

"The best way to predict the future is to create it." Peter F. Drucker

Goals and Strategies

These are the broad strategies which together map out how we will achieve our Vision. The complete list of actions is in the **Huron County Sustainability Tool Box (Appendix A)**.

Pillar: Environmental Integrity

Theme: Natural Environment

Goal: Huron County will have a healthy, resilient ecosystem with connected natural areas, clean water, and diverse flora and fauna.

- NE1. Protect The County's Natural Heritage and Connectivity
- NE2. Ensure that the Ecosystems within Huron County are Healthy and Resilient by Supporting Our Native Biodiversity
- NE3. Maintain, Protect and Improve the Quality and Quantity of Huron County's Surface and Groundwater Resources
- NE4. Reduce the Amount of Toxins and Waste Entering Huron County's Environment
- NE5. Increase Huron County's Contribution to Mitigating the Effects of Climate Change by Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Theme: Energy Conservation

Goal: Huron County will maximize energy conservation.

- ENCO1. Foster an Energy Conscious Culture Throughout Huron County
- ENCO2. Exhibit Municipal Leadership in Energy Awareness and Use
- ENCO3. Maximize Energy Conservation Within the Development and Building Industry

Theme: Liveable Communities

Goal: Huron County will retain its rural character through appropriate rural development and planned growth of its settlement areas. Communities will be compact, pedestrian, and bicycle friendly, and provide a range of services and facilities.

- LC1. Preserve Huron County's History and Rural Character
- LC2. Foster Compact Liveable Communities That Address Community Needs
- LC3. Create Long-Term Infrastructure Plans that Support Appropriate Services, Facilities and Amenities for Liveable Communities
- LC4. Create a Multi-Modal Transportation Network Which Strongly Supports Active Transportation
- LC5. Mitigate the Impacts of Big Box Development



Pillar: Community and Social Well-Being

Theme: Population

Goal: Huron County will sustain a moderate population growth with increased ethnic diversity by retaining current residents, welcoming new residents, and developing opportunities for youth, families and seniors.

- POP1. Support a Moderate and Sustainable Population Growth with Increased Ethnic Diversity
- POP2. Market and Promote Huron County as a Great Place To Live and Vacation
- POP3. Ensure that Huron County is a Welcoming Community for New Residents and Families
- POP4. Foster and Enhance Opportunities for all Demographics (Youth, Families, and Seniors)

Theme: Community Needs

Goal: Huron County residents will value and support community organizations and services which promote culture, diversity, recreation, education, entertainment, affordable housing and health.

- CN1. Support and Build Arts, Culture, and Heritage Programs to Inspire and Foster Creative Energy in Huron County
- CN2. Ensure Huron County is Affordable and Accessible for All Residents
- CN3. Encourage, Support and Ensure that Opportunities for Meaningful Higher Learning Experiences Exist in Huron County
- CN4. Foster Pride, Sense of Community, and Support in Huron County

Theme: Healthy Active Communities

Goal: Huron County residents will live active, healthy lifestyles with access to wellness services for mind and body.

- HAC1. Promote Active and Healthy Lifestyles to Huron County Residents
- HAC2. Strongly Support Active Transportation in Our Communities
- HAC3. Ensure Huron County Residents Have Access to Excellent Health and Wellness Services to Support Healthy Bodies, Minds, and Communities

Theme: Transportation

Goal: Huron County will have a transportation network, emphasizing active transportation and providing multi-modal options, such as walking, cycling, roads, rail, water, and air transit that meets the needs of the entire community.

- TR1. Develop an Accessible, Efficient, Integrated, Multi-Modal Transportation Network
- TR2. Ensure Huron County's Municipal Transportation System is Environmentally and Economically Responsible

Pillar: Economic Security

Theme: Economy

Goal: The Huron County economy will continue to provide economic security and opportunity for its residents through diversification, business retention, local provision, education and training opportunities.

- EC1. Ensure a Diversity of Economic Opportunities Within Huron County to Enhance Economic Security
- EC2. Provide Local Education and Training Opportunities Which Will Support the Diverse Huron County Economy
- EC3. Strive to Create a Huron County Economy That Supports the Triple Bottom Line and Ensures the Best Use of Financial, Social, and Natural Resources
- EC4. Assist with the Retention and Expansion of Local Businesses
- EC5. Promote Tourism and Enhance Sustainable Tourism Practices in Huron County

Theme: Agriculture and Food

Goal: Huron County will have a strong and diversified agricultural industry, providing food to the local community and beyond using environmental best practices.

- AG1. Strengthen Huron County's Agriculture Industry
- AG2. Support a Diversified Agriculture Sector
- AG3. Continue to Build Support and Momentum for Local Food in Huron County Communities and Neighbouring Regions
- AG4. Promote and Market the Use of Environmental Best Practices in the Agricultural Industry



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Theme: Downtowns

Goal: The downtowns in Huron County will be active and healthy centres of commerce, government and culture, capitalizing on historic character, locally-owned businesses, and people-friendly spaces.

- DT1. Develop a County-Wide Downtown BR&E Strategy that Builds on Current Initiatives and Can be Adopted and Implemented by all Municipalities in Towns and Villages
- DT2. Create Accessible, Aesthetically Pleasing, People-Friendly Spaces within Our Downtowns
- DT3. Foster the Development of Downtowns as Healthy Centres of Commerce, Government, and Culture, Where People Will Want to Live, Shop and Work



Theme: Renewable Energy

Goal: Huron County will utilize local renewable energy sources.

GE1. Maximize Appropriate Local Energy Generation in Huron County



Brandon Sallow, Youth Contest Entry