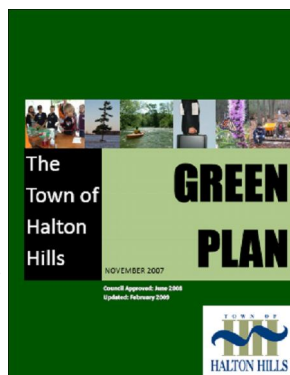




Green Plan Progress Report Card 2010

The Town of Halton Hills, its residents, businesses and institutions are on a journey. This journey is like no other. It is a journey towards sustainability. A journey towards a well planned and sustainable community that is a vibrant, diverse and prosperous place for people to live, work and play.







This journey began with the approval of the Town's first-ever Green Plan in the summer of 2008. Prepared by a multi-stakeholder Mayor's Green Plan Task Force, the Green Plan provides a compass for actions that can improve the community's environmental health and guide it towards sustainability.

This Green Plan Progress Report Card (2010) measures progress made by the Town (to date) in implementing the Green Plan's 70 recommendations. Its focus is on recent actions (i) taken by the Town; (ii) those in which the Town had a key role and (iii) those taken by external stakeholders cited within the Green Plan.

Classification of Recommendations

Each Green Plan recommendation has been classified into one of four categories, based on the degree to which it has been implemented. Four symbols are used to indicate the implementation status:

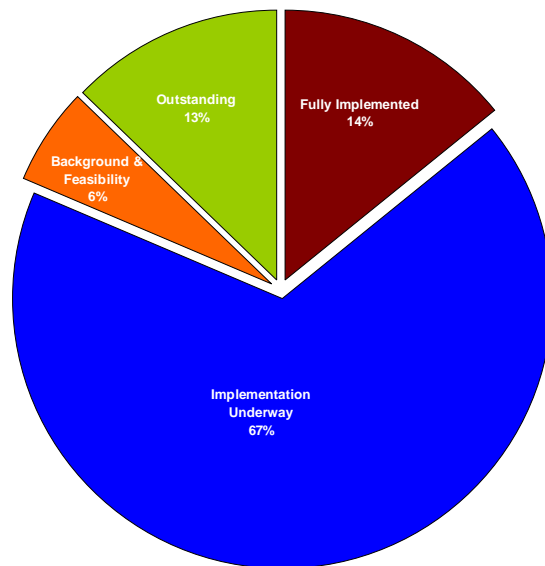
-  Recommendation has been fully implemented.
-  Recommendation is in the implementation phase, but has not yet been fully implemented.
-  Recommendation is currently under review and/or in the planning/feasibility stages.
-  Recommendation is outstanding.

Significant Achievement

While much remains to be accomplished, significant progress has been made in implementing the Green Plan, specifically:

- Action has been taken on 61 (87%) of the 70 recommendations.
- Ten (14%) of the recommendations have been fully implemented and require no further action aside from the ongoing 'maintenance' of any relevant initiatives.
- The bulk of the 70 recommendations are currently undergoing implementation. These 47 recommendations account for 67% of the total. While they are associated with specific initiatives, they have yet to be fully implemented.
- Those recommendations that are currently in the background research and feasibility stages account for 6% of the total.
- The nine outstanding recommendations account for 13% of the total.

Status of Green Plan Implementation



70 Recommendations

The status of each Green Plan recommendation is shown below. Relevant actions are highlighted next to the number of each recommendation which corresponds to each Green Plan recommendation. The text of each recommendation and detailed implementation information will be in Report No. PDS-2010-0068-anticipated for November 2010.

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- 27.** 
 - Sustainability Webpages & Intranet
 - Our Sustainability Journey newsletter
 - Earth Hour, WWF-Canada The Good Life, Count Me In Community Challenge, The Power Pledge Community Challenge
 - Sustainability at Halton Hills Hydro
 - Community Engagement & Presentations
- 28.** 
 - Widespread Community Awareness Campaign
- 29.** 
 - Halton Hills Idling Control By-law
- 30.** 
 - Community-Wide Anti-Idling Education/Awareness Campaign
- 31.** 
 - No plans to purchase Energy and Environmental Management System software to monitor energy performance.
- 32.** 
 - Air Quality Monitoring
- 33.** 
 - Ontario Cosmetic Pesticide Ban
 - Town Ban on Cosmetic Pesticide Use
- 34.** 
 - Communication system works without idling. Drivers instructed accordingly.
- 35.** 
 - Indoor Storage of Snow Plow Equipment
- 36.** 
 - Halton Region Low Flow Toilet Rebate Program
- 37.** 
 - Rain Barrel Sales: 2009 and 2010
- 38.** 
 - Georgetown Allotment Garden
 - Demonstration Local Food Garden
- 39.** 
 - LEED Building Policy, Town Projects
 - LEED Fire Stations and Libraries
 - Devereaux House Green Technologies
 - Green Development Checklist
- 40.** 
 - Green Meeting and Event Policy
 - Moving Towards Paperless Meetings
 - Default Double-Sided Printing
 - Recreation & Parks Online Registrations
- 41.** 
 - Biodiesel Use
 - Green Procurement Community
 - LED Traffic Lights Conversions
- 42.** 
 - LED Trail and Street Lights Pilot
 - Green Procurement
 - Green Facility Assessments
- 43.** 
 - Renewable Energy Purchase Feasibility
 - Community Energy Plan
 - Solar Power Feasibility Assessment
 - Renewable Energy Purchase
- 44.** 
 - Growing the Hybrid Vehicle Fleet
 - Fleet Efficiencies at Halton Hills Hydro
- 45.** 
 - Carbon Offsets and Drive Through Retrofits Research Report
- 46.** 
 - Staff Sustainability Team
 - Caught You Green Handed
 - Corporate Paradigm Shift Initiatives
- 47.** 
 - Sustainability Coordinator Position
- 48.** 
 - Smart Commute Initiative
 - Staff Engagement and Training
 - Webinars and Reduced Air Emissions
- 49.** 
 - No incentives for staff who purchase hybrid vehicles or implement energy audits.
- 50.** 
 - Increased Mileage in Town's Fleet
 - Battery Powered Ice Resurfer
 - Battery Powered Activan Feasibility
- 51.** 
 - Lower Emissions from Riding Mowers
 - Town Building Retrofits/Green Features

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- 52. • No push lawn mowers used at this time.
- 53. • Vehicle Right-Sizing
- 54. • Expanded Earth Day Celebrations
 - Cycling Master Plan
 - Pedestrian Charter
- 55. • Transportation Master Plan
 - Library Pedometer Lending Program
 - Smart Commute Initiative
- 56. • Environmental Impact Section of Reports
- 57. • Green Development Checklist
 - Community Improvement Plan
 - GO Station/Mill St. Area Secondary Plan
- 58. • Widespread Green Plan Distribution
- 59. • Energy Meter Rental Program
 - No carbon footprint calculated. May be developed via the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.
- 60. • FCM-Partners for Climate Protection
- 61. • No carrying capacity goal set for water use. Such a goal may be set via the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.
- 62. • No water reduction target set. Such a goal may be set via the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.
- 63. • No tree canopy inventory or increase goal. A 'Forest Management Strategy' is not currently planned.
 - Nearly 700 trees planted since 2008.
- 64. • Green Plan Progress Report Card Reporting Template
- 65. • Green Plan Progress Report Card

- 66.
 - GTA-Clean Air Council
 - Local Governments for Sustainability
 - FCM-Partners for Climate Protection
 - Council Resolution on Climate Change
 - Halton Partners for Clean Air
 - Regional Planning Commissioners
 - Sustainability Advisory Committee
 - GTA Environmental Coordinators
 - CVC Certificate of Merit
 - Halton Conservation: Award of Excellence
 - GTA-CAC Recognition of Achievement
- 67. • Green Meeting and Event Policy
- 68.
 - Hung Out To Dry Clothesline Initiative
 - Green Living Workshop Series
 - Environmental Library Collection
 - Library Audiobook Service
 - Online Library Subscriptions
 - Brownfield Remediation (CIP)
 - Share It Initiative
- 69. • Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)
- 70. • Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)

ACCOMPLISHMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **2** hybrid vehicles in the Town's fleet.
- **100m³** of material recycled at Town sportsfields.
- **300+** receive the sustainability newsletter.
- **500** businesses in the Shop Local campaign.
- **1,400** people took The Power Pledge.
- **1,900** rain barrels sold & **385,000L** of water saved.
- **3,500+** pounds of food purchased via the Halton Fresh Food Box program.
- **10,000** trees sold on Earth Days.
- **10,800** pounds of batteries collected.
- **15,000** homes could be powered for an hour from energy savings achieved from Earth Hour events.
- **31,000** electronic registrations for Town programs.
- **59,000** litres of water/day saved at splash pad.
- **700,000** kgs of GHGs saved via The Good Life.
- **2.7** million kWh of energy & **283,000** kgs of greenhouse gases (GHGs) saved via The Power Pledge.