

# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

# Live Green Toronto: Update Report

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## SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the progress being made in the development and implementation of the Live Green Toronto initiative, established as part of Toronto's Climate Change, Clean Air and Sustainable Energy Action Plan.

Officially launched in May 2008, Live Green Toronto has become an initiative that is:

- supporting neighbourhoods and community groups in taking action through the provision of community animation services and access to financial assistance;
- catalyzing action through a social marketing campaign, provision of incentives, and by profiling the innovative and successful efforts being made by residents, organizations and businesses to green our city; and
- making it easier for residents and businesses to take action by creating forums where information is easily accessed, either through web-based tools or through person to person contact at community events.

With the assistance and supports provided through the Live Green Toronto initiative, neighbourhoods and community groups are taking action on climate change by planting trees, installing renewable energy systems, constructing green-roofs, creating community gardens, facilitating energy conservation activities, creating opportunities to utilize low or non-polluting forms of transportation and much more. To improve the Live Green Toronto initiative and its effectiveness, some minor modifications require authorization by City Council and have been requested in this report.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

#### The Director of the Toronto Environment Office recommends that:

- 1. City Council amend the framework for the Live Green Toronto Capital Projects Fund, adopted by City Council in May 2008, by reducing the minimum threshold for financial assistance from \$25,000 to \$10,000; and
- 2. City Council authorize the Director of the Toronto Environment Office to make financial contributions of up to \$75,000 directly to Green Living Enterprises for the annual Green Toronto Awards as required in Chapter 71 of the Financial Control By-law.

#### **Financial Impact**

There are no net financial implications for the Toronto Environment Office as all funds are included in the program's annual budget.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer have reviewed this report and agree with the financial impact information.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting of July 16 – 19, 2007 City Council adopted the Climate Change, Clean Air and Sustainable Energy Action Plan: Moving from Framework to Action (the "Climate Change Action Plan"). Included in the Action Plan were recommendations that the Toronto Environment Office establish the Live Green Toronto program to support residents, businesses, community groups and neighbourhoods in taking action to green their communities.

At its meeting of December, 2007 City Council adopted the objectives and a five year, \$21 million (net City funding \$17 million) funding plan for the Live Green Toronto program (funded by the City's Strategic Infrastructure Partnership Reserve Fund). The purpose of the Live Green Toronto program is to:

- catalyze community action on climate change;
- simplify the process of accessing information, financial incentives and technologies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
- provide direct support to neighbourhoods and communities in taking action on climate change.

The report also identified that the Toronto Environment Office would monitor implementation of the Live Green Toronto program and provide regular reports to City Council. This report addresses that directive.

One of the key elements of the program is the Live Green Toronto Community Investment Program and Capital Projects Fund. At its meeting of May 2008, City Council adopted the framework for these community investment programs and directed the Toronto Environment Office to report back on any proposed changes deemed necessary to the process of awarding funds under these initiatives.

Web link to the report proposing the Live Green Toronto initiative: http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-8712.pdf

Web link to the report proposing the criteria for the Live Green Toronto Community Investment Program and Capital Projects Fund: <u>http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-12542.pdf</u>

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The City of Toronto is a recognized global leader in the effort to address climate change and this is due to the fact that the City and its residents, community and neighbourhood groups and businesses have and are willing to take action. Live Green Toronto, which officially launched on May 24, 2008 at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Green Toronto Festival, is one of the key vehicles established to assist people in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change.

In the design and development of Live Green Toronto, City staff have built upon a number of existing initiatives and established new resources and supports for residents. The inter-connected elements of the Live Green Toronto program are:

- 1. Community Animation;
- 2. Simplifying Access to Information;
- 3. Providing Financial Assistance for Implementing Great Green Ideas;
- 4. Catalyzing Community Action through Marketing;
- 5. Creating Partnerships; and
- 6. Celebrating Success.

In the tracking of the Live Green Toronto program and its implementation, City staff have been monitoring indicators, like the number of users of the Live Green Toronto website; number of people attending events and activities; community and neighbourhood projects launched with the support of the Community Animators; and, where possible, reductions in greenhouse gas emissions occurring as a result of Live Green Toronto supported projects. The purpose of this report is to discuss the current status of the Live Green Toronto program and, where required, identify any changes needed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the program.

## COMMENTS

#### **<u>1. Community Animation</u>**

The purpose of the community animation component of Live Green Toronto is to make available, to neighbourhood and community groups, people with the expertise to help them turn their great green ideas into reality. The Animators are generalists who are knowledgeable on a range of environmental issues, solutions, programs and resources and available to help facilitate and organize the community into taking action.

#### 1a. Actions Taken From January 2008 to September 2009

In mid-2008 the Toronto Environment Office issued a request for proposal (RFP) for five contracts for the provision of Community Animation services.

ACORN Canada (the Association of Community Organizations for Reform, Now Canada) was awarded one contract in September 2008. Working in collaboration with the Toronto Environmental Alliance, ACORN Canada provides animation services in the following multi-residential neighbourhoods:

- Jane/Finch;
- Mount Denis/Weston;
- Scarborough Centre; and
- Greater Crescent Town.

The remaining four contracts (one per Community Council district) were awarded in December 2008 to Citizens' Environment Watch (CEW) in partnership with the Centre for Social Innovation and the Conservation Council of Ontario.

#### **1b. Outcomes and Future Activities**

Each organization uses a different approach to providing animation services. ACORN Canada works directly with tenants in their service area, guiding residents through a process of identifying priorities, working on initial "quick win" projects and building towards more complex/significant projects. Citizens' Environment Watch animates community and neighbourhood groups, providing support to organize events and meetings, connecting them to sources of funding and assisting with applications and more. To date, ACORN has signed up over 1,300 residents as Live Green Members. With those residents ACORN has helped:

- organize five tree planting events resulting in over 700 trees being planted;
- establish two community gardens (approximately 300 square feet of gardens);
- organize 10 neighbourhood clean-up events; and
- facilitate 30 community meetings to discuss potential great green ideas.

Building upon the high level of community interest, ACORN expects to start engaging residents in discussions on how to make more substantive changes to improve energy and water efficiency and modify travel behaviour to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The second contract was awarded to CEW in December 2008. Community Animators working for CEW have participated in (either attended or facilitated) 260 community events and meetings attended by over 6,000 people and are starting to see neighbourhoods come together with their assistance to plan and eventually implement actions, such as tree plantings and collective purchases of solar energy systems. CEW is also responsible for the development of three tools that will play a key role as the Community Animator program continues to grow and evolve:

- **The Sustainability Map:** an online, interactive map of environmental services, projects and resources. The Sustainability Map encourages public interaction and will be an information delivery mechanism for the Live Green Toronto Membership Card;
- A Contact Management System: for tracking and managing an ever expanding database of community contacts; and
- A video toolkit: on ten key environmental issues. Its goal is to provide basic information that interested community groups can use to prepare themselves as they engage the Animators and other non-profits who work on these key issues.

#### **1c. Recommended Changes**

At this time there is no need to change the scope or direction of this element of the Live Green Toronto program.

#### 2. Simplifying Access to Information & Resources

There are literally hundreds of programs and resources available to residents and businesses to support taking action on climate change. One of the objectives of the Live Green Toronto program is to simplify things for people in finding information and resources and essentially become the one-window through which people access those resources.

#### 2a. Actions Taken From January 2008 to September 2009

The first action taken along this line was the development and launch in May 2008 of the Live Green Toronto website (<u>www.livegreentoronto.ca</u>), which is a one-stop website for accessing all programs, incentives and resources available to residents.

The second significant action has involved bringing all City environmental programs under the Live Green Toronto banner and coordinating the City's community outreach and engagement activities. What this means, for example, is instead of finding booths for City of Toronto programs spread around at events like the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE), they have all been brought together into one coordinated pavilion allowing residents to collect information about all City programs ranging from energy conservation and water conservation to tree planting.

The other major way in which access to information has been made easier is by ensuring the Community Animators are aware of all City and other related programs, so they can inform and direct residents and neighbourhoods to them. At their regular monthly meetings the Community Animators are provided with regular updates on programs and receive presentations about new and emerging programs from City organizations ranging from Toronto Hydro to Toronto Water.

#### **2b. Outcomes and Future Activities**

The Live Green Toronto website has proven to be very popular. The website is regularly updated and changed and in 2010 it will see a complete re-fresh and inclusion of more interactive web-based formats.

With respect to having a coordinated City presence at major events and activities, the City had a coordinated Live Green Toronto booth at the following major events and festivals between May 2008 and September 2009:

- Canadian National Exhibition (CNE);
- Green Living Show;
- Earth Hour;
- Live Green Toronto Festival;
- Canada Blooms;
- Home Show;
- Community Environment Days;

- Kids World of Energy Festival;
- Royal Winter Fair;
- Fresh Wednesdays and Tasty Thursdays;
- Junction Arts Festival;
- Car Free Day;
- Goodlife Toronto Marathon; and
- Many other community events and festivals.

At all these events it is estimated that City Staff and the Live Green Toronto Environmental Volunteers met and assisted over 300,000 people.

Looking to the future, City staff are currently working on the development of a mobile one-stop full service resource centre, which will be able to travel to neighbourhoods and business parks. Residents and businesses will be able to seek the assistance of the people operating the resource centre in identifying and applying for grants, required permits and discuss options for greening their residence or business.

#### **2c. Recommended Changes**

At this time there is no need to change the scope or direction of this element of the Live Green Toronto program.

#### 3. Providing Financial Assistance for Implementing Great Green Ideas

In May 2008, City Council adopted the criteria and framework for two community investment funds to provide financial support to neighbourhoods and community groups in implementing their great green ideas

(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-12542.pdf). The objectives of the funding programs are to support initiatives that reduce greenhouse gas emissions; improve air quality and to help adapt to the changes occurring as a result of climate change.

The first fund is the Live Green Toronto Community Investment Program where groups can receive a grant from \$1,000 to \$25,000 to help explore and develop an idea for collective action. The purpose of this fund, as adopted by City Council, is to build capacity within local communities and neighbourhoods to identify, develop and initiate actions that will help address the challenge of climate change.

The second fund is the Capital Projects Fund where groups can receive a grant from \$25,000 to \$250,000 to assist in the implementation of a physical on-the-ground project that helps address climate change either from a mitigation or adaptation perspective. The purpose of this fund, as adopted by City Council, is to provide funds for implementing capital asset projects that result in significant reductions in greenhouse gas and smog-causing emissions and which the local community has identified and is engaged in supporting.

#### Application Process

The process for applying for financial assistance from both funds involves first preparing a one-page letter of intent which is reviewed by City staff. Proposals that fit the defined criteria for the funds are invited to prepare a detailed application. These detailed applications are evaluated by a Review Committee consisting of three members (a senior person from a granting agency in Toronto; a senior staff representative from Toronto Hydro; and a senior staff representative from the City's Executive Environment Team). Members of the Review Committee are knowledgeable in the areas of climate change and community development and receive no remuneration for their time. The Toronto Environment Office then makes awards for financial assistance based on the recommendations of the Review Committee.

#### 3a. Actions Taken From January 2008 to September 2009

In 2008, a total of \$700,000 was available for investing in the community (\$200,000 for the Community Investment Program and \$500,000 for the Capital Projects Fund). In 2009, a total of \$1.8 million was available (\$200,000 for the Community Investment Program and \$1.6 million for the Capital Projects Fund). Two grant rounds were planned for 2009 of which only the first is complete and funds awarded. Attachment One to this report summarizes the projects funded as of August 2009.

#### **3b. Outcomes and Future Activities**

As of August 2009, the Live Green Toronto program has provided or committed financial support of \$1,400,754 to 31 community and neighbourhood led climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives. The initiatives funded include neighbourhood energy initiatives, such as collective solar energy system purchases and completing home energy audits; tree plantings; green roof installations; community gardens and food production activities; adaptation activities for managing storm water; and supporting people in adopting cycling or other alternatives as a method of regular transportation. The following three tables summarize the number of requests for funding and the number of projects that have received funding to date.

Table One: 2008 Funding Allocation:Community Investment Fund – \$200,000Capital Project Fund - \$500,000			
Fund	# of Applications & Total Financial	# of Projects Funded	Total Amount of Financial Assistance Provided
	Assistance Requested	Funded	Assistance I Tovideu
Community	27 applications	8	\$193,237
Investment Fund	\$609,600 requested		
Capital Projects	23 applications	6	\$500,000
Fund	\$3,025,500 requested		

Table Two: 2009 Spring Funding Allocation:Community Investment Fund – \$100,000Capital Project Fund - \$800,000			
Fund	# of Applications & Total Financial Assistance Requested	# of Projects Funded	Total Amount of Financial Assistance Provided
Community Investment Fund	51 applications \$4,047,342 requested	8	\$135,517
Capital Projects Fund	30 applications \$5,327,860 requested	9	\$572,000

Table Three: 2009 Fall Funding Allocation:				
Community Investment Fund – \$64,683				
Capital Project Fund - \$1,028,000				
Fund	# of Applications & # of Projects Total Amount of Financial			
	Total Financial	Funded	Assistance Provided	
	<b>Assistance Requested</b>			
Community	26 applications	n/a	n/a	
Investment Fund	\$510,342 requested			
Capital Projects	9 applications	n/a	n/a	
Fund	\$2,089,230 requested			

**NOTE**: The 2009 Fall Funding Allocation is currently in progress because the labour disruption delayed this award cycle. Decisions on financial assistance awards should be completed by the end of November 2009.

Not all the funded projects lend themselves to easy quantification of the greenhouse gas emissions avoided and all are at early stages of implementation. Therefore it is too early to articulate in this report factors like the amount of greenhouse gases reduced but this will be reported on in the next annual report once project reports have been provided for the completed projects.

#### **3c. Recommended Changes**

With two completed rounds and the third round underway, two issues have arisen that need to be addressed to improve the delivery of the two community investment programs. These changes will allow the Review Committee the necessary flexibility to better allocate the funds to address the following unexpected issues.

- The demand and interest by neighbourhoods and community groups in small grants was unexpected and as highlighted in Tables One, Two and Three the requests have well exceeded available funds in the Community Investment Fund. Therefore, the Toronto Environment Office as part of its 2010 budget submission will request that City Council re-allocate \$200,000 per year from the Capital Projects Fund to the Community Investment Fund, in order to provide greater support for the incubation of neighbourhood led climate change initiatives.
- 2) The other issue of significance that has emerged is that many neighbourhoods and community groups have proposed excellent ideas that fit the criteria of the Capital Projects Fund but they are seeking funding of less then \$25,000. The criteria for the Capital Projects Fund state that requests of less then \$25,000 are not eligible. Reducing the minimum threshold would allow the Review Committee to consider these smaller capital projects and remove some of the pressure on the Community Investment Fund. Therefore it is requested that City Council amend the criteria for the Capital Projects Fund to allow for funding requests of between \$10,000 and \$250,000.

#### 4. Catalyzing Community Action through Marketing

As part of the Climate Change Action Plan, City Council directed that staff develop a social marketing campaign that would include social networking and interactive webbased tools, public advertising, monthly challenges, door-to-door campaigning and delivery of resources that will reach Toronto's diverse communities.

#### 4a. Actions Taken From January 2008 to September 2009

With the development and launch of the Live Green Toronto Website in May 2008, initial marketing focused on encouraging people to access the website and all the valuable information included on it. The campaign revolved around the theme of "*a tree can only do so much*" and encouraged people to access the website to find out how they can help address the challenge of climate change.

In 2009, the major marketing activities included:

- Advertising on Eco-cabs pedal-powered cabs deployed around the City for the Spring of 2009;
- Information inserts in materials mailed to Toronto Hydro business customers;
- Interactive transit shelter installations (coming in December 2009);
- Print advertising in Metro, Metroland (community papers), ethnic community papers, Toronto Star, Globe & Mail, Green Living Magazine, Our Green Home and other forums;
- Radio & television ads;
- Advertising through various web-based forums;

- Established presence for Live Green Toronto on various interactive web forums, such as Facebook and Twitter;
- Opportunities for interactive web-based participation, such as the chance to make a difference in helping build a virtual tree resulting in the planting of 500 actual trees in 2010;
- Participation, as mentioned earlier in this report, by the Community Animators, City staff and the Live Green Toronto Environmental Volunteers at events ranging from local neighbourhood fairs to major events, such as the CNE;
- Provision of materials to all City Councillors for potential inclusion in community newsletters and distribution to residents; and
- Organization of media events.

#### 4b. Outcomes and Future Activities

The outcomes of these activities include increased participation of residents in Live Green Toronto events and activities, increased number of groups applying for financial assistance, increased number of people volunteering to be a Live Green Toronto Environmental Volunteer, and increased awareness of the Live Green message and resources.

Looking to 2010, the goal is to continue to build awareness of the need to address climate change and the message of Live Green Toronto as a way of life.

#### 4c. Recommended Changes

At this time there is no need to change the scope or direction of this element of the Live Green Toronto program.

#### 5. Creating Partnerships

A key foundation for the future success of the Live Green Toronto program is the development of partnerships with community and business partners. It is intended that Live Green Toronto will become a vehicle through which public and private partners can provide various forms of support for community led and inspired environmental initiatives.

#### 5a. Actions Taken From January 2008 to September 2009

In the development of partnerships, a solid foundation already existed through initiatives, such as the Green Toronto Awards. This initiative, which is heading into its sixth year, is a collaborative effort of the City of Toronto and Green Living Enterprises. With the assistance of \$100,000 from Corporate Sponsors, the City is able to provide the 10 award winners with not only recognition but also the ability to contribute \$5,000 towards the environmental initiative of their choice.

In the last year the three most significant new partnerships to develop through the Live Green Toronto initiative are:

#### • GreenSceneZ Toronto

In 2009, the City of Toronto partnered with Planet in Focus on GreenSceneZ Toronto – an environmental youth video challenge. Youth in grades 7 through 12 at Toronto schools submit their idea for a 30-second video. Six winning teams win the prize of working with professional filmmakers to turn their great green message into 30-second videos, which are shown at the Green Toronto Awards, Environmental Film Festival, Citytv and other venues. The six winning videos for 2009 can be viewed at http://www.toronto.ca/livegreen/gscenez\_2009.html.

#### • 2010 Green Innovation Awards

Announced at the Green Toronto Awards in April 2009, the City of Toronto is partnered with the Toronto Community Foundation to develop and implement the *2010 Green Innovation Awards – Searching for Toronto's Next Great Green Idea!* Prize money of \$50,000 will be awarded to entrepreneurs to advance the development of new innovative green products or services that will address environmental challenges facing the city. The award winners for 2010 will be announced at the Green Toronto Awards in April 2010. More information about this contest can be found at <u>www.livegreentoronto.ca</u>.

#### Live Green Toronto Membership Card

The City of Toronto is partnered with Responsible Business Group Inc. (RBG) to develop and implement the Live Green Toronto Membership Card Program. The membership card is offered as a means of linking (and rewarding) a personal commitment to Live Green with the development and support for green businesses and a local green economy in Toronto. The card program is scheduled to be officially launched in late November 2009. More information about the membership card can be found at http://www.toronto.ca/livegreen/membership\_card.html

#### **5b. Outcomes and Future Activities**

The initiatives mentioned above highlight that the Live Green Toronto initiative is becoming a vehicle through which community and business partners can connect to provide support for neighbourhoods and residents in taking action on climate change.

#### **5c. Recommended Changes**

As these partnership initiatives have evolved and developed an administrative issue has arisen that requires direction from City Council.

As mentioned earlier, the Green Toronto Awards in 2010 will be the sixth annual awards event and this initiative has been delivered as a partnership between the City of Toronto and Green Living Enterprises. This partnership was authorized by City Council in 2004 (see clause 12 of Report Number 9 of the Policy and Finance Committee).

Initially the Green Toronto Awards was a relatively small event, attended by less then 100 people, with only 60 nominations for awards. Over the last five years this event has grown and is now a premiere special event attended by over 700 people and in 2009 almost 180 nominations were submitted for awards. With the growth of the event the Green Toronto Awards now generates significant media attention for the award winners and helps to profile, encourage and motivate others in the community to take action. This event with its celebration and profile of the nominees and award winners is now one of the key tools used by the City to motivate others into improving and protecting the natural environment.

The partnership with Green Living Enterprises has been very successful and through it the Green Toronto Awards have grown. In 2008, the total budget for the Green Toronto Awards was approximately \$300,000, with the City's financial contribution being \$65,000. Green Living Enterprises as part their role in the partnership invests \$225,000 into the event (a combination of staff time, advertising and event production expenditures) of which \$100,000 comes from Corporate Sponsors.

While City Council in 2004 authorized the partnership with Green Living Enterprises, no financial details were provided because the project was just being initiated and in a developmental stage. This has meant City Staff have to go through the procurement process every year to facilitate the City of Toronto's financial contribution to the event. To streamline this successful partnership it is requested that City Council authorize the Director of the Toronto Environment Office (TEO) to make financial contributions as part of the City's participation in this partnership of up to \$75,000 directly to Green Living Enterprises for the Green Toronto Awards as required under Chapter 71 of the Financial Control By-law. There are no additional financial implications associated with this request, as the TEO includes the required funds in its annual base budget.

#### 6. Celebrating Success

To help encourage and support all residents and businesses in taking action it is important to celebrate and profile the successful actions occurring across the city. The two major initiatives currently in place for celebrating success are the annual Green Toronto Awards and the Live Green Toronto Festival.

#### 6a. Actions Taken From January 2008 to September 2009

The Green Toronto Awards have been in place since 2004 and 2010 will be the sixth annual. Every year between 150 and 200 nominations are received and the selection committee narrows it down to 10 award winners. Individuals, resident groups, not-for-profit organizations and businesses have all received recognition for their efforts to green

our city. Over the years, this event has grown and, in 2009, an estimated 700 people attended to honour and celebrate the 10 award winners.

The Live Green Toronto Festival, which launched in 2005 as a half-day event held at Nathan Phillips Square, has evolved into a weekend event held at Yonge-Dundas Square and which involves closing Yonge Street to vehicular traffic and an exhibition of over 100 businesses and organizations providing environmental products and services. In 2009, an estimated 35,000 people attended the Live Green Toronto Festival.

#### **6b. Outcomes and Future Activities**

These two events, in particular, create opportunities for others to become inspired by the innovative and progressive actions being led by residents and businesses to green our city.

#### **6c. Recommended Changes**

At this time there is no need to change the scope or direction of this element of the Live Green Toronto program.

#### CONCLUSION

As part of the Climate Change, Clean Air and Sustainable Energy Action Plan, City Council directed the Toronto Environment Office to establish the Live Green Toronto initiative for the purpose of catalyzing and supporting neighbourhoods and businesses in taking action on climate change. Funding of \$17 million over five years from the City's Strategic Infrastructure Partnership Reserve Fund was authorized to support this initiative.

Building upon a foundation that included, among other things, the Green Toronto Awards, the Green Toronto Festival, the Toronto Environmental Volunteers and the Community Environment Days, Live Green Toronto has evolved, in a short one and a half years, into a program that is:

- supporting neighbourhoods and community groups in taking action through the provision of community animation services and access to financial assistance;
- catalyzing action through a social marketing campaign, provision of incentives, and by profiling the innovative and successful efforts being made by residents, organizations and businesses to green our city; and
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As the Live Green Toronto initiative becomes more established and evolves, future reporting will provide more quantifiable measures and outcomes of the initiative, in particular emission reductions resulting from activities supported by Live Green Toronto.

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## ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A: Summary of Organizations and Projects Funded by the Live Green Toronto Funds

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Table A Community Investment Program – Fall 2008			
Organization	Project Title	Funding Allocation	
Harbord Village Residents' Association	Energy Audit and Retrofit For GHG Reduction In A Downtown Neighbourhood	\$20,000	
Don Vale Cabbagetown Residents Association	Laurier Ave Geothermal Project	\$25,000	
Greenest City	From the Ground Up	\$25,000	
The Toronto United Church Council	Green Awakening	\$23,150	
Green Here	Bridges to Community Environmental Initiatives	\$25,000	
Culture Link/Toronto Cyclist Union	Partnership for Integration and Sustainable Transportation	\$15,000	
Not Far From the Tree	Not Far From the Tree Expansion	\$25,000	
Black Creek Conservation Project of Toronto	Environmental Activities in Mt. Dennis-Weston	\$25,000	

Table B Capital Projects Fund – Fall 2008			
Organization	Project Title	Funding Allocation	
The Topham Park Eco-Team	Topham 10 Community Retrofit Project	\$50,000	
FoodShare	Over the top: Greening Toronto's Rooftop	\$150,000	
Bay Corridor Community Association	The Bay Street Bioswale	\$25,000	
Stop Community Food Centre	The Green Barn	\$100,000	
Hugh Garner Housing Cooperative	The Green Roof / Roof Garden Project	\$150,000	
FoodCycles	Downsview Park Greenhouses	\$35,087	

Table C Community Investment Program - Spring 2009			
Organization	Project Title	Funding Allocation	
Annex Community Alliance	Eco Restoration Park		
		\$25,000	
Growing for Green	Ben Nobleman Park Community Orchard	\$24,577	
Hincks-Dellcrest Centre	Grow Our Own	\$5,000	
North York Harvest Food Bank	Harvest to Hand Community Garden	\$25,000	
Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care	Healthy Eating & Growing Up Green	\$18,140	
Toronto Renewable Energy Co-op	Our Power Community Solar Support Program	\$25,000	
Urban Agriculture Society	Urban Ag Society Pilot Garden	\$5,300	
Women's Habitat of Etobicoke	WH Green Thumbs Initiative	\$7,500	

Table D Capital Projects Fund – Spring 2009			
Organization	Project Title	Funding Allocation	
Access Alliance	Crescent Town Community Health Centre and Social Service Hub	\$75,000	
FoodShare	Growing the Edible City	\$41,500	
Friends of Rouge Watershed	Conserving Energy & Resources to Reduce Air Pollution and Climate Change	\$25,000	
GreenHere	Community Canopy: Forest to Fruit	\$75,000	
Howard School	Howard School Ground Greening and Curriculum Garden	\$16,000	
Indian Road Crescent JPS Greening Comm.	IRC Schoolyard Greening Project	\$16,000	
LEAF	Backyard Planting Program	\$128,500	
Rouge Valley Foundation	Year of Energy Conservation	\$45,000	
York Community Services	Weston-Mt. Dennis Community Health Centre and Social Service Hub	\$180,900	