



2022 Greening Strategy Refinement - Update

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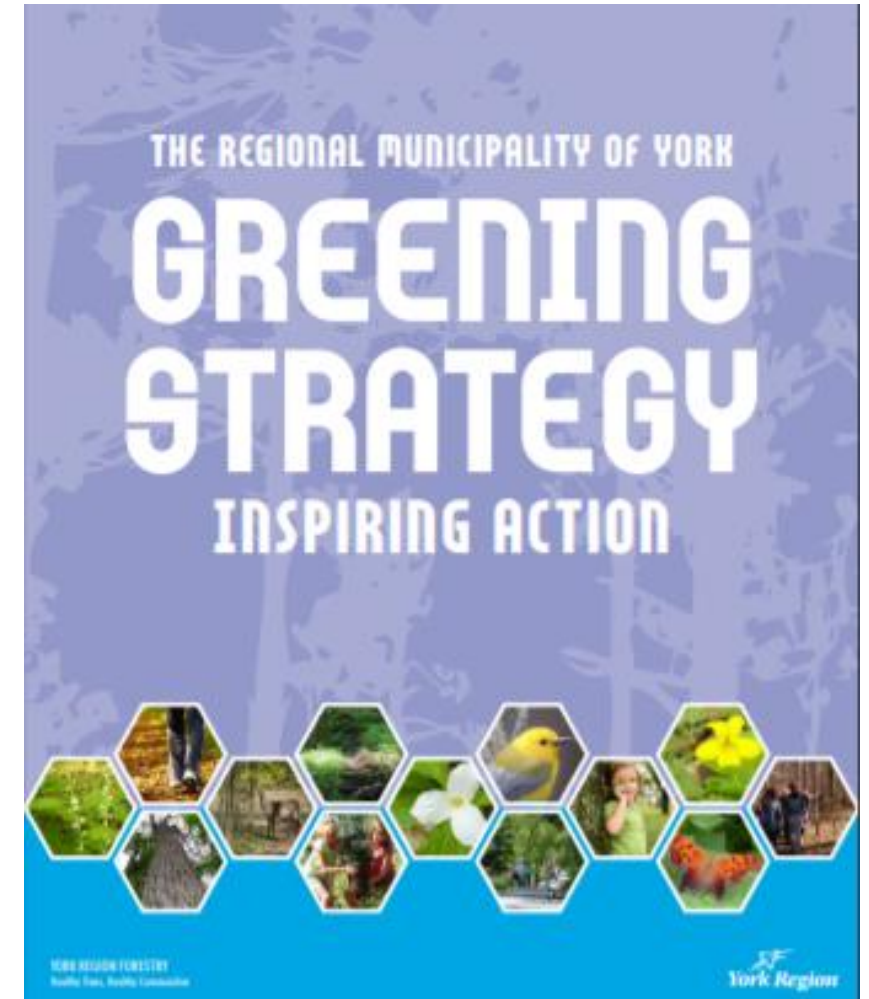


AGENDA

- Greening Strategy Overview
- Greening Strategy and Agriculture
- Strategy Refinement Objectives and Timeline
- Questions and Feedback

GREENING STRATEGY OVERVIEW

- The Greening Strategy is the Region's roadmap to achieve on-the-ground action to enhance and protect the natural environment
- The Strategy
 - Creates and maintains healthy natural environments
 - Fosters healthy, sustainable communities for current and future generations
 - Helps the Region mitigate and adapt to climate change
 - Increases access to public green space



GREENING STRATEGY OVERVIEW — 4 ACTION AREAS

1

Environmental Land Securement

Examples:

- Land Securement Working Group
- Land Securement partnerships
- Strategic acquisition of properties to protect and enhance the Regional Greenlands System

2

Enhancement and Rehabilitation

Examples:

- Private property tree planting (residential, schools)
- Public property community tree planting
- Greening Action Partnership - small grants program to create or enhance natural features

3

Leadership, Innovation & Knowledge

Examples:

- Research partnerships with academic institutions and non-profit organizations
- Partnering with local municipalities to complete Forest Studies

4

Stewardship and Education

Examples:

- Interpretive Forest Walks & Events
- Discover Your Forest activity kits for self-guided learning
- Tree Bee and Envirothon

GREENING STRATEGY ACHEIVEMENTS

In the past six years, over:

- 520,000 trees and shrubs planted
- 250,000 residents engaged
- 1,100 events hosted
- 100 forums/presentations delivered
- \$5.8 million in funding leveraged by the Region and partners
- 242 ha of green space land secured



GREENING STRATEGY AND AGRICULTURE

2012 Greening Strategy

- ❖ Recognized the contribution that agriculture properties make to the natural environment
- ❖ Partnered with the Ontario Farmland trust to co-host an opportunities forum and develop case studies to share



GREENING STRATEGY REFINEMENT 2022

Every 10 Years the Strategy is updated to:

- Ensure alignment with corporate strategies and policies
- Respond to new opportunities and challenges

The 2022 Refinement includes:

- Review and refinement of action areas
- Updating the roadmap to achieve each Action Area
- Assessing existing programs and consider new ones
- Consulting with public, stakeholders, First Nations, and staff



STRATEGY REFINEMENT PROJECT TIMELINE

Phase 1: Background Review

Fall 2021

Background Research

- Jurisdictional scan
- Related policy and plan review
- Benchmarking of existing programs

Engagement

- Consult with Staff, Technical Advisory Team and Key Stakeholders
- Public Survey

Phase 2: Program Analysis

Fall/Winter 2021

Program Analysis

- SWOT analysis and feasibility of programs

Engagement

- Consult with Regional Staff, Technical Advisory Team and Local Municipalities
- Scoped consultation with other stakeholders as-needed

Phase 3: Refinement Drafting and Council Report

Winter/Spring 2022

Report Drafting & Design

- Draft Greening Strategy Refinement

Report to Council

- Greening Strategy Achievements Report
- Refined Greening Strategy
- Presentation to Council

QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

- Questions?
- Comments?
- Ideas: What opportunities do you see to connect the Greening Strategy to the agriculture and agri-foods sector?

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THANK YOU

