

## TRANSFORMING EXISTING NEIGHBOURHOODS INTO GREENER, HEALTHIER PLACES TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY

### SNAP - An Action Plan for Change

**The Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP)** is a program to help established communities become more environmentally friendly and prepare for climate change. The SNAP brings together residents, businesses, community groups and government agencies to develop a science-based action plan for change that fits the needs of the neighbourhood. In partnership with the City of Mississauga, Region of Peel, and local residents and businesses, Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) is leading a SNAP for the “Burnhamthorpe” Neighbourhood in Mississauga, Ontario.

### What will SNAP include?

The Burnhamthorpe SNAP will build on Mississauga's Living Green initiatives and help to prepare the neighbourhood for climate change and transform it to be a greener, healthier place to live work and play.

The Burnhamthorpe SNAP will find the best ways to:

- increase tree cover for shade, shelter and improved local air quality
- enhance parks and natural areas for the community to enjoy
- better manage rainwater to reduce pollution and localized flooding
- promote healthy, green forms of transportation including walking, cycling and public transit
- encourage water conservation, sustainable landscaping and the use of rain water for irrigation
- help residents and businesses save money by conserving energy and/or generating renewable energy



### Burnhamthorpe SNAP Study Area



### About the Burnhamthorpe Community

Located in Mississauga's east end, the Burnhamthorpe area is bound by Bloor Street W in the south, Eastgate Parkway and Mississauga's future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor in the north, Dixie Road in the west, and the Etobicoke Creek (west branch) in the east. It is a large community with a very diverse population of over 21,000 people. The area is made up of many smaller established neighbourhoods with different types of housing. The community is served by a few commercial strip plazas and malls, a community centre, library, schools, places of worship and many beautiful parks and trails.

### Creating the SNAP

The SNAP is created through a three-part process that includes data collection, engaging residents and businesses and evaluating options. to create a final local plan.

#### Phase 1

Review the current conditions



Identify areas for action → Immediate actions!

#### Phase 2

Integrated options



Evaluate and compare

#### Phase 3

Action Plan & Business Case → Ways to overcome barriers

**To learn more about the SNAP projects or to discuss partnership opportunities contact:**

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### Partners Wanted!

Community support and strong partnerships are key ingredients in the success of the Burnhamthorpe SNAP. We would welcome the opportunity to work with local groups, individuals and businesses on the development and implementation of the plan. On- the-ground demonstration projects such as rainwater harvesting, eco-friendly landscaping, tree plantings, or energy and water conservation measures will also be a part of the SNAP's outreach component. We would welcome the opportunity to work with local partners on these or other projects that showcase environmental change in the community.



### Do you live or work in this neighbourhood?

**Get Involved!** We want to get local residents and businesses involved in developing the Burnhamthorpe SNAP. We will be holding community meetings, events, and fun local activities. Come out and meet your neighbours! Check our website regularly for information on upcoming activities and initiatives.

