
TransformTO
**Net Zero Strategy
Progress Report**
2022-2025

Land Acknowledgement

The City of Toronto acknowledges that we are on the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

The City also acknowledges that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.

Since its inception in 2017, Toronto's TransformTO climate action strategy has been based primarily on a western scientific perspective.

When the updated Net Zero Strategy (NZZ) was adopted by City Council in 2021, City Council directed staff to work with Indigenous rights holders and urban Indigenous communities to share knowledge and learnings to inform climate action.

The Net Zero Strategy Action Plan (2026–2030) builds on a jurisdictional scan of how other Canadian cities are working with Indigenous communities on climate action. Informed by these insights and early community engagement, the plan outlines actions the City will take to strengthen relationships and support more meaningful collaboration on climate and resilience.

Relationship-building is foundational to this work. While still at an early stage, relationship-building is essential to develop a deeper understanding of Toronto's climate past and future, and to inform a more inclusive and climate-resilient city for all. The City is committed to working alongside Indigenous communities and strengthening the connection between climate action and the City's Reconciliation Action Plan.





African Ancestral Acknowledgement

The City of Toronto acknowledges all Treaty peoples – including those who came here as settlers – as migrants either in this generation or in generations past – and those of us who came here involuntarily, particularly those brought to these lands as a result of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and Slavery. We pay tribute to those ancestors of African origin and descent.

Upon adoption of the TransformTO Net Zero Strategy in 2021, City Council directed staff to centre the voices of equity-deserving communities in the implementation of the strategy. The City is committed to acting in support of and in solidarity with Black communities on climate change and resilience. This commitment in the Net Zero Strategy Action Plan includes a new Black-led climate action grants program, to be launched in 2026 after co-design with members of the Black community, drawing on lived-experience. In addition, the City values and appreciates the perspectives brought by members of the Climate Advisory Group (CAG) who belong to and work with Black communities. The City will continue to increase the focus on community-led and youth-oriented programming, elevating voices that may not have been previously heard.

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Introduction

This report highlights selected initiatives that demonstrate how Toronto is responding to climate change and advancing action toward the goal of net zero emissions, community-wide, by 2040.

Toronto City Council adopted the TransformTO Net Zero Strategy in 2021. It sets out a vision for a healthy, equitable, prosperous, resilient and zero-carbon city, with a goal of reaching net zero community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2040.

Reaching net zero in Toronto means changing the systems we rely on every day, like buildings, transportation and waste, to use low-carbon, renewable energy

and become more efficient. This will take collaboration across all levels of government, as well as the private sector, organizations and residents.

This report features examples of actions taken to reduce emissions from both City operations and the broader community, highlighting progress across five key sectors with the greatest potential for emissions reductions: buildings, energy, transportation, waste and community engagement.

Between 2022 and 2025, the City advanced numerous key actions, including reducing emissions from buildings and vehicles, expanding renewable and local energy, improving sustainable transportation, implementing solutions to reduce emissions from waste and wastewater systems and applying Toronto's carbon budget to guide decision making.

These initiatives demonstrate how Toronto is responding to climate change and advancing its net zero GHG commitments.

The TransformTO Net Zero Strategy Action Plan (2026 - 2030) continues to prioritize affordability, public health, economic opportunity and solutions that support vulnerable residents and communities.

This summary provides just a small sample of the work achieved over the past four years and areas where more work is needed.

The City remains committed to achieving net zero and will continue to take action in a way that is responsive to residents and today's economic realities.



Transforming Toronto's Buildings



The new Mount Dennis Early Learning and Child Care Centre shows what is possible when we put families and climate action at the centre of our work.

Buildings are the largest source of GHG emissions in Toronto. Reducing building emissions can be achieved by improving energy efficiency and transitioning building energy from fossil (natural) gas to low-carbon electricity and renewable energy.

Mount Dennis Early Learning and Child Care Centre

In September 2025, the City opened the Mount Dennis Early Learning and Child Care Centre, making it the largest municipally operated child care centre in the city and its first net zero emissions building.

The **1765** m² facility provides **98** licensed spaces to support families in the Mount Dennis community. Fully electric and designed for near zero-emissions, the building uses super insulated

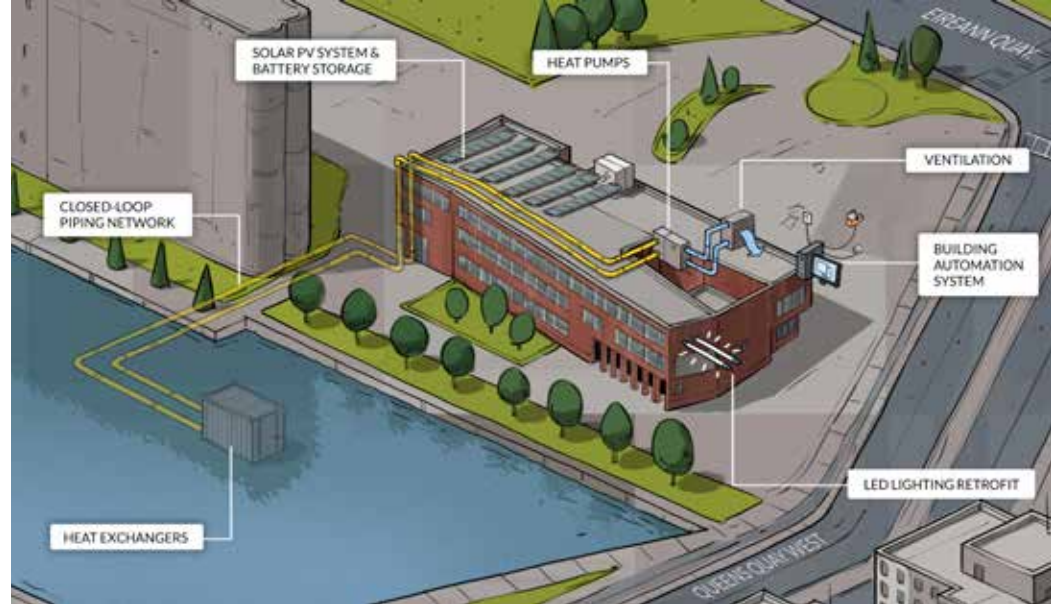
construction, geothermal heating and cooling and a **264** panel solar array.

By combining low-carbon construction with essential community services, the Mount Dennis Early Learning and Child Care Centre demonstrates how new municipal buildings can support Toronto's net zero emissions goal while improving quality of life for residents.



Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre

The City's Waterfront Neighbourhood Centre at 627 Queens Quay West has undergone a deep energy retrofit that demonstrates how low carbon technologies can be integrated into existing public buildings. The project combines rooftop solar power, on-site battery storage to manage peak energy demand, and a pilot hydrothermal system that uses Lake Ontario to provide efficient, low carbon heating and cooling. Together, these measures showcase a practical, scalable approach to reducing emissions in aging municipal infrastructure while maintaining day-to-day operations.



Over the past two years, the building has reduced total energy use by more than **70** per cent, cut fossil fuel consumption by **95** per cent and lowered greenhouse gas emissions by more than **80** per cent. Home to a school, daycare

and community centre, the retrofit improves comfort, enhances indoor environmental quality and reduces operating costs, demonstrating how climate action investments can deliver long-term benefits for both building users and the City.



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Credit: SvN Architects & Planners

Sustainable Housing

The City of Toronto is using mass timber construction to help meet its 2040 net zero emissions goals.

Unlike concrete and steel, mass timber stores carbon, making it a lower carbon option for new buildings, especially for municipal and affordable housing projects.

Through the Rapid Housing Initiative, the City is currently building three prefabricated mass timber affordable housing developments at Wardlaw Crescent, Bellevue Avenue and Brock Avenue. All three projects will deliver affordable homes

with wrap-around supports for residents and are designed to meet or exceed Tier 2 of the Toronto Green Standard. Construction on these projects started in 2025 and is expected to be completed in 2026.

These projects show how low-carbon materials can support both climate action and the rapid delivery of affordable housing.



Toronto Hydro's Climate Advisory Services and Furnace Upgrade Program

Launched in September 2025, the Furnace Upgrade Program, delivered in collaboration with Toronto Hydro's Climate Advisory Services, continues to support homeowners in reducing emissions from home heating and cooling, with a focus on accelerating the adoption of heat pumps.

This initiative provides free virtual energy coaching services to help homeowners navigate upgrades to their homes, including guidance on clean heating and cooling technologies, along with access to qualified contractors, service



providers and professionals through Toronto Hydro's Cleantech Services Directory. Coaching has reached residents across Toronto, and participant feedback has been extremely positive, with **100** per cent customer satisfaction among surveyed clients. Homeowners

consistently highlighted the value of one-on-one coaching to help them understand clean heating options, navigate complex upgrade decisions, and plan next steps with confidence.



Switching to new technology like heat pumps to replace gas furnaces can be daunting for homeowners. Toronto's Climate Advisory Services offers one-on-one support to help residents upgrade their systems, improve energy efficiency and save money.



Decarbonizing Toronto's Energy System



Rooftop solar can save a household more than \$1,000 per year on energy costs, while also supplying electricity to the grid during peak times.

Transforming how Toronto produces and uses energy is key to reaching our net zero emissions. Shifting to energy sources that produce less greenhouse gas emissions is key to achieving this goal. Between 2022 to 2025, the City and its partners advanced this work by increasing electrification, using low carbon electricity, expanding renewable energy and planning district energy systems.

SolarTO

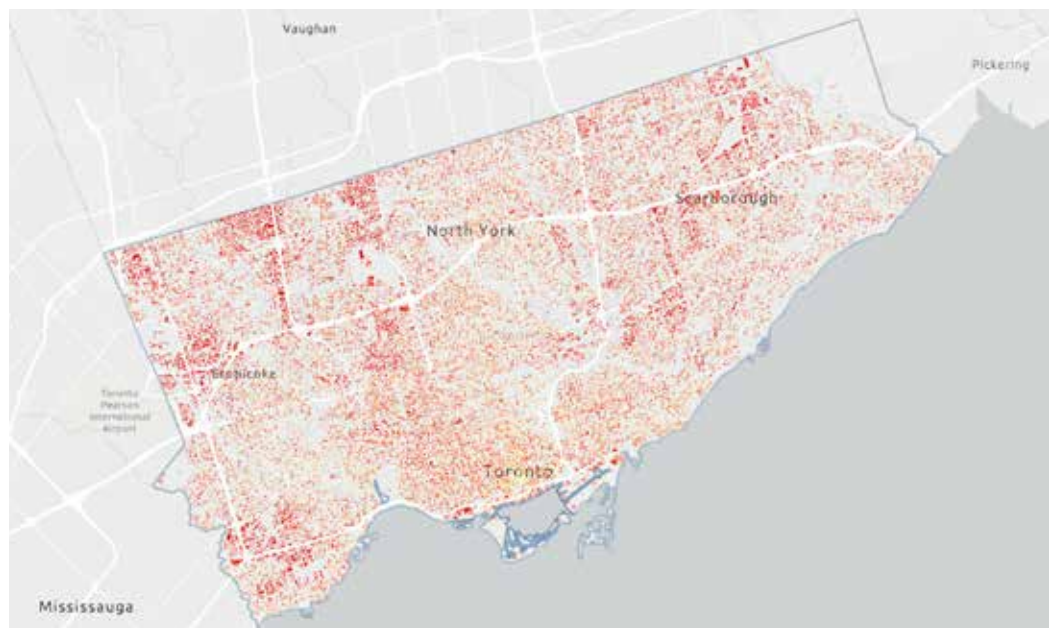
SolarTO supports Toronto's net zero goals by making it easier for residents and businesses to adopt solar. Building on experience from more than **100** solar installations on City-owned buildings, the program provides residents and businesses with practical tools to assess and act on their solar potential.

Early program delivery included approximately **400** individualized assessments each year to help remove barriers to adoption.

As demand grew, the City launched the SolarTO Map. This interactive, GIS-based tool shows the solar potential of Toronto's buildings, utilizing rooftop data to help determine whether solar is a suitable option.

Ongoing public engagement continues to inform program design and address key barriers, helping scale local renewable energy generation and reduce citywide greenhouse gas emissions.

The SolarTO Map uses data to help determine whether solar is a suitable option for a rooftop.



Etobicoke Civic Centre Precinct Low Carbon Thermal Energy Network

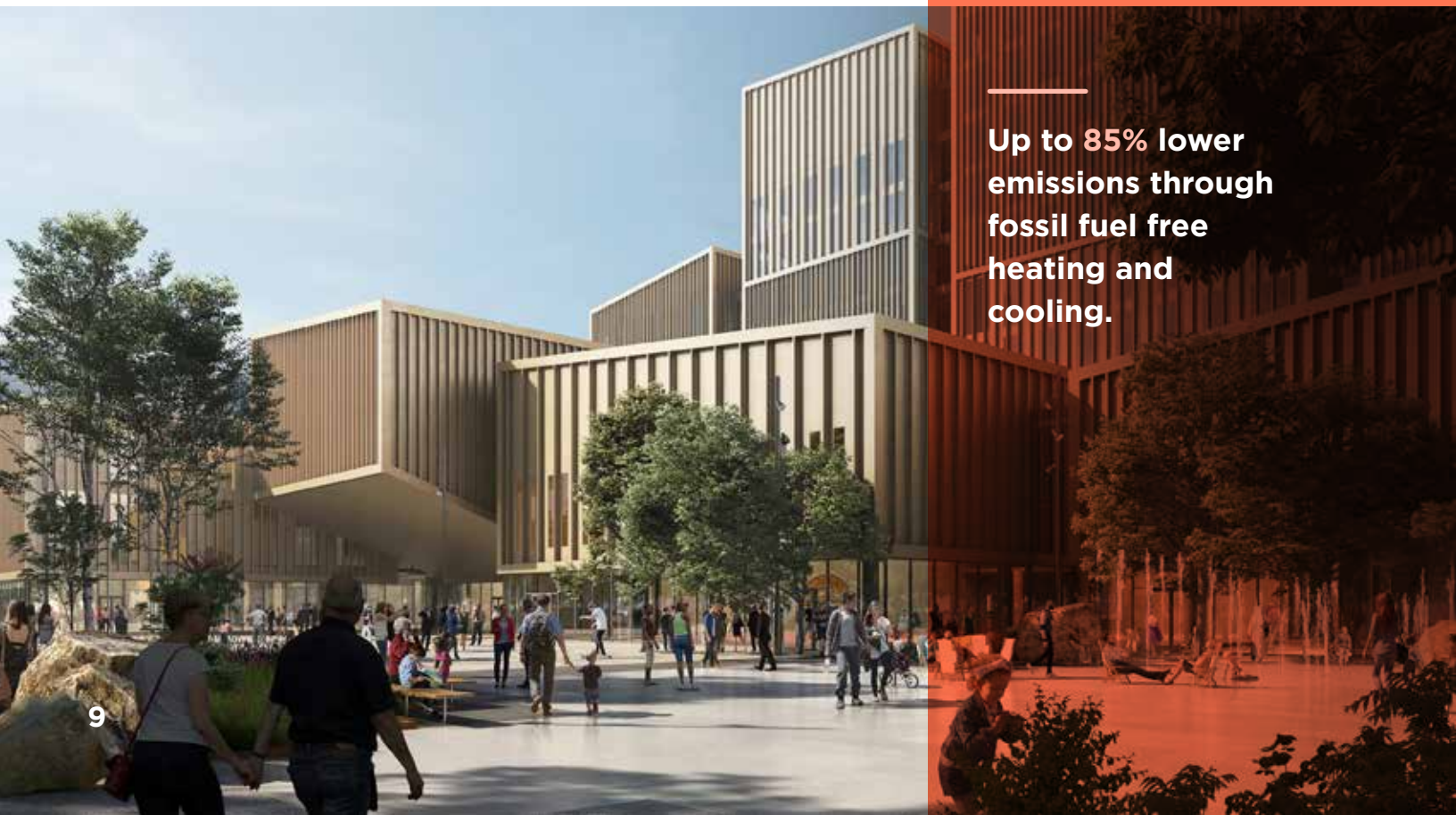
In 2024, construction began on the Etobicoke Civic Centre, a new transit oriented mixed use development that will include affordable housing and low carbon infrastructure.

The City, in partnership with CreateTO and Enwave, is building a low-carbon thermal energy network that uses the ground as a thermal battery to provide heating and cooling.



This approach is expected to reduce GHG emissions by approximately **75-85** per cent compared to conventional systems, while improving energy resilience and supporting the transition to zero emissions buildings.

Located at the heart of the precinct is the Bloor-Kipling project which will deliver more than **2,700** homes, a new Etobicoke Civic Centre, a new City park, great public spaces and a dynamic mix of amenities.



Up to **85%** lower emissions through fossil fuel free heating and cooling.



Moving Towards a Greener Fleet

More than **1 in 10** Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) buses is now zero-emission, marking a major step toward net-zero transit by 2040.

Transportation is the second-largest source of GHG emissions in Toronto. Low-carbon options like walking, cycling, public transit and electric vehicles help reduce these emissions.

The City is working to transition its fleet to lower-emission vehicles through strategic partnerships, innovation, and new technologies. This shift supports more resilient and equitable transportation, while using cleaner, quieter vehicles that reduce fuel use and save money.

TTC Green Bus Program

The TTC's Green Bus Transformation Program is shaping the future of transit in Toronto. As one of the largest electric bus initiatives in North America, it is accelerating the transition to clean, quiet, zero-emissions mobility across the city.

At the end of 2025, the TTC operated **206** eBuses (approximately **13%** of the fleet), with plans to expand to **336** eBuses in service by mid 2026, supported by new charging infrastructure.



Expanding the City's Electric Vehicle Fleet

In 2025, Toronto Fire Services added two fully electric fire trucks into service as part of the City's commitment to test and expand zero emission technologies.

Based in North York, the new electric pumper trucks are designed to meet the full demands of frontline emergency response while supporting Toronto's climate goals.

The electric trucks deliver the same pumping capacity, maneuverability and reliability as traditional diesel models, ensuring firefighters can respond to emergencies without any impact on performance or safety.



At the same time, they produce zero tailpipe emissions, helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from high-use City vehicles.

Each vehicle meets the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1901 standard, demonstrating that innovative, low-carbon technologies can meet rigorous national safety requirements.

In addition to reducing emissions, the electric pumpers operate more quietly than diesel trucks, improving working conditions for crews and reducing noise in surrounding communities.





Reducing Emissions from Heavy Duty Vehicles

The City has retrofitted waste collection trucks with a hybrid system that uses both compressed fossil fuel and electric power. As of December 2025, **23** trucks have been upgraded, with another **37** expected to be in service by the end of 2026.

The technology reduces idling by turning the engine off and powering equipment electrically, cutting engine use by **50** per cent and greenhouse gas emissions by **30** per cent. Each retrofitted truck saves approximately **\$20,600** a year in fuel and maintenance costs and reduces emissions by **26** tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂).

This innovative technology was created in partnership with Effenco Development and was funded by Natural Resources Canada's Green Freight Program.

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Cycling Initiatives

Between 2022 and 2025, the City advanced key cycling projects that support the TransformTO Net Zero Strategy by enabling safe, low-carbon travel and improving connections to the cycling network.



Neighbourhood Greenway: Palmerston–Tecumseth

Delivered in 2022–2023, the greenway introduced contra-flow bike lanes, shared markings, updated traffic directions and new signage. This north-south corridor provides a low-volume environment where active transportation is encouraged, and connects to several intersecting bikeways in the City’s cycling network.

Bloor Street West

Following road reconstruction in 2023–2024, quick-build bikeways were upgraded to raised cycle tracks between Spadina Avenue and Avenue Road. The project included safer crossings, bike-and-bus platforms, green-infrastructure planters and Toronto’s first protected downtown intersection at Bloor Street West and St George Street.



Improving active transportation means reducing emissions and congestion for all road users.



Douro and Wellington Streets

In 2023, two-way cycle tracks on Wellington Street West were constructed, creating a safer, continuous east-west corridor through permanent separation, accessibility upgrades and new bicycle signals.

Streets for All: Accessible Platforms

From 2022–2025, accessible, integrated bike and transit platforms were implemented on Davenport Avenue, College Street and Steeles Avenue, supporting accessible, equitable street design.

**Well-designed
cycling infrastructure
helps more people
choose active,
low-carbon ways
to move around
the city.**





Creating a Circular City



Over the next decade, Toronto's shift to a circular economy will help reduce emissions by reimagining how everything from clothes, buildings and even cities are designed, produced and used.

A circular city helps move toward net zero by reducing waste, encouraging sustainable consumption, reducing emissions across the lifecycle of products and materials, and keeping resources in use longer.

10-year Circular Economy Road Map

In 2025, the City of Toronto adopted a 10-Year Circular Economy Road Map, Circular Toronto, advancing the TransformTO Net Zero Strategy by encouraging sustainable consumption, reducing waste and emissions, and maximizing the value of materials. The Road Map serves as a guide for accelerating Toronto's journey to becoming Ontario's first circular city.

Through programs, incentives and supports, the City is making it easier for residents and businesses to repair, share and reuse. Toronto will also lead by example by embedding circular practices into City operations, while creating the conditions for local businesses, innovators and community groups to scale up circular solutions city-wide.



Circular Food Innovators Fund

Launched in 2024, the Circular Food Innovators Fund supports local small businesses both for-profit and non-profit to replace single-use takeaway items with reusable foodservice systems.

Nine businesses received funding in the first round to pilot innovative solutions that reduce packaging waste. A second round of funding opened in early 2026, with new projects set to launch in summer 2026.

One recipient, Inwit, used City support to enhance its reusable container system, making low-waste takeout more convenient.



Its zero-waste catering platform delivers meals from multiple restaurants in insulated reusable containers by cargo bike and provides impact reporting for each order.

Over the course of a year, Inwit saved **3.5** tonnes of CO₂, and prevented the use of **11,500** single-use plastic items.



Practical, community-driven solutions help build a more circular Toronto.



Deconstruction Pilot: Advancing Circular Construction

In 2025, the City of Toronto collaborated with CreateTO to pilot deconstruction at 1113 Dundas Street West. Rather than demolishing the existing building, the project disassembled the building with the aim to salvage and divert material from landfill. The pilot was able to salvage a wide range of materials including brick,

lumber, windows, doors and interior trim, demonstrating the environmental, social and economic value of keeping building materials in circulation. Beyond environmental benefits, the pilot supported local businesses and skilled trades, highlighting deconstruction as a practical tool in strengthening Toronto's circular economy.



Photos: CreateTO

**Deconstruction
Pilot Results:**
**90% of materials
diverted.**
**49.5 tonnes of
greenhouse gas
emissions avoided.**





Empowering Community Climate Action



The Women4ClimateTO program demonstrates that when underrepresented voices are supported, they drive stronger climate solutions, sparking a new wave of science-based, community-led innovation.

Reaching net zero takes collective action. Community-led efforts help transform climate goals into meaningful change across Toronto’s neighbourhoods.

Women4ClimateTO

The Women4Climate Toronto Mentorship Program supports women-led climate innovation by connecting entrepreneurs with mentorship, training and networks to help scale high-impact solutions. To date, the program has supported **59** entrepreneurs developing climate-focused projects, products and start-ups across Toronto.

The program ends in an annual pitch competition that awards funding to ventures with strong potential to support a healthier, more sustainable and resilient city. Past projects span circular consumer goods, low-carbon building materials, modular housing, urban agriculture, EV charging, zero-waste retail and community-driven enterprises.

Women4ClimateTO in Action

2024 Winner: Edie Farming (Katherine Festeryga)

Toronto’s first commercial rooftop greenhouse, Edie Farming uses AI-driven systems, closed-loop hydroponics and **100** per cent renewable energy to grow produce year-round while avoiding new land-use and construction emissions. A City-supported pilot is anticipated in 2027.

2025 Winner: ShowerThoughts™ (Amanda Horn)

ShowerThoughts™ is a circular personal-care company replacing single-use products with regenerative alternatives made from its proprietary seaweed-based biomaterial, Merroir™.



Indigenous Climate Action

The Indigenous Climate Action Grants (ICAG) program supports Indigenous-led climate action rooted in culture, land stewardship and community wellbeing. Across five funding rounds, ICAG has invested in **51** projects city-wide, advancing youth leadership, climate justice and community resilience.

Together, these initiatives have supported more than **100** ceremonies, gatherings and cultural events, engaging more than **2,000** Indigenous and non-Indigenous Torontonians.



ICAG in Action: Shkaabe Makwa, CAMH

In 2023, ICAG funding supported Shkaabe Makwa, the Indigenous-led centre at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) to create an Indigenous garden and sweat lodge, providing land-based spaces for healing and cultural practice in an urban setting.

Building on this work, ICAG funding in 2025 is supporting a public Climate Change and Indigenous Wellbeing Symposium, grounded in First Nations, Inuit and Métis knowledge systems that will be held in October 2026.

'Little Spirit Moon' Artwork by Theresa Brant

By bringing people together around land stewardship and cultural tradition, this project strengthens the shared responsibility for the land and inspires creative, community led climate action rooted in joy and connection.



Youth Climate Action

The Youth Climate Action Grants (YCAC) program empowers students to lead climate action in their schools and communities. From 2022 to 2025, YCAC funded **86** student-led projects with an additional **73** projects planned for 2026. Projects range from food gardens and repair cafés to cycling safety, energy initiatives and citizen science turning climate learning into hands-on action while building skills and leadership.

YCAC in Action

At Loretto Abbey, students hosted a monthly repair café, learning to mend and repurpose clothing while reducing waste and challenging fast-fashion culture.



At Sir Ernest MacMillan Senior Public School, students launched HydroGrow, an aquaponics project that produced more than **1,000** organic plants for the school nutrition program using a low-waste, closed-loop system.

Together, YCAC projects demonstrate how youth-led innovation delivers real, community-level climate benefits.



The Youth Climate Action Grants Program turns climate learning into action, empowering students to lead local solutions while building skills for a low-carbon future.



Climate Resilience & Adaptation



Port Lands Flood Protection Features:

A new
1,000-metre
river channel.

Protecting
240 hectares
from flooding.

Adding
16 hectares
of parkland.

Climate adaptation refers to the actions that we can take to reduce the harmful effects of climate change. Effective adaptation strengthens Toronto's overall ability to respond to climate change and extreme weather events quickly, effectively, and equitably - so that people, infrastructure and natural systems are resilient to climate change now and for future generations.

Port Lands Flood Protection

The City of Toronto is a key partner in the Port Lands Flood Protection project, one of Canada's largest climate-resilience initiatives. The project has protected more than **240** hectares from flooding, creating a new **1,000**-metre river channel and adding **16** hectares of parkland.

With more than **\$1.4** billion invested by all orders of government, the project restores natural systems, protects communities and enables climate-ready, low-carbon development.

Photo: CreateTO



Heat Relief Strategy

Toronto's Heat Relief Strategy is a coordinated, city-wide response to rising temperatures and more frequent extreme heat events. Delivered in partnership across multiple City divisions, it focuses on reducing health risks by improving access to cool spaces, drinking water and targeted supports for residents most vulnerable to heat.

Activated from May 15 to September 30, the Strategy expands access to cooling and hydration through air-conditioned cool spaces, extended pool hours, mobile water stations, water play amenities, targeted outreach and public education.

Toronto continues to strengthen its approach as climate conditions change by enhancing coordination, building partnerships, and ensuring services reach those who need them most.



Growing Toronto's Tree Canopy

The City is strengthening its approach to expanding tree canopy by focusing on where it is needed most, helping ensure more residents can benefit from cooling, cleaner air and greater climate resilience, especially in neighbourhoods most impacted by extreme heat. This work is supported through partnerships with organizations such as American Forests and LEAF, and is part of a broader effort to grow Toronto's urban forest to **40** per cent canopy cover by 2050.



Warmer, wetter, more extreme weather is already affecting life in Toronto. Acting now will build a resilient, net zero city.

Carbon Budget

The City uses accountability tools to guide climate decisions, including Toronto's carbon budget, which was implemented in 2024. The carbon budget was introduced through the TransformTO Net Zero Strategy in 2021 and formalized through the Climate Change Goals and Governance Bylaw.

Implemented in 2024, Toronto's Carbon Budget integrates climate accountability into the City's annual budget process. For Toronto, the carbon budget uses three criteria to guide budget decisions, in line with

the TransformTO Net Zero Strategy. It focuses on investments that reduce the most GHG emissions where it matters most.

Actions are given a "high" or "priority" score if they meet at least one of three criteria: they reduce emissions directly, help enable emissions reductions, or support an inclusive and equitable transition to net zero. Toronto applies this approach through clear steps and guidance that help City divisions, agencies and corporations prioritize high-impact climate actions in the annual budget.

Each year, proposed actions are evaluated using a standard approach that considers emissions reductions, cost-effectiveness and broader community benefits.

The Carbon Budget process is also being enhanced to better prioritize climate resilience and equity, ensuring that climate action delivers inclusive and long-term benefits as the City works toward its net zero GHG target.

By embedding carbon accountability into financial and operational decision-making, Toronto has emerged as a leader in North America. Its approach has been recognized internationally by networks such as C40 and the Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance and continues to shape how the City plans infrastructure, delivers services and invests in a more resilient, equitable and net zero future.



Toronto's carbon budget now guides major City decisions on buildings, transportation and investment priorities.

Status Overview for Actions

Of the 30 actions, 23 are complete or complete (ongoing), six are in progress and one has been realigned.



Complete



















Complete (Ongoing)



In Progress

N/A: Realigned

Actions for implementation 2022-2025		Status
Buildings		
1	Ensure near zero emissions for all new construction	
2	Evaluate and limit impacts of embodied carbon in construction	
3	Advance Implementation of the Net Zero Existing Buildings Strategy. (Refer to the Net Zero Existing Buildings Strategy, adopted by City Council in July 2021, for a detailed short-term implementation plan.)	
Energy		
4	Work with industry experts to explore limiting the expansion of fossil fuel systems and reversing system growth, where feasible, and limiting installation of fossil fuel equipment	
5	Support adoption and mainstreaming of net zero, resilient energy sources for new and existing developments	
6	Address barriers and develop strategies to increase the deployment of renewable energy and storage technologies, including but not limited to solar, wind, biomass, geothermal, waste heat recovery and heat pumps	
7	Actively support, advocate to and partner with Toronto Hydro, as well as the Provincial and Federal governments and agencies, to decarbonize the provincial electricity grid, promote energy conservation and enable local renewable energy generation	
Transportation		
8	Expand biking and pedestrian infrastructure, including the rollout of cycling routes, bicycle parking and Bike Share Toronto at or near TTC stations	
9	Increase existing bus and streetcar service levels to encourage shifts to low-carbon, sustainable transportation	
10	Update and accelerate implementation of city-wide Transportation Demand Management Strategy	
11	Develop tools to address emissions of greenhouse gases and air pollutants on an area or project level	N/A
12	Align the City's Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy to the net zero goals and implement the EV Strategy	
13	Determine options to incentivize EV adoption and disincentivize use of gas and diesel vehicles	
14	Encourage the adoption of electric commercial and freight vehicles, including EVs and e-bikes for last-mile deliveries	

Actions for implementation 2022-2025		Status
Circular Economy & Waste		
15	Continue to pursue policy and programmatic interventions that help the City reach its aspirational goals of zero waste and a circular economy, and which identify pathways to more sustainable consumption in both municipal operations and in all sectors of the economy	
16	Continue implementation of the City's Long Term Waste Management Strategy which sets a goal of diverting 70 per cent of waste managed from City customers away from landfill, by focusing on waste reduction, reuse and recycling activities that promote resource conservation and reduce environmental impact	
Green Space		
17	Increase canopy cover and biodiversity and enhance greenspaces	
Equitable Engagement & Reporting		
18	Support resident-led climate action and engagement	
19	Work with Indigenous rights holders and urban Indigenous communities to share knowledge and learnings	
20	Develop and implement youth engagement strategy	
21	Design and launch a Climate Advisory Group for 2022 and beyond to ensure implementation of the Net Zero Strategy is equitable and reflects the priorities and interests of the community	
22	Develop equity indicators to be reported on as part of the TransformTO implementation status update	
23	Encourage the growth of green industry to provide the products and services needed to enable a net zero city	
24	Leverage Live Green Toronto to develop and implement a city-wide climate action awareness campaign	
City of Toronto Leading by Example		
25	Develop and apply a Climate Lens in decision-making	
26	Design and implement a Toronto Carbon Budget	
27	Ensure net zero City-owned buildings	
28	Reduce emissions from City and Agency-owned vehicles	
29	Encourage City staff to adopt sustainable and climate positive practices at work and in their commutes	
30	Lead by example in managing waste and producing renewable energy from biogas at City facilities	



Conclusion

The City is committed to climate action through the TransformTO Net Zero Strategy and continues to take steps to reduce GHG emissions and build a healthy, resilient, equitable and prosperous city.

From 2022 to 2025, progress was made across key sectors including buildings, energy, transportation, waste and community engagement, supported by investments in initiatives such as low-carbon buildings and retrofits, the TTC Green Bus Program and the electrification of the City's fleet, which are already lowering corporate emissions.

As climate impacts become more evident across Toronto, from rising temperatures to more frequent extreme weather, collective action is more urgent than ever. The TransformTO Net Zero Strategy Action Plan (2026–2030) establishes a path forward.

Over the next five years, the City will advance building retrofits, expand low-emissions transportation, increase access to local and renewable energy and advance circular, community-driven solutions to reduce emissions from waste and wastewater systems.

Together, these actions will help create economic opportunities, improve residents' health and

quality of life, and ensure accountability through tools like the City's carbon budget. The Plan also sets a clear direction to support our most vulnerable residents, build relationships with Indigenous communities and invest in Toronto's green economy.

Reaching net zero emissions by 2040 is a shared opportunity to redefine the future of Toronto. It will require collaboration across all levels of government, organizations, communities and individuals. The City remains committed to this action, supporting residents and businesses and continuing to build momentum toward a net zero future.

Stay informed and be part of the journey.

Visit toronto.ca/LiveGreen and subscribe to Live Green News for updates and actions you can take.

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