

Greening Strategy
is key to achieving the
**2015 TO 2019 CORPORATE
STRATEGIC PLAN**
objective to preserve
green spaces

Continued
collaboration to achieve
**25%
FOREST COVER**

Investing in
**PEOPLE
and GREEN
INFRASTRUCTURE**

GREENING STRATEGY ACHIEVEMENTS 2014

The Greening Strategy promotes **on the ground** action that supports healthy natural environments. It plants the seeds of inspiration for young and old alike to **cultivate sustainable communities**, now and for the future.

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ENHANCEMENT *and* REHABILITATION

Focusing on increasing forest cover by offering incentives, subsidies and partnerships for public and private land tree planting. In 2014, a critical path to achieving 25 per cent forest cover was approved and work is underway.

BILL FISCH FOREST STEWARDSHIP & EDUCATION CENTRE
under construction

Stakeholders engaged through
FOREST COVER COLLABORATION WORKSHOP

1.7 KILOMETRES of new
ACCESSIBLE TRAIL
in North Tract York, Regional Forest

PROTECTION *and* PRESERVATION

Continuing to work collaboratively to protect the Regional Greenlands System and key linkages. Partners include the Nature Conservancy of Canada, Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust, local municipalities and Conservation Authorities. Protection of natural environment lands contributes to a healthy and connected system for future generations.

AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIPS
engaging conservation groups and local farming community

URBAN FOREST STUDIES
Town of Aurora study completed

DRYSDALE WOODS
event hosted to celebrate donation of 55 hectares

88 HECTARES
of Oak Ridges Moraine land protected

Trees remove
923 TONNES
of air pollution in southern York Region

1,200 TREES
planted under the Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan

LEADERSHIP *and* INNOVATION

Demonstrating leadership through innovative opportunities to share knowledge and seek new technologies in partnership with York Region stakeholders and neighbouring municipalities. Topics include: forest cover, land securement, emerald ash borer management, community environmental initiatives and urban forestry.

FIRST FOREST CALENDAR
a social media-based contest for residents to promote forests

STEWARDSHIP *and* EDUCATION

Offering unique programs and events to provide opportunities for residents to connect with nature and be inspired to act. Activities are available for everyone including annual festivals, expert-led hikes, community action events, competitions for students and more. Higher participation has been observed in all program areas.

CURRENT FOREST COVERAGE ESTIMATE: **22.8%**

91,689
trees planted

trees contribute
~\$5.5M
toward reduced energy costs
in southern York Region

71%
of monthly 'Take A Walk'
events at full capacity

PILOT PROJECT
with York Catholic District
School Board + Evergreen Foundation
to plant trees on school grounds

18,000
residents engaged through
153 EVENTS

3,113 TREES
planted on urban streetscapes