

# 2012 City of Greater Sudbury Municipal Budget

A joint submission from:

Citizens Climate Lobby (Sudbury Chapter)

Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury

Connect the Creek Partnership

Eat Local Sudbury

The Foodshed Project

Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance

Junction Creek Stewardship Committee

Laurentian University Sustainable Earth Club

Rainbow Routes Association

reThink Green

Sudbury Cyclists Union

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*energy conservation*



*relying on existing infrastructure*



*water conservation*



*smart development*



*sustainable transportation*

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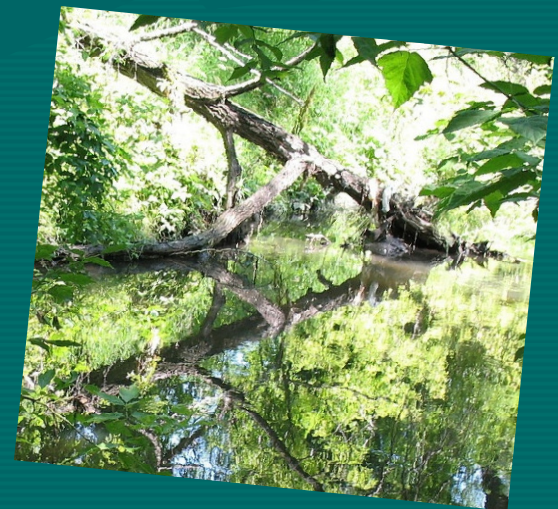
2. To find resources within existing budgets, and to allocate new funding where required to:

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(b) Acquire high priority green space, as outlined in the Green Space Advisory Panel Final Report.





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We, Citizens Climate Lobby (Sudbury Chapter), Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury, Connect the Creek Partnership, Eat Local Sudbury, The Foodshed Project, Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance, Junction Creek Stewardship Committee, Laurentian University Sustainable Earth Club, Rainbow Routes Association, reThink Green, and Sudbury Cyclists Union make the following recommendations for the 2012 City of Greater Sudbury municipal budget:

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*Specific examples include conservation of energy, water and materials; sustainable transportation; using and maintaining existing infrastructure; protecting and enhancing green infrastructure; and making development decisions according to Smart Growth principles.*

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*High priority green spaces have a high recreation and/or conservation value, and are also at high risk to be lost from development or other pressures. Timely action is required to protect these important areas in perpetuity. The Final Report of the Green Space Advisory Panel recommends an annual amount of \$100,000 - \$200,000, which will also assist in leveraging outside funding.*

(c) Complete the 4-year action plan to complete the Junction Creek Waterway Park, as prepared by the Connect the Creek Partnership.

*An amount of \$210,500 is the balance of the amount brought forward by the Partnership, taking into account the \$75,000 allocated in the 2011 municipal budget.*

(d) Support the start-up and sustainability of community gardens.

*Local food groups have suggested an annual budget of \$10,000 to provide start-up support to community gardens.*