

York Region's Road to Sustainable Development



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Presentation Outline

- What is Sustainable Development?
- Why is it Important?
- York Region Successes and Challenges
 - Transit and Rapid Transit
 - The Greening Strategy
 - Water for Tomorrow Program
 - Centres & Corridors Strategy
- Next Steps on the Road to Sustainable Development

What is Sustainable Development?

“Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own”

- Brundtland Commission, 1987



York Region Challenges

- Sustainable Management of Very Rapid Growth
- Demand for New Greenfield Development
- Creating Jobs for our Residents
- Enhancing our Environment
- Providing Transportation Options (eg. Transit and Rapid Transit)
- Engaging the Public
- Acceptance by our residents of a compact urban form (NIMBY)

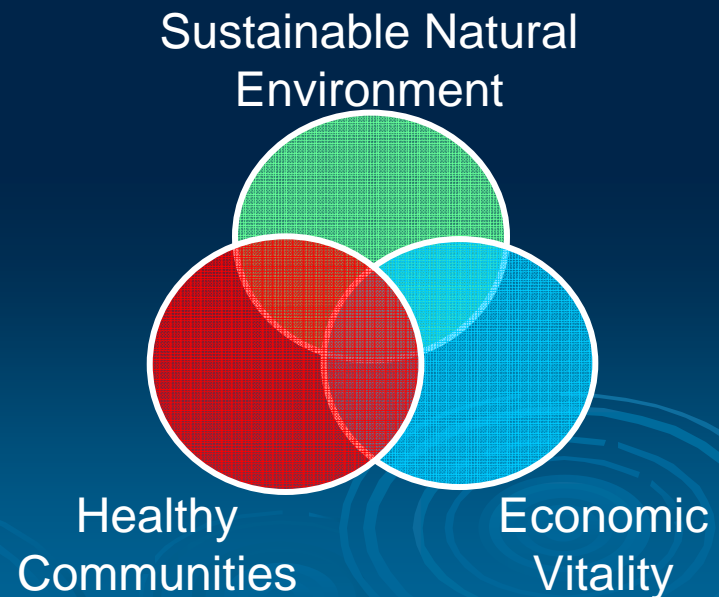


A Sustainable York Region

York Region Vision 2026 (2002)

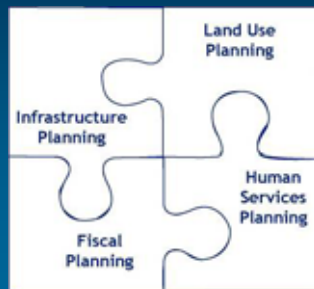


Regional Official Plan (1994)



York Region Successes

- Long Range Water & Sewer Master Plans (30 Year)
- Smart Commute Initiative, & Wind Energy Studies
- Clean Air Corporate Task Force
- State of the Environment Report
- Building Energy Feasibility Study
- Greening Strategy & Oak Ridges Moraine Initiatives
- Affordable Housing Strategy
- Human Services Plan
- Water for Tomorrow Program - saves 22.4 million L of water daily.
- \$40 million recycling plant & commenced composting a separate stream initiative
- Energy and Environmental Management System (EEMS)



Water Efficiency Program



- Target Savings: 19 million litres per day
- Current Savings: 22.4 million litres per day
- Enough water to service a town of 82,000 people

Greening and Oak Ridges Moraine Initiatives



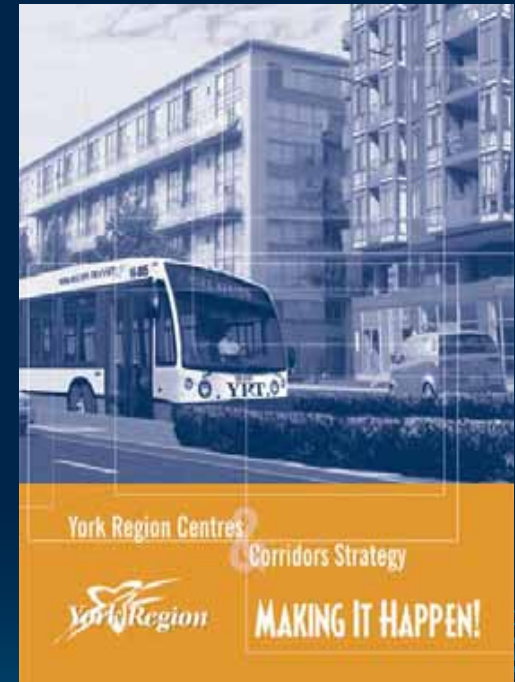
Public and Rapid Transit



Centres & Corridors Strategy

➤ Four Key Action Areas

- Policy
- Financial Policy and Tools
- Infrastructure Investment
- Supportive Programs



Centres Supported by Rapid Transit

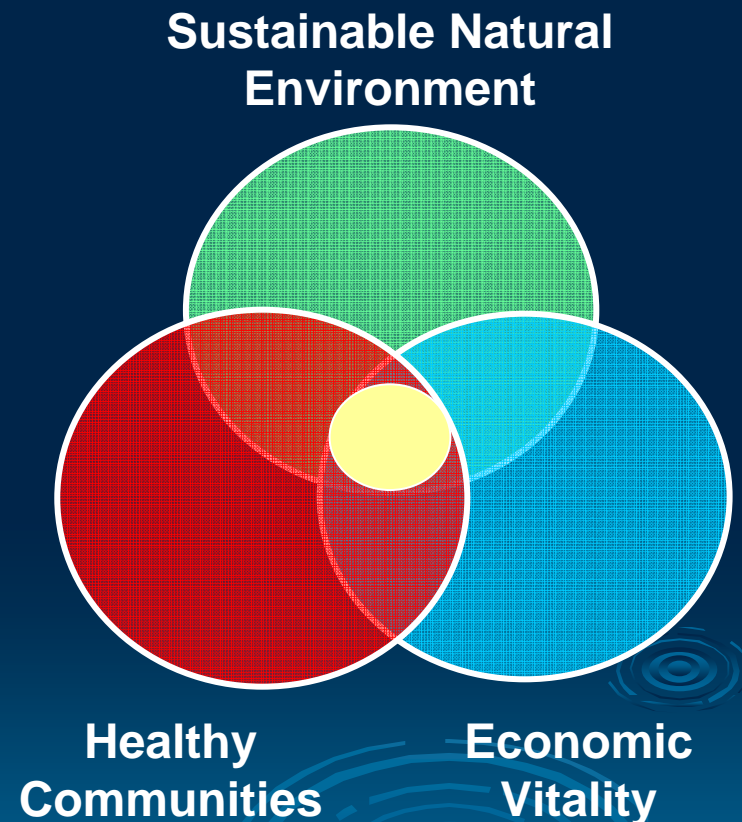


Vision for Regional Centres



Next Steps on the Road to Sustainability

- September Launch of our VIVA Rapid Transit System
- Implementing Centres & Corridors
- Sharing our Sustainable Development Best Practices
- Engage Public and Stakeholders in a Sustainable Development Approach to Growth Management.



Sustainable Development:

Environment ↔ Economy ↔ Community



The Time is Now

It's the Right Thing to Do
It's the Only Thing to Do