

12 Facilitate a region-wide approach to sustainability



Around the world, urban regions are becoming connected across their constituent municipal boundaries to tackle pressing sustainability challenges, including greenhouse emissions reduction, climate resilience, transit and transportation, food security, waste management and watershed conservation. TRCA plays an important coordination role on matters that cross municipal boundaries. To achieve shared goals of a green, sustainable, prosperous region, TRCA must build on its history of bringing stakeholders together from across watersheds in the jurisdiction to ensure regional-scale cross boundary collaboration on today's challenges.

DESIRED OUTCOMES

1. TRCA initiatives are coordinated with member municipalities and partners to address the most important environmental issues in the jurisdiction.
2. Stakeholders across the region and within the jurisdiction collaborate effectively to advance action on sustainability issues with major, measurable impact.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS ACHIEVED (2013 – 2017)

- Launched the Regional Watershed Alliance, which serves as a forum for collaboration and information sharing on environmental issues across TRCA's jurisdiction.
- Assisted CivicAction in examining the future of regional collaboration for sustainability in the Toronto region.
- Engaged and supported member hospitals in TRCA's Greening Health Care program to achieve major GHG emissions reductions, water savings, energy savings and cost reductions.
- Established the Greater Golden Horseshoe Conservation Authorities Coalition, with other Conservation Authorities, to ensure a coordinated response on regional initiatives such as inter-jurisdictional infrastructure projects.

PROJECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS (2018 – 2022)

- Develop Master Service Agreements and Fee-For-Service Arrangements with member municipalities to help achieve their sustainability objectives.
- Publish the Living City Report Card and Watershed Report Cards to provide clear indicators of environmental health within the jurisdiction.
- Ensure that updated TRCA plans and strategies are leveraged in amendments to municipal official plans and in provincial and regional infrastructure initiatives.
- Expand the Partners and Project Green Eco-Zone program to include emerging employment areas in the jurisdiction subject to partner funding.

MEASURING PERFORMANCE

Indicators in the Watershed and Living City Report Cards will be used to measure success. Board reports on major projects such as The Meadoway, Bolton Camp Redevelopment, Scarborough Waterfront Environmental Assessment and others will track progress and ensure strong controls and monitoring of key TRCA and TRCF projects. The success of the projects will be tracked and reported to stakeholders through annual reporting.