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## **2011 Ends with Successful Green Plan Implementation**

Since the approval of the Town's practical Green Plan in 2008, the Plan has led to the implementation of actions that have improved the health of our natural environment.

Green Plan implementation is one of the Town's priorities. In 2011, implementation was highly successful and saw a wide variety of initiatives completed by all Town departments. In total, 62 initiatives were implemented, most consisting of multiple implementing actions. Action has now been taken on 64 or approximately 91% of the Green Plan's 70 recommendations. This progress has helped to reduce municipal operating costs, engage residents, demonstrate corporate leadership, and support a healthy and prosperous community.

Reflecting on the many accomplishments included in the 2011 Green Plan Progress Report Card, Mayor Bonnette noted:

"Since its approval by Council, the Green Plan has remained a living document. The Plan's implementation has been highly successful because its 70 recommendations are practical. The success of the Green Plan has provided a solid foundation from which to branch into the broader concept of sustainability where we will all strive to reach a higher quality of life by focusing on economic prosperity, environmental health, social wellbeing and cultural vibrancy."

Green Plan implementation achievements are organized into the following six categories:

- *Corporate Leadership:* Actions demonstrating the Town's commitment to being a corporate leader in sustainability.
- *Community Engagement:* Actions focused on engaging the public, and increasing public awareness and participation in sustainability.
- *Community Planning and Design:* Actions focused on building and designing more sustainable and thriving communities.
- *Efficient Resource Management:* Actions focused on protecting the environment through efficient and responsible resource use.
- *Research and Innovation:* Actions that are innovative and unique.

- *Partnerships and Collaboration:* Actions that are successful because of partnerships and collaboration with external stakeholders.

Additional information on the Town's sustainability initiatives as well as a copy of the 2011 Green Plan Progress Report Card is available at: [www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability](http://www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability)

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