

Environment Strategy

Program: Federal Gas Tax Fund

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

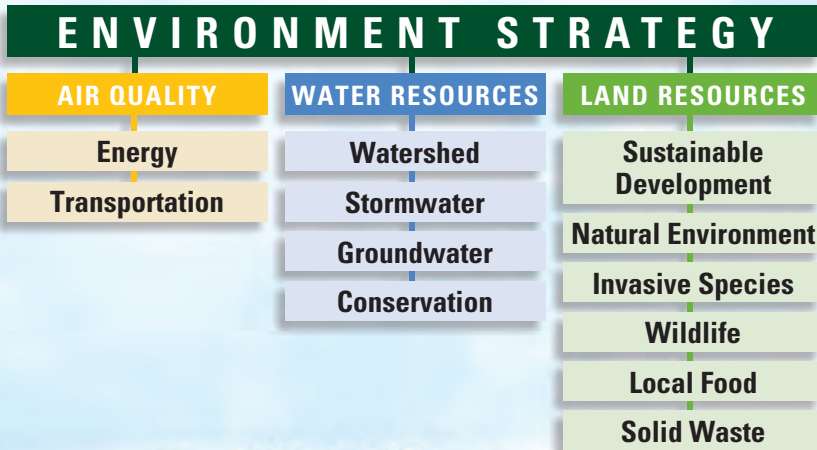
In 2013 and 2014, Richmond Hill used a portion of its Gas Tax funding to improve integrated community sustainability planning by developing our first Environment Strategy.



Richmond Hill's first Environment Strategy - *Greening the Hill: Our Community, Our Future* - was approved in 2014. Developed in consultation with the community, *Greening the Hill* builds on the many successful, award winning environmental initiatives already underway and creates new opportunities to protect, enhance and restore our natural environment.

The Environment Strategy was developed through a five-phase process and lays out the vision, mission, goals, objectives and strategic actions necessary to manage our natural environment in keeping with Richmond Hill's Strategic and Official Plans.

The Environment Strategy is divided into a number of focus and sub-focus areas, each with their own goals and objectives.



Project Highlights:

Shared federal and municipal investment in integrated community sustainability planning in Richmond Hill.

Features of the Environment Strategy:

- Vision, goals, objectives and actions to manage Richmond Hill's natural environment
- Implementation Plan with actions, roles, responsibilities and performance measures
- Emphasis on Environmental Communication Strategy to promote public awareness about the environment and what we can do as a community to protect it
- Environmental scorecard to report ongoing progress



OUR VISION

Richmond Hill: a community that protects, enhances and restores its natural environment.

OUR MISSION

To become a more environmentally sustainable community; to protect, enhance and restore Richmond Hill's natural environment through responsible community development, sound municipal management and community programming.



Richmond Hill, where people come together to build our community.

PROJECT FACTS



Project Budget:	\$200 000
Federal Gas Tax Fund Contribution:	\$200 000
Completion Date:	April 2014

GUIDING DIRECTIONS

Seven guiding principles emerged during the development of the Environment Strategy. Together these guiding directions and the actions contained in Richmond Hill's Environment Strategy align with our community's broadest aspirations and values.

What We Will Do

Direction 1 | Air Quality

Richmond Hill will improve local air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through healthy, connected and efficient communities.

Direction 2 | Water Resources

Richmond Hill will protect and restore natural water system health and function.

Direction 3 | Land Resources

Richmond Hill will protect, enhance and restore the natural environment through the wise management of land resources.



How We Will Act

Direction 4 | Education and Outreach

Richmond Hill will foster a community that values the environment and makes active decisions to protect it in daily life.

Direction 5 | Partnerships

Richmond Hill will participate in mutually beneficial partnerships by collaborating with communities, stakeholders and agencies to further our environmental goals and objectives.

Direction 6 | Connected Communities

Richmond Hill will support the development of communities connected through natural systems and active transportation networks.

Direction 7 | Accountability

Richmond Hill will demonstrate continual progress towards our environmental goals.



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