



YORKLANDS GREEN HUB

Innovating, Educating and Collaborating to open Green doors to the 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 Working for an environmentally Resilient and sustainable future

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.

Yorklands Green Hub

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ENDORSED BY

FarmStart; Future Watch; Transition Guelph; e-Merge Guelph (formerly NetZeroCity Guelph); Guelph Environmental Leadership; Grand River Environmental Network; Guelph Centre for Urban Organic Farms; Eden Mills Going Carbon Neutral; Food and Water First; Council of Canadians - Ontario Chapters; Guelph Wellington Coalition for Social Justice; Ontario Agricultural College, Plant Agriculture division; International Institute for Critical Studies in Improvisation – through its Improvisation Community and Social Practice wing University of Guelph; Landscape Architecture program University of Guelph; Laurier Centre for Sustainable Food Systems - Wilfred Laurier University; Nourishing Communities Research Project - Wilfred Laurier University; Wellington Centre for Sustainable Agriculture; The Food School Farm at Centre Wellington District High School; For Our Grandchildren; Wellington Water Watchers; Canadian Organic Growers-Toronto; Ont Natural Food Cooperative; National Farmers Union-Waterloo Wellington local; Upper Grand District School Board; Canadian Assn for Physicians of the Environment; Ont Urban Forest Council; Ontario Streams; NFU-Ontario; Canadian Solar Inc. PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR FULL LIST AND MORE INFO: www.yorklandsgreenhub.ca

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