

Chapter 2 - Sustainable Natural Environment

- Updated Regional Greenlands System: focus on linking and enhancing
- Context sensitive design of infrastructure and development
- Regional Significant Woodlands Study and Endangered Species Act has been incorporated
- Prepare Regional water strategy including long term protection strategies, enhancement guidelines and monitoring requirements
- Source water protection to protect drinking water sources from incompatible uses and contamination
- Lake Simcoe Protection Plan policies will be incorporated
- Implement watershed plans to support sustainable land use planning decisions
- Emphasize stormwater management through innovative techniques and alternative measures to conventional storm ponds

Chapter 3 - Healthy Communities

- Minimum 25% of new housing units across the Region be affordable and 35% minimum in Regional Centres and Regional Corridors
- Require “as-of-right” Secondary Suites policies
- Update the York Region Housing Needs Study
- Prepare York Region Climate Change action plan
- Identify links between climate change, community planning and public health
- Prepare a York Region Archaeological Resources Master Plan
- Recognize and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of new Canadians
- Co-ordinate human services delivery and community design

Chapter 4 - Economic Vitality

- Create high-quality employment opportunities: goal of 1 job for every 2 residents
- Implement and regularly review the York Region Economic Strategy
- Promote green industry clusters, knowledge-based activities and recreation and tourism destinations
- A 20-year supply of employment lands, as well as strategic employment lands beyond 2031, will be identified and protected
- The conversion of employment lands to non-employment uses is not permitted
- Better integration of retail into community design
- A comprehensive economic/fiscal impact analysis will be required for secondary plans and significant proposals
- Regular updates to the 25-Year Fiscal Impact Study