



Made-In-Ontario Environment Plan: PROGRESS SO FAR

Released in November 2018, our draft Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan outlines effective and affordable ways to protect our air, land and water, and reduce litter and waste, while lowering greenhouse gas emissions and helping communities prepare for climate change. We put forward smart solutions that will help ensure we have both a healthy environment and a healthy economy.

While the plan will continue to evolve with new information and actions, we have already made significant progress on key commitments because we know we need to take immediate action to protect our environment. We continue to consult and collaborate with stakeholders and other governments to achieve our goals.

PROGRESS SO FAR: Addressing Climate Change



- Committed Ontario to lowering **greenhouse gas emissions to 30% below 2005 levels by 2030**, a target that aligns with the federal government's Paris commitments.
- Established an **advisory panel** to provide the Minister with advice on the **implementation and development of actions in the province's climate change plan** and how Ontarians can prepare for the costs and impacts of climate change.
- Proposed beginning transition to **15% renewable content in regular grade gasoline** as early as 2025, helping reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation without increasing prices at the pump.
- Finalized **Ontario's emissions performance standards** for large, industrial emitters to ensure polluters are accountable for their greenhouse gas emissions. This made-in-Ontario solution, subject to federal concurrence, recognizes the unique circumstances of our economy and considers specific industry and facility conditions while allowing for economic growth.
- Paralleled federal measures allowing businesses to immediately **write off investments in specified clean energy equipment and zero-emission vehicles**, encouraging businesses across the province to make investments in clean energy generation and energy conservation equipment.
- Successfully issued **Green Bonds for \$1.7 billion** to capitalize on the province's ability to raise funds at low interest rates and help finance public transit initiatives, extreme-weather resistant infrastructure, and energy efficiency and conservation projects.
- Consulted on proposed changes to the **Provincial Policy Statement**, which sets out the province's policies for how land is used and developed in Ontario, including proposed **changes to build resilience and support municipalities in preparing for the impacts of a changing climate**.
- Named a **Special Advisor on flooding** who has delivered his report on ways that all levels of government, and individuals, can make Ontario more resilient to flooding.
- Released a request for bids for a third-party expert to undertake the **first-ever broad, multi-sector provincial climate change impact assessment** to identify where the province is vulnerable to climate change and help decision-makers better understand the impacts so they can protect communities and the environment.

PROGRESS SO FAR: Protecting Land, Water and Air

- Jointly released with Canada a draft of a **new Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health** to protect Great Lakes from threats such as wastewater overflows and by-passes, stormwater, excessive nutrients, invasive species and effects of climate change.
- Established the **Muskoka Watershed Advisory Group**, as part of the \$5 million initiative to better identify risks and issues facing the Muskoka Region and its watershed.
- Consulted the public on **an enhanced emissions testing program** for the biggest polluters on our roads such as commercial trucks and buses to reduce smog-causing pollutants.
- Posted for public comment changes to make it safer and easier for more **excess soil** to be reused locally and properly and penalize those who dump soil illegally.



PROGRESS SO FAR: Reducing Waste and Litter



- Released a **discussion paper on reducing plastic litter and waste**, diverting and reducing food and organic waste from households and businesses, and increasing opportunities for Ontarians to participate in waste reduction efforts.
- Launched a working group to set clear rules for **compostable packaging materials** in Ontario and ensure these materials are accepted by existing and emerging green bin programs across the province.
- Announced next steps to **transition the Blue Box Recycling Program to full producer responsibility** to save taxpayer money, promote innovation and improve recycling across the province. We are engaging with a wide-range of producers, municipalities and waste management stakeholders so we can ensure regulations are in place to establish full producer responsibility.
- Introduced legislation to establish the second Tuesday of every May as **Ontario's official Day of Action on Litter** to raise awareness about impacts of litter and waste, and encourage local action to help keep our communities clean and beautiful.

PROGRESS SO FAR: Building a World Class Ontario Parks Experience

- Appointed a **Special Advisor for Ontario Parks** to provide advice on how to improve programs and increase revenue opportunities, supporting the target of increasing the number of Ontarians visiting provincial parks by 10% or about one million more visitors while protecting the natural environment.
- Conducted a **Healthy Parks Healthy People consultation** about how to ensure the health benefits of nature are fully realized for all Ontarians. The feedback from public and stakeholders will help Ontario Parks develop more effective programs, policies and partnerships.

PROGRESS SO FAR: Modernizing Environmental Assessment

- Released a discussion paper outlining and seeking input on our vision for a **modernized streamlined environmental assessment process**. We also made changes to the Environmental Assessment Act to provide **immediate, short-term fixes to reduce burden** and serve the interest of Ontario families and communities while ensuring strong environmental protection.