

Source of Comment	Comment Date	Comment	Consideration of Comment	Updated in V3
Community Meeting	7-Sep-11	<p>Include a summary on progress since the last ESP to help evaluate how and what has been done since 2005.</p> <p>Concern that there is no mention of biodiversity or connectivity.</p> <p>Is one page enough for the next steps?</p> <p>Concern that Council won't make decisions in accordance with the principles. Looking for a document to help and guide Council with decision-making</p> <p>Curious to know how this fits in with the Council Strategic Plan</p> <p>Suggestions to make the vision more active were made</p> <p>Change the term "model" to "innovative"? Or livable? Or include an idea about leadership?</p> <p>The term "capacity building" was unclear to some</p> <p>We need to be clear about who the principles are for – are they for Council? For the community? For both?</p> <p>Could the term "stewards", not "advocates" be used?</p> <p>Could we add back in "geographic and administrative boundaries"?</p> <p>Like the way that Goals were shortened</p> <p>Goal #1: Change "resources" to "environment"?</p> <p>Goal #2: Add "and waste consumption"</p> <p>Goal #3: Make it more active by changing "work towards" to "establish"?</p>		
Community Meeting	7-Sep-11	<p>Some of the ideas that were raised for new actions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas to reduce surface parking • Ideas to reduce lot sizes • Indoor air quality • No paved trails • Active transportation, including 8-80 Cities • Land use approval and permitting: enhanced sustainability screen as in Canmore, Alberta (perhaps under Goal #6) • Low impact development for stormwater management • Inclusion of actions from the Wildlife Management Plan • Grey water <p>Other ideas included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate and highlight what's been done to-date • Include references to the other Master Plans • Ensure that the Town has jurisdiction over the actions that are included • Include others in brainstorming – HEN, Oakville Hydro, local firms, Sheridan, etc. • Use working groups or task forces to help brainstorm specific ideas/annual work plans. This has been done in Whistler. • Look at the work of other communities – Environmental Coordinators Network, Regional Sustainability Committee, GTA Clean Air Council, etc. 	Included Actions where possible	
Community Meeting	31-Oct-11	<p>Oakvillegreen concerns: We of course, agree with Goal 3- To Establish an Environmentally Friendly Transportation Network, however, we are concerned about developing 3m wide, paved, multi-use trails with 1 m mowed buffers through the NHS. As you may recall, we convinced Council to approve the TMP without approving the North Oakville East Trails portion of it. We know that Parks will be bringing the trails plan back to Council in November and we fear it is largely unchanged. The purpose of the NHS is to protect the ecological integrity of North Oakville's natural areas and this can't be accomplished if we pave it over. Parks, open space and roads can be used for active transportation. The NHS should not. I know the ESP doesn't address this specifically but we cannot "protect and enhance" our natural areas if we make every greenspace a playground for people.</p>	-	-

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		Oakvillegreen concerns: Under Goal 4, 4.2.2 we are pleased to that you are considering developing a road ecology strategy for the Town and under Goal 1 1.1.5 that you are researching and implementing options for enhancing wildlife corridors. We hope these two items will come together to provide guidance about developing Eco-Passages for wildlife for roads being built around the community but especially through the NHS. Many of the critical linkages are criss-crossed by roads and numerous significant habitats are also bisected by them. If we don't want the NHS to become simply a feeder for the killing fields of the road network, we need to look at designing roads and creating eco-passages that will direct animal crossings to safe zones.	-	-
Email	1-Nov-11	I have done a quick read of the document and from a Horticultural perspective, I am pleased with the Forestry component but feel the general horticultural component is lacking. As the Horticultural Society is attempting to demonstrate with the Anderson Parkette biodiverse waterwise garden, our public gardens can do much more to support wildlife and a healthy eco system. The Parks and Rec Dept should be working to improve watering practices and plant selection - not just to naturalize spaces (which is equally important,) but to enhance spaces with an 'Environment First' approach. From how plants are raised in the greenhouse, to plant selection and garden design, there is much that can be done here.	And update 6.1.5 to include greenhouse operations	completed
		I am glad to see the Town is considering an invasive species monitoring program. I would like to see it not as a monitoring program, but a management program. We can watch all we'd like, but there should be action connected with that program.	-	-
		I objectives under Goal 4 a bit problematic from an Environmental Perspective- While it is important "To create and support a healthy, resilient community " Objective 4.4 does not seem appropriate as written and may or may not benefit the environment and a healthy community. That is more appropriate in a public health plan, not the ESP.	Will be addressed in ICSP	-
Email	1-Nov-11	the overall tone of the report implies that the future will be a kind of extension of the past; however, everything we now know about depleting resources, discontinuous ecosystem degradation, energy prices (and the knock-on effects of those), economic insecurity, etc suggests that the next 5 years are probably going to be strikingly unlike the past 5. The report could have done more to proactively identify and address these emerging challenges, many of which were spelled out in last year's report of the Mayor's Advisory Group on Sustainability, chaired by Councillor Alan Elgar, which I sincerely hope you had a chance to read and reflect on, because it has huge implications for what we do here in Oakville. In particular, we should be carefully identifying how to protect and enhance key dimensions of community resilience that will allow us to successfully weather anticipated economic/ecological 'shocks', in a way that builds community and equity.	MAG Report - not available Develop additional context to discuss trends in next five years - yes, include, plus put Oakville in global context Donna to send some text from the SOER update to include - early next week	Addition of description of potential for events that are contrary to business as usual to Section 3 - Context
		the report is largely silent on issues of environmental equity and justice. While we are fortunate to have a wonderful and well-resourced community here, there are many residents living in relative poverty, substandard housing, at the margins of society. Any studies ever done on these issues show that negative environmental exposures are highest among racialized and economically marginalized groups, partly by virtue of where they live (e.g., closer to major roads) and work (e.g., precarious employment with more toxic exposures). These issues may be more muted in relatively affluent Oakville, but they are by no means absent.	Will be addressed in ICSP	-
		Oakville could more explicitly embrace a 'green jobs for all' strategy by working with community/NGO partners to implement energy retrofits in a way that enhances the economic inclusion of racialized and marginalized communities who currently face multiple barriers to employment. We have a huge stock of uninsulated housing in Oakville (as well as municipal buildings) that could be retrofitted in tandem with federal incentives and local groups. Working with Futurewatch, ECO, Blue Green Canada, Halton Multicultural Council, local ethnocultural associations, and other partners, we could implement a program and set of policies that would meet economic development, environmental, and social inclusion goals simultaneously. Again, we would be a leader in Canada on these issues, outshining even Toronto which has until recently been a leader on these issues.	Will be addressed in ICSP	-

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		several of the targets (e.g. 6% reduction in GHG emissions over 2004 levels by 2014) strike me as much too modest, despite the additional challenge of achieving these reductions in the context of rapid suburban growth north of Hwy 5. Scientific consensus is emerging about the need for an 80% reduction by 2050 and the need to achieve much of this early because of the compounding effects of several tipping points (positive forcings that could be triggered relatively soon under business-as-usual emissions scenarios). It's also not clear that the emissions targets take into account the full lifecycle impacts of proposed actions (e.g. replacing part of the fleet of municipal vehicles with hybrids should take into account the much larger initial carbon/ecological impact of producing hybrids, that are only offset by lower emissions over the full operating life of the vehicles - ie not by 2014). These are not just semantic issues - the failure to properly account for / measure impacts carries the potential to be doing more harm than good.	Need to clarify community vs. corporate energy plans Finance is looking at full life cycle accounting, but won't be addressed in ESP	√
		my sense if that a lot of good environmental work, study, and guidelines are over-ridden in day-to-day planning and development work because environmental protection lacks legal teeth and is trumped by other (economic, development, etc) considerations. Specific high-profile exceptions (where nature has been protected/put first) doesn't fully overcome the fact that most environmental damage is the result of small incremental everyday decisions related to planning, permitting, etc. I appreciate that some/much of this is driven by higher levels of jurisdiction, meaning that to some extent the Town's hands are tied. Nevertheless, it is my opinion that the environment will continue to suffer (despite lots of good intentions and studies) until such time as environmental protection is a legally binding priority that applies to all decision-making across the full range of municipal and regional departments	-	-
		your stormwater and runoff management plan should include provisions to allow for (and indeed encourage) permeable paving and on-site water capture (rain barrels, grey water management/recycling, etc). On this note, I was happy to see (modest) provisions for on-site grey water use in limited public sites in the report. This should be expanded to allow appropriate grey water diversion in private homes, as long as they meet accepted public health criteria	Ontario Building Code	-
		a vigorous campaign to discourage downtown businesses on Lakeshore from leaving their main doors open winter and summer should be undertaken as part of this plan. This widespread practice is an embarrassment to all who understand the egregious environmental impacts of heating and cooling buildings with doors wide open. This kind of initiative should be part and parcel of attempts to address energy waste and GHG emissions, and should be undertaken in partnership with local e-NGOs, the downtown BIA and Chamber of Commerce (if they can be persuaded to participate)	Program in place	-
		blue bin and green bin programs need to be extended to local businesses. Restaurants, for example, generate a huge amount of food waste that currently goes to landfill rather than to the green bin program.	Regional mandate	-
		the Town needs to consider what is required to shift cycling in Oakville from a mainly recreational pursuit to a viable mode of transportation. I'm often struck by the very different cultures in Toronto and Oakville when it comes to cycling. I'm pleased to see many recommended initiatives in the report that take us in that direction. Neighbourhood planning and design (layout) should be one of them.	Complete streets is in the ESP;strengthen ATMP linkages (see Dave Bloomer's comments)	Incorporated staff comments
		unpopular as it is, additional attention needs to be paid to enforcement. Recent examples of Town inaction on private tree destruction (despite the provision of photographic evidence) show how demoralized residents can get trying to protect our natural heritage when bylaws that are on the books are inconsistently or inadequately enforced. I realize the Mayor has taken subsequent steps to beef up the Tree Bylaw, and this is welcome.	Environmental officer in place - Donna to double-check with Darnell	Incorporated staff comments

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		This report and the consultation around it is a great example of the need for more public awareness about these initiatives. I would be willing to wager that only a tiny fraction of our residents have any idea of how proactive and extensive these proposed (and current) initiatives are	Consider adding more text on engagement/communications to highlight ongoing work; focus on partnerships	Addition of Section 6.4 - Continued Environmental Education to reinforce this point
Email	5-Nov-11	An excellent overview of the issues around financing of energy retro-fits in the Star, as quoted below. I am still convinced that a pilot program in Oakville, without changes to provincial legislation, is viable and necessary. Unless we act on initiatives like this in the short term, we will not meet our GHG emission reduction targets. http://www.thestar.com/business/cleanbreak/article/1081639--hamilton-time-to-reboot-ontario-s-approach-to-energy-conservation	-	-
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Has prepared information for discussion surrounding creek inputs, sedimentation and fish populations	See below	
		<i>Refer to hard copy handout for full text</i>		
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Has looked at 2005 Environmental Strategic Plan and identified gaps concerning Oakville waterways	See below	
		<i>Refer to hard copy handout for full text</i>		
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Shared feeling of success about level of implementation of 2005 Environmental Strategic Plan. Enquired about Climate Change Adaptation Plan: led by town, steering committee has been created, Plan to be created by mid-2012, in total will be a 2 year process.	Include Climate Change Adaptation Plan in Appendix once complete	not to be complete until 2012
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Is the Sustainable Procurement Handbook meant to be guidelines or enforcement? How does this work? Where are the "teeth"? How do we help to implement these guidelines?	-	-
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Sometimes the only "teeth" to these initiatives can come through by-laws and legal implications.	-	-
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Would like to know the difference between the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan and the Environmental Strategic Plan. Where is the overlap, where are they independent?	-	-
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	How does sustainability fit into Vision 2057?	-	-
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Would it be helpful to "spell out" the potential disaster scenarios that may motivate the Town to set more useful targets? What are the resources available to help hit emission reduction targets? Partnerships? "The world could be a very different place in 2057"	Include additional descriptive text in Section 4 to illustrate that the next five years will not necessarily be business as usual.	completed - additional text included in Context section
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	We may require advocacy to higher levels of government and additional provincial legislation to allow municipally distinct codes to achieve some goals that the municipality does not currently have control over.	Included in principles	-
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Carbon Credits or Energy Offsets versus investment of same money in local programs to reduce emissions. General consensus of discussion was that in order to improve your own environment, spending the money in your own community is most effective and may have the added benefit of creating jobs in the process.	Include in update of CEP.	-
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Discussion of the potential to use 3 rd party financing to finance home energy retrofits which would eventually pay for themselves through the savings incurred through efficiency increases. Capital would be required from a third party financial institution to "kick start" these home retrofits. Identified that capital would be needed to define the program, advertise it, and build partnerships. One difficulty identified is negotiating repayment of loans.	Covered in action 2.2.11 and in Appendix C.	-

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Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	In the ESP Update action plan there are sometimes multiple departments designated as responsible for an initiative. This could make it difficult to understand/negotiate who the lead is, and to establish accountability and ownership by departments. One suggestion to remedy this was to bold the lead department, and include other departments that may be involved below the lead department.	Update action plan tables to bold lead department.	Donna's later comment indicates that this should be disregarded
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Where will the budgetary money come from to support these initiatives?	Donna has added some new text to back	Text received from Donna was incorporated in V3
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing initiatives already have allocated budget • Initiatives that are under master plans have been budgeted for • Initiatives that are not part ongoing or part of master plans do not yet have budget allocated 		
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	How are community partners identified, why are they not explicitly defined in the action plan tables?	-	-
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Emphasis that this will act as a living document that is subject to change in the future and this may be why we don't want to explicitly state community partner names as they may change.	-	Added text in Section 6.2 and the preamble
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Provided Association of Oakville Harbour Stakeholders document outlining 5 proposed additions to the Environmental Strategic Plan Update.	Evaluate the ideas provided by Mike and incorporate, where applicable, into Objective 1.3	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idea #1: add TSS and turbidity units for creek monitoring – page 37 	#1: Suggest including	Included as part of performance measures for 1.3.10
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idea #2: add ESC guidelines to Section 6 and 1.3.10 	#2: Suggest including as an example in App B; no need to edit 1.3.10	-
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idea #3: add new objective under 1.3 for flood plain design 	#3: Appears to be CH mandate; Donna to explore	-
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idea #4: add new objective under 1.3 to address erosion 	#4: will be looked at as part of the sedimentation study	-
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idea #5: add new objective under 1.3 to address set-backs from top-of-banks creeks 	#5: Livable Oakville has looked into this already; not going to be incorporated at this time	-
		Indicated that the Clean Marine Program needs a procedures manual.	Already exists - Trisha will send Mike an email with the status of this initiative	-
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Will be sending a list of comments on entire ESP Update Draft	-	-
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	It should be a priority to investigate the creation of by-laws enabling permeable paved surfaces such as driveways etc. Requirement that infill be designed and built with the use of permeable surfaces.	-	-
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Must consider how to best communicate initiatives to the public. A better job must be done communicating what has been done and what is planned.	Section 5.1 is all about this; see new text 5.1.4 re: partnership	Addressed through the addition of 5.1.4 by Oakville comment and new text in Section 6.4 to reinforce this point
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	A suburban food policy should be investigated to support locally grown food and provide equitable access to local fresh food.	As per Donna's comment: Local food should not be expanded – I've made	-

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		There should be more specific actions about food incorporated into the ESP update. These could include: opportunities to grow food, distribution of food, environmental equity, education.	some changes to the wording of the action which will be fine	
		A subsidy for local organic food in Oakville could be considered.		
		It was suggested that Bronte Creek Provincial park could be used as an area for community orchards and garden plots through a partnership between the park and the town. This brought up the issue of accessibility (community plots are more likely to be utilized if they are easy to get to)		
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	How can environmental initiatives be communicated to the public effectively? How can people be kept informed? Social media, print media, community outreach?	Evaluate communication strategy, include more actions for communication opportunities	Addition of subsection in 6.4 - Continued Environmental Education
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Some of the performance measures outlined in the plan are not very applicable. These need to be evaluated more critically to make sure that they are meaningful and reflect the end goals of the actions.	Re-evaluate and re-align performance measures with actions and goals.	completed
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Would like to know how the criteria were established for Appendix C, and what the linkages were between the appendix and the plan. Other comments about appendix C were that some of the ideas were very innovative and exciting, and would like to integrate them more as actions in the plan.	Consider summarizing the criteria by which case studies were evaluated for inclusion.	Completed; extracted from ESP. Attached as a stand alone document
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	The air quality and energy actions need more meaningful performance measures. There should be more public education about the anti-idling bylaw. Consider integrating an action surrounding the consideration of traffic circles in the planning process.	Re-evaluate and re-align performance measures with actions and goals.	Completed
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Action around the monitoring of overall and peak energy use by the Town.	Re-evaluate and re-align performance measures with actions and goals.	Completed
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Creation of mandatory environmental service hours for high school students, similar to the current requirement of 40 community service hours for students to graduate.	-	-
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Local and organic food is also a priority of Halton Region, is it possible to incorporate their initiatives and programs in order to collaborate and build of current successes?	See above	included by revising 4.1.3
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Development of a suburban food related policy? An overarching policy to guide a cohesive organic local food strategy	See above	included by revising 4.1.3
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	The public doesn't really understand what the municipality is trying to accomplish with the Environmental Strategic Plan and environmental initiatives. We need to go beyond the passion of the committee to get the message to regular people and get them concerned. It is hard to get the message out, how do we connect with people?	-	Included a new Section 6.4 on Continued Environmental Education

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Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	Action 2.2.11, the current long term objective is insufficient. It could be: to examine whether it is practical to create a pilot program with existing mechanisms. Would like the performance measures to have concrete, measureable numbers as their targets, so that success can be determined more definitively.	Re-evaluate and re-align performance measures with actions and goals.	completed
Community Meeting	3-Nov-11	The hard part of this process will be the implementation phase and the creation of enough public will to support these initiatives.	TBD	-
Email	5-Nov-11	1.1.7 - It is going to be important to put in place actual plans for naturalizing our public places. It is not sufficient to stop mowing areas of the parks. It would be prudent to post an actual naturalization plan in the public space being naturalized	consider adding text on public education to 1.1.7	mostly covered by 1.1.7, added text on public education
Email	5-Nov-11	1.3 - I agree with the presentation by the Harbours Group on the importance of preventing sedimentation entering our waterways. Objectives 1.3.6 and 1.3.10 are very important. With the future growth of Oakville this should be addressed as quickly as possible. The issue of funding of dredging projects is something that should be discussed by a number of parties, including developers.	no action required	-
Email	5-Nov-11	1.4 - I am pleased to see that the importance of traffic flow has been recognized. If we can keep the traffic moving it should help to lower emissions. One area that I see as a large source of emissions is the large number of parents taking and picking up their children from the various schools. These trips are sometimes short in duration and the traffic jams that is caused is a definite source of fine particulate emissions. One way to decrease the number of vehicle trips would be to offer free or reduced fare trips to seniors during off peak hours. This would also support Goal 3.1.3	covered by 3.1.3	-