all about finding ways to live better and to help each other, while living lightly on this planet.

Community Planning

Here are some of the groups working on the big picture

Civic Action Alliance

Toronto Region Conservation Authority

The Living City

The United Way Priority Neighbourhoods

The Conservation Council of Ontario

Community Hubs

Centre for Social Innovation

Riverdale hub

Section 1. Taking Action

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1 comment ★★★★★

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Toronto Office Thinking Green We exist to support small, random, The Conservation Council of

www.weconserveTV.ca: a library of community videos (source: screencapture)

What does it mean to “live green”?

It means that we find ways to improve our lives and our communities while minimizing our environmental impact

Here are ten ways that Torontonians are living greener:

1. Help nature
2. Use less
3. Save energy
4. Use green power
5. Drive less
6. Eat smart
7. Waste less
8. Prevent pollution
9. Buy green
10. Live local

Find out how Toronto’s groups can help you to live green

Nature and Greenspaces



1. Help Nature

Without nature, we are nothing.

Nature is the provider of all our resources, and home to all species. It is a source of comfort, and of sustenance.

We can all help nature in our own ways, by picking up litter, planting trees, protecting natural areas, restoring degraded areas, making a butterfly garden, or even by growing flowers on our balconies.

Nature in Toronto

We are a green city, but we can do better. Besides making our city more pleasant to look at, trees keep the air cool in summer, provide habitat, and help reduce greenhouse gases. A single tree can remove about a tonne of CO₂ over its lifetime, making trees a great way to clean the air. From butterflies to songbirds, planting wildflowers, shrubs, and trees can provide food and shelter to many of Ontario's threatened and endangered species

The City of Toronto has set a goal to double the tree canopy from 17% to 34% by 2050 under the Trees Initiative Plan. With 1,504 named parks, 4,356 hectares of parkland, an estimated 865 acres of brownfields, and home and community gardens, and we have a tremendous potential to make our city even more natural.

Individual action

Houses

- Plant a tree
- Naturalize your yard
- Create a butterfly garden
- Use recycled water for your houseplants
- Protect your lawns from invasive species

Apartments and Condos

Vertical gardening

- Start a container garden on your balcony or indoors
- Naturalize common areas

In the Community

- Volunteer for community
- Preserve your own
- Discuss ways to protect your environment

Community Projects

- Do a community tree survey. Document the approximate age and type of trees .
- Promote a neighbourhood tree plan. Identify opportunities to increase tree cover and diversity of trees.
- Start a green yards project to help people naturalize their yards or common spaces.
- Start a local restoration projects to improve natural areas and ecological functions in your community. Look for brownfields or other sites that would benefit from naturalization.
- Enhance your green spaces. Bring nature back into the parks, while ensuring the park remains a place for people to relax and play.

Who Can Help

Toronto Programs

Black Creek Conservation Project

Downsview Dells Community Environmental Programs: Join the riparian tree/shrub planting program and help create a greener park

EcoSpark

Monitoring the Moraine: Participate in the long-term protection efforts for the Oak Ridges Moraine to play a role in the preservation of our environment

Fatal Light Awareness Program (FLAP)

Lights Out Toronto/Bird Rescue: Help treat injured birds by increasing the number of bird rescue zones

Friends of the Don East

Take a Hike: Explore your local ravines and valley corridors for your health and enjoyment

Friends of the Rouge Watershed

Endangered Species: Provide a larger habitat for deep forest species by enlarging existing core forests and nature reserves

Habitat Structures: Restore ecosystem health and the balance of nature by imitating natural processes and interactions between living things

Ponds & Wetlands: Get involved with the installation of new frog ponds in the Rouge Watershed

Priority Forest Restoration: Bringing native vegetation back into Rouge Park by expanding and reconnecting environmentally sensitive forest areas and nature reserves

Schoolyard Greening: Assisting schools with habitat regeneration projects on school grounds

Wildflower and Butterfly Meadows: Help beautify areas in Rouge Park by planting new native wildflower meadows

Friends of the Spit

Advocacy: Help protect North America's most remarkable public urban wilderness by keeping it a car-free environmental resource

FutureWatch

Community Gardens: Get help to create natural spaces for recreation, relaxation and renewal

Family Eco-Camping: Try camping for the first time with other new campers

Family Fishing Day: Experience the pleasures of fishing while enjoying a day in a natural setting

Paddle and Picnic: Come out and enjoy a day of learning group games, basic canoeing and water safety skills at Sunnyside beach

Green Thumbs, Growing Kids

Park-based programs: Spring Greenhouse programs open to the youth during the school day and weekends

School-based programs: Helping local schools with garden projects

Summer Programs: Garden workshops for children and youth, art and garden programming, and community drop-in programs are being offered at our sites.

Humber Arboretum

Nature Programs: Gain a better understanding of your environment by participating in our interactive nature study programs for groups of all ages

Workshops: Teachers and Educators are invited to participate in environmental education workshops

Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests (LEAF)

Backyard Tree Planting Program: Purchase native species for subsidized costs

Leslieville Tree Festival: An educational and fun-filled event with multiple performers and “green” goods for sale

Talk & Workshops: Participate in indoor and outdoor workshops about urban forestry

Toronto Tree Tours: Go on an informative and interesting guided walk of a neighbourhood

Park People

Local Park Groups: Join your local park group to improve local parks and make a difference in your community

(Offers events and resources but not for this particular program)

South Riverdale Community Health Centre

Leslieville / Riverdale Tree Planting and Tree Preservation Pilot: An outreach project designed to plant 150 trees in the neighborhoods of Leslieville and Riverdale

Taylor Massey Project

Taylor Massey Project: Help keep Creek valley-lands healthy by improving water quality and aquatic habitats

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

Black Creek Pioneer Village: Experience the Pioneer Life to learn about our past in this exciting educational program

Kortright Centre for Conservation: Discover ways on how to live in harmony with the natural environment through observation of wildlife populations and hands-on participation

Overnight Programs: Connect with nature by enrolling in our two- or five-day residential programs at multiple field centers

Professional Development for Teachers: Educators are welcomed to explore topics like Global Positioning Systems, renewable energy and lake ecology that may not be offered in a school setting

Toronto Community Garden Network

Toronto Gardens: See what community gardens in your area are in need of volunteers

Events, Workshops and Courses: Read about what events are happening in your city that help you do something green.

In the Garden Shed: Offering the tools you need to design a compost bin, a Community Green handbook, and other resources one might need

Job Posting: A list of job postings for people who are looking for an environmentally friendly job

Toronto Community Housing-Green Works Program

Green Spaces: Read about the benefits of starting your own community garden

Toronto Field Naturalists

Lectures: Come to weekly lectures where experts talk about a wide variety of natural history topics

Take Action: Volunteer to be a member of the Toronto Field Naturalists' team

Walks: Participate on guided walks of various areas in Toronto

Toronto Parks & Trees Foundation

Community Grants: Supporting organizations that are actively involved in sustaining and enhancing Toronto's parkland

Enhancing Our Parks: Protect your public parks for the enjoyment and education of the public

Toronto Wildlife Centre

Conservation: Working hard on wildlife-related conservation initiatives carried through direct research and education programming

Public Education: Educate yourself on wildlife information with the resources we provide

Wildlife Hotline: Wildlife Hotline is designed to help you with any questions or concerns you may have regarding nature

Wildlife Rehabilitation: Protecting native wildlife from endangerment and extinction by keeping up to date on the latest information and field techniques

Wildlife Rescue and Oil Spill Response: Rescuing wild animals from life-threatening situations

Toronto Zoo

Conservation: Learn about ways you can help with conservation

Provincial Programs

Ontario Land Trust Alliance

Education & Training: Participate in OLTA's high standard education and training programs

Ontario Nature

20/20 Vision: Acknowledge biodiversity as an important issue that needs to be addressed

Biodiversity Watch List: Raise awareness about species at risk in Ontario

Boreal Forest: Learn about the importance of Ontario's Boreal Forest and ways to help protect it

Canadian Boreal Initiative Bird Study: Understanding the overall health of an ecosystem by looking at research on breeding birds

Celebrate Biodiversity: Donate to help maintain Ontario's biodiversity and provide a strong voice for nature

Endangered Species: Find out what species are at risk of extinction by referring to Ontario's Endangered Species Act Report Card.

Lake Simcoe: Hold the government accountable for the health of Lake Simcoe watershed

Mining Act: Ensure nature is to be considered under the new Mining Act

Saving Forests, Saving Birds: Contribute to the conservation of Canada's Boreal Forests

Ontario Urban Forest Council

A call to report large Elms: Report any large Elms in your area to assist in their protection efforts

Healthy Communities Rooted in Urban Forests Conference: Get informed about the benefits of healthy urban forests

Heritage Tree Toolkit: Learn how to identify which trees have heritage value

Marketing the Urban Tree: Promote the importance of urban trees in your area of residence

Networking Workshop for Urban Tree Groups in Ontario: Collaborate with local tree group representatives to discuss ways to advance the cause of urban forestry in Ontario

Ontario Urban Forests: Read about the impacts of urbanization on the province's forests

Save Trees: Learn about the effects construction activities have upon trees

Scales and Integrated Pest Management: Keep healthy and problem-free landscapes through proper management

Threats to Our Forests: Top 10 list: Read about the top 10 threats to our forests

Preparing the Trail

Preparing the Trail 2010 together with Tree Fest 2010: Participate in athletic and tree planting events throughout the GTA

Riversides Stewardship Alliance

Water in the City Walk: Go on a tour of a raindrop's journey from an urban residential neighbourhood to Lake Ontario

Trees Ontario

50 Million Tree Program: Get involved in large-scale tree planting to enhance and diversify southern Ontario's landscape

Information: Get informed about the tree planting going on in your area

Ontario Heritage Tree Program: Conserving heritage trees for future generations

Seed Forecasting: Monitoring and predicting future seed availability for future planting use

National Programs

Ducks Unlimited

Boreal Forest: Protect Canada's wetlands through sustainable development and the establishment of wetland-rich protected areas

Native Plants: Introducing native grasses and plants in Canada

Northern Pintails: Help prevent the extinction of Northern pintails

Wetland and Wildlife Conservation Programs: Help restore Canadian landscapes to support the annual life cycle seeds of waterfowl at a national level.

Evergreen

Evergreen Brick Works: Experience how your culture and community is connected with nature by enrolling in our multiple education programs

Toyota Learning Grounds: Helps schools and their communities create outdoor classrooms, providing students with a healthy place to play, learn and develop a genuine respect for nature

Workshops: Learn about the creative and partner-based approaches you can use to protect green spaces in urban areas

Green Here

Reforestation Projects: Get involved in the restoration projects designed to provide long-term health and environmental benefits

Greenpeace

Boreal Forest: Pushing for improved logging to protect Canada's Boreal Forest

Great Bear Rainforest: Playing an important role in the development of the Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement

Tar Sands: Educating the public about the risks associated with tar sands

Nature Conservancy of Canada

Acquiring the Land: Securing ecologically significant land that has been identified as priorities for conservation

Caring for the Future: Keeping Canada's natural habitats protected and well-managed

Identifying Priorities: Developing new and innovative ways to maintain a healthy ecosystem

Pollination Canada

Information: Get informed about pollinators by accessing the resources we provide

Pollinator Observer: Contribute to the protection of pollinating insects by observing pollinators in your parks and sending in your observations

Sierra Club of Canada

Great Lakes Conservation: Encouraging a healthy future for the Great Lakes by running environmental education programs on water conservation and pollution prevention for the public.

WWF-Canada

Conservation: Discovering long-term solutions that benefit people and nature while addressing global threats

Government Help

The Parks, Forestry and Recreation of Toronto

General Inquires: parks@toronto.ca

Commemorative Trees & Branches: commemorativeprogram@toronto.ca

Customer Service-Permits: 416-392-8188

Customer Service-Registration: 416-338-4FUN (4386)

Recreation Jobs-Hiring Now: 416-338-JOBS (5627)

Parkland Naturalization Program: greentoronto@toronto.ca

Skating: rinks@toronto.ca

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

Tel: 1-800-667-1940

Website: <http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/>

Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry

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Fax 416-327-0665

TTY Toll Free 866-349-1388

Website: <http://www.ontario.ca/en/residents/index.htm>

Canadian Biodiversity Information Facility

Website: http://www.cbif.gc.ca/home_e.php

Environment Canada

Website: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En>

Address: Environment Canada

Inquiry Centre

351 St. Joseph Boulevard

Place Vincent Massey, 8th Floor

Gatineau, Quebec

K1A 0H3

Telephone: 819-997-2800

E-mail: enviroinfo@ec.gc.ca

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Website: <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/index-eng.htm>

Address: 200 Kent Street

13th Floor, Station 13E228

Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E6

Canada

Tel: 613-993-0999

E-mail: info@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Parks Canada

Website: <http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/index.aspx>

Address: 25-7-N Eddy Street

Gatineau, Quebec

Canada

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Water



2. Save Water

Water is life.

So much of our lives revolves around oceans, lakes and rivers -- for food, drinking water, power, sanitation, recreation, and much more.

We need to protect our lakes and watersheds, and conserve water in our homes, yards, businesses, and in our urban design.

Water Facts

- In 2008, total water consumption was 481,032.19 megalitres in Toronto
- Toilets account for 28% of total indoor water use, making them the #1 indoor water users in Toronto
- Residential water usage accounts for approximately 51% of water used in Toronto
- Between 2002 and 2007, world consumption of bottled water jumped by 7.6 per cent per year, from 130.95 billion litres to 188.8 billion litres
- The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin is home to 98 per cent of Ontarians. Most live along the lakes' shorelines in eight of Canada's largest cities.
- More than 70 per cent of Ontarians get their drinking water directly from the lakes

Individual action

In the Kitchen

- Thaw frozen goods by taking them out of the freezer early versus running tap water over it
- Get a water efficient faucet aerator to reduce water flow
- Fill your dishwasher before you turn it on

In the Bathroom

- Turn off tap while brushing teeth
- Take showers not baths
- Buy a low-flush toilet

In the Outdoors

- Water your lawn in the morning
- Use a bucket and sponge to water your lawn
- Keep a low maintenance landscape

Community Projects

- Improve water quality in the Great Lakes
- Protect your groundwater supplies
- Monitor water resources for the future
- Learn about the watersheds in your area

Who Can Help

Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) <http://www.cela.ca>

Pollution and Health: Improving current laws governing toxic substances to prevent contamination

Water Sustainability: Protecting and monitoring our water resources for the future

Council of Canadians <http://www.canadians.org/>

The Blue Communities Project: Receive the tools your community needs to stop the use of bottled water

EcoSpark <http://www.ecospark.ca>

Changing Currents: Learn about the watersheds in your area

Friends of Don East <http://www.web.net/~fode/>

Clean Ups and Plantings: Help beautify Todmorden Mills by joining in our spring clean-ups and plantings

The Taylor Massey Project: Engage yourself in the enjoyment, protection, and restoration of the Taylor Massey Creek by becoming more informed

Green Communities Canada <http://www.greencommunitiescanada.org>

Well Aware: Learn methods on how to protect your wells and groundwater supplies

Lake Ontario Waterkeeper <http://www.waterkeeper.ca>

The Clean Water Workshop: Contribute to keeping Lake Ontario clean by participating in our bi-weekly discussion and training sessions in law, policy, politics, science, and media.

Polaris <http://www.polarisinstitute.org>

Inside the Bottle: Reduce your consumption of bottled water

Pollution Probe <http://www.pollutionprobe.org>

Water: Protecting your drinking water through source protection, full-cost pricing and consumer confidence reporting

Riversides Stewardship Alliance <http://www.riversides.org>

Water in the City Walk: Go on a tour of a raindrop's journey from an urban residential neighbourhood to Lake Ontario

Toronto Community Housing-Green Works Program <http://www.torontohousing.ca/>

Water: Replace your old toilet with a new low flow one to reduce water consumption

Windfall Ecology Centre <http://www.windfallcentre.ca>

Living by water: Take care of your shoreline to help preserve water quality and safeguard your family's health

RainSaver: Get a Rainsaver for your home to conserve water

Save Lake Simcoe: Review our research to learn how to help keep Lake Simcoe healthy

Well Aware: Protect your groundwater supplies to ensure water is clean, clear and safe

Government Help

Toronto Water Efficiency Programs

Address: 275 Merton St
Toronto, ON M4S 1A7
Website: <http://www.toronto.ca/watereff/index.htm>
Tel: 416-392-7000
Fax: 416-392-7001
Email: savewater@toronto.ca

Capacity Buyback Program:

Encourages and rewards commercial and institutional organizations that reduce water use. Offers a one-time cash rebate of up to 30 cents per litre of water saved per average day

Email: waterrebates@toronto.ca
Tel: 416-392-7000

Industrial Water Rate:

Industrial rate set up to support the growth of businesses using water for processing purposes and to encourage water conservation. It is approximately 28% less than general water rate for 2010.

Email: savewater@toronto.ca
Tel: 416-392-7000

Spray 'N' Save Program for Restaurants:

Partnering with Enbridge gas Distribution Inc to help restaurant owners reduce water and gas consumption and lower operating and sewage costs by purchasing a low-flow pre-rinse spray valve.

Sewer Surcharge Rebate Program:

City of Toronto Industrial and Commercial water customers can apply for a rebate for the surcharge on water rates.

Tel: 416-392-2383
Fax: 416-392-9338
Email: cmatthe0@toronto.ca

Environment Canada

Website: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En>
Address: Environment Canada
Inquiry Centre
351 St. Joseph Boulevard
Place Vincent Massey, 8th Floor
Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H3
Telephone: 819-997-2800
E-mail: enviroinfo@ec.gc.ca

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Website: <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/index-eng.htm>
Address: 200 Kent Street
13th Floor, Station 13E228
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E6
Canada
Tel: 613-993-0999
E-mail: info@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Great Lakes Pilotage Authority

Website: http://www.glpa-apgl.com/homePage_e.asp
Address: 202 Pitt Street, 2nd Floor
Cornwall, Ontario
K6H 5R9
Tel: 6130933-2991

Energy Conservation



3. Save Energy

Energy is power. Pure and simple.

It is the power to live comfortably and to create a strong economy. But power corrupts, and the side effects of an era of cheap energy include urban sprawl, climate change, and economic fragility. We must change before change is forced upon us.

The society that can find a high standard of living within a low-energy diet will stand the best chance of weathering an energy crisis.

Energy Facts

- Approximately 3,000 megawatts are required to power the city of Toronto
- Proper weather stripping and caulking of doors and windows can reduce your heating bill by 25%
- The average Canadian uses approximately 17,000 kWh a year, compared to 13,338 kWh for Americans and 8,468 kWh for Europeans.
- Total energy consumption in Ontario rose 17% from 1990 to 2003
- Standard incandescent bulbs use only 5 to 8 percent of their energy to produce light. The rest is dissipated as heat
- Setting the thermostat of your room air conditioner at 25°C (77°F) provides the most comfort for the least cost

Individual action

Lower your hydro bill

- Switch to CFLs and LED lights
- Air dry laundry
- Cool naturally
- Keep oven door closed as much as possible when in use
- Turn off computer when not in use
- Use fans instead of an air conditioner

Lower your heating bill

- Get an energy audit
- Draftproof your home
- Increase your insulation
- Seal gaps in windows and doors
- Use a programmable thermostat
- Keep basement, attic and garage doors closed

Community Projects

- Promote energy audits
- Offer home visits with conservation tips
- Have energy conservation speakers at community meetings

Who Can Help

Toronto Programs

Community Environment Alliance

EnergySmart: Get youth involved in gaining hands-on experience in shaping an EnergySmart future

Conservation Council of Ontario

Doors Closed: Encouraging stores to conserve electricity by keeping doors closed

EcoSpark

Wattwise: Helping youth discover new ways to conserve electricity

GLOBE, Green Light On a Better Environment

Energy Audit Referral Service: Making buildings more energy-efficient through the development of a standardized energy audit process.

Multifamily Energy Efficiency Rebates (MEER): Learn about the new incentives that make energy savings projects easier

Green Awakenings United Church

Environmental Audit Grants: Get support for the environmental audits your local faith community undertakes

Jane and Finch Community Centre

Green Change Project: Promote behaviors that will help residents in your neighbourhood save energy, money, and much more

Summerhill Impact

Holiday Light Exchange: Replace your incandescent holiday light strings or LED replacements

Keep Cool: Replace your old, inefficient room air conditioners to ease the burden on your power grid

Toronto Community Housing-Green Works Program

Energy: Participate in one of the multiple programs offered to help with energy efficiency

Toronto Green Community

Energy Conservation: Read about ways you conserve energy and help Toronto meet its targets

It's Easy Being Green: Enroll your children in an educational and engaging energy conservation program

Toronto United Church Council

The Green Awakening Network: Assisting congregations undertake significant action with their green audits

Government Help

Energy Efficiency Office

Tel: 416-392-1110

Fax: 416-392-1456

E-mail: eeo@toronto.ca

Website: <http://www.toronto.ca/energy/>

The Energizer:

An energy newsletter designed to inform and educate everything about energy

Energy Savings Incentives:

EEO's Better Building Partnership provides assistance and financial incentives to support energy projects and new construction in multifamily, institutional and commercial buildings.

Better Buildings Partnership

Metro Hall, 2nd floor

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Fax: 416-392-1456

E-mail: bbp@toronto.ca

Solar Neighbourhoods:

Program is designed to help home owners in Ward 30 conserve water and energy and to purchase a solar water heater

Website: <http://www.solarneighbourhoods.ca/>

Planning and policy development:

Provides technical information on sustainable energy systems and promotes energy efficiency and conservation in City programs

Green power, renewable/clean energy development:

Investigates innovative technical mechanisms for purchase of renewable energy

Ministry of Energy

Website: <http://www.mei.gov.on.ca/en/>

Tel: 1-888-668-4636

Address: 900 Bay Street, 4th Floor

Hearst Block

Toronto, Ontario

M7A 2E1

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

Website: <http://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/>

Telephone: 613-996-6860 or 613-995-2903

Fax: 613-995-5086

Environment Canada

Website: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En>

Address: Environment Canada

Inquiry Centre

351 St. Joseph Boulevard

Place Vincent Massey, 8th Floor

Gatineau, Quebec

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Telephone: 819-997-2800

E-mail: enviroinfo@ec.gc.ca

Alternative Energy



4. Use Green Power

Green power respects nature.

All power sources have an environmental impact, but renewable sources have far less of an impact than nuclear or fossil fuels.

From community power projects to rooftop solar and geothermal, the ability to produce power is coming closer to home. Invest in energy conservation first, and then you'll find the added cost of greening your electricity bill is within reach.

Green Power Facts

- Wind power is an explosive new industry – growing 30% annually worldwide
- OSEA estimates that an aggressive wind development program could produce 97,000 new jobs in Canada by 2012.
- According to a new poll for Bullfrog Power, more than two-thirds (68 per cent) of Canadians are unaware that conventional natural gas used in their homes today adds to Canada's overall greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions footprint.
- For the average family of four, a solar water system could reduce utility bills by \$325 per year if you use an electric water heater and by \$200 a year if you use a gas water heater
- As of 2007, Toronto's energy mix is dominated by natural gas, accounting for 63% of all the energy used (except for transportation) in Toronto while local renewable energy resources provide only 0.6

Individual Action

Types of Green Power

- Purchase a wind generator
- Install solar panels
- Build a stream and generate hydroelectric power
- Use geothermal heating

Benefits of Green Power

- Energy is renewable
- Elimination of solid waste
- Local energy production
- Increased price stability

Community Projects

- Encourage green-build development within your local area
- Search for cleaner alternatives
- Learn about green incentives for green power
- Promote geothermal heating

Who Can Help

Toronto Programs

Toronto Renewable Energy Co-operative (TREC)

Kids' World of Energy: Workshops offered for grades 5-9 linked to the science and geography curriculum

Lake Wind: Working towards implementing a 20-megawatt wind farm project

Our Power: Working to create a Power model that uses a competitive bidding process to select the best vendor offers

Renewable Energy Tours: Enjoy a tour of the many exciting green initiatives across Toronto

SolarShare: Invest in SolarShare projects to help support cleaner energy and receive up to 8% return on investments

Windfall Ecology Centre

Geothermal Energy: Read about the benefits of geothermal energy in your home

Pukwis Community Wind Park: Invest in the first joint Aboriginal and Community owned wind project in Canada

Solar Energy: Get a solar PV system installed on your roof

Provincial Programs

Ontario Sustainable Energy Association

Advocacy: Learn about the benefits of implementing green power in your community

Training and Education: Get informed on how to initiate green power in your community

National Programs

Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA)

Green Energy: Learn about how reasonable and doable a green energy future is for your community

Greenpeace

Nuclear Power: Challenge the nuclear industry and search for greener alternatives

Green Awakenings United Church

Solar Photovoltaic Basics for Congregations: Learn how you can incorporate solar power into your congregation

Durham Strategic Energy Alliance

Clustering energy sector businesses in Clarington: Encourage green-build development within your local area

Pickering looks to a sustainable future: Work towards helping your city become sustainable

Research: Learn about the electricity usage in your residential dwelling

Veridian helps customers conserve electricity when it's seeded most: Learn about new tools to help us conserve electricity

Government Help

Energy Efficiency Office

Tel: 416-392-1110

Fax: 416-392-1456

E-mail: eeo@toronto.ca

Website: <http://www.toronto.ca/energy/>

The Energizer:

An energy newsletter designed to inform and educate everything about energy

Energy Savings Incentives:

EEO's Better Building Partnership provides assistance and financial incentives to support energy projects and new construction in multifamily, institutional and commercial buildings.

Better Buildings Partnership:

A program that works with building owners, managers and builders to ensure that buildings achieve high energy performance and low environmental impact

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Toronto, ON M5V 3C6

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Transportation



5. Drive Less

Ditch the car? Not an option for everyone perhaps, but transportation accounts for almost one-third of our greenhouse gas emissions.

We have to find better ways of moving ourselves and goods around, and reducing the need to travel great distances..

Where you live, work, and play, are key factors in your ability to reduce your personal car-dependency.

Drive Less Facts

- 1700 Torontonians die from smog every year. Close to five hundred of these deaths are directly linked to pollution from vehicles
- Two people sharing a 50 km (return) commute 5 days a week will each save \$50 on gasoline alone in one month (based on gas price of \$1.10/litre)
- Over the last 20 years transits share of all trips taken in Toronto has dropped by 10%
- Cars and light duty trucks account for roughly 28% of the Toronto's GHG emissions
- 79.2% of Canada drive to work
- If a million Canadians worked from home just one day every year, we could eliminate about 250 million kg of emissions and save 100 million litres of fuel

Individual Action

Take public transportation

- Subway
- Streetcars
- Buses

Carpool

- Find someone from your workplace to carpool with
- Carpool lanes offered throughout the city

Walk

- Save money
- Increase your Health

Cycle

- For pleasure
- To stay fit

Community Projects

- Organize a carpool program at your workplace
- Encourage bike riding as an environmental and recreational alternative
- Donate bicycles to the unfortunate
- Participate in cycling clinics
- Promote safe streets

Who Can Help

Toronto Programs

Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists

Library: Learn everything you need to know about cycling

Community Bicycle Network

Bike Gifts: Donate a bike to the less fortunate

Bike Repair Courses: Learn about how to take care of your bike

Community Bicycle Network: Help create a green transportation artery by converting abandoned rail lines into a linear greenway

Recycle Bicycles: Come buy a used bicycle or purchase the parts to create your own

Urban Cycling Skills: Discover the secrets to cycling on Toronto roads

Wenches with Wrenches: Participate in bicycle repair workshops run by women for women

South Riverdale Community Health Centre

Bicycle Repair Clinic: Come in and learn about bicycle maintenance, repairs and safety while socializing with other bicyclists

South East Toronto Bicycle User Group: Join a group of cyclists who advocate for good relationships among pedestrians, bicycles and cars

Toronto Coalition for Active Transport

Action 2014: Taking the Next Step: Learn about what the city can do to improve walking and cycling

Toronto Cyclists (Bike) Union

Bicycle Service Station: Brings bike advocacy to the street and makes the bike union more accessible to Toronto's cycling community, while providing them access to a complimentary bike safety check.

Good Roads: Keep streets safe for cyclists by reporting any surface hazards

Paint the Plan: Working to successfully implement a Bikeway Network

Thank You: Help us promote friendly roads by handing out Thank you cards to hand out to drivers who treat cyclists with respect

Toronto Environmental Alliance

Better Transit: TEA campaigns for better transit service on existing routes and a major expansion of the system North of Eglinton.

Toronto Green Community

Eco-Driver: Learn ways to reduce your fuel consumption and receive assistance with taking the next step toward the eco-responsible vehicle use.

Windfall Ecology Centre

Transportation: Get to school in a sustainable and healthy way by participating in the multiple programs we offer

Provincial Programs

Smart Commute

Bike to Work Day: Ride your bike to work

Carpool week: See how much you can save by commuting

Car Zone: Find your carpool match

Clear Air Commute: Get to work in an environmentally-friendly way

Emergency Ride Home: A program that helps commuters to 'smart commute' to work while resting assured that they have a way to get home in urgent circumstances.

National Programs

8-80 Cities

Car Free Sundays: Challenge your neighbourhood to a Car-free Sunday.

Community Led Action Plans: Transform your community by developing an action plan

Pedestrian & Bicycling Master Plans: Get help from 8-80 Cities in creating a pedestrian or bicycle master plan for your community

Presentations & Workshops: 8-80 Cities will organise exciting, interactive presentations for your community focused on walking, cycling, and the promotion of public places

Workshops: Participate in customized workshops tailored to your specific walking, biking, or any other kinds of needs

Green Communities Canada

Active & Safe Routes to School: Encourage active and efficient transportation at your school by creating your own unique Active & Safe Routes to School program

Sustainable Transportation: Promoting investments in community action programs that will get Canadians back on their feet and into healthy, environmentally sustainable transportation

Sierra Club of Canada

Car Free Day: Celebrate a Car Free Day by leaving your car behind for the day

Government Help

Toronto Transportation Services

Website: <http://www.toronto.ca/transportation/index.htm>

Ministry of Transportation

Website: <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/index.shtml>

Tel: 905-704-2426

Canadian Transportation Agency

Website: <http://www.otc-cta.gc.ca/index.php?lang=eng>

Tel: 1-888-222-2592

E-mail: info@otc-cta.gc.ca

Address: 15 Eddy Street

Gatineau, Quebec

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Environment Canada

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Food



6. Eat Smart

Food, glorious food!

The more value we place on our food, the healthier we will be.

Grow your own, pick your own, support local farmers, buy organic, choose sustainable, and eat more vegetarian meals.

Let's use our prime farmland to grow food, not houses. Let's use our backyards and underused common grounds to grow food and communities.

Food Facts

- The Ontario farm and food processing sector generates over \$30 billion in sales and employs 700,000 people
- There are approximately 55 existing community gardens in Toronto as of 2010
- Each community garden produces about \$200 to \$300 worth of fresh produce per year
- Ontario has the most farms accounting for 24.9% of Canada's farms as of 2006
- Items from a grocery store travel, on average, 27 times farther than food bought from a local source
- Urban agriculture is 3 to 5 times more productive per acre than traditional large scale farming
- Developing and maintaining garden space is less expensive than parkland area, in part because gardens require little land and 80% of their cost is in labor

Individual Action

When Shopping

- Avoid junk
- Buy local
- Buy organic or sustainably grown foods

At Home

- Grow your own
- Preserve your own
- Share with others
- Remember to compost
- Defrost food in the refrigerator for water efficiency and food safety.

Community Projects

- Start a community garden
- Start a farmers market
- Host a canning workshop
- Host a Seedy Saturday (seed and plant exchange)
- Host a container gardening workshop
- Provide gardening workshops or onsite advice

Who Can Help

Toronto Programs

Afri-Can Food Basket

Community Food Security (CFS) Development: Get your children involved in community food security development

Community Nutrition Information: Educate yourself on the nutrition and food systems

Carrot Cache Community Resources Inc.

Carrot Cache: Funding groups interested in implementing local food strategies

Compost Council of Canada

Plant a Row-Grow a Row Presents Soup-a-Licious: Experience the multicultural flavours of Toronto showcased through soups featuring fresh, locally grown vegetables

Evergreen

Community Food Gardens: Build community food gardens in your area for those who need it the most

Habitat for Humanity: Providing ecologically-friendly habitat gardens in low-income areas

FoodShare

Community Garden Program: Be the first one in your neighbourhood to start a community garden

Community Garden Manuel: Learn about how to start your own community garden

Community Kitchens: Learn new cooking techniques with other members of your community

Cooking Training: Practice and learn new ways to cook with fresh fruits and vegetables

Field to table catering: Providing healthy and delicious food for any local community event

Food Policy: Bringing healthier food to Toronto

Good Food Box: Get food that is good for you and the environment

Great Big Crunch: Students and teachers are invited to learn about healthy eating

Guardians of the Greenbelt: Get your children educated about the different types of food in Ontario

Honey Bee Project: Participate in our beekeeping workshops

Power soups for the homeless: Volunteer to serve healthy food to the homeless

Sprouting and Seedling: Experience the therapy growing seedlings can provide

Toronto Kitchen Incubator: Learn how to successfully start your own food business

Urban Agriculture Program: Gain knowledge about the new and innovative ways to grow food in cities

Workshops: Visit Foodshare and participate in workshops about food and gardens

Friends of Christie Pits

Community Garden Events: Work with your community to maintain and create a healthy community garden

Green Thumbs, Growing Kids

Workshops: Participate in workshops on a wide array of topics from indoor and outdoor gardening, container gardening, composting, food and nutrition, linking the garden to the school curriculum and many more

Greenest City

Youth Employment & Leadership Programs: Summer employment opportunities available for youth who want to give back to their community

North York Harvest Food Bank

Farm Trips: Gain access to fresh produce by planning a visit to a local farm

PACT Urban Peace Program

Schoolyard Garden and Agriculture Program: Getting Toronto schools involved with the implementation of community gardens

Not Far From the Tree

Residential Fruit-Picking Program: Volunteer to pick fruits for you and your community

We'd Tap That! – Syrup in the City: Make your own maple syrup

Social Phobia Support Group of Toronto

Growing People Growing Food: Greenhouse provided for people living with mental health issues to learn about the environment

The Stop Community Food Centre

Civic Engagement: Brainstorm solutions to important issues affecting your community

Community Cooking Program: Learn new and nutritious ways to cook

Community Gardens: Get involved with your community garden

Food Animators: Become a leader and create a community garden

Food Bank: Supplying high quality food to community members

Sustainable Food Systems Education: Enroll your children in some hands-on cooking programs

Toronto Botanical Garden

Adult programs, workshops, and lectures: Explore your interest in gardening by enrolling in our workshops

Children Programs: Engage your children in interactive and educational activities

Toronto Green Community

Canadian Food Security Database: See what organizations across the country are working on to address food security issues

Do It Yourself: Participate in affordable food preparation workshops to learn how to cook cost-effectively and environmentally-friendly

Sustainable Food Practices: Learn about the environmental and social effects of food insecurity

Toronto Vegetarian Association

Food Fair: Discover a diverse cross-section of vegetarian cuisine

Healthy Eating Workshops: Study ways to make your diet healthy

Veggie Challenge: Learn easy ways to go meat-free

Provincial Programs

ACT for the Earth

Food Justice: Support local businesses by purchasing local food

Greenbelt Foundation

Greenbeltfresh.ca: An online database of Greenbelt farm products designed to help meet consumer demand for local food and help Greenbelt farmers find new market opportunities.

Sustain Ontario

Sustain Ontario takes a collaborative approach to research, policy development and action by addressing the intersecting issues related to healthy food and local sustainable agriculture.

National Programs

Council of Canadians

Think Eat Act! –Genetically Modified Pigs: Express your concerns on genetically modified animals to the Minister of Health

David Suzuki Foundation

Suzuki's Top 10 Sustainable Seafood Picks: Learn how to enjoy seafood sustainably

Compost your food scraps: Create your own composter

Eat meat-free meals: Challenge yourself to eating one meat-free meal everyday

The hundred mile lunch: Introduce local food into your workplace

Greenpeace

GMO Foods: Take action to stop the release of genetically-engineered trees

Marine Fish: Encourage the improvement of seafood labelling at your grocery store

Local Food Plus

Program: Come help us build a sustainable food system together

Eating Our Way to a Better Environment: Support local food and pledge to commit \$10 of weekly purchases from imported food to local sustainable food

Government Help

Toronto Food Policy Council

Tel: 416-338-7600

E-mail: publichealth@toronto.ca

Website: http://www.toronto.ca/health/thc_index.htm

Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs

Tel: 1-877-424-1300

E-mail: food.omafra@ontario.ca

Website: <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/index.html>

Susan Murray

Communications Branch

519-826-3145

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Address: Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

1 Stone Road West, Guelph, ON N1G 4Y2

Telephone: (519) 826-3100; 1-888-466-2372

e-mail: about.omafra@ontario.ca

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Website: http://www.agr.gc.ca/index_e.php

Tel: 613-773-1000

Address: 1341 Baseline Road

Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C5

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

Website: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/toce.shtml>

Tel: 1-800-442-2342

Environment Canada

Website: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En>

Address: Environment Canada

Inquiry Centre

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Telephone: 819-997-2800

E-mail: enviroinfo@ec.gc.ca

Farm Products Council of Canada

Website: <http://fpcc-cpac.gc.ca/index.php/eng>

Tel: 613-995-6752

Address: Farm Products Council of Canada

Canada Building

10th Floor, 344 Slater Street

Ottawa, Ontario

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E-mail: fpcc-cpac@agr.gc.ca

Waste Reduction

7. Waste Less



Don't trash the planet!

Remember the 3Rs: reduce, reuse, and recycle.

With the convenience of recycling, we often overlook the importance of waste reduction and reuse. The less stuff we bundle and ship around the planet for recycling, the better.

Choose durability over disposability, avoid overpackaging, compost your greens, and think 3Rs when shopping.

Waste Less Facts

- By the age of 6 months, the average Canadian has consumed the same amount of resources as the average person in the developing world consumes in a lifetime
- 2/3 of our household waste can be composted
- In 2009, 44% of Toronto's residential waste was diverted from landfill thanks to the Blue Bin, Green Bin, Yard Waste and other diversion programs
- Landfills sites account for about 38% of Canada's total methane emissions
- One pound of newspaper can be recycled to make 6 cereal boxes, 6 egg cartons or 2,000 sheets of writing paper.
- In a lifetime, the average North American will throw away 600 times his or her adult weight in garbage. A 68 kg adult will leave a legacy of 40,825 kg of trash

Individual Action

Recycle

- Keep readily available blue bins
- Recycle old ink cartridges
- Recycle outdated technology
- Recycle old newspapers
- Donate old clothing to charity

Reuse

- Buy rechargeable batteries
- Purchase reusable water bottles and coffee cups
- Keep old plastic grocery bags

Reduce

- Print on both sides of a paper
- Buy cloth towels versus paper towels
- Buy in bulk to reduce plastic wrapping

Community Projects

- Set up a waste exchange
- Print and distribute "No Junk Mail" stickers
- Build a composter
- Promote composting
- Eliminate food and packaging waste

Who Can Help

Toronto Programs

Community Environment Alliance

Share It: Computers for Community: Donate old computers to those less fortunate

Ralph Thorton

Citizens for Safe Environment: Help tackle local waste management and reduction issues

Toronto Green Community

Apartment Greening Project: Working to increase recycling rates and reducing household waste

Container Gardening Train the Trainer: Learn how to implement container gardening in your community

Eco-Gift Wrapping: Volunteer with TGC's Eco-Gift Wrapping Program

Provincial Programs

Recycling Council of Ontario

Ontario Waste Minimization Awards: Rewarding those who have contributed significantly to environmental sustainability and waste reduction innovations

Waste Audits: Get help creating your own waste reduction action plans

Waste Free Lunch Challenge: Encourage students to eliminate food and packaging waste

Waste Reduction Week: See the effects wasteful practices have upon your life

National Programs

Compost Council of Canada

Certified Compost Facility Operators: Promoting environmentally responsible and compliant composting operations

Compost Garden Party: Come out to free concerts featuring Jane's Party to celebrate the community's involvement in composting and veggie-gardening.

Developing a Greenhouse Gas Protocol for Centralized Composting Facilities in Canada: Helping composting facilities work as efficiently as possible

International Compost Awareness Week: Activities offered all over Canada to raise awareness about composting

The Compost Quality Alliance: Working to improve customer confidence in compost selection and utilization

Winter Regional Workshops: Participate in a variety of workshops designed to address your composting needs

Government Help

Environment Canada

Website: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En>

Address: Environment Canada

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Hazardous Waste



8. Prevent Pollution

Keep nature healthy.

Our responsibility is to leave nature as clean as we found it.

As individuals in our homes, or as businesses, we should seek to avoid harming the planet with our hazardous products and wastes.

Go toxic free -- in your home, yard, school, and business.

Pollution Facts

- Approximately, 1,700 premature deaths and 6,000 hospitalizations per year in Toronto can be attributed to poor air quality
- Emissions from a cold, idling engine contain extremely high levels of carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrous oxides and hydrocarbons.
- From 1990 to 2005, ground-level ozone, a major component of smog, has increased by 12% in Canada. The increases were particularly noteworthy in southern Ontario and southern Quebec
- Canada's greenhouse gas emissions were stable between 2004 and 2005 but still more than 30% above Canada's legally binding targets under the Kyoto Protocol
- Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan calls for reducing greenhouse gases by six per cent from 1990 levels by 2014, and 15 per cent by 2020
- Canada's water quality was "poor" or "marginal" in 23% of sites tested in 2005

Individual action

Reduce Air Pollution

- Carpool or use public transportation
- Limit engine idling
- Use environmentally safe paints and cleaning products

Reduce Water Pollution

- Use natural fertilizers
- Dispose trash in proper manner
- Conserve water
- Refrain from throwing litter into streams, lakes, rivers, or seas

Reduce Land Pollution

- Buy biodegradable products
- Buy products that have little packaging
- Store all liquid chemicals and waste in spill-proof containers

Community Projects

- Implement local solutions to reduce GHG emissions
- Reduce energy consumption
- Brainstorm ways to reduce pollution in your community
- Promote anti-idling laws

Who Can Help

Toronto Programs

South Riverdale Community

Indoor Air Quality Group: Discover ways to improve indoor air quality by asking about our workshops, presentations, and displays

Toronto Environmental Alliance

Toxics in Toronto: Form a community group to reduce pollution

York Region Environmental Alliance

The Idle-Free Community Challenge: Promote the implementation of anti-idling bylaws

Provincial Programs

Clean Air Partnership

20/20 The Way to Clean Air: See what you can do to reduce your energy consumption by 20%

GTA Clean Air Council: The Council identifies and promotes the most effective initiatives to reduce the occurrence of smog and other forms of air pollution in the GTA, and their associated health risks.

Health and Air Quality: Refer to our Health and Air Quality Index to gain a better understanding on how to protect their health from local air pollution on a daily, or even hourly, basis

Idle-Free in the GTA: Learn about the environmental impacts of idling

Recycling Council of Ontario

Car Heaven: Get rewarded for getting rid of your high-polluting cars

Take Back the Light: The first full-service fluorescent lamp recycling program that helps keep mercury-containing lamps out of landfills

National Programs

Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE)

Climate Change: Collaborating with other organizations to tackle the issue of global warming and its effect on our health

David Suzuki Foundation

Reduce your Carbon Footprint: Learn about the simple changes you can make in your life to reduce your carbon footprint

What's Inside That Counts: Get informed about the toxic ingredients in your personal care products

Green Communities Canada

Pesticide Free Naturally: Keep your lawns pesticide free

Pollution Probe

Air: Promoting tougher controls on urban smog, reduced acid gas emissions, improved public transit and cleaner vehicles and fuels to improve air quality

Water: Protecting drinking water through source protection, full-cost pricing and consumer confidence reporting

Summerhill Impact

Car Heaven: Get rewarded for getting rid of your high-polluting cars

Mow Down Pollution: Retire your high-polluting gas-powered garden equipment

Retire Your Ride: Incentives offered to people who choose environmentally-responsible transportation choices

Government Help

Environment Canada

Website: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En>

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A Local Green Economy

9. Buy Green



Invest in a green economy.

We've already changed the auto industry, and we've created a market for local food. The more we invest in a green economy, the sooner the whole world will change.

Make a commitment to one percent of your income as your personal budget for spending a little extra on green products.

Make change happen.

Green Economy facts

- Toronto is the first municipality in Canada to have a green consumer card: the Live Green Toronto membership card that will get you discounts and specials in participating retailers across the city.
- Toronto invented Business Improvement Areas. The first BIA, Bloor West Village, was established in 1970. BIAs are now an important part of our communities, supporting a local economy and local events.
- Toronto is at the forefront of the new green economy, both in the contributions of business leaders to the Civic Action Alliance, and through community hubs like the Centre for Social Innovation.

Individual Action

- Get your Live Green card** and get great green discounts
- Give yourself a green budget.** What is a local green economy worth to you – for your health and to support your community?
- Read the label carefully.** Look for eco-certification to back up the green claims to be sure you are getting the real green goods
- Green your work.** Start a green group at work/
- Get a green job** – one that supports a sustainable future and/or healthy communities.

Community Projects

- Start a farmer's market** or a food co-op.
- Create a local green co-op** to promote home and local businesses
- Create a community innovation centre** for social entrepreneurs and community groups
- Support your village.** Plan events and festivals to promote your community and local businesses.

Who Can Help

Civic Action Alliance

Conservation Council of Ontario Green Leaders program

GreenTbiz

Work Cabin

<http://www.workcabin.ca/>

WorkCabin is dedicated to matching the best qualified talent with the best environmental employers. WorkCabin specializes in the fields of conservation, wildlife services and research, renewable energy, forest stewardship, environmental education, and environmental services.

Green Drinks

<http://www.greendrinks.org/ON/Toronto>

Nothing like a bit of networking to help find a green job.

Government Help

Toronto Environment Office
Website: www.livegreentoronto.ca
Live Green Membership Card

Environment Canada

Website: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En>

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Community Development



10. Live Local

Think outside the box.

Our homes are our biggest investment, but the community we live in is every bit as important.

Enjoy your community, support your local business, arts and culture, and pitch in to help make your neighbourhood a great place to live. A green future depends on our ability to create vibrant urban villages.

Live Local

- In 2006, the City of Toronto was home to 8 per cent of Canada's population, 30 per cent of all recent immigrants and 20 per cent of all immigrants
- Half of Toronto's population (1,237,720) was born outside of Canada, up from 48 per cent in 1996.
- As of 2006, 85% of the population in Ontario live in urban areas
- There is a total of 140 neighborhoods in the Toronto area

Individual Action

- Buy local
- Participate in community events
- Get involve with local groups
- Get involved in city consultations and community planning

Community Projects

- Create a community plan
- Participate in municipal consultations
- Host a block or street party
- Start a community garden or community enhancement project
- Promote volunteerism and an active community

Who Can Help

Toronto Programs

Eco Sanity

Race2Survival: Spread the word about our climate emergency

Green Light on a Better Environment (GLOBE)

Community Champion Program: Educates and enables the residents themselves to become agents of change in their own communities.

Toronto City Summit Alliance (TCSA)

DiverseCity: Keeping the leadership landscape of Toronto diverse to propel our urban region forward

Education & Training: Learn about the simple things you can do to save energy

Greening Greater Toronto: Working to make our vision of a greener GTA a reality

Strong Neighbourhoods Task Force: Ensuring neighbourhoods in Toronto stay strong and healthy

Toronto Environmental Alliance

Greenbelting Toronto: Working to help Torontonians protect the Greenbelt from urban sprawl and development

Smog and Climate Change: Working to create new solutions purposed to improve air quality and combat climate change

Waste Reduction: Advocating for banning the burning of used tires and ensuring used tires are recycled.

United Way

Action for Neighbourhood Change (ANC): Learn how to build a strong and healthy community

Community Hubs: Help with the development of new community service hubs

Focus on Youth: Make this summer productive and take advantage of all the opportunities the United Way has to offer

Organizational Capacity building: Receive training to address the needs of your community

Pathways to Education: Implement a stay-in-school program for your community

Toronto Enterprise Fund: Helping those less fortunate build a more inclusive community

Youth Challenge Fund: Improving opportunities for Toronto's young people.

Provincial Programs

ACT for the Earth

Stop Climate Chaos: Contact us now to get involved in addressing climate change

Conservation Council of Ontario

GreenLeader Business Assessment: Rating businesses on their potential as a GreenLeader

iconserve: See how well you rate as a conserver

WeConserveTV: An online 'TV' site for sharing videos that prove we're on the right path in conserving

Greenbelt Foundation

Grants: Purpose your ideas on ways to help sustain the Greenbelt

Ontario Environment Network

Caucuses: Gathering OEN member groups together to communicate with each other, prepare educational resources, and undertake other activities pertaining to specific issues

Ontario Smart Growth Network

Municipal Implementation: Looking at how current Policy impacts planning at a local level

Transportation: Learn new ways to encourage green transportation

National Programs

David Suzuki Foundation

Green your Workplace: Get information on how you can go green at work

Earth Day Canada

Community Environment Fund: Supporting local environmental initiatives in Ontario

EcoAction Teams: An opportunity for individuals and groups to take part in simple but meaningful resource conservation.

ecoMentors: Raise awareness and promote positive change in support of a healthier environment

Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program: Scholarships available for high school students who have contributed to environmental community service

Faith and the Common Good

Greening Sacred Spaces: Learn about the educational and spiritual dimensions of greening for your faith community

Greenpeace

Climate Change: Targeting offenders, pressuring governments, mobilizing Canadians, and offering energy alternatives to tackle climate change

Green Drinks International

Green Drinks Toronto: Come and join in an informational session with people who all work in the environmental field to catch up with old friends as well as a way to make new contacts

Jane's Walk

Jane's Walk: Experience the beauty of your neighbourhood through community-led walking tours held the first weekend in May.

WWF-Canada

Earth Hour: Turn off your lights for an hour

The Green Community Granting Program: Funding projects that foster environmental leadership

Government Programs

Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry

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5th Flr Rm 5630 - 99 Wellesley St W
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Phone 416-327-0633
Fax 416-327-0665
TTY Toll Free 866-349-1388

Website: <http://www.ontario.ca/en/residents/index.htm>

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
22nd Floor, Place Bell
160 Elgin Street
Ottawa ON K1A 0H3

Tel.: 613-957-0700

E-mail: info@ceaa-acee.gc.ca

Website: <http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En>

Environment Canada

Website: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En>

Address: Environment Canada
Inquiry Centre
351 St. Joseph Boulevard
Place Vincent Massey, 8th Floor
Gatineau, Quebec
K1A 0H3
Telephone: 819-997-2800
E-mail: enviroinfo@ec.gc.ca

LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS

Toronto Organizations

ACT for the Earth

ACT for the Earth publishes ACTivist magazine and runs a number of campaigns related to peace, ecology and human rights.

Website: <http://www.actfortheearth.org/>
Phone: 905-849-5501
Address: 238 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists

ARC (Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists) is a group which formalizes the principle of cyclists standing up for each other. ARC provides support and legal advice to cyclists involved in accidents, educates on cyclists' rights, and holds direct actions aimed at changing society's dependence on the automobile.

Website: <http://www.respect.to/>
Phone: 416-604-5171
Address: 761 Queen St. W
Toronto ON
M6J 1G1

Afri-Can Food Basket

The Afri-Can FoodBasket is a non-profit community food security (CFS) movement that is committed to meeting the nutrition, health and employment needs of members of the African Canadian community, in particular, those who are economically and socially vulnerable. Through community food security, leadership development and collaborative partnerships, the Afri-Can FoodBasket will endeavour to advance the interests of the community in these areas.

Website: <http://www.africanfoodbasket.com>
Phone: 416-248-5639
Address: 56 Heathrow Drive
Toronto, Ontario
M3M 1X2

Black Creek Conservation Project

Mission: Our goal is to restore the ecological health and functioning of the Black Creek Watershed

The Black Creek Conservation Project is a community based non-profit, charitable environmental organization that works towards restoring the Black Creek watershed. The Black Creek is a degraded stream in immediate need of aid. It is a major source of bacterial and chemical pollutants to the Humber River, which in turn pollutes the Toronto waterfront.

Website: <http://www.bccp.ca/>
Phone: 416-661-6600
Address: P.O. Box 324, Station A
Downsview, Ontario
M3M 3A6

Bike Sauce

Bike Sauce is a not-for-profit corporation mandated to promote cycling as a means of equitable transport, environmental protection, public health promotion and community building. The vision for Bike Sauce is to provide a hub in the east end of Toronto that includes an affordable Do-it-Yourself (DIY) repair facility and a social space for members of the community to explore the myriad benefits of cycling and its role in mitigating climate change. It will achieve these goals through various approaches: bicycle repair and

education, bicycle advocacy and a social lounge with access to resources on activism and campaign building.

Website: <http://bikesauce.org/>
Phone: 647-724-7880
Address: 717 Queen Street East
Toronto, ON
M4M 1H1

Carrot Cache Community Resources Inc.

Carrot Cache funds local organic food initiatives that grow the sector and sustain the web of connections and co-operative infrastructure necessary for long term success.

Website: <http://carrotcache.com/>
Phone: 416-466-2644
Address: 348 Danforth Ave
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
M4K 1N8

Centre for Social Innovation

Members of the Centre for Social Innovation work across sectors to create a better world. We accelerate their success and amplify their impact through the power of [coworking](#), [community](#) and [collaboration](#). Together, we're building a movement for people & planet because we know that it's up to us.

Website: www.socialinnovation.org

Community Bicycle Network

CBN is a non-profit organization that repairs bikes, refurbishes and sells donated bicycles, sells new and used parts, rents trailers and bikes at affordable rates, and offers space to practice and learn bike mechanics and cycling skills.

Website: <http://www.communitybicyclenetwerk.org/>
Phone: 416-504-2918
Address: 761 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M6J 1G1

Community Environment Alliance (CEA)

Mission: To educate people on environmental protection and resource conservation; To alleviate poverty and help improve the quality of life of people; To enhance social equality and promote diversity; and To help strengthen local economy

Community Environment Alliance is a registered, non-profit, community based organization committed to fostering community and environmental sustainability by improving the quality of life of people and protecting the environment.

Website: <http://communityenvironment.org/>
Phone: 905.463.9941
Address: 7-222 Advance Boulevard
Toronto, Ontario
L6T 4Y7

EcoAmbassadeurs du Monde

Mission: Contribute to the protection of the environment and conservation of natural resources through the partnerships and the implementation of programs that focus on our areas of interest: the 3Rs, water and biodiversity, healthy diet and active lifestyle and the conservation of energy.

Ecoambassadors of the World, the first environmentally-focused French-language organisation in Toronto, has been in operation since 2006. We educate communities by presenting important concepts related to environmental preservation through fun and diverse presentations and programs. The Ecoambassadors team interacts with the community on several levels: elementary schools, secondary schools and various professional organizations.

Website: <http://www.ecoambassadeurs.org/>
Phone: 416-642-5472
Address: 215 Spadina Avenue, Suite 400
Toronto, Ontario
M5T 2C7

Eco Sanity

ecoSanity.org is an independent, hard truth, environmental/social justice, volunteer activist/advocacy organization focused on the clear, present, accelerating global emergency of the climate crisis and the unprecedented threat it poses RIGHT NOW to the survival of most life -- this century.

Website: <http://www.ecosanity.org/>
Phone: 416-861-1303
Address: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

EcoSpark

EcoSpark works with communities and with schools, providing them with the knowledge and tools to monitor their environment and take action for positive environmental change.

Website: <http://ecospark.ca>
Phone: 647-258-3280
Address: 147 Spadina Avenue
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
M5V 2L7

Evergreen

Mission: Evergreen's mission is to bring communities and nature together for the benefit of both

Evergreen is a not-for-profit organization that makes cities more livable. By deepening the connection between people and nature, and empowering Canadians to take a hands-on approach to their urban environments, Evergreen is improving the health of our cities—now and for the future.

Website: <http://www.evergreen.ca/>
Phone: 416-596-1495
Address: 355 Adelaide Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M5V 1S2

Fatal Light Awareness Program (FLAP)

The Fatal Light Awareness Program (FLAP) works to safeguard migratory birds in the urban environment through education, research, rescue and rehabilitation.

Website: <http://www.flap.org/>
Phone: 416-366-FLAP \\\nAddress: 1 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, Ontario
M5C 2V9

FoodShare

FoodShare Toronto is a non-profit community organization whose vision is Good Healthy Food for All. We take a multifaceted, innovative, and long-term approach to hunger and food issues. At FoodShare we work on food issues "from field to table" - meaning that we focus on the entire system that puts food on

our tables: from the growing, processing and distribution of food to its purchasing, cooking and consumption.

Website: <http://www.foodshare.net/>
Phone: 416-363-6441
Address: 90 Croatia Street
Toronto, Ontario
M6H 1K9

Friends of Christie Pits

Mission: We are a group of people who want to build a diverse and vibrant community centred in Christie Pits Park.

We are a group of people who live around Christie Pits and who think our park needs some Friends to advocate for it and give it some love. The Friends formed in August 2007 and one of our first activities has been to water and protect the 91 trees planted in the park in Summer 2007.

Website: www.christiepits.ca
Phone:
Address:

Friends of Don East

A membership-based charitable organization working to protect and enhance the Don River and to encourage the establishment of healthy and sustainable communities within the central and eastern portions of the Don watershed in Toronto

Website: <http://www.web.net/~fode/>
Phone: 416-657-2800
Address: 358 Danforth Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
M4K 3Z2

Friends of Rouge Watershed

Friends of the Rouge Watershed (FRW) will work with youth and community to protect, enhance and restore ecosystem beauty, health and integrity. FRW will form productive conservation partnerships with schools, community groups, religious organizations, businesses, landowners, municipalities, government agencies, community leaders, foundations and environmental groups.

Website: <http://www.frw.ca/>
Phone: 416-208-0252
Address: 2259 Meadowvale Road
Scarborough, Ontario
M1X 1R2

Friends of the Spit

Friends of the Spit is a non-partisan advocacy group, founded in 1977, to keep the Leslie Street Spit as a Public Urban Wilderness. Friends of the Spit work within the democratic process to ensure that the Leslie Street Spit remains a car-free environmental resource, entirely public and accessible at no cost.

Website: <http://www.friendsofthespit.ca/>
Phone:
Address: 2060 Queen St. East
Toronto, Ontario
M4E 3V7

FutureWatch

FutureWatch's aim is to connect people living in a diverse and multicultural society by experiencing their local (mostly urban) natural environment as a starting point to address pressing environmental issues.

Website: <http://futurewatch.net/>
Phone: 416-926-1985
Address: 3101 Dundas Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M6P 1Z9

Green Light On a Better Environment (GLOBE)

GLOBE (Green Light on a Better Environment) is a subsidiary of SHSC, connecting social housing providers, municipal service managers, property managers and social housing tenants with tools and services to help them make smart choices about conservation, efficiency and green sustainable practices in the social housing sector. It is a portal to advanced expertise, education, and any government and utility provider programs and incentives available to the social housing community.

Website: <http://www.globeservices.ca/>
Phone: 1-877-733-SHSC
Address: 390 Bay Street, Suite 710
Toronto, Ontario
M5H 2Y2

Green Here

GreenHere is a registered charity, not for profit dedicated to increasing green space in Toronto's Davenport neighbourhood. By planting trees and developing tree stewardship programs today we are protecting urban ecosystems and long-term air quality for tomorrow. GreenHere is focused on collaborating with communities to enhance green infrastructure and local stewardship of the urban forest, increasing canopy coverage to improve the quality of the environment and thereby the health of all residents.

Website: <http://www.greenhere.ca>
Phone: 416-901-2006
Address: 21 Blackthorn Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
M6N 3H4

Green Neighbours 21

Green Neighbours 21 is a grass-roots, action-oriented group of people who live in Ward 21, Toronto (and beyond) who are working together to respond to climate change and other environmental issues. It is based on the belief that although the problems we face are complex and challenging, there is a lot that we can do to make a difference, and it's a lot more fun and effective if we work together. The group helps members of the community to learn more about the issues and to live more lightly on the planet. It offers an opportunity for neighbours to meet, and helps build strong community.

Website: <http://www.gn21.ca/home>
Phone:
Address:

Green Thumbs, Growing Kids

Mission: To work with urban children, youth and their families to learn about, grow and prepare fresh foods, cultivated in an environmentally sustainable manner in hands-on programs.

Green Thumbs Growing Kids offers food growing and environmental education programs in 3 inner-city schools and 2 park sites. Our programs take place in the east downtown Toronto neighbourhoods of St. James Town, Cabbagetown, and Regent Park. We now reach around 3000 children from these neighbourhoods each year. Our school food garden projects are about kids and their grownups, plants and their people.

Website: <http://www.kidsgrowing.ca>
Phone: 416-876-1480
Address: 603 1/2 Parliament Street
Toronto, Ontario
M4X 1P9

Greenest City

Mission: “We inspire people to build healthy inclusive neighbourhoods through community gardening and the celebration of food”

Greenest City is an award-winning charitable organization that grows local organic food, youth leaders and healthy, sustainable communities with a focus on Toronto’s Parkdale-High Park neighbourhood. Our animated, community-driven initiatives are grounded in urban agriculture. Our community gardens, educational workshops, youth employment and leadership programs, festivals, environmental projects, and community art installations help transform the communities that participate.

Website: <http://www.greenestcity.ca/>
Phone: 647-438-0038
Address: 220 Cowan Avenue
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
M6K 2N6

Humber Arboretum

First opened in 1977, the Humber Arboretum is a joint venture of the City of Toronto, Humber College and Toronto and Region Conservation. The park is situated on the West Humber River in northwest Toronto. Enter a world of beauty as you wander along trails and boardwalks through gardens, forests, meadows and wetlands. The park, which can be accessed from behind Humber College's North Campus is open to the public during daylight hours. The new GOLD LEED certified Center for Urban Ecology , is located near the Humber College North Campus entrance to the Arboretum. Humber Nature Programs, in the Centre for Urban Ecology, operates a variety of nature programs and events for schools, community groups, and other organizations on the arboretum grounds.

Website: <http://www.humberarboretum.on.ca/>
Phone: 416-675-6622
Address: 205 Humber College Blvd
Toronto, Ontario
M9W 5L7

Jane and Finch Community Centre

Mission: Founded in 1976, Jane/Finch Community and Family Centre is a community based organization driven by passion, innovation and a strong commitment to social justice, community engagement and collaboration.

Jane/Finch Community and Family Centre is a community based organization driven by passion, innovation and a strong commitment to social justice, community engagement and collaboration. Our Vision is a healthy Jane Finch community – strong, inclusive, socially and politically active through diversity, opportunity and participation.

Website: <http://www.janefinchcentre.org/>
Phone: 416-663-2733
Address: 4400 Jane Street, #108
Toronto , Ontario
M3N 2K4

Local Enhancement and Appreciation Forests (LEAF)

Mission: LEAF is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the protection and improvement of the urban forest. We envision a city that is healthier because every citizen cares for the urban forest.

LEAF is an incorporated, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the protection and improvement of the urban forest.

Website: <http://www.yourleaf.org/>
Phone: 416 413-9244
Address: 601 Christie St, Suite 253
Toronto, Ontario
Canada M6G 4C7

North York Harvest Food Bank

Mission: To provide dignified food assistance and support to community members in northern Toronto; To raise public awareness and provide education regarding hunger and its causes; and To engage the community in meeting its members' food needs

The North York Harvest Food Bank is one of the largest food banks in Toronto, distributing 1.6 million pounds of food in 2010 through 60 neighbourhood programs. An independent, charitable organization, we envision a community where all members are able to meet their food needs.

Website: <http://www.northyorkharvest.com/>
Phone: 416-635-7771
Address: 640 Lawrence Avenue West
Toronto, Ontario
M6A 1B1

Not Far From the Tree

The core of our programming is our residential fruit-picking program, where we pick fruit from trees that would otherwise go to waste. We help fruit tree owners make use of the abundance of fruit that their trees offer by dispatching teams of volunteers to harvest it for them. One third goes to the fruit tree owners, another third goes to the volunteers for their labour, and the final third is distributed (by bicycle or cart) to community organizations in the neighbourhood who can make good use of the fresh fruit.

Website: <http://www.notfarfromthetree.org>
Phone: 416-908-3022
Address: 96 Ilford Road
Toronto, Ontario
M6G 2H5

Park People

Park People is a new organization dedicated to improving Toronto's parks. Across many Toronto neighbourhoods, there is a concern that Parks are not living up to their potential and fully responding to the needs of our communities. Parks are essential to the health and vibrancy of any city, and Toronto is lagging behind cities across North America that are bringing people, government, park staff and private organizations together to create dynamic parks that become the hub of neighbourhoods.

Website: <http://www.parkpeople.ca/>
Phone: 416-885-6177
Address: 401 Richmond Street West, Suite 404,
Toronto, Ontario
M5V 3A8

Ralph Thornton

Ralph Thornton Centre was established by Toronto City Council in 1980 as a "multi-purpose community facility" within the former Postal Station G, at 765 Queen Street East. The Ralph Thornton Community Centre has been a cornerstone of the vibrant South Riverdale community for 30 years. Over the years, RTCC has played a key role in bringing residents together to identify, discuss and address local issues and needs. We strive to promote the true spirit of community and build a healthy, inclusive neighbourhood. Our supportive environment enables citizens to connect with each other and access important resources.

Website: <http://ralphthornton.org/>
Phone: 416-392-6810
Address: 765 Queen St. East
Toronto, ON
M4M 1H3

Riverdale immigrant Womens Centre

Riverdale Immigrant Women's Centre is committed to supporting Asian and South Asian women, children, youth and their families in taking greater control of their lives. Our main focus is to provide culturally appropriate and linguistically specific settlement and counseling support services with the use of community- determined strategies, that are developed and delivered by women.

Website: <http://www.riwc.ca/>

Social Phobia Support Group of Toronto

The Social Phobia Support Group of Toronto is committed to provide group and individual support, understanding, educational information and processes to enable individuals, suffering from Social Phobia, to control their disorder and achieve greater stability within their communities, workplaces and individual lives.

Website: <http://www.socialphobia.ca/>
Phone:
Address: 33 Russell St
Toronto, ON
M5S 3B1

South Riverdale Community Health Centre (SRCHC)

Mission: The South Riverdale Community Health Centre is a community-controlled organization that believes that health is a state of physical, mental and social well-being. The role of the health centre is to provide good quality primary care, and to engage in those clinical, social, economic, political, cultural, and educational initiatives that promote good health.

The South Riverdale Community Health Centre (SRCHC) is a community-based organization that offers primary health care services and health promotion programs to a diverse community. We strive to respond to local issues and provide services in active partnership with our clients, patients, neighbours, community groups and professional organizations. SRCHC is a member of the Toronto Central Local Health Initiative Network.

Website: <http://www.srchc.ca/>
Phone: 416-461-1925/416-461-2493
Address: 955 Queen Street East
Toronto, Ontario
M4M 3P3

Taylor Massey Project

Welcome to the Taylor Massey Project - The TMP - designed to engage local residents in the enjoyment, protection, and restoration of Taylor Massey Creek and its watershed.

Website: <http://www.thetmp.org/>
Phone:
Address:

The Garden Party

The Garden Party at Redeemer Lutheran is a giving garden dedicated to sharing healthy food with local people in need. It is sustained by a diverse group of volunteers committed to cultivating and nurturing community, stewardship and learning through gardening.

Website: <http://www.thegardenparty.ca/>
Phone: (416) 236-0481

Address: 1691 Bloor St West
Toronto ON
M6P 1B1

The Stop Community Food Centre

Mission: The Stop strives to increase access to healthy food in a manner that maintains dignity, builds community and challenges inequality.

The Stop Community Food Centre strives to increase access to healthy food in a manner that maintains dignity, builds community and challenges inequality. The Stop has two locations that provide frontline services to our community, including a drop-in, food bank, perinatal program, civic engagement, bake ovens and markets, community cooking, community advocacy, sustainable food systems education and urban agriculture. The Stop's Green Barn, located at 601 Christie Street, is a sustainable food production and education centre which houses a greenhouse, food systems education programs, a sheltered garden, community bake oven and compost demonstration centre.

Website: <http://www.thestop.org/>
Phone: 416-652-7867
Address: 1884 Davenport Rd
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
M6N 4Y2

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

With decades of practical experience in protecting our environment, educating young people, and engaging communities, TRCA works with governments, businesses, and individuals to build a greener, cleaner healthier place to live.

Website: <http://www.trca.on.ca/>
Phone: 416-661-6600
Address: 5 Shoreham Drive
Downsview, Ontario
M3N 1S4

Toronto Bicycling Network

Organizes group rides in Toronto and the GTA, as well as cycling tours in Ontario, Quebec, New York and around the world.

Website: <http://www.tbn.ca/>
Phone: 416-760-4191
Address: 131 Bloor Street West
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
M5S 1R8

Toronto Botanical Garden

Mission: Toronto Botanical Garden is a volunteer-based, charitable organization whose purpose is to inspire passion, respect and understanding of gardening, horticulture, the natural landscape and a healthy environment.

The Toronto Botanical Garden offers an array of 12 award-winning themed gardens spanning nearly four acres, designed to educate and inspire. You'll also find a complete range of innovative indoor and outdoor learning experiences for all ages including programs, garden tours, nature day camps, field trips and an extensive horticultural library; LEED Silver Certified Building with an energy-efficient sloping green roof and award-winning ecologically conscious design; rental facilities; garden shop and seasonal café.

Website: www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca
Phone: 416-397-1340
Address: 777 Lawrence Avenue East
Toronto, Ontario
M3C 1P2

Toronto City Summit Alliance (TCSA)

The Toronto City Summit Alliance is a coalition of civic leaders in the Toronto region. The Alliance was formed to address challenges to the future of Toronto such as expanding knowledge-based industry, poor economic integration of immigrants, decaying infrastructure, and affordable housing. In April 2003, the TCSA published *Enough Talk: An Action Plan for the Toronto Region*, focusing on issues where there was a clear consensus for action and where progress could be made quickly. Since publishing *Enough Talk*, the TCSA has been advocating for its recommendations and working with community partners and with governments towards their implementation. At the present time, twelve implementation projects are underway or completed, including: Greening Greater Toronto - An open partnership of leaders committed to making our collective vision of a greener GTA a reality. Built to complement and leverage the many excellent initiatives already launched by GTA environmental organizations, businesses, governments and others, Greening Greater Toronto begins with four initial green steps and will announce more over the next 18 months.

Website: <http://www.torontoalliance.ca/>
Phone: 416-309-4480
Address: 110 Yonge Street, Suite 1900
Toronto, Ontario
M5C 1T6

Toronto Coalition for Active Transport (TCAT)

Mission: The Toronto Coalition for Active Transportation (TCAT) works to create a better city for cycling and walking.

The Toronto Coalition for Active Transportation (TCAT) was formed in 2006 to give a unified voice to the many groups working for a better cycling and pedestrian environment in Toronto. TCAT has worked closely with the Clean Air Partnership (CAP) since its inception, became a project of CAP in 2008, and now guides the active transportation programming at CAP.

Website: <http://torontocat.ca/>
Phone: 416-392-0290
Address: 75 Elizabeth Street,
Toronto, Ontario
M5G 1P4

Toronto Community Garden Network (TCGN)

Mission: The Toronto Community Garden Network is working to encourage a healthy Community Gardening movement in the City of Toronto, supporting and linking Community Gardeners.

The Toronto Community Garden Network (TCGN) is made up of interested and energetic individuals and organizations from across Toronto who are committed to greening and organic gardening across the City of Toronto and to making community gardening an integral part of city life. Gardens in Toronto are situated on a range of properties, including parks' properties, buildings' rooftops, senior citizens' residences, school board properties, churches, and more.

Website: <http://www.tcgn.ca/wiki/wiki.php>
Phone:
Address:

Toronto Community Housing

Mission: Our mission is to provide affordable housing, connect tenants to services and opportunities, and work together to build healthy communities.

Toronto Community Housing has developed a Green Plan called Green Works. The plan sets out an approach to the greening of Toronto Community Housing and includes numerous initiatives and activities that engage staff, tenants and stakeholders. Green Works is an ongoing program that promotes a healthy

environment and improves living standards and working conditions. We are taking a leading role in reducing energy consumption, recycling and the overall "greening" of our community.

Website: <http://www.torontohousing.ca>
Phone: 416-981-5500
Address: 931 Yonge Street
Toronto, Ontario
M4W 2H2

Toronto Cyclists (Bike) Union

Mission: We promote cycling in an inclusive, friendly and inviting manner.

The Toronto Cyclists Union provides a strong, unified voice for Toronto cyclists. We are a membership-based organization bringing together cyclists from all across Toronto. We work together with citizens, community groups, bike shops and the City towards the common goals of ensuring that cycling is a legitimate, accessible, and safe means of transportation.

Website: <http://bikeunion.to/>
Phone:
Address: 720 Bathurst Street, Suite 300
Toronto, ON
M5S 2R4

Toronto Environmental Alliance

Our Mission is to promote a greener Toronto. We work with concerned individuals, community groups, professionals and workers, encouraging the participation of local people on local issues.

Website: <http://www.torontoenvironment.org>
Phone: 416-596-0500
Address: 30 Duncan Street. Suite 201
Toronto, Ontario
M5V 2C3

Toronto Green Community

Mission: Our Mission is to engage Torontonians in environmental initiatives where they live, work and play.

TGC is a grassroots organization that engages people in local environmental action for a cleaner, greener Toronto. Since 1995, we have been working on a number of environmental issues including climate change, toxic waste, atmospheric pollution, and stream water management.

Website: <http://torontogreen.ca/>
Phone: 416-781-7663
Address: 40 Orchard View Blvd, Suite 252
Toronto, Ontario
M4R 1B9

Toronto Field Naturalists

The Toronto Field Naturalists have been promoting a love of nature in Toronto since 1923. This charitable, non-profit organization stimulates public interest in natural history and encourages the preservation of our natural heritage. Our members include experts, who gladly share their knowledge, and novice nature lovers eager to learn more. We all enjoy our TFN activities, informative newsletters, friendly people and satisfying volunteer opportunities. TFN is affiliated with like-minded groups such as Toronto Green Community and Ontario Nature and work with them and with government organizations to protect and enhance Toronto's ravines, parks and waterfront. TFN also owns and manages four nature reserves protecting 450 acres of sensitive wetlands northeast of Uxbridge. Membership in TFN is a highly rewarding experience.

Website: <http://www.torontofieldnaturalists.org/>

Phone: 416-593-2656
Address: 2 Carlton Street, Suite 1519
Toronto, Ontario
M5B 1J3

Toronto Parks & Trees Foundation

With a population of more than 2.5 million people, Toronto's nearly 8,000 ha. of public parkland and over 1,500 named parks provide essential public space for play, sports, culture and quiet places to experience nature in the city. The Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation is committed to supporting and enhancing these resources. In an era of growing public use of parks, but declining public funds there is an urgent need to look at how we can invest in our public park system. The Foundation is guided by a Board of Directors and we coordinate with City of Toronto Parks, Forestry & Recreation to identify areas of need. Working in partnership with corporations, foundation, private donors, and community groups the Foundation provides a range of enhancements to Toronto's parks that could not otherwise be achieved.

Website: <http://www.torontoparksandtrees.org/>
Phone: 416-397-5178
Address: 157 Adelaide St. W., Ste. 123
Toronto, Ontario
M5H 4E7

Toronto Renewable Energy Co-operative (TREC)

Mission: To provide an opportunity for everyone to participate in renewable energy development and conservation activities; and to help create awareness of the link between energy habits and environmental impacts.

TREC is a non-profit organization that focuses on renewable energy and energy conservation. Their mission is to provide an opportunity for everyone to participate in renewable energy development and conservation activities and to help create awareness of the link between energy habits and environmental impacts.

Website: <http://www.trec.on.ca/>
Phone: 416-977-5093
Address: 401 Richmond Street West, Suite 393
Toronto, Ontario
M5V 3A8

Toronto Sustainability Speaker Series

Mission: To build knowledge and cooperation regarding sustainability best practices. The Toronto Sustainability Speaker Series (TSSS) was launched in 2008 to dispel the myth that sustainability is a cost to business and to share the experiences of companies that have found economic advantages by integrating sustainability into their corporate strategy. Our events occur 5-6 times each year and act not only as a learning opportunity but also as a networking forum for individuals to come together as allies and partners in efforts to promote sustainable business practices.

Website: <http://ecoopportunity.net/>
Phone:
Address:

Toronto United Church Council

The Toronto United Church Council works with the church community to connect resources with ministry. Offering access to professional advice, financial support, and leadership development, Council helps our church address the social and spiritual challenges of the day.

Website: <http://www.tucc.ca/>
Phone: 905-771-5124
Address: 30 Wertheim Court, Unit 24
Richmond Hill, Ontario
L4B 1B9

Toronto Vegetarian Association

Mission: To inspire people to choose a healthier, greener, more peaceful lifestyle.

Founded in 1945, the Toronto Vegetarian Association is a diverse community of individuals who are passionate about healthy eating, sustainable living and compassion for animals. The Toronto Vegetarian Association is Toronto's go-to resource for all things veg. We provide vital information through healthy eating workshops, our walk-in resource centre, our vegetarian business directory, and North America's largest Annual Vegetarian Food Fair.

Website: <http://www.veg.ca>
Phone: 416-544-9800
Address: 17 Baldwin St, 2nd floor
Toronto, Ontario
M5T 1L1

Toronto Wildlife Centre

Toronto Wildlife Centre is a registered charity that strives to help people and wildlife through two main avenues: Wildlife Services rescuing wildlife in distress, and providing medical care and rehabilitation to sick, injured and orphaned wild animals with the goal of releasing recovered patients back into the wild. Public Education teach people about wildlife and wildlife issues via the Wildlife Hotline, presentations and other educational venues

Website: <http://www.torontowildlifecentre.com/>
Phone: 416-631-9942
Address: 60 Carl Hall Rd., Unit 4
Toronto, Ontario
M3K 2C1

Toronto Zoo

Since the Toronto Zoo opened, the global extinction rate has soared from one species per year to 1,095 per year. Some of the species housed at the Zoo no longer exist in the wild. As a result, Toronto Zoo now has a host of conservation, breeding and research programs that are designed to save species from extinction.

Today, the Toronto Zoo has a proven record of successfully breeding endangered species. Every year, animals born at the Zoo as part of organized conservation programs are reintroduced to protect parts of their original habitat. The Zoo's groundbreaking research is respected and used worldwide. The Zoo's award-winning conservation and education programs enrich the lives of participants, and help preserve our local species and ecosystems.

Website: <http://www.torontozoo.com/>
Phone: 416-392-5900
Address: 361A Old Finch Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
M1B 5K7

United Way

Established in 1956, United Way Toronto is a charity working to advance the common good and create opportunities for a better life for everyone in our city. Working in partnership with others, we mobilize people and resources to address the root causes of social problems and to change community conditions for the better. United Way supports agencies that provide services to strengthen individuals, families, and communities.

Website: <http://www.unitedwaytoronto.com/>
Phone: 416-777-2001
Address: 26 Wellington Street East, 2nd floor
Toronto, ON
M5E 1W9

Urban Agriculture Society

The Urban Agriculture Society is a student group affiliated with the Food and Water Institute, a Canadian not-for-profit organization. We operate the U of T Sky Garden, a rooftop vegetable garden that provides organic vegetables for the student community. In addition, we provide educational and research opportunities for students in the fields of organic gardening, winter gardening, composting and seed saving.

Website: <http://uas.sa.utoronto.ca/>

Phone:

Address:

Windfall Ecology Centre

A non-profit community based environmental organization whose mission is to build sustainable communities by conserving resources, preventing pollution and protecting and enhancing natural ecological process.

Website: <http://www.windfallcentre.ca/>

Phone: 905-727-0491

Address: 93A Industrial Parkway South
Markham, Ontario
L4G 3V5

York Region Environmental Alliance

Formed in 1999 to initially campaign against the cosmetic use of pesticides, the York Region Environmental Alliance (YREA) has continually expanded its mandate to address ecological issues that impact our health and the health of our environment.

Website: <http://www.yrea.org/>

Phone: 905-660-9782

Address: 225 Lakeland Crescent
Richmond Hill, Ontario
L4E 3A5

Provincial Organizations

Clean Air Partnership

Mission: CAP's mission is to work with partners to achieve clean air, facilitate the exchange of ideas, advance change and promote and coordinate implementation of actions that improve local air quality.

We believe we can make cities greener, healthier places. To do that, we work with Canadians, decision-makers and businesses to make the environment a top priority. We focus on strategies that will get results, which for CAP means influencing decision-making in the interests of liveable cities.

Website: <http://www.cleanairpartnership.org/>

Phone: 416-392-6672

Address: 75 Elizabeth Street
Toronto, Ontario
M5G 1P4

Conservation Council of Ontario

Mission: Our mission is to make Ontario a conserver society.

The Conservation Council of Ontario is a provincial association of conservation leaders, including individuals, organizations, businesses and municipalities. Our mission is to help Ontario become a conserver society. That's a tough challenge for any one organization, and so our principal strategy is to find ways to be a catalyst for building a united conservation movement.

Website: <http://www.weconserve.ca>
Phone: 416-533-1635
Address: 215 Spadina Avenue, Suite 132
Toronto, Ontario
M5T 2C7

Green Enterprise Ontario

We are Ontario's leading business association working to build a greener, more sustainable economy for the province of Ontario and beyond. Our members understand that this can only be achieved by focusing on a triple bottom line: people, profits and the planet.

Website: <http://www.greenenterprise.net/>
Phone:
Address: 215 Spadina Avenue, Suite 170
Toronto, Ontario
M5T 2C7

Green Prosperity

Twenty-three of Ontario's leading environmental organizations have endorsed an action agenda for the province that we believe can help it to usher in an era of green prosperity. The groups are working together in an unprecedented way to outline how Ontario can protect the environment and develop more sustainable practices and policies. You can find out more about the groups involved and their work from the websites listed below.

Website: <http://www.greenprosperity.ca>
Phone:
Address:

Greenbelt Foundation

The Foundation is a not-for-profit organization and was created to help foster our Greenbelt's living countryside by nurturing and supporting activities that preserve its environmental and agricultural integrity.

Website: <http://www.greenbelt.ca/>
Phone: 416-960-0001
Address: 60 Scollard Street
Toronto, Ontario
M4R 1G2

Lake Ontario Waterkeeper

As one of the most exciting young environmental groups in the country, Lake Ontario Waterkeeper has drawn local, regional, and national attention for our clean water initiatives. Launched in February 2001, Lake Ontario Waterkeeper trains other individuals and volunteer groups to be local water guardians and to report pollution concerns. Lake Ontario Waterkeeper fulfills its mission by educating the public about Lake Ontario and the Great Lakes Basin and by conducting research and public education activities on behalf of the watershed. Our goal is to restore and protect Lake Ontario's natural resources, as well as contribute to its aesthetic, social recreational and economic values.

Website: <http://www.waterkeeper.ca>
Phone: 416-861-1237
Address: 600 Bay Street, Suite 410
Toronto, Ontario
M5G 1M6

Ontario Environment Network

Mission: The Environment Network is a non profit organization working with communities, the public and all levels of government to ensure a healthy and sustainable environment

Environment Network is a non-profit organization working together with communities, the public and all levels of government to promote sustainable and sound environmental practices

Website: <http://www.environmentnetwork.org>
Phone: 705-446-0551
Address: 44 St Marie St
Collingwood, Ontario
L9Y 3K1

Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition

Mission:

OHCC is an incorporated registered charity, whose mission is "to create innovative solutions to meet community challenges and build strong, equitable and sustainable communities through education, engagement and collaboration".

OHCC was established in 1992 to support local and regional groups, coalitions and networks that are working on Healthy Community initiatives in Ontario.

Website: <http://www.ohcc-ccso.ca/>
Phone: 416-408-4841
Address: 2 Carlton Street Suite 1810
Toronto, Ontario
M5B 1J3

Ontario Land Trust Alliance

Mission: It is the mission of the Ontario Land Trust Alliance to encourage the land trust movement throughout Ontario

The Ontario Land Trust Alliance promotes voluntary private land conservation to benefit communities and natural heritage systems. We are the provincial convener, strategist and representative of 35 community-based land trusts across Ontario. OLTA's 45 members represent some 120,000 individuals and protect over 70,000 acres across the Province for the benefit of their local communities, local species and the people of the Province of Ontario.

Website: <http://www.olta.ca/>
Phone: 416-588-6582
Address: 192 Spadina Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
M5T 2C2

Ontario Nature

Mission: Ontario Nature protects wild species and wild spaces through conservation, education and public engagement

Ontario Nature protects wild species and wild spaces through conservation, education and public engagement. Ontario Nature is a charitable organization representing more than 30,000 members and supporters and 140 member groups across Ontario.

Website: <http://www.ontarionature.org>
Phone: 416-444-8419
Address: 366 Adelaide Street West, Suite 201
Toronto, Ontario
M5V 1R9

Ontario Smart Growth Network

The Ontario Smart Growth Network brings together organizations that are working to stop urban sprawl and promote sustainable, compact and healthy communities across Ontario.

Website: <http://www.smartgrowth.on.ca/>

Phone: 416-533-1635
Address: 215 Spadina Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
M5T 2C7

Ontario Sustainable Energy Association

Mission: OSEA's mission is to serve the Community Power sector including households, farms, First Nations, co-operatives and collaborative businesses, local distribution companies, municipalities, other institutions and non-Community Power partners through: advocacy, public outreach and capacity building.

The Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA) is a province-wide, member-based, non-profit organization representing more than 1500 individuals including private citizens, cooperatives, farmers, First Nations, businesses, institutions and municipalities. OSEA works to initiate, facilitate and support the work of local sustainable energy organizations through membership services, province-wide capacity building and non-partisan policy work. OSEA members are engaged in or supporting Community Power projects and renewable energy.

Website: <http://www.ontario-sea.org/>
Phone: 416-977-4441
Address: 401 Richmond Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M5V 3A8

Ontario Urban Forest Council

The Ontario Urban Forest Council (OUFC) is a not-for-profit volunteer organization. Our membership includes arborists, foresters, landscape architects, nurserymen, planners, municipalities, conservation authorities as well as many individuals from the general public interested and concerned about trees.

Website: <http://www.oufc.org>
Phone: 416-936-6735
Address: 1523 Warden Avenue Units 23/25
Toronto, Ontario
M1R 4Z8

Preparing the Trail

Mission: To create a team of environmentally active athletes who will work together at local athletic events and tree planting initiatives across Ontario; To execute programs that generate social, health, and financial return for our valued fundraising partners, while preserving our unique Canadian landscape for future generations to enjoy.

Preparing the Trail uses the power of athletics to drive health and environmental messages in our communities. The idea is to create a movement of environmentally active athletes who will generate social, health, and financial value for our fundraising partners, Trees Ontario and Right to Play.

Constantly growing, our team is engaging in its monumental task of planting trees across Southern Ontario while taking part in various outdoor athletic events including; The 5 Peaks Trail Running Series, The MultiSport Canada Triathlon Series, Chico Racing Mountain Biking Events, and the Don't Get Lost Adventure Running Series, focusing primarily in the GTA and the surrounding Greenbelt.

Website: <http://preparingthetrail2010.com/>
Phone:
Address:

Recycling Council of Ontario

Mission: Our mission is to inform and educate all members of society about the generation of waste, the avoidance of waste, the more efficient use of resources and the benefits and/or consequences of these activities.

The Recycling Council of Ontario (RCO) is a not-for-profit, membership-based organization involved in policy, education and project work around the issues of consumption, waste generation, reduction and diversion, and recycling.

Website: <https://www.rco.on.ca/>

Phone:

Address:

Smart Commute

Mission:

Smart Commute is an initiative of Metrolinx and the municipalities in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. We help local employers and commuters explore different commute choices like carpooling, cycling and transit. Our goal is to ease gridlock, improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions while making your commute less expensive and more enjoyable.

Website: <http://www.smartcommute.ca/>

Phone: 416-874-5900

Address: 20 Bay St. Suite 600

Toronto, Ontario

M5J 2W3

Sustain Ontario

Sustain Ontario is a province-wide, cross-sectoral alliance that promotes healthy food and farming. Sustain Ontario takes a collaborative approach to research, policy development and action by addressing the intersecting issues related to healthy food and local sustainable agriculture. Sustain Ontario is working towards a food system that is healthy, ecological, equitable and financially viable.

Website: <http://sustainontario.com/>

Phone: 647-348-0235

Address: 740 Broadview Avenue

Toronto, Ontario

M4K 2P1

Trees Ontario

Mission: To increase the forested landscape of Ontario's private lands – through the support and promotion of tree planting programs and by working with partners, government, associations and sponsors.

We are a not-for-profit organization committed to the re-greening of Ontario through tree planting efforts on rural lands and in urban areas. In the 1980s, planting levels were approximately 20 million trees each year in southern Ontario. That number declined in the 1990s, primarily because of government cutbacks, to about 2 million trees per year. Our objective is to help our tree planting partners move that number back up to the levels required. Trees Ontario works with various partners from across the province, and is supported by generous donations from the government and others.

Website: <http://www.treesontario.ca/>

Phone:

Address: 200 Consumers Road, Suite 701

Toronto, Ontario

M2J 4R4

Ontario Horticultural Association

Since 1906, the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA) has led Ontarians in all things horticultural. Our organization is an integral part of this province's cultural fabric. (See OHA: From Then to Now). OHA was

created by the Province of Ontario in 1906. It is a well-rooted tree with many branches (19 Districts); twigs (270 autonomous local societies) and leaves (over 30,000 members)!

Website: <http://www.gardenontario.org/index.php>

Phone:

Address:

National Organizations

8-80 Cities

Our goal is to contribute to the creation of vibrant cities and healthy communities, where residents live happier and enjoy great public places. We promote walking and bicycling as activities and urban parks, trails and public spaces as a way to fulfill our goal. These activities and public spaces improve our environment, advance economic development, boost and complement our transportation systems, make better recreation for all, and enhance our personal and public health. We believe safe walking and cycling infrastructure, and vibrant public places are key symptoms of a more people-oriented and socially equitable city

Website: <http://www.8-80cities.org/>

Phone: 416-591-7404

Address: 215 Spadina Avenue, Suite 500

Toronto Ontario

M5T 2C7 Canada

Canadians Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE)

CAPE is a membership organization for health professionals. It works to protect the environment in order to protect human health. CAPE is concerned about Ecosystem Health, Human Health and Sustainable Development.

Website: <http://www.cape.ca/>

Phone: 416-306-2273

Address: 130 Spadina Avenue, Suite 301

Toronto, Ontario

M5V 2L4

Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA)

CELA is a non-profit, public interest organization established in 1970 to use existing laws to protect the environment and to advocate environmental law reforms.

Website: <http://www.cela.ca>

Phone: 416-960-2284

Address: 130 Spadina Avenue, Suite 301

Toronto, Ontario

M5V 2L4

Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy (CIELAP)

Mission: CIELAP informs legislative, policy and regulatory outcomes for Sustainability at the national and provincial/territorial levels of government in Canada.

Founded in 1970, CIELAP is an independent, not-for-profit research and education organization. We are a registered Canadian charity and one of Canada's top environmental think tanks. CIELAP meets and correspond with leaders and opinion-makers from the legal, corporate, and academic fields, and from across the wide-spectrum of society, to produce quality research that is objective, practical and solutions-focussed.

Website: <http://www.cielap.org>

Phone: 416-923-3529

Address: 729 St. Clair Avenue West, Room 13
Toronto, Ontario
M6C 1B2

Compost Council of Canada

The Compost Council of Canada is a national non-profit, member-driven organization with a charter to advocate and advance organics residuals recycling. It serves as the central resource and network for the compost industry in Canada and, through its members, contributes to the environmental sustainability of the communities in which they operate.

Website: <http://www.compost.org/>

Phone: 416-535-0240 1-877-571-4769
Address: 16, rue Northumberland St.
Toronto ON
M6H 1P7

Council of Canadians

Mission: We work to protect Canadian independence by promoting progressive policies on fair trade, clean water, energy security, public health care, and other issues of social and economic concern to Canadians

Since 1985, the Council of Canadians has brought Canadians together to act for social, economic and environmental justice here in Canada and around the world. Our work is built on a strong foundation of timely and strategic campaigns to fight for the values, social programs and progressive policies that Canadians believe in.

Website: <http://www.canadians.org/>
Phone: 416-979-5554
Address: 210-116 Spadina Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
M5V 2K6

David Suzuki Foundation

Mission: Our mission is to protect the diversity of nature and our quality of life, now and for the future. We work with government, business and individuals to conserve our environment by providing science-based education, advocacy and policy work, and acting as a catalyst for the social change that today's situation demands. Our mission is to protect the diversity of nature and our quality of life, now and for the future. Our vision is that within a generation, Canadians act on the understanding that we are all interconnected and interdependent with nature.

Website: <http://www.davidsuzuki.org/>
Phone: 416-644-1032
Address: 169-215 Spadina Ave
Toronto, Ontario
M5T 2C7

Ducks Unlimited

Mission: All Ducks Unlimited organizations conserve, restore and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people. Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) is a national, private, non-profit organization committed to conserving Canada's wetlands. DUC's conservation efforts take many forms. On-the-ground work is guided by the wetland and waterfowl research of DUC's scientists. DUC works to change policy in favour of wetland and habitat conservation. DUC also delivers wetland and environmental education programs to teach Canadians about wetlands and the need to conserve them.

Website: <http://www.ducks.ca>
Phone: 705-721-4444

Address: 740 Huronia Road
Barrie, Ontario
L4N 6C6

Durham Strategic Energy Alliance

The Durham Strategic Energy Alliance (DSEA) is a non-profit organization comprised of business, government and educational institutions working together for the advancement of energy initiatives. The DSEA is addressing the energy challenges facing Ontario and Canada by being an active participant in the global quest for clean, affordable energy solutions.

Website: <http://www.dsea.ca/>
Phone: 905-666-6259
Address: 1610 Champlain Ave
Whitby, Ontario
L1N 6A7

Earth Day Canada

Mission: To improve the state of the environment by empowering and helping Canadians to take positive environmental action.

Earth Day Canada (EDC) is a national environmental communications organization mandated to improve the state of the environment by empowering Canadians to achieve local solutions.

Website: <http://www.earthday.ca>
Phone: 416-599-1991
Address: 111 Peter Street
Toronto, Ontario
M5V 2H1

Faith and the Common Good

Mission: Seeking Common Ground for the Common Good

Faith & the Common Good is inter-faith and inter-cultural in its organization and objectives. To live inter-faith, inter-culturally in a spirit of the common good is our vision for Canada.

Website: <http://www.greeningsacredspaces.net/>
Phone: 1-866-231-1877
Address: 569 Spadina Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
M5S 2J7

Green Communities Canada

Mission: Green Communities Canada is a national network of community-based non-profit organizations that deliver innovative environmental programs and services, with a focus on household and community action

Green Communities Canada is a national association of non-profit organizations that deliver innovative, practical environmental solutions to Canadian households and communities.

Website: <http://greencommunitiescanada.org>
Phone: 705-745-7479
Address: 416 Chambers Street, 2nd Floor
Peterborough, ON
K9H 3V1

Green Roofs for Healthy Cities

Mission: Green Roofs for Healthy Cities' mission is to increase the awareness of the economic, social and environmental benefits of green roofs and green walls, and other forms of living architecture through education, advocacy, professional development and celebrations of excellence.

In 1999, Green Roofs for Healthy Cities, a small network consisting of public and private organizations, was founded as a direct result of a research project on the benefits of green roofs and barriers to industry development entitled "Greenbacks from Green Roofs" prepared by Steven Peck, Monica Kuhn, Dr. Brad Bass and Chris Callaghan. Green Roofs for Healthy Cities - North America Inc. is now a rapidly growing not-for-profit industry association working to promote the industry throughout North America. In 2004, Green Roofs for Healthy Cities became a formal industry association registered as a not-for-profit 501(c)(6). It is managed under contract to the Cardinal Group Inc., the firm that originally established the organization, and run by an independent board.

Website: <http://www.greenroofs.org>
Phone: 416-971-4494
Address: 406 King Street East
Toronto, Ontario
M5A 1L4

Greenpeace

Mission: Greenpeace seeks to: Protect biodiversity in all its forms; Prevent pollution and abuse of our oceans, land, air and water; End nuclear threats; and promote peace and global disarmament. Greenpeace is an independent, non-profit, global campaigning organization that uses non-violent, creative confrontation to expose global environmental problems and their causes. We challenge government and industry to halt harmful practices by negotiating solutions, conducting scientific research, introducing clean alternatives, carrying out peaceful acts of civil disobedience and educating and engaging the public. Greenpeace's goal is to ensure the ability of Earth to nurture life in all its diversity.

Website: <http://www.greenpeace.org/canada/en/>
Phone: 416-675-6622
Address: 33 Cecil Street
Toronto, Ontario
M5T 1N1

Green Awakenings United Church

This is a group of congregations of the United Church of Canada in the City of Toronto. We have come together to share ideas and experiences, in partnership with others, on how to respond to the challenge of climate change and how to reduce our "carbon footprint." At this time our partners are Greening Sacred Spaces and the Centre for Church Development Leadership.

As a "network", this is not a formal organization and it is intended to act more like a faith-based resource on climate change among UCC congregations. We hope that it will be an inspiration and a catalyst for action for the wider community in which we are located.

Website: <http://www.tucc.ca/churchdevelopment/green-awakening-network.html>
Phone: 905-771-5124
Address: 30 Wertheim Court, Unit 24
Richmond Hill, Ontario
L4B 1B9

Jane's Walk

In each Jane's Walk city or town an expanding web of groups and individuals comes together to program, promote and support the neighbourhood walks. This constituency is raising urban literacy, promoting walkability and increasing social connectedness between people and neighbourhoods.

Website: <http://www.janeswalk.net>
Phone: 416-642-5779
Address: 215 Spadina Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
M5T 2C7

Kairos

Mission: KAIROS unites Canadian churches and religious organizations in a faithful ecumenical response to the call to "do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives is a web of people and partnerships dedicated to a faithful and decisive response to God's call for respect for the earth and justice for its people. A faith-based ecumenical organization, inspired by a vision of God's compassionate justice, KAIROS effects social change through advocacy, education and research programs in: Ecological Justice, Economic Justice, Energy and Extraction, Human Rights, Just and Sustainable Livelihoods, and Indigenous Peoples. These programs are informed by, and networked with, approximately 21 partner organisations in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East; about eighty local grassroots groups across Canada; as well as with countless other organizations, churches and individuals.

Website: <http://www.kairoscanada.org/>
Phone: 416-463-5312
Address: 310 Dupont St. Suite 200
Toronto, Ontario
M5R 1V9

Learning for a Sustainable Future

Mission: LSF's mission is to promote, through education, the knowledge, skills, perspectives, and practices essential to a sustainable future.

Learning for a Sustainable Future is a not-for-profit, registered charitable organization that was established in 1991 to integrate sustainability education into Canada's education system. Our innovative programs and partnerships are advancing, through education, the knowledge, skills, values and actions essential to responsible citizenship

Website: <http://www.lsf-lst.ca/>
Phone: 416-736-5837
Address: 343 York Lanes, York University, 4700 Keele Street
Toronto, Ontario
M3J 1P3

Local Food Plus

Mission: LFP is committed to creating local sustainable food systems that reduce reliance on fossil fuels, create meaningful jobs, and foster the preservation of farmland – and farmers.

Local Food Plus bridges the urban-rural divide by bringing farmers, processors, distributors, consumers, retailers, restaurants, and institutions of all sizes to the same table where they can share in shaping a more sustainable food system. LFP's comprehensive and rigorous certification system addresses production, labour, native habitat preservation, animal welfare, and on-farm energy use, and leverages these standards to open new higher-value markets for farmers and processors. LFP is committed to creating local sustainable food systems that reduce reliance on fossil fuels, create meaningful jobs, and foster the preservation of farmland – and farmers.

Website: <http://localfoodplus.ca/>
Phone: 416-699-6070
Address: 1965 Queen Street East
Toronto, Ontario
M4L1H9

Nature Conservancy of Canada

Mission: The Nature Conservancy of Canada will lead, innovate and use creativity in the conservation of Canada's natural heritage by securing ecologically significant natural areas through purchases, donations, conservation agreements or other mechanisms, and by achieving long-term stewardship through management plans and monitoring arrangements.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is Canada's leading national land conservation organization. We are a private, non-profit group that partners with corporate and individual landowners to achieve the direct protection of our most important natural treasures through property securement (donation,

purchase, conservation agreement and the relinquishment of other legal interests in land) and long-term stewardship of our portfolio of properties. Since 1962, NCC and our partners have helped to conserve more than 2 million acres (over 800,000 hectares) of ecologically significant land nationwide.

Website: <http://www.natureconservancy.ca>
Phone: 416- 932-3202
Address: 36 Eglinton Avenue West, Ste. 400
Toronto, Ontario
M4R 1A1

PACT Urban Peace Program

The PACT Urban Peace Program is dedicated to helping at-risk youth and building peace and hope in our urban communities in partnership with the courts and schools. PACT believes it is the community's responsibility to provide the best programs at the earliest stages to bring out young people's potential as human beings. Founded by two Toronto businessmen in 1995, the PACT Urban Peace Program is an award-winning registered Canadian charity that builds peace in urban communities through empowering, supporting and encouraging youth to reach their full potential in life. PACT has helped thousands of at-risk youth in partnership with the courts and schools in the GTA region with little government funding.

Website: <http://www.pactprogram.ca/pact/Home.html>
Phone:
Address:

Planet in Focus

Mission: To promote the creation and use of film, video and new media as catalysts for public awareness, discussion, and appropriate action on the ecological and social health of the planet.

To include diverse perspectives (e.g., multi-cultural, international, gender, sexual orientation, physical ability, racial, spiritual, and economic status).

To promote social and ecologically sustainable practices in media production, all festival and year round operations, and forge relationships with organizations and individuals who have similar goals.

Since 1999, Planet in Focus has been producing Canada's preeminent international environmental film and video festival. We have been promoting environmental artistic expression in the form of film, video and new media to frame and explore environmental and ecological issues as a catalyst for awareness, discussion and engagement. Our mission is to encourage the creation and exhibition of a broad spectrum of films and videos exploring environmental themes that celebrate, question and establish varied ways of viewing the state of our world.

Website: <http://www.planetinfocus.org/>
Phone: 416-531-1769
Address: 55 Mill Street, Case Goods Warehouse
Building 74, Studio 402
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
M5A 3C4

Polaris

Mission: As its stated objective, Polaris is designed to enable citizen movements to re-skill and re-tool themselves to fight for democratic social change in an age of corporate driven globalization

Polaris is designed to enable citizen movements to re-skill and re-tool themselves to fight for democratic social change in an age of corporate driven globalization. The Institute serves as a catalyst with constituency-based social movements, increasing their capacity to do their own strategic campaign planning on issues of vital concern to their members and allies. The work of Polaris with social movements is also carried out on both a national and an international basis.

Website: <http://www.polarisinstitute.org/>
Phone: 613 237-1717
Address: 180 Metcalfe St.
Ottawa, Ontario
K2P 1P5

Pollination Canada

The Pollination Canada program, a new “citizen science” program, allows the Canadian public to participate in a nationwide survey of pollinators. It's easy to help, and observations recorded will assist scientists to understand these beneficial insects better.

Website: <http://www.pollinationcanada.ca>
Phone: 1-866-509-SEED
Address: P.O. Box 36, Stn Q
Toronto, Ontario
M4T 2L7

Pollution Probe

Mission: Pollution Probe is dedicated to achieving positive and tangible environmental change.

Pollution Probe is a Canadian charitable environmental organization that: Defines environmental problems through research; Promotes understanding through education; and, Presses for practical solutions through advocacy.

Website: <http://www.pollutionprobe.org/>
Phone: 416-926-1907
Address: 625 Church Street
Toronto, Ontario
M4Y 2G1

Riversides Stewardship Alliance

RiverSides is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating RiverSafe communities. We protect rivers by reducing runoff pollution from individual properties through education and providing the tools people need to make the connection between personal action and healthy rivers.

Website: <http://www.riversides.org/>
Phone: 416-868-1983
Address: 511 Richmond Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M5V 1Y3

Sierra Club of Canada

Mission: Sierra Club Canada empowers people to protect, restore and enjoy a healthy and safe planet!

As an environmental organization, it's crucial that we live the life we promote in our education and advocacy campaigns. In every decision we make, from our fair trade, organic morning coffee, to our 100% post consumer paper, to minimizing travel - we do our very best to keep our organizational footprint as light as possible.

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WWF-Canada

WWF-Canada is a conservation organization whose mission is to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by: conserving the world's biological diversity; ensuring that the use of renewable natural resources is sustainable; promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption.

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Funding

For up to date information on funding programs, please refer to the [Great Green Directory](#) and search by area of interest and/or location.

City of Toronto programs

For Residents and Community Organizations:

- [Live Green Toronto Community Investment Program](#)
- [Live Green Toronto Capital Fund](#)
- [ChemTRAC Toxics Reduction Grants](#)
- [Neighbourhood beautification](#)
- [Community Program for Stormwater Management \(CPSWM\)](#)
- [Toronto Atmospheric Fund](#)
- [Parks and Trees Foundation](#)
- [Sustainable Energy Funds](#)

For Business - please see [rebates and incentives](#) in our Business section

Toronto Atmospheric Fund

www.climatespark.ca

Ontario programs

- [Ontario Trillium Foundation](#)

Great Lakes program

Cwip

Federal

Natural Resources Canada's [ecoENERGY Retrofit program](#) provides financial support to [homeowners](#), small and medium-sized [businesses](#), [public institutions](#) and [industrial facilities](#) to help implement energy-saving upgrades such as efficient lighting, building automation control systems and heating, ventilation and cooling systems. Please note that the program is no longer accepting bookings for pre-retrofit evaluations, only homeowners who booked a pre-retrofit evaluation by March 31, 2010, can receive an ecoENERGY Retrofit – Homes grant.

- [EcoAction Community Funding Program](#)
- [Community Go Green Fund](#)
- [Retail Sales Tax Rebates and Exemptions for Energy Efficient Goods](#)

Non-profit organizations:

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- [Evergreen's Greening Communities and Public Spaces Program](#)
 - [Community Power Fund](#)
 - [Community Energy Program](#)

Foundations:

- [Metcalf Foundation](#)
- [Joyce Foundation](#)
- [Laidlaw Foundation](#)
- [Toronto Community Foundation](#)

Corporate:

- [Enbridge](#)
- [TD Canada Trust Friends of the Environment](#)
- [Mountain Equipment Co-op's Community Contributions Program](#)
- [Aviva Community Fund](#)*
- [Shell Canada Fuelling Change](#)*
- [The Pepsi Refresh Project](#)*

* These funds require that you invest significant time in online voting.

About this project

The city-wide green scan is part of a collaborative community animation project under contract to the City of Toronto under the Live Green Toronto program of the Toronto Environment Office. The lead organization on the project was EcoSpark, with the Centre for Social Innovation and the Conservation Council of Ontario as lead partners.

Running for three years, the Community Animation Project engaged a team of community animators who worked with community groups in each of the city's four regions, as well as providing support for four areas of special interest: diversity, capacity-building, education, and volunteers.

Under the project, the Conservation Council of Ontario assumed the lead role for reviewing how city-wide organizations contribute to, and support, the work of community groups and volunteers. This scan is the result of that research.

Looking forward, we see a strong need and potential for networking – city-wide, for priority issues, and in active neighbourhoods. This networking is already happening at an informal level, or through some exciting initiatives (such as the Toronto Urban Growers and Project Neutral).

Toronto has an amazing depth of depth of resources and talent in its voluntary sector. We need to find a strong and united voice – to promote ourselves, to promote our priorities, and to attract the funding and support to get the job done.

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