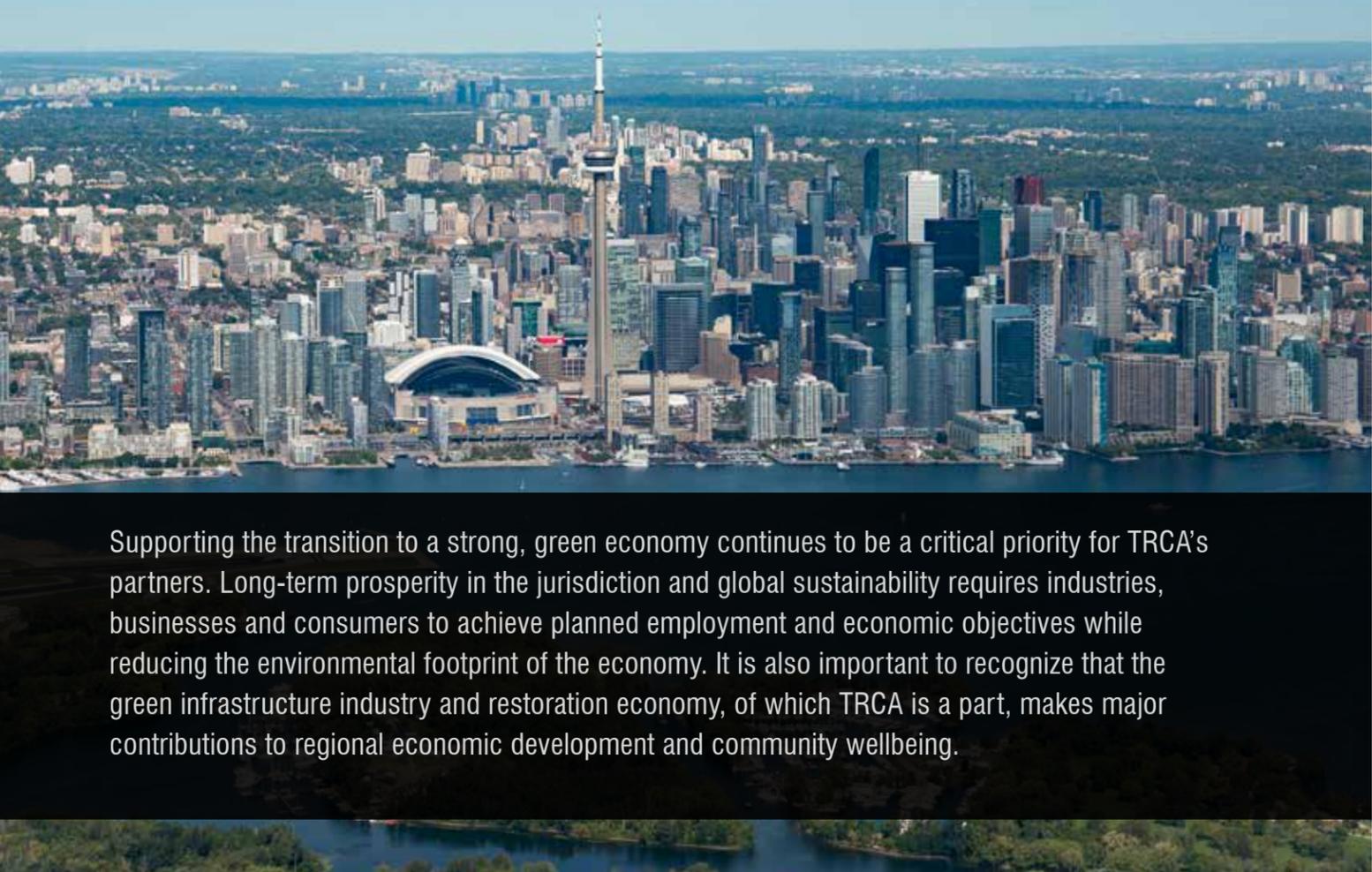


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Green the Toronto region's economy



Supporting the transition to a strong, green economy continues to be a critical priority for TRCA's partners. Long-term prosperity in the jurisdiction and global sustainability requires industries, businesses and consumers to achieve planned employment and economic objectives while reducing the environmental footprint of the economy. It is also important to recognize that the green infrastructure industry and restoration economy, of which TRCA is a part, makes major contributions to regional economic development and community wellbeing.

DESIRED OUTCOMES

1. Sustainability measures implemented in all major new developments and in retrofits of existing developments to reduce environmental impacts.
2. Ecologically sound agricultural practices on TRCA managed lands in support of community economic development and agricultural viability objectives.
3. Green infrastructure projects and training programs to support governments and industry in their efforts to renew and deliver efficient and resilient infrastructure in more sustainable new developments and in neighbourhood retrofits.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS ACHIEVED (2013 – 2017)

- Facilitated the market adoption of effective new green building practices and technologies throughout the jurisdiction. For example, in partnership with industry, TRCA piloted new construction technologies at The Living City Campus at Kortright Centre for Conservation; encouraged the adoption of more sustainable practices and new building technologies in new developments (e.g., Toronto Waterfront), and designed a new head office that demonstrates leadership in green office building design and construction.
- Helped create and strengthen partnerships between public, private, institutions and non-profit sectors to support the adoption of green infrastructure policy and investments by senior levels of government across the jurisdiction through the Green Infrastructure Ontario Coalition, Eco Health Ontario and the Ontario Climate Consortium.
- Demonstrated TRCA's commitment and capacity for helping newcomers and professionals with environmental expertise enter the workforce to support required green industry niches/skills through the Professional Access Into Employment (PAIE) program and through expert training sessions such as the TRCA and International Erosion Control Association (TRIECA) Conference.

PROJECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS (2018 – 2022)

- Be at the forefront of providing input into the development of provincial and municipal policies and guidelines relating to land use and environmental planning and sustainable development related to TRCA's core objectives.
- Expand TRCA's fee-for-service work for governmental, private sector and not-for-profit stakeholders, to facilitate the efficient delivery of green infrastructure and sustainability projects in areas of TRCA expertise.
- Seize opportunities for integrating more sustainable technologies and sustainable development certifications in the design and construction of new development and in retrofits of existing communities in the jurisdiction.
- Expand the Partners in Project Green Eco-Zone program to include emerging employment areas across the jurisdiction subject to partner funding.

MEASURING PERFORMANCE

TRCA will track the environmental performance, greenhouse gas reduction, energy conservation and cost savings of stakeholders and partners who participate in our programs. Progress and success will be tracked and measured through TRCA's Business Intelligence Tool (BIT).