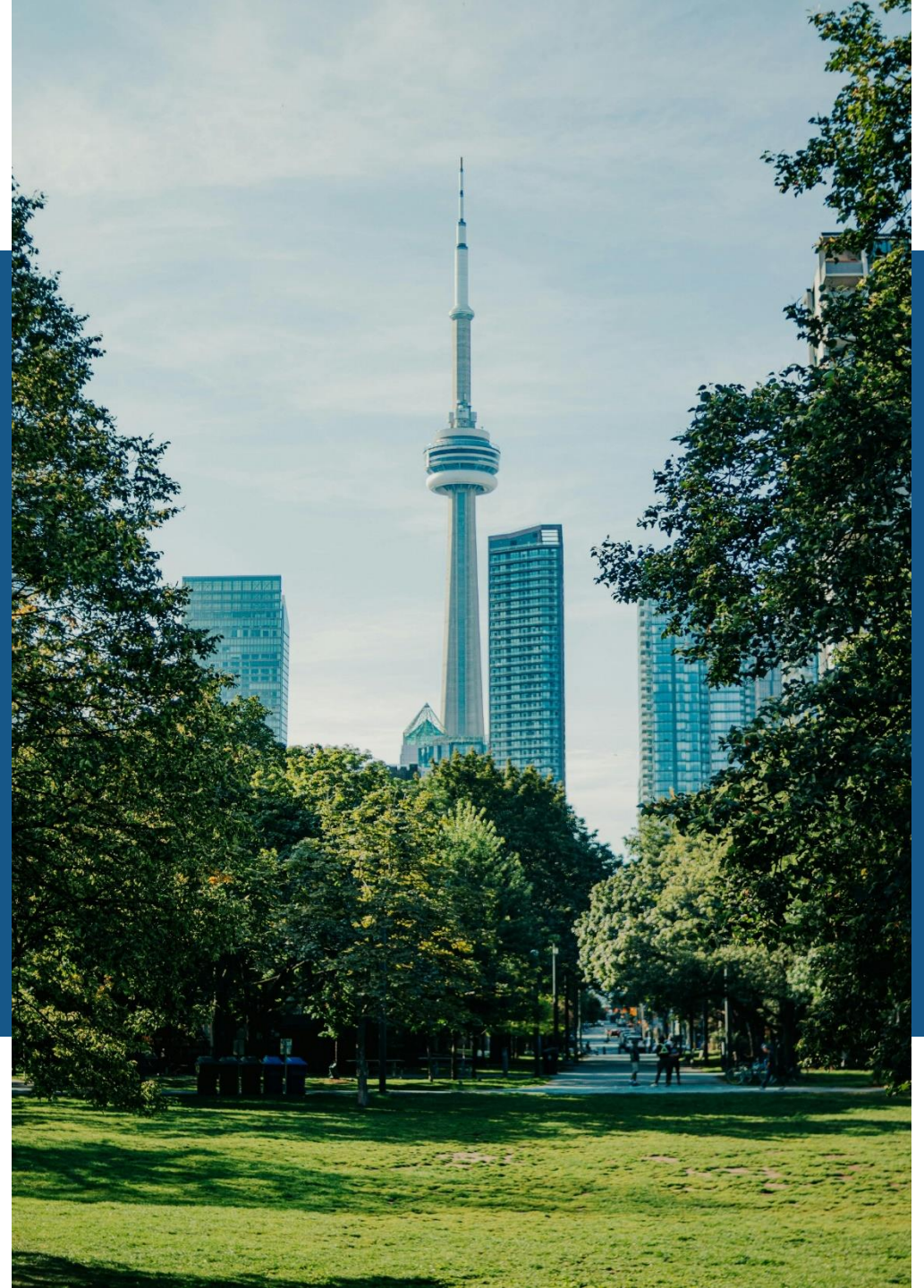


10-Year Circular Economy Road Map

Infrastructure & Environment Committee

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A circular economy aims to eliminate landfill waste and maximize resources by recovering as much value as possible.

A circular economy goes beyond traditional recycling, and reimagines waste as a resource. Instead of spending money on things designed to be thrown away, we extend the value of everything we use through **redesign, reduction, reuse, repair, refurbishment, remanufacturing, repurposing, recycling, and recovery.**



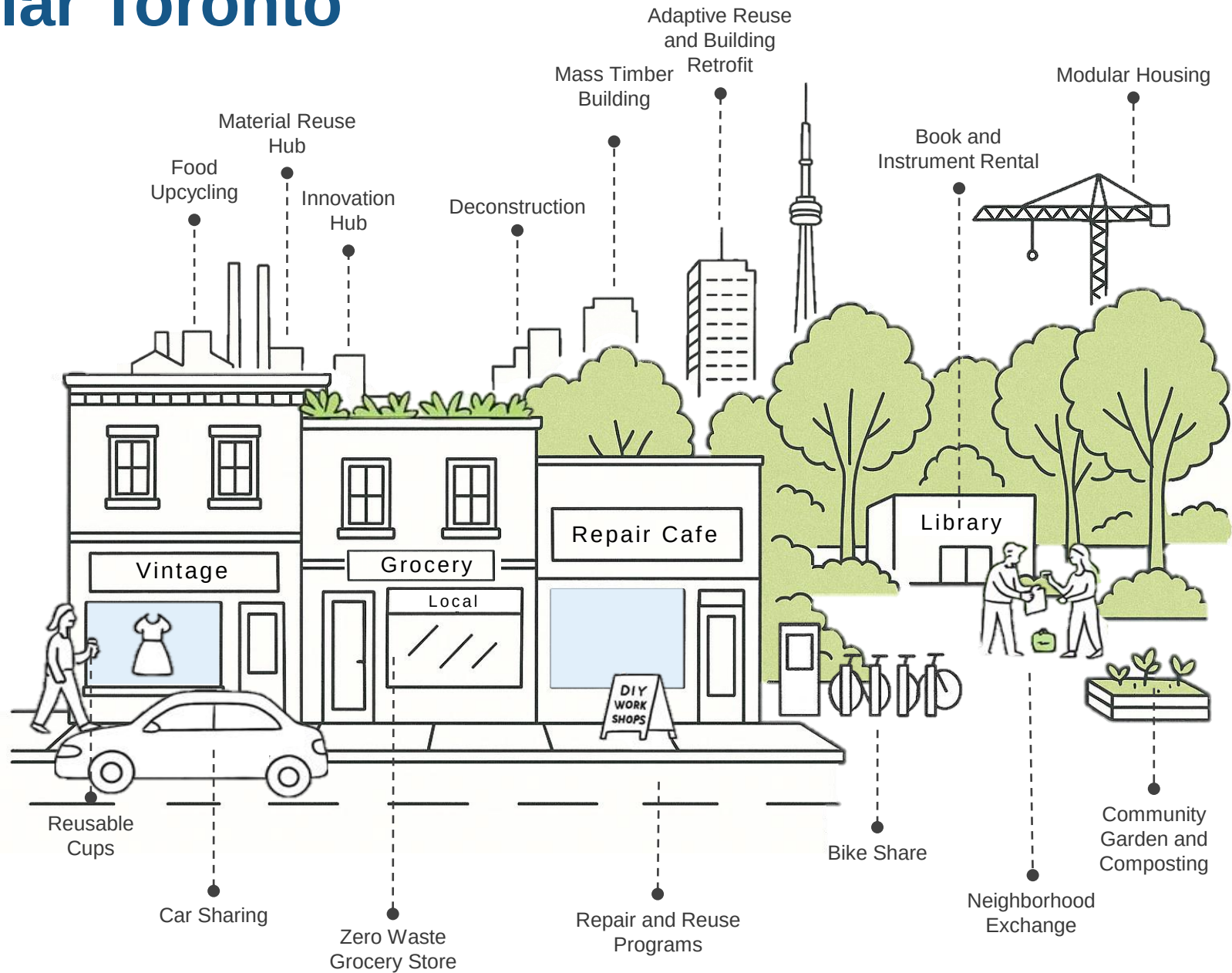
An investment in the circular economy is timely and urgent

Toronto's economy generates approximately **2.1 million tonnes of waste each year, and at least 50% of this goes to landfill.**

Of the total waste, approximately 900,000 tonnes is managed by the City at an operating **cost of over \$425 million each year.**

As the costs of our products increase
– from food to clothing, housing to cars –
waste is a luxury no one can afford.

Circular Toronto





In a circular economy:

We take less from the earth

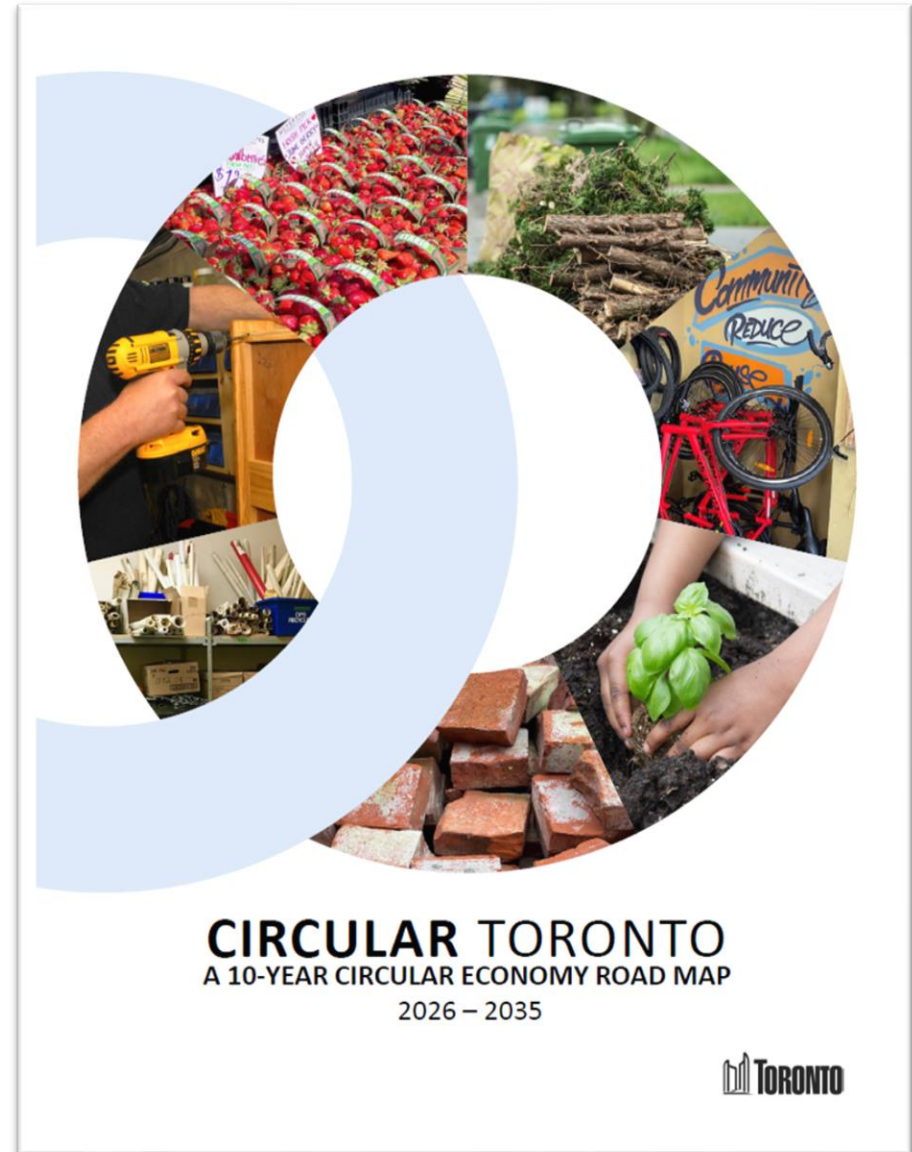
**We maintain, care for, and extend the value
of the things we already have**

**We support local businesses, job creation,
and spark innovation**

**We address affordability, strengthen
communities, and grow our local economies**

Circular Economy Road Map

The Road Map sets out a vision for Toronto's circular economy transition over the next 10 years to support waste reduction and sustainable consumption in Toronto, with a focus on addressing wider consumption behaviours that generate waste.



Circular Economy Road Map

The Road Map is organized around 5 Strategic Directions, 15 Actions, and 55 Sub-actions that aim to:

Improve access to affordable local resources, programs, and education for **residents and communities**



Create an enabling, supportive environment for **businesses and industry** by removing barriers and providing incentives



Demonstrate success in **City operations** and leverage existing assets and resources to reduce waste



Implementation and Impact: Years 1-3

- The Circular Economy Road Map will be implemented by **multiple City Divisions** using a **whole-of-city approach**
- **Priority initiatives:**



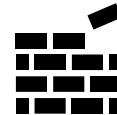
1) Consumer education campaigns



5) Accelerate circular business innovation through the Green Market Acceleration Program



2) Establish industry forums to build relationships with circular businesses



6) Feasibility study on construction material reuse hub



3) Identify City assets to support circular initiatives



7) Sustain and expand Circular Food Innovators Fund



4) Expand community-led circular economy programs

MAYOR'S ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN IN RESPONSE TO US TARIFFS



A Plan to Protect Toronto Businesses

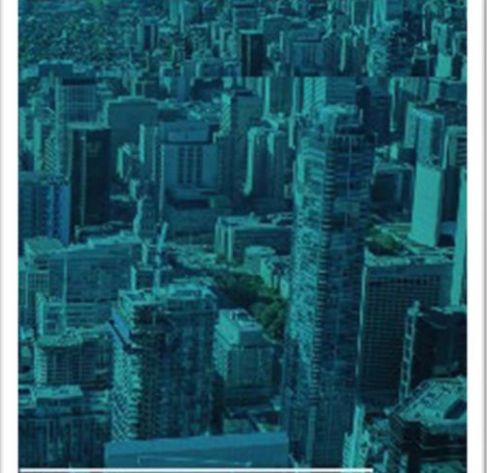


SIDEWALKS TO SKYLINES



A 10-YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR TORONTO'S ECONOMY (2025-2035)

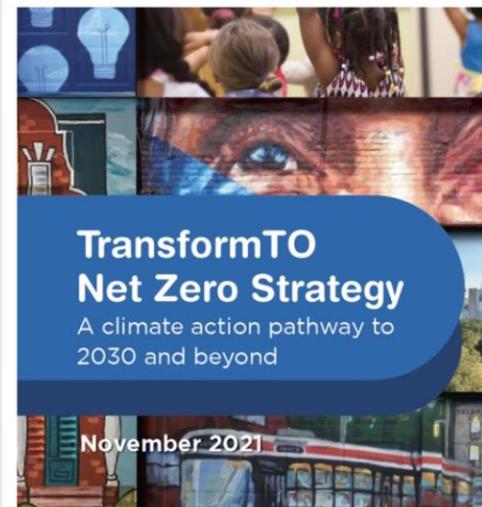
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