

Toronto Green Standard & Toronto Green Roof Bylaw













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Our city is growing...

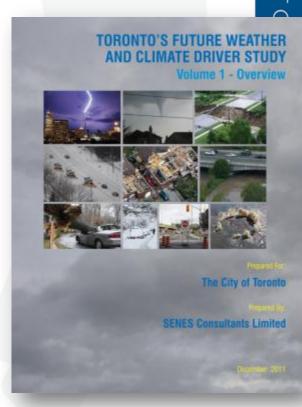


Our Weather is Changing

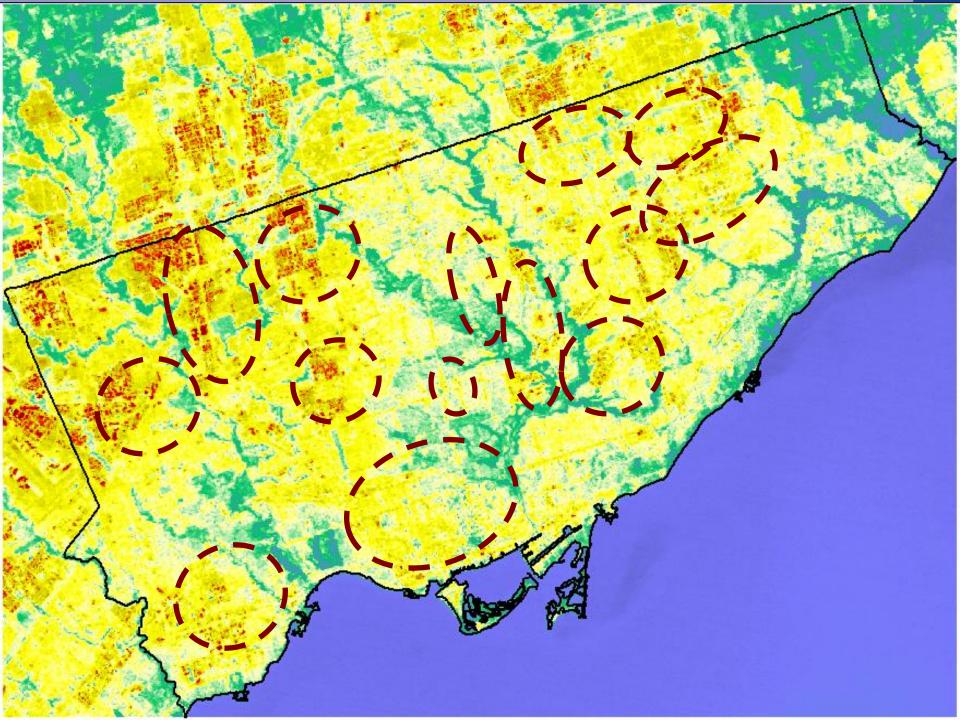




Climate Change and Resiliency: hotter, drier summers and extreme rainfall events

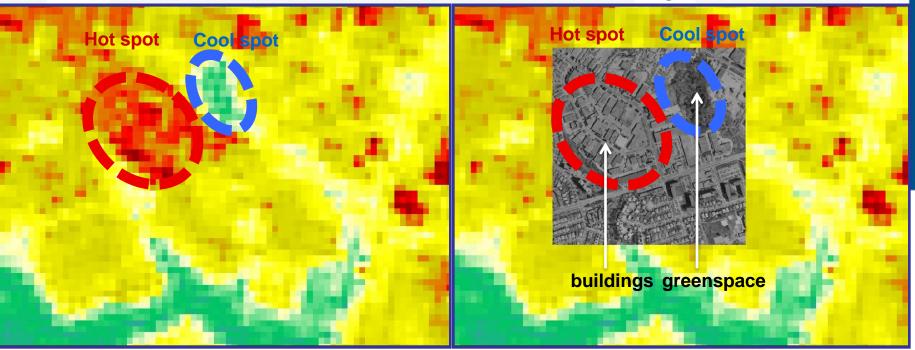




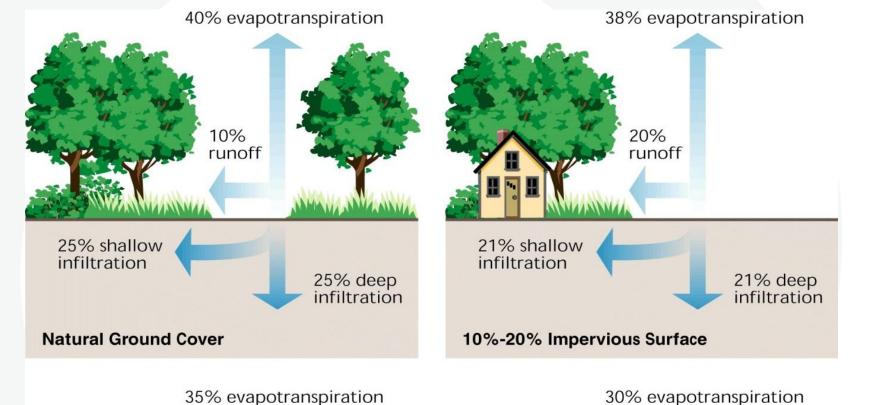


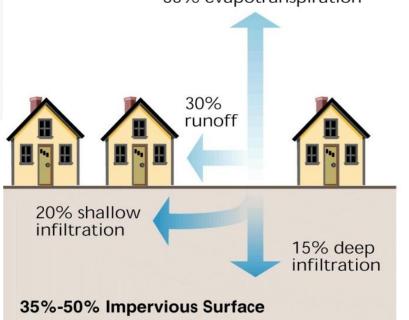
Thermal Mapping

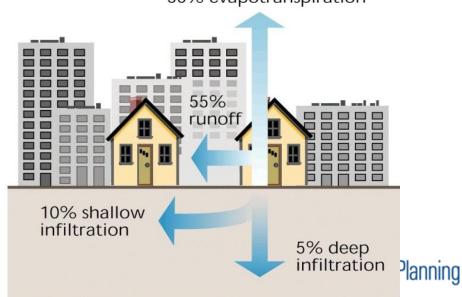
Land Use Mapping











75%-100% Impervious Surface

Our approach is shifting...



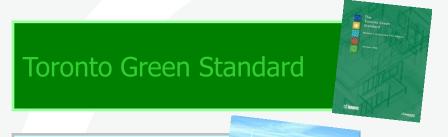
Environmental Policy & Tools





INTEGRATION – Green Strategies Framework

Policies and Guidelines



Climate Change Action Plan



Green Roof Bylaw



Wet Weather Flow Management Guidelines

Municipal Official Plan



Regulations

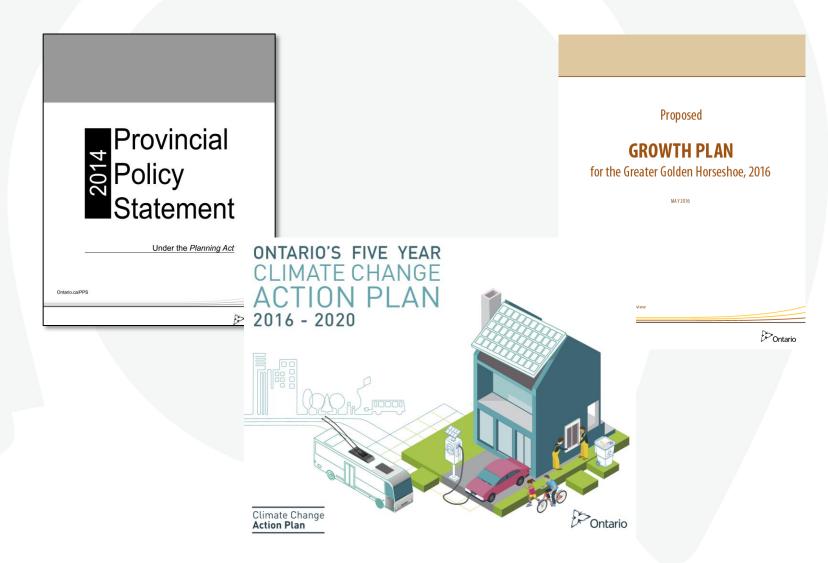


Zoning Bylaw





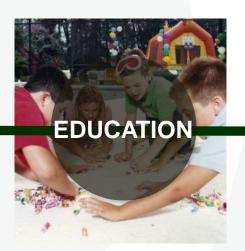
PPS and new Plans













Toronto Green Standard

Voluntary Green Standard 2006 Two tier mandatory/voluntary
2010

Revised two tier mandatory/ voluntary 2014



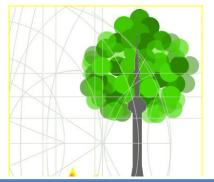












Sustainable cities/design symposium

Discussion papers to Council

Internal & external round tables

Technical research- City best practises

Consultant study- green standards around the world

LEED/BOMA comparison



How to make it mandatory

Legal analysis

Cost Benefit study

Verification protocol

Internal development approvals process

Staff training

Toronto LEED Supplement

DC refund/ procedures

Development review support



New Bylaws and OBC

Revision from development review experience

Updated City guidelines/references

Alignment with other systems -LEED '09

Direct industry involvement – technical advisers

Studies e.g. bird friendly design, tree planting standards

ENVIRONMENTAL DRIVERS













TGS is patterned to address the City's "Environmental Drivers":

- 1. Air Quality
- 2. Green House Gas Emissions, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change
- 3. Water Quality and Efficiency
- 4. Urban Ecology
- 5. Solid Waste











TORONTO GREEN STANDARD Two Sets of Standards; 3 Types of Development













1. Low-riseresidential≤4 stories, ≥ 5 units

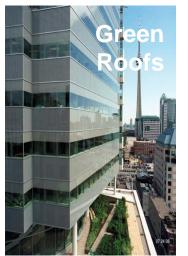


2. Mid-rise to High-rise ≥ 4 stories and ALL non-residential uses



TIER 1: MINIMUM REQUIRED STANDARD















TIER 2 PACKAGE

+25% Energy Efficiency above OBC



+75% UHI treatment at-grade

+30% Water **Efficiency**

















Building

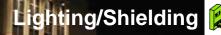
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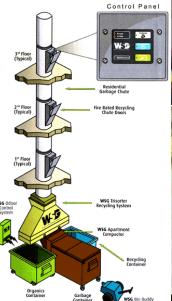
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10mmStormwater Retention



Parking; Bike Share







Progress...



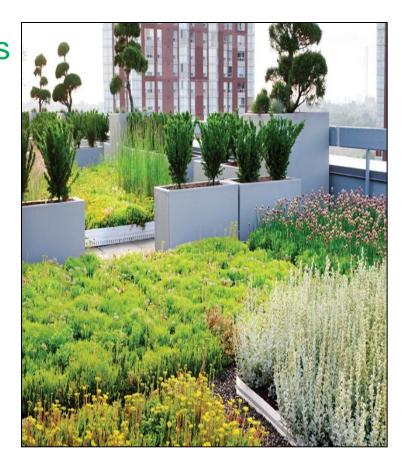








- > 850 development projects have applied Tier 1
- 15% are Tier 2
- Saved 115,205 tC02eq per annum
- 2 million litres of potable water saved (TGS Tier 2 buildings)



Green Roof Bylaw:

Required for all New Large Buildings



Gross Floor Area (Size of Building)	Coverage of Available Roof Space (Size of Green Roof)
2,000 – 4,999 m ²	20%
5,000- 9,999 m ²	30%
10,000- 14,999 m ²	40%
15,000- 19,999 m²	50%
20,000 m ² or greater	60%



Green Roof Bylaw:

GREEN ROOF CALCULATION: AVAILABLE ROOF SPACE

Total Roof Area excludes:

- areas devoted to renewable energy
- private terraces
- required outdoor amenity areas
- Tower roof area(<750 sq.m floorplate)



Green Roof Bylaw: GREEN ROOF CONSTRUCTION STANDARD

- Contained in Article IV of the Bylaw
- Sets out minimum requirements for the construction and maintenance of green roofs
- Provides certainty and clarity for designing and building green roofs in Toronto





"Combining alternatives that perform well in a few particular areas can improve the overall performance of a roof system, sometimes at lower cost as compared to a green roof.

However, none of the lower cost options perform as well as a green roof overall."



Our achievements are increasing...



Green Roof Bylaw 2016

Between January 2010 – May 2015:

- 265,000 m² built or to be constructed
 - schools: 13000 m²
- 33 Cash-in-lieu (approved variances or exemptions)
 - schools: 6 exemptions, 2 variances
- 300 building permits issued for green roofs (includes required and voluntary)
- Green Roofs saving 95,000 m³/yr Storm Water retention









ECO-ROOF INCENTIVE PROGRAM

- To reduce energy use and the emissions that contribute to climate change **Green roofs: eligible for up to \$100,000**
- \$75/m²

Cool roofs: eligible for up to \$50,000

- \$2/m² for a coating over an existing roof; \$5/m² for a new membrane
- applies to existing residential, commercial, industrial and institutional buildings and new schools and development less than 2,000/m²



Results:

44 green roofs 132 cool roofs









