

green
plan



city of *E*dmondston

ladies and gentlemen,

We all hope developing our community will enable us to respond to all our current needs without jeopardizing the capacity of future generations to address theirs.

Today, we are extremely pleased to present the Green Plan for the city of Edmundston. We have in our hands an essential tool that will permit us to individually and collectively achieve the great environmental goals entrusted to us by the community. This Green Plan is the culmination of a careful deliberative process and the concerted efforts of all environmental stakeholders. Its implementation will underpin the commonly shared vision of development we all embrace.

We firmly believe that every new gesture on our part will increase the Plan's capacity to better protect and value our environment. And this environment is nothing else than a reflection of our own aspirations, since we all have contributed to the preparation of this Green Plan. Therefore, we would like to express our gratitude to all the citizens, groups and agencies that responded to our invitation during the public consultations.

We also want to thank the members of the City Council and the municipal administration who have continually supported us during this process.

The Green Plan will allow Edmundston to move from words to actions.

The members of the Edmundston Environmental Board

- Michel Dubé, City Councillor
- Jean Bourque, Director, COGERNO
- Michel Hédou, President, Écocitoyens
- Normand Morin, Director, Société d'aménagement de la rivière Madawaska et du lac Témiscouata
- Alain Laplante, Urban Forester
- Mychèle Poitras, Citizens' Representative
- Amélie Jarret, Edmundston Region Chamber of Commerce
- Pascal Hudon, Madawaska Planning Commission
- Sébastien Duguay, Coordinator for the Environment, City of Edmundston

dear citizens,



I am extremely proud to present the very first Green Plan in the history of the City of Edmundston. This is a clear commitment from the elected representatives and the city administration to add value to and preserve our life environment.

The Green Plan is the culmination of many months of serious work. We consider it an accurate reflection of the concerns and expectations of our population because it was conceived in partnership with citizens, groups, agencies and city officials.

Bold and sound, the Plan has been subject to the analysis of all our departments in order to ensure the feasibility of the options proposed, with realistic objectives, budgets and time frames in mind. We have also been careful to act in accordance to our fields of competence while observing the City of Edmundston's sustainable development orientations. We thus commit ourselves to take concrete, relevant actions on a regular and continuous basis.

This means our city now has an indispensable tool that will enable us both individually and collectively to contribute to our environment and thus succeed in becoming an eco responsible community.

However, responsibility for the success of this Green Plan cannot be borne by the City alone. If we expect a significant impact for future generations, we must all commit ourselves to support the Green Plan each and every day.

I sincerely thank everyone who helped make this Plan a reality and invite you on behalf of the Edmundston City Council to embrace this environmental effort right now.

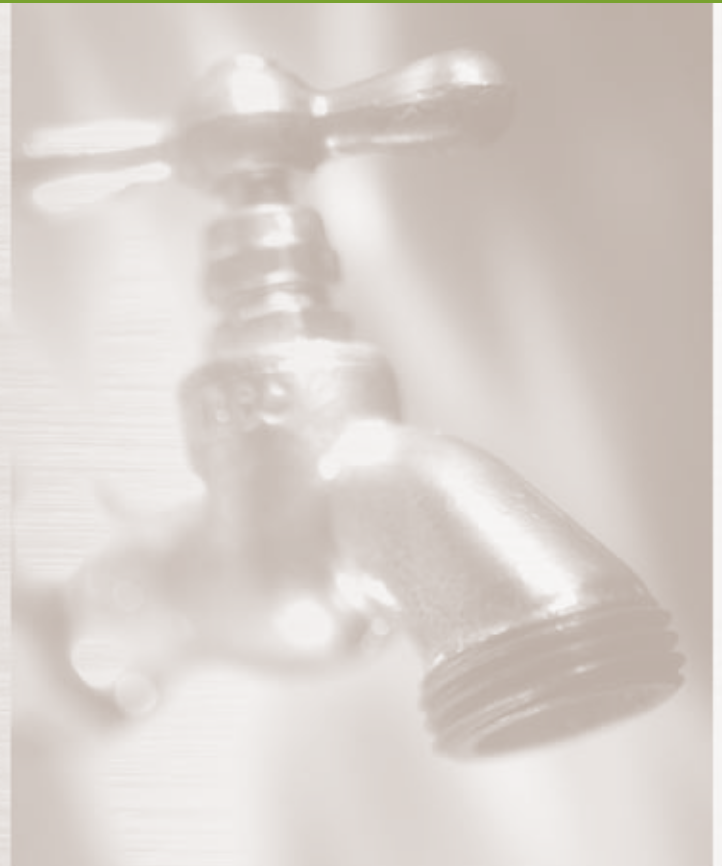
Jacques P. Martin
Mayor of Edmundston

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potable water

Water is essential to life. The City of Edmundston is determined to manage this resource responsibly while ensuring its quality and durability.

Interventions will thus seek to protect potable water sources and manage consumption.



potable water

<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Measures</i>	<i>Existing</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>Upcoming</i>
Ensure availability of quality potable water	Clean the potable water network on an annual basis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Regularly check the quality of the water in the water supply system	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Inform owners of artesian wells about the need to ensure the quality of their water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Cross connection monitoring program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promote responsible consumption of potable water	Prepare a progress report on potable water consumption and set reduction goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Prepare and implement a water management policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Launch a water conservation campaign	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Implement an irrigation regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Promote rainwater recovery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Continue with the water meter installation program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Develop a potable water conservation program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Detect leaks in the water supply and sewerage networks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Reduce leaks in the water supply and sewerage networks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



wastewater

The disposal of wastewater affects the quality of our environment.

In an effort to limit this impact, the City of Edmundston plans to upgrade its network and practices, thus helping to protect our watercourses.



wastewater

<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Measures</i>	<i>Existing</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>Upcoming</i>
<i>Limit untreated wastewater discharge and promote the treatment of any liquid discharge</i>	Identify untreated wastewater discharge points within the city	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Identify possible solutions to reduce untreated wastewater discharge points	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Take necessary measures to limit untreated wastewater discharge points	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Through control measures and with necessary equipment, make sure we limit the discharge of over-flows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Gradually reduce unitary sewage networks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Analyze the water quality of storm drainage system outflows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Optimize the performance of treatment plants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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surface water

Surface water feeds our potable water sources, is essential for certain leisure activities, provides a habitat for many fish and bird species and allows our community to generate electricity.

In this light, the City of Edmundston wants to preserve the drainage basins that feed its territory and limit the amount of pollutants and runoff water that go directly into our watercourses.



surface water

<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Measures</i>	<i>Existing</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>Upcoming</i>
<i>Adopt measures which promote the preservation of watershed catchment basin</i>	Put in place different actions to insure water quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Naturalize the Rivière-à-la-Truite, Madawaska and Iroquois riparian strips	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Control the use of de-icing salt and choose environment-friendly alternatives (sand and gravel)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Propose developments and good practices aimed at protecting riverbanks and their naturalization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Make an inventory of existing riparian lands and exceptional ecological areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Adopt a program aimed at maintaining, improving and acquiring community riparian lands and exceptional ecological areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Pursue the municipal participation in the Iroquois/Blanchette drainage basin management committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Adopt methods to control surface runoff (infrastructure design)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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air

The air that we breathe affects both our health and our overall quality of life. Besides, a sizeable portion of air emissions contributes to climate change.

To address this issue, the City of Edmundston wants to put in place measures to create a more pleasant life environment while curbing our contribution to climate change.



air

<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Measures</i>	<i>Existing</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>Upcoming</i>
<i>Promote the use of shared, public or alternative transportation to reduce greenhouse gases</i>	Set up a taxibus service administered by a not-for-profit organization in Edmundston	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Promote carpooling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Promote the creation of an organization or business which could plan and organize carpooling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Remove snow from sidewalks, bike and walking paths	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Build new sidewalks to promote walking as a means of transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Pursue the development of a cycling network that would link each sector of the city	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Promote and facilitate the installation of bike racks near businesses and service centres	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Decrease idling</i>	Raise the awareness of city employees regarding unnecessary idling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Promote de synchronization of traffic lights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Study the possibility of adopting anti-idling regulations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reduce and compensate for the greenhouse gases produced by municipal activity</i>	Calculate the amount of greenhouse gas produced by municipal activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Evaluate the different compensation options available to the municipal organization (Planting trees, carbon credits, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Respect our commitment to reduce greenhouse gases as established by our membership in the "Partners for Climate Protection"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Improve air quality in the city</i>	Find solutions in regards to air quality problems (odors, particles, location of air quality probes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Raise citizen awareness regarding responsible use of heating apparatus (wood types, weather conditions, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Adopt municipal regulations on wood stoves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Adopt municipal regulations to control outdoor fireplaces (smoke, odors, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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materials

From the manufacturing process to their burial as waste, the goods we consume require the use of natural resources and create different types of pollution. If our goal is to conserve our environment, we should choose as harmless and eco-efficient products as possible.

The City of Edmundston is determined to lower its consumption-related impact by implementing measures and programs that encourage the community and the municipal organization to become responsible consumers.



materials and matter

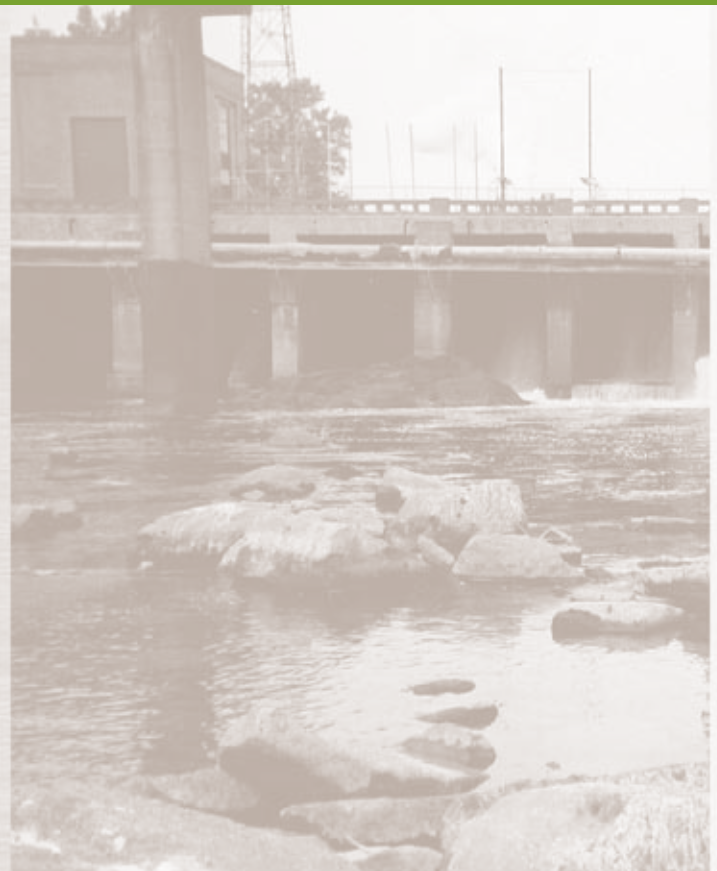
Objectives	Measures	Existing	In progress	Upcoming
<i>Promote the 3-R principle: Reduce, Recycle, Reuse</i>	Establish a residual matter characterization and set reduction goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Identify means to establish a door-to-door type separate collection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Promote domestic composting and “grasscycling”	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Create a section on the municipal web site dedicated to the environment and all related information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Compost all green residuals produced by municipal activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Implement procedures aimed at promoting garbage reduction at its source, recycling, reusing, and giving new life to products and materials used by the City	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Reduce the amount of residual matter produced during popular events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	During City-organized meetings, receptions and other events, use alternatives to individual plastic water bottles and promote the use of reusable and recyclable tableware	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Promote the use of reusable diapers by offering a financial incentive program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Promote the use of reusable bags	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Use well identified recycled paper for all documents printed by the City	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Photocopy all municipal documents using both sides of the paper and promote the use of the computer as a means of sharing documents between municipal services to reduce the need for printed documents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Study the possibility of implementing a paper-free City Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Promote the use of long-lasting materials made of recycled matter if possible and which need minimal maintenance, ex: recycled plastic park benches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Promote organizations which allow a sound redistribution of goods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Inform entrepreneurs and citizens of the possibility of giving new life to construction, renovation and demolition waste, when issuing permits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Promote eco-conscious consumption</i>	Adopt a low environmental impact procurement policy for the municipal organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Promote local products	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Buy goods made of recycled or recyclable materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Adopt an eco-friendly maintenance policy for municipal buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Buy long-lasting, low-maintenance goods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Develop evaluation grids to choose products which have little impact on the environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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energy

Our society consumes large amounts of energy, whether from fossil fuels or electricity. Producing and utilizing these types of energy produces greenhouse gases, can reduce the quality of our air and generate other types of pollution.

The City of Edmundston wants to improve its energy performance and provide the community with the necessary tools to make its energy consumption more efficient.



energy

<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Measures</i>	<i>Existing</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>Upcoming</i>
<i>Promote energy conservation to citizens</i>	Encourage citizens to reduce their fuel consumption	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Raise public awareness regarding the many energy saving programs offered by Efficiency NB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Inform citizens of the different energy reduction means available (through the municipal web site, feature stories, conferences, ENERGY STAR products)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Promote energy conservation in municipal buildings</i>	Do an energy audit of municipal buildings and facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Prioritize and make improvements to municipal buildings and facilities (street lighting, water treatment, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Replace traditional city lights with LED lighting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reduce fuel consumption in municipal vehicles</i>	Evaluate the environmental performance of municipal vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Establish environmental performance purchasing guidelines for municipal vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Offer municipal vehicle operators training for eco-friendly driving methods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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nuisance

All human activities inside a community are likely to generate irritants (smoke, dust, noise, light, etc.). These have a negative effect on the quality of life of our citizens.

The City of Edmundston wants to reduce the amount of irritants on its territory, thus enabling our community to enjoy a pleasant life environment.



nuisances

(NOISE, ODORS, LIGHT POLLUTION, UNSIGHTLY PREMISES)

<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Measures</i>	<i>Existing</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>Upcoming</i>
<i>Reduce the sources of nuisances</i>	Identify potential sources of nuisance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Inform any responsible party of potential sources of nuisance of the regulation and offer support to reduce said nuisance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Revise and apply noise and nuisance regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Improve, if needed, municipal by-laws pertaining to light and noise pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Regularly inform citizens and businesses of the requirements regarding noise and light pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Modify the by-law on public signage to improve public safety on streets and sidewalks and to reduce visual pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Make sure vacant lots are maintained</i>	Map out vacant lots within the city	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Identify problem areas relating to nuisances, environmental cleanliness and lack of maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Inform owners of problem cases of the regulatory requirements and possible solutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Assist developers in their planning of buffer zones to limit nuisances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Modify the Edmundston by-law when buffer zones are needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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territory

Our territory is our only immobile wealth. Protecting, conserving and developing it in an optimal way are therefore a top priority.

Whether by developing green areas and urban forestry, protecting our natural environments or adopting new methods for development, the City of Edmundston aims to preserve this wealth that is our territory.



territory

Objectives	Measures	Existing	In progress	Upcoming
Ensure a balanced distribution of green spaces and public parks	Make an inventory of green spaces	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Establish a green space management plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Use native species and wild plants in the city's parks and green spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Devote 10% of the territory to green spaces for any future residential developments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pursue the development of the "Le Prospecteur Trail"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promote the responsible development of our environment	Study the implementation of ecological subdivisions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Promote the protection of the natural environment	Make an inventory of natural areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Identify and protect natural landscape (landscape management)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ensure the maintenance and improvement of quality natural areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Identify protection measures and management of exceptional ecosystems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Promote the development of the urban forest	Develop and adopt a Tree Code	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Develop an urban forest management plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Make an inventory of the forest canopy and evaluate its worth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Identify protection and improvement zones for the forest canopy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pursue tree plantation in parks, street side and in public spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Adopt a municipal tree planting program for private lands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Identify potential tree planting sites	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Promote the benefits and advantages of trees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ensure strict guidelines for tree cutting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Create an urban forestry committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pursue the development of the ecological complex	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Prepare and implement a disease and pest infestation program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Prepare and implement a tree maintenance and protection program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

territory

<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Measures</i>	<i>Existing</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>Upcoming</i>
<i>Promote land protection by eliminating activities which could cause erosion and contamination</i>	Identify soil contamination and degradation sources within the city	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Support and promote the provincial law on topsoil and its regulations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Promote the use of on-site soil in any landscaping project	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Implement a riverside cleanup program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reduce pesticide use</i>	Inform citizens on alternatives to pesticides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Establish clear guidelines relating to pesticide use on municipal properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Support and promote the provincial law on pesticide control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Reduce the impact of used snow</i>	Control and limit the use of de-icing salt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Research and make an inventory of alternatives to de-icing salts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Use domes for storage of de-icing salt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Study the possibility of implementing “white neighborhoods”	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Develop a rehabilitation program for contaminated land within the city</i>	Identify potentially contaminated lands within the city	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Keep a register of contaminated lands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Create a municipal brownfield redevelopment program complete with a work schedule	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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municipal management

The implementation and follow-up of the Green Plan depend largely on the municipal organization.

The City of Edmundston must therefore live up to its ambitions by setting up measures that enable it to reach its objectives.



city management

<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Measures</i>	<i>Existing</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>Upcoming</i>
<i>Implement the Green Plan</i>	Communicate the goals and directions of the Green Plan to municipal employees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Invest in training and on-going professional development of municipal employees and citizens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Produce an annual environmental report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Offer conferences, during different local events, on the city's environmental actions and yearly report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Organize open-house events to the city's environmental facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Listen to local environmental organizations, citizens, businesses and any other stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Organize information sessions and discussions with citizens and organizations following the publication of the annual environmental report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Improve the City of Edmundston's environmental performance</i>	Evaluate, according to a pre-established timeline, the results of our different action plans and make the necessary corrections if needed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Develop indicators that will allow us to measure progress in the accomplishment of the Green Plan's different objectives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Implement an environmental management system for any and all municipal activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Do regular environmental conformity verifications for municipal activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Promote a good environmental ethic, namely in the decision-making process, for city employees, elected officials and any other municipal partner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Integrate the environmental function to project analysis grids submitted to the City	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

are you eco responsible?

<i>What is your commitment?</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Future</i>
I use active transportation (walking, bicycle, etc.) and carpooling.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I avoid letting my vehicle to idle.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I make responsible use of wood heaters and choose less polluting alternatives whenever possible.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I look for alternatives to chemical pesticides and fertilizers for the lawn and the garden.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I leave the grass clippings on the lawn (grasscycling).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I use existing recycling facilities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I use reusable shopping bags.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I avoid buying personal water bottles.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I recycle batteries by placing them in designated containers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I recycle household hazardous waste by taking part in collection programs offered by COGERNO, the City and participating companies.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I adopt practices to reduce my energy consumption.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I prefer buying local products.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I follow municipal regulations and avoid wasting water.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I throw as little garbage in the sink as possible.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I use phosphate-free detergents and alternative cleaning products.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>