

Municipality of Clarington

# Living Green



Community Advisory Committee

April 12, 2010





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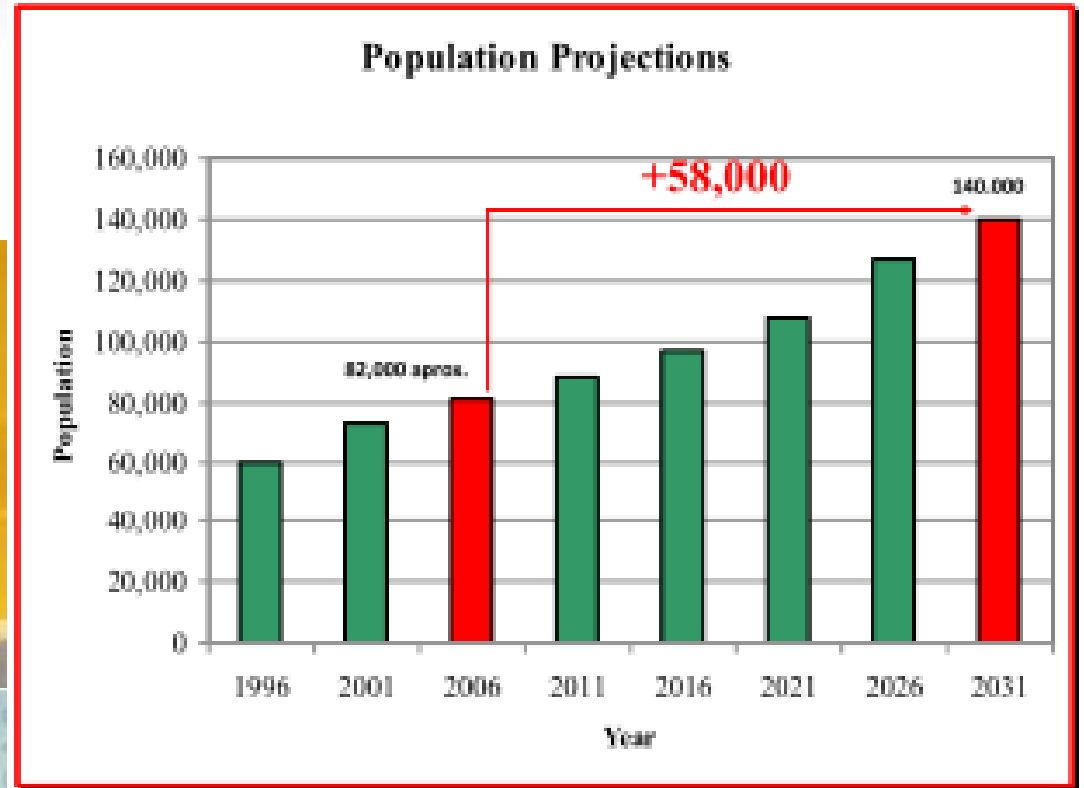
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# WHY A GREEN COMMUNITY STRATEGY?





# HOW WAS THE STRATEGY CREATED

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- Review of other community 'green' strategies
- Committee brainstorming sessions
- Youth Workshop
- Input from Official Plan Review consultation process



## HOW WILL THE GREEN STRATEGY HELP US?

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- Ensure that as the municipality grows we deal with issues of energy conservation and climate change
- Challenges development industry to think about sustainable development including subdivision design, landscaping and energy consumption
- Raise awareness about energy conservation

# GREEN COMMUNITY STRATEGY *draft*

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## **GREEN COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

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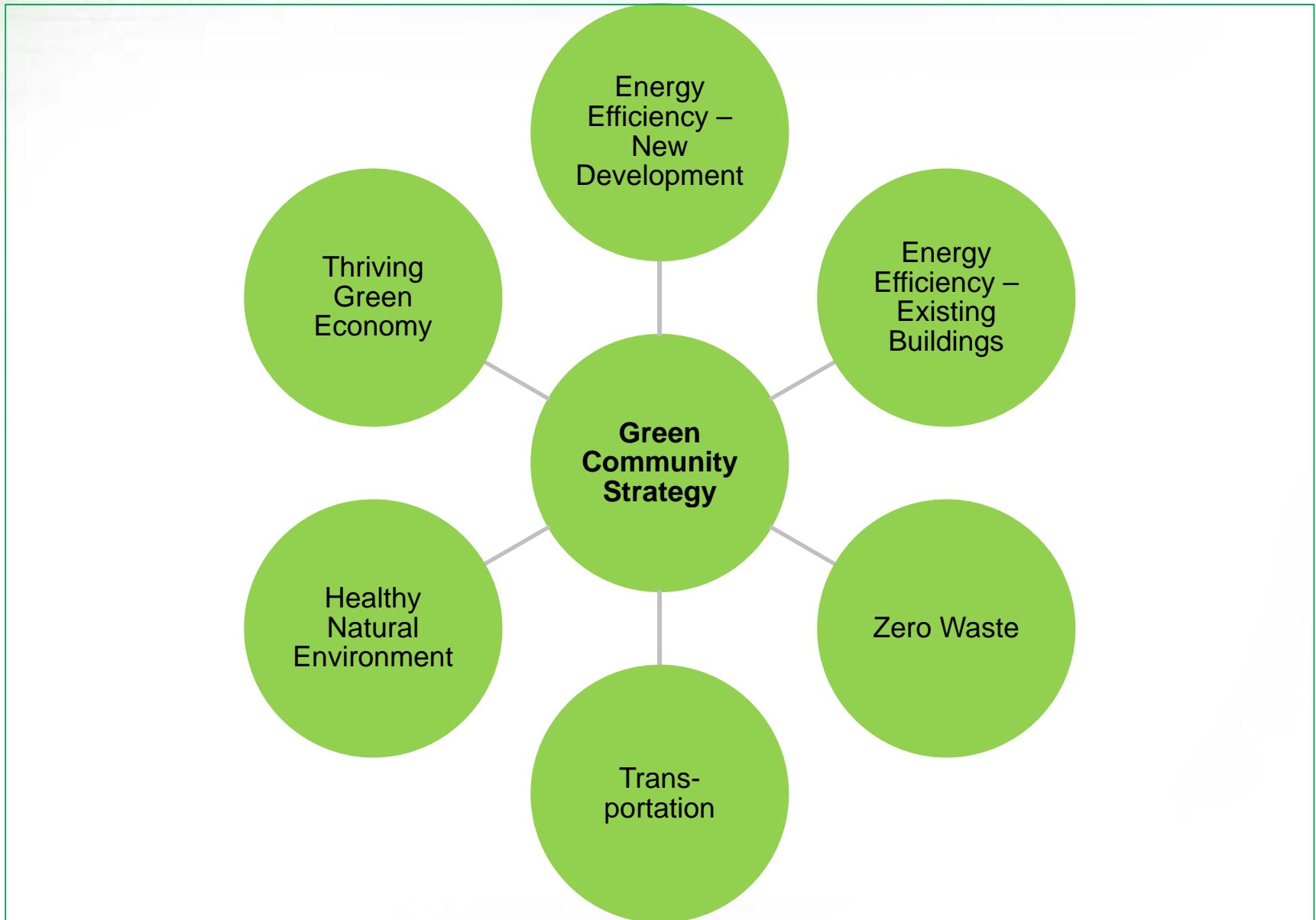
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# STRATEGY PRIORITIES



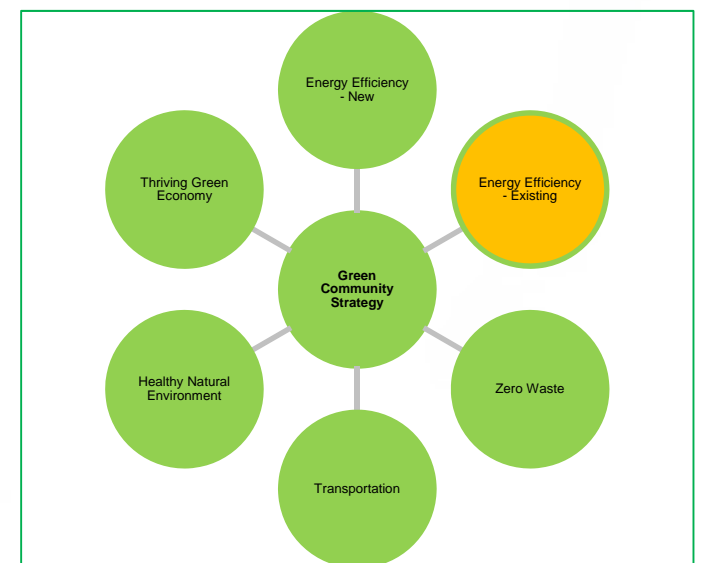
# ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN NEW DEVELOPMENTS

- In consultation with the development industry, encourage the Municipality to create and adopt a Green Building Code for new developments based on the highest accepted industry standards.
- Encourage the Municipality to review existing Municipal policies and by-laws that apply to new developments and identify opportunities for green focused amendments.
- Investigate the possibility of an alternative energy saving streetlight project.
- Encourage the Municipality to provide priority permitting for green buildings that exceed industry standards.



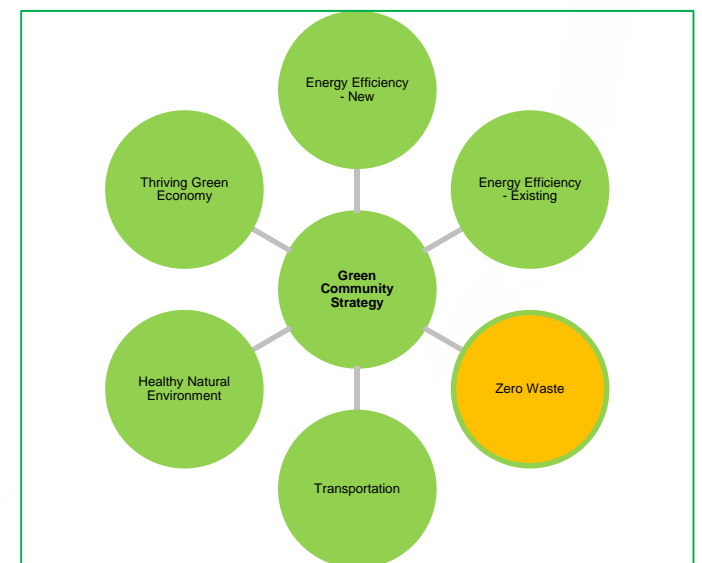
# ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN EXISTING BUILDINGS

- Lead by example; retrofit existing Municipal buildings where feasible.
- Amend local policy to encourage and support energy efficient upgrades to existing buildings and neighbourhoods.
- Encourage green building retrofits and energy saving devices for homes and businesses.
- Partner with Local Distribution Companies to offer public seminars and information packages.



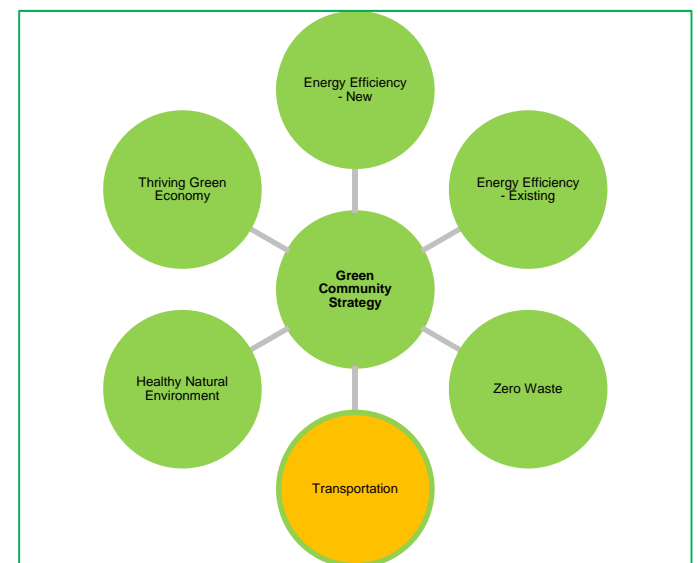
# ZERO WASTE

- Work with Durham Region to develop tools to encourage and evaluate responsible waste management.
- Promote programs that encourage a culture of zero waste.
- Advocate for waste reduction laws and policies at Provincial and Federal government levels.
- Implement policies that require reusable, recyclable or compostable packaging and other similar items at all public facilities including schools and at all municipally sanctioned events.



# TRANSPORTATION

- To promote active and healthy modes of transportation.
- Work in partnership with transit agencies, schools, the private sector, existing riders and the general public to improve public transit within Clarington.
- To reduce traffic congestion and unnecessary idling.
- Enable low emission mobility for vehicles within Clarington.



# HEALTHY NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- Support the public health and environmental benefits of locally grown organic foods.
- Improve air quality by reducing pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Encourage the planting of native species for a healthy natural environment.
- Every year, identify one product, chemical or compound that is used within the Municipality that represents the greatest risk to human health and reduce or eliminate its use by the Municipal government.
- Preserve our surface water and groundwater resources through water stewardship practices to reduce the opportunities for pollutants to enter our ecosystem.



# THRIVING GREEN ECONOMY

- Create a green economic development strategy.
- In partnership with the Clarington Board of Trade and the BIAs, help businesses go green and attract existing green businesses to locate in Clarington.
- Educate residents about Clarington's green economy
- Create green jobs
- Invest in programs and improvements that will allow and encourage residents to shop locally.





# NEXT STEPS

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- Release for public review and comment
- Document available at:
  - [www.bluetogreen.clarington.net](http://www.bluetogreen.clarington.net)
  - [www.clarington.net/ourplan](http://www.clarington.net/ourplan)
  - Clarington Public Library
  - Planning Services Department
  - Clarington Board of Trade
- Public Information Session
- Final Strategy presented to Council in June 2010

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## THANK YOU

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