



YORKLANDS GREEN HUB^{*}

Citizens Supporting Ontario's Prosperous and Sustainable Future

PURPOSE

- To create for Ontario's public domain a self-sustaining education, demonstration, and research hub (living lab) at the provincially owned former Guelph Correctional Centre (GCC).
- To gather endorsements from Ontario residents, businesses & organizations for the Yorklands Green Hub initiative to send to the Province of Ontario.

VISION

- Yorklands Green Hub will bring together businesses, organizations, and people of all ages and interests – to learn, work, share and create, with the common purpose of being engaged stewards of our land, food, water, and our overall wellbeing.
- The Province of Ontario and its citizens will be recognized as world leaders in the development and implementation of resilient and sustainable ecological, social and economic innovations related to:
 - energy & transportation
 - water & resource conservation
 - local food production & security
 - cultural/natural heritage preservation
 - job creation



* an initiative of Ontario citizens

IMMEDIATE GOALS

1. To secure designation of 36 acres for diverse small-scale agricultural initiatives.
2. To secure designation of the superintendent's house and the gate house for demonstration and education/activity centres.
3. To secure designation of the administration building for a provincial exhibition site for best practices of environmental innovators, related businesses, NGOs, and outdoor and historical educators.

ENVISIONED OUTCOMES

- Growth of current & emerging businesses and creation of employment opportunities in the environmental and sustainability sectors.
- Preservation of the unique cultural & natural heritage on a portion of the GCC lands through adaptive reuse.
- Diffusion of local, sustainable and affordable food initiatives throughout Ontario.
- Creation of educational demonstrations to help citizens & businesses choose low impact & carbon neutral alternatives.
- Establishment of a collaborative cluster of green businesses & organizations.
- Increased engagement of citizens in building strong, resilient, safe, healthy and inclusive communities.

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