

2022 CLIMATE CHANGE REPORT CARD

MEASURING OUR PROGRESS

Completed

In Progress

Not Started

EDUCATION

Add and maintain a climate change page to our website

Make climate change a theme for social media posts

Model climate change actions and behaviours

Review and amend job descriptions to include responsibilities related to climate change

Include climate change activities in workplans

Be an active participant on local climate change initiatives

Facilitate discussions with Municipalities to share best practices, strategies, and measures

Support climate change initiatives undertaken by partner municipalities

Investigate options for undertaking climate change vulnerability assessments

Continue with data collection programs and enhance ability to manage and share data

Identify linkages between monitoring data and climate change impacts

Incorporate climate change messaging into all education programs and events

Develop public information products related to climate change impacts.



Organizational climate change actions and content included in events, media releases, and social media campaigns #ClimateAction



Partnered with municipal staff to support tree planting projects and pollinator habitat enhancement



Staff attended training and provided technical support to municipalities for Low Impact Development review.



Purchasing Policy updated to encourage sourcing and procurement of environmental products & services



Floodplain Mapping Implementation Strategy updated to prioritize the creation of flood risk maps to account for future climate scenarios

ADAPTATION

Initiate a policy review process to identify opportunities to integrate climate change adaptation

Initiate program/service review to identify and integrate climate change adaptation

Review the Official Plan updates, Land Use Planning policies and documents and to include climate change considerations in our comments

Quantify the future impacts of climate change on floodplain mapping

Investigate partnership opportunities with municipalities and other partners to implement projects designed to reduce volume of water entering watercourses, and stormwater management facilities to prevent flooding

Investigate partnership opportunities with municipalities to require pre/post development water balance and site level stormwater management

Collaborate with municipalities to develop design criteria to control and capture specific water volume and implement through Low Impact Development

Participate in development of appropriate design criteria for culverts, bridges, stormwater management, ponds and other infrastructure to reflect climate change impacts from runoff and extreme weather events

Collaborate with municipalities to establish new Intensity-Duration-Frequency curves that reflect future climate change impacts

IMPLEMENTATION

Report Annually

Complete annual review and update of Climate Change Strategy and Actions

Calculate impacts of actions to quantify reduction

Include Climate Change in updated Strategic Plan

Develop targets and milestones to facilitate implementation

Calculate organizational carbon footprint

MITIGATION

Schedule regular vehicle maintenance and complete repairs as required

Establish policy that vehicles cannot idle for more than 1 minute.

Include criteria for low fuel consumption, electric/hybrid vehicles in procurement process for new vehicles

Install electric vehicle charging stations at Administrative Office and Campgrounds

Upgrade technology to facilitate remote work and promote paperless / digital processes

Update policies to facilitate remote work and meetings

Incorporate climate change considerations into Conservation Land Management and Operating Plans

Complete energy and waste audits for operations and facilities and prioritize recommendations for implementation

Adopt energy efficient design principles for any building renovation or replacement

Ensure Conservation Lands are actively managed to maintain a healthy forest

Implement tree planting activities



Solar power incorporated into newly built washroom facilities at three Conservation Areas



Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program in place for 1,687 hectares of Otonabee Conservation's properties



29,705 trees, 1,076 shrubs, & 256 wildflowers planted at 14 locations in the watershed.



14,000 trees were purchased and planted by 115 watershed residents through the Tree Seedling Sales Program



Otonabee Conservation's First Climate Change Report Card published in Spring 2022



Trees planted by, and in partnership with, Otonabee Conservation in 2022 will sequester 9.5 million kg of carbon throughout their lifetime.



Building retrofits completed at Administrative Office to improve energy efficiency, including 6 new LED light fixtures, and energy efficient doors

