

YORK REGION
State of the Environment
2005



- In 2004, there were 6 Smog Advisories spanning 14 days in York-Durham.
- In 2003, there were 10 days in which the Air Quality Index was poor at the Newmarket air monitoring station.
- In 2003, sulphur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide concentrations met provincial air quality criteria.



- 92% of residential properties in York Region receive water from the municipal water system
- In 2004, 22.4 million litres of water was saved a day through water conservation efforts. This is 7.4% of the average daily use.
- Phosphorus loading to Lake Simcoe increased from 100 tonnes/year in 1990 to 102 tonnes/year in 2003. The target is to reduce phosphorus loading to 75 tonnes/year.
- In 2004, beaches were posted or closed for 17.4% of potential swimming days.



- Approximately 5,000 trees and shrubs were planted by the Region between 2000 and 2004.
- In 2005, wetlands accounted for 11,810 hectares or 7% of the total land base of York Region.
- In 2005, the Regional Greenlands System includes 60,174 hectares of land or 34% of the total land base in York Region.
- 9,306 building permits were issued in York Region in 2004.
- 56,019 tonnes of municipally collected blue box materials were processed in 2004, up 65% from 1997.
- In 2004, YRT carried over 13.8 million riders.



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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS

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Lake Ontario