



# **Community Energy Plan**

GTA Clean Air Council February 26, 2010





### **Presentation Overview**

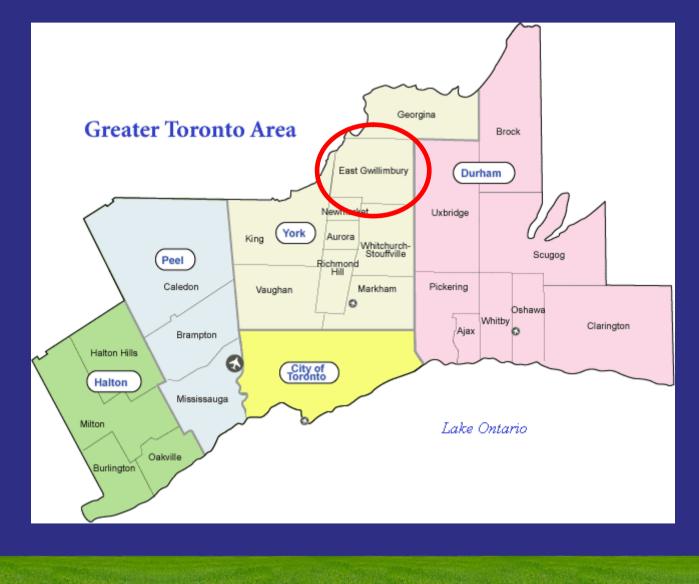
- Overview of the Town of East Gwillimbury
- Overview of EG's Community Energy Plan Process
  Why establish a Community Energy Plan?
- Summary of Community Energy Plan
  Guiding Vision & Recommendations
- Lessons Learned
- □ Next Steps & Implementation

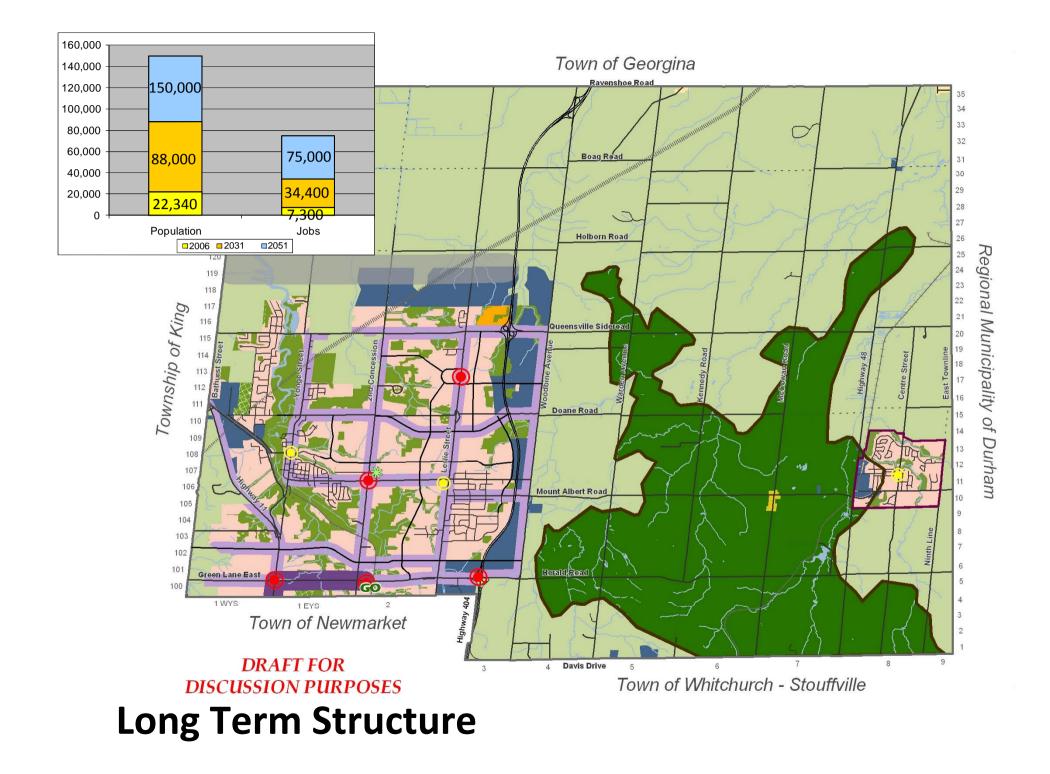




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### **Overview of EG**







# **Overview of CEP Process**

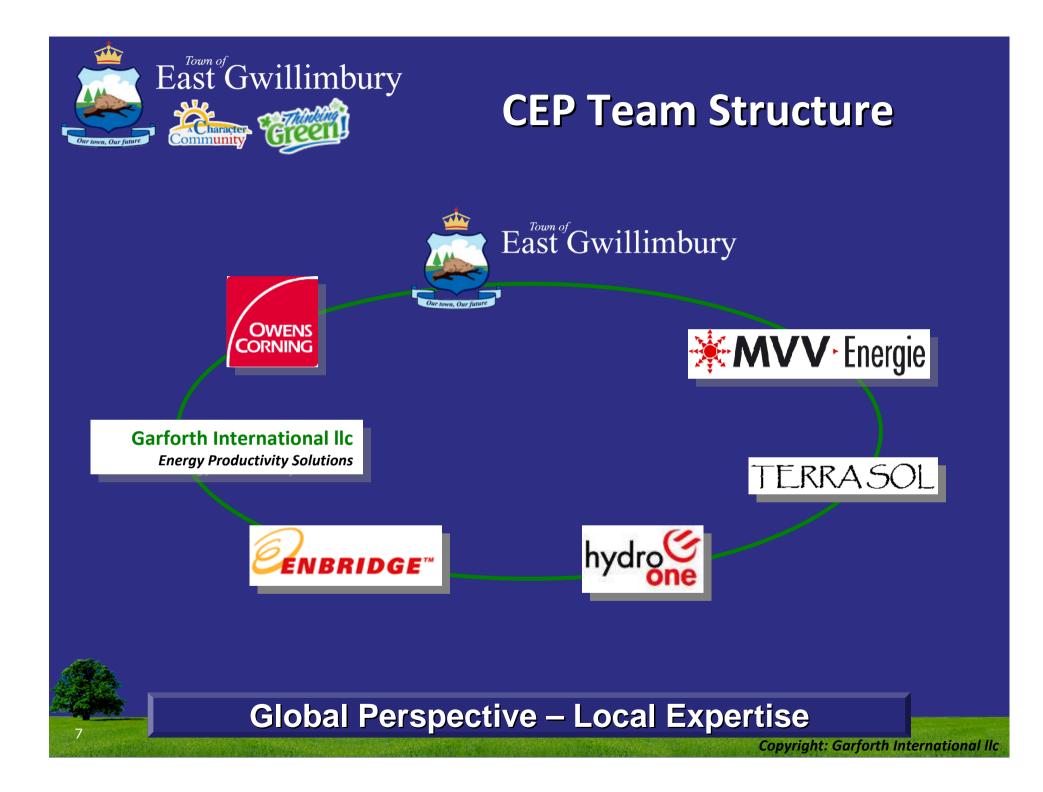






## **CEP Background**

- Sustainable Community Forum (2007)
- CEP supported by FCM & project initiated (Fall 2008)
- Consultation/Workshops (08-09)Council
  - □ Community
  - Developers
- CEP Adopted by Council December 1, 2009





## Why Undertake a CEP?

- Climate change and associated environmental concerns
- Steady rise in energy costs
- Growing uncertainty of affordable energy supply
  - EG wants to ensure clean, reliable, affordable and flexible energy services
- Recent legislation Green Energy Act, 2006 Building Code
- Town's commitment to green leadership
  - Energy Star, LEED
  - Member of the Partners for Climate Protection
- Planning for significant growth in the Town
- Economic advantages



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# **Overview of CEP**







- Ensure energy services in East Gwillimbury will be reliable and lower cost than in comparable towns in Canada
- By 2031 the greenhouse gas caused by the Town will be at least 50% less than business-as-usual and on track to be at least 70% less by 2051



### East Gwillimbury Energy Related Baseline Energy Consumption

| Sector      | Energy<br>GWh <sub>e</sub> /yr | Energy<br>% | Energy<br>MWh <sub>e</sub> /cap | GHG<br>mt/cap | GHG<br>% |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| Residential | 560                            | 47%         | 25.6                            | 2.6           | 32%      |
| Commercial  | 180                            | 15%         | 9.2                             | 0.8           | 10%      |
| Industrial  | 90                             | 8%          | 4.1                             | 0.4           | 5%       |
| Transport   | 370                            | 31%         | 16.9                            | 4.3           | 53%      |
| Total       | 1,200                          | 100%        | 54.8                            | 8.1*          | 100%     |

- Included energy directly related to the Town
  - Buildings and residents vehicle use including commuting
  - Commercial vehicles related to Town
- Excluded energy indirectly related to the Town
  - Energy related to commuters workplace
  - Long-distance freight, ships, airplanes, national industry

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\*Ontario average ~ 14 to 16



Recommendations Summary: Integrated Solution - Not a Buffet

- Efficient homes, buildings, industry
- Efficient neighbourhoods
- Efficient transportation
- Efficient distribution District Energy
- Clean and renewable energy sources
- Passive (near-zero energy) homes



# East Gwillimbury

### Energy Efficient Buildings – New Construction

- Reduce residential energy demand in half compared to business as usual
- Reduce commercial, institutional, & industrial energy demand by one third compared to business-as-usual

|                  | Base case                              | Recommended Efficient Case  |  |
|------------------|--|---|--|
| Residential      |  |   |  |
| New Construction | Energy Star                            | Increase Efficiency 1.0% per year from 2010   |  |
| Renovation       | At least 15% efficiency gain from 2010 | At least 25% efficiency gain from 2010<br>Increase efficiency 1% per year from 2011 |  |
| Commercial       |  |   |  |
| New Construction | LEED (Canadian)                        | Increase efficiency 0.75% per year from 2010  |  |
| Renovation       | At least 15% efficiency gain from 2010 | At least 25% efficiency gain from 2010  |  |
| Industrial       |  |   |  |
| Process energy   | 10% higher than Canadian average       | 20% higher than Canadian average<br>Encourage continuous improvement                |  |



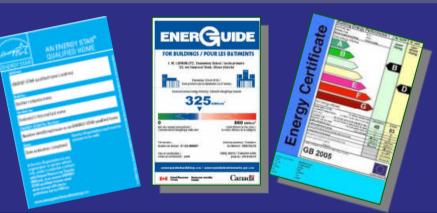
**Committed to Continuous Improvement** 

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# Energy Efficient Buildings – *Guarantee Efficiency*

 Adopt an energy performance labelling process for buildings as a voluntary initiative to gain at least 5% incremental efficiency



|                        | Base case                | Efficient Case   |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Residential/Commercial |                          |  |
| New Construction       | Voluntary<br>No recourse | Voluntary – Label available when sold<br>Builder guarantees performance                |
| Existing Buildings     | None                     | Voluntary - Label available when sold or rented Seller/Landlord guarantees performance |

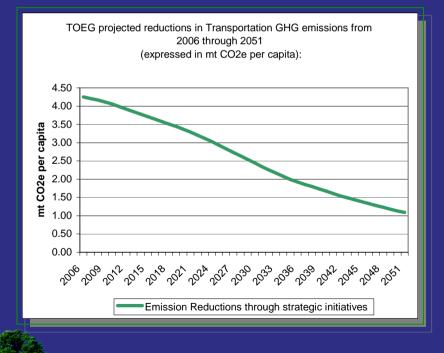






### **Efficient Transportation**

 Increase overall transportation efficiency to reduce transport greenhouse gas emissions per capita by 75% compared to emissions today

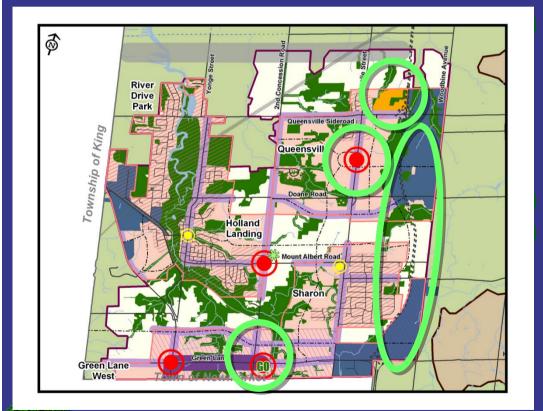


- Town strategies
  - Transit links
  - Compact neighbourhoods
  - Economic Development
- Market trends
  - Vehicle weight reduction
    - Advanced materials
    - Consumer choice for smaller vehicles
  - Drive technology
    Clean diesels, EVs, Hybrids....



### Efficient Neighbourhoods & Compact Urban Centres

 Create residential, commercial, and transport energy efficiencies through compact urban forms



#### **Reduced transport energy**

- Live-Work-Play cuts journeys
- Walkable neighbourhoods
- Bike-friendly
- Small vehicle convenient
- **Transit friendly**

Efficient Homes and Buildings Shared Energy Systems

- Reduced total investments
- Increased efficiency
- Productive use of waste

# East GwillimburyEfficient Distribution - DistrictEnergyTypical Elements of Modern System





Service Connection



Pipes

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Central gas And Biomass Boilers



Cogeneration (Combined Heat & Power)

Heat Meter

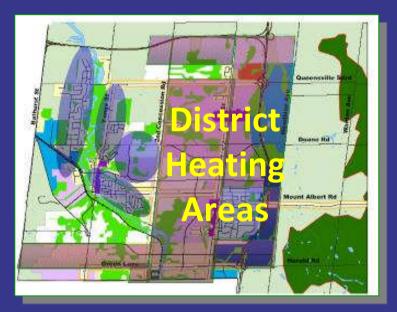
- Reduced construction costs
- Reduced heating costs
- Reliable, proven technology
- Flexible choice of heat sources
- Attractive financial returns





## Efficient Distribution -District Energy

 Create a professionally operated district energy system serving the majority of the Town with high quality services from sources that optimize cost, availability, and minimize environmental impact long into the future



- Establish Energy Services Company
  - Supply neighbourhood District Heating
  - Selectively add District Cooling
- Attractive returns
  - Builder/developer
  - Occupant
  - Energy Services Company
- Major greenhouse gas reductions

**Benchmark Cities are extending District Energy** 

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 Enhance East Gwillimbury's attractiveness for industrial and commercial investors by offering world-class tailored energy services within the Employment Corridor



Austin, Texas



Gersthofen, Bavaria

- Increase jobs in the Queensville Centre and Hwy 404 Employment Corridor
- Offer range of utility services
  - District heating
  - District cooling
  - Process steam
  - Waste heat recovery
  - Compressed air...
- Tailor services to investors needs
- Multiple clean and renewable energy sources

**Competitive Advantage - Attracts Employment** 

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# East Gwillimbury Clean and Renewable Energy

- Within fifteen years, at least a third of East Gwillimbury's total energy requirement will be competitively sourced from local clean and renewable energy resources
  - District Energy allows multiple renewable heat sources
    - **Bio-Mass for District Heating** 
      - 15 to 20 MW (thermal) total by 2031
    - Combined Heat and Power
      - 100 MW electricity by 2031
      - 100 MW heat by 2031
  - Solar Photovoltaic
    - 60 MW (600,000 to 800,000 square meters)
    - 20% of electricity needs with summer peak reduction
  - Wind Energy

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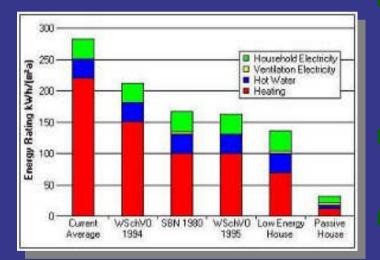
- Marginal wind quality and economics
- 6 MW in University and Employment Corridor

### **Flexible Supply System**



### Passive Homes (Near-Zero Energy)

 Enhance East Gwillimbury's position as an energy efficiency leader by supporting passive home construction in areas not served by district heating

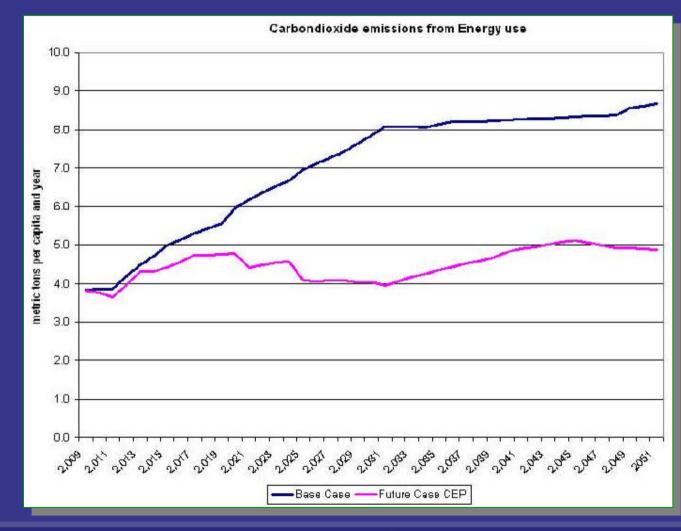


#### **Passive Homes**

- Very low heating and cooling energy
- Germany has formal construction codes
- Small demos have been done in US/Canada
- Living Laboratory / Demonstration
  - University
  - Green Products Manufacturers
- Marginal to unattractive economics at present
- Growing interest from specialist developers

#### **Visibly Maintain Leadership**

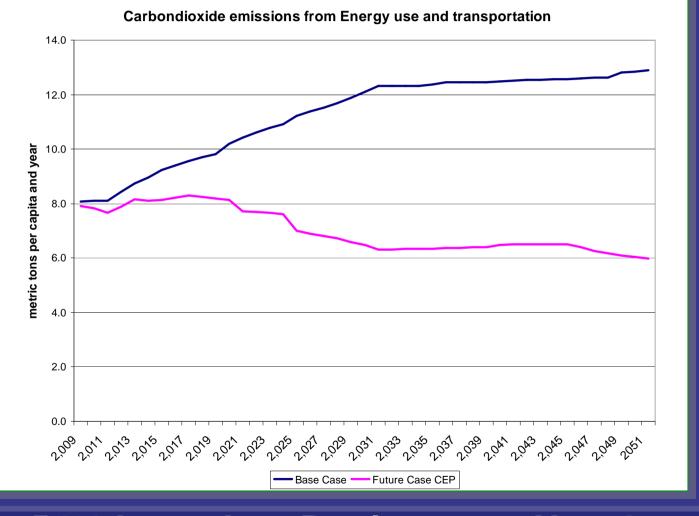




#### 42% Less than Business-as-Usual

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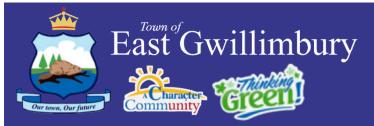
#### 54% Less than Business-as-Usual



### **Lessons Learned**

- Important link to growth management and other background studies as part of the Official Plan Review
- Community Energy Planning requires education and training
- Implementation difficult to integrate into BAU
  - Work closely with the development industry
- Successful implementation requires commitment and monitoring

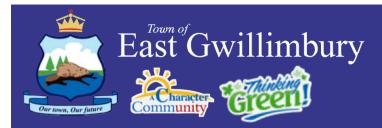




Implementation & Next Steps

- Policies being incorporated into Town's New Consolidated Official Plan
- Developing a Sustainable Development Evaluation System
- District energy feasibility study being undertaken
- Exploring opportunities for carbon credits





### **Thank You!**

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