

# *Municipality of North Grenville*



North Grenville Priorities

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**Sustainable Building Design & Local Sustainability Champions and Organizations**

**Desired Achievements**

- *Reduce our environmental impact*
- *Incorporate more recycled components/materials into our buildings*
- *Reduce our resource consumption in buildings*
- *Maintain affordability over the long-term through reduced building operating costs*

**Description of Action [Timeframe]**

- *Develop "Sustainable Design Guidelines" (to help communicate and encourage sustainable buildings by the private sector) [2013 to 2015]*
- *Implement a recognition program for sustainable buildings / development [2016 to 2023]*
- *Retrofit municipal building/facilities (with energy efficiency measures when these buildings are due for upgrades) [2020 to 2023]*

**Partners**

- *Federation of Canadian Municipalities*
- *Skilled Trades*
- *Developers / home builders*
- *Public (i.e., home buyers and businesses having a preference for sustainable buildings)*

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### **Diverse Employment Opportunities & Small Businesses in the Creative Economy (tied with priority #3)**

#### **Desired Achievements**

- *Increase the number of those working and living in North Grenville*
- *Increase our tax base*
- *Foster diverse employment opportunities*
- *Attract well-paying employment*

#### **Description of Action [Timeline]**

- *Undertake a tourism strategy [2013]*
- *Undertake a trade area and retail gap analysis (as part of our business retention and expansion program) [2015 to 2017]*
- *Implement an investment attraction strategy [2018 to 2023]*
- *Develop and implement an "alumni" association for North Grenville (i.e., maintain communication for youth that leave the community so they are encouraged to return or contribute from afar) [2018 and on-going]*

#### **Partners**

- *High schools (alumni association)*
- *North Grenville Chamber of Commerce*
- *Old Town Kemptville Business Improvement Area*
- *University of Guelph*

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**Local Sustainability Champions and Organizations (tied with priority #2)**

**Desired Achievements**

- Engage citizens for the betterment of our community
- Attract new volunteers to maintain our volunteer base

**Description of Action [Timeframe]**

- Host a Community Groups Fair (to bring together community agencies, groups, and individual champions / volunteers) [2015]

**Partners**

- Rideau-St. Lawrence Volunteer Board
- Sustainable North Grenville
- Service Clubs
- Community and Church groups
- Salvation Army
- Schools

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### **Local Food Production, Consumption and/or Export**

#### **Desired Achievements**

- *Increased food security and more resilient economy/community*
- *Strengthened and diversified economy*
- *Stronger agricultural community*
- *Increased awareness of environmentally-sound agricultural practices*

#### **Description of Action [Timeframe]**

- *Establish a Local Food Procurement Policy (for municipal events to be served with local food when possible) [2013]*
- *Create a Regional Food Systems Strategy<sup>1</sup> in partnership with other local municipalities [2015 to 2018]*
- *Work with the Kemptville Farmers' Market to make it available all four seasons [2020 to 2023]*

#### **Partners**

- *Kemptville Farmers' Market*
- *University of Guelph*
- *Local municipalities (for food systems strategy)*

<sup>1</sup>For an example, refer to:

<http://www.metrovancouver.org/planning/development/AgricultureAndFood/Documents/RegionalFoodSystemStrategy.pdf>

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**Cycling & Trails and Paths**

**Desired Achievements**

- *Encourage healthy lifestyle through walking, cycling, etc.*
- *Reduce greenhouse emissions from local travel*
- *Strengthen linkages between our communities*
- *Foster the local economy by leveraging trails as a tourism asset*

**Description of Action [Timeframe]**

- *Implement the Trails Strategy [on-going]*
- *Update the Official Plan (to incorporate policies related to the Trails Strategy) [2014 to 2016]*

**Partners**

- *United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (trails on Counties Roads)*
- *Community Living*
- *Ferguson Forest Centre*
- *University of Guelph*
- *Kemptville District Hospital*
- *Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit*
- *Community Groups*