

VISION 2026

A Vibrant Economy

Goal Statement

In 2026, York Region will be renowned for its advanced technology, innovative businesses, supportive business infrastructure and highly skilled resident workforce.

To support this goal, York Region, working with area municipalities and other partners, will focus on these action areas:

Attracting and Supporting Businesses

- Supporting business start-ups and the incubation, expansion and diversification of business
- Encouraging the revitalization of established business areas
- Partnering with area municipalities and other neighbours in the GTA to seek and promote economic development opportunities
- Promoting our tourism strengths, including forests, historic villages, parks and artistic and cultural activities
- Fostering networking between businesses, both regionally and locally, and between business and other major sectors (such as health, education and government)
- Increasing businesses' awareness of the Region's services
- Supporting the efficient movement of people and goods in the Region through transportation enhancements
- Building more global awareness of our strengths as a destination to live, work, play and learn

Encouraging Continual Learning

- Encouraging the development of lifelong learning opportunities and a broad range of learning options for residents
- Encouraging the development of more accessible post-secondary educational opportunities for residents
- Identifying workforce and educational needs together with key business and education partners
- Development more public awareness programs, such as "Water for Tomorrow"

Promoting and Supporting Innovation

- Promoting enhanced technology infrastructure
- Facilitating job creation in designated employment areas, through targeted expansion of services such as transit
- Encouraging access to technology at community sites such as libraries, hospitals and schools