York Region Planning and Economic Development

Climate Data Use York Region Case Study



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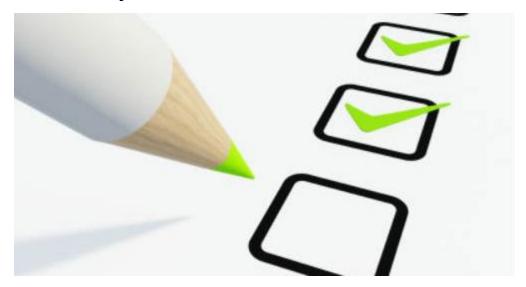
Climate Data Training Session

Presentation date: April 26, 2017



Presentation Agenda

- Land Use Planning and Climate Change
- York Region's Climate Journey
- Climate Risks and Vulnerability Framework
- Climate Data
- Lessons Learned
- Next Steps



The Planning Hierarchy





Climate Change in the PPS



New policy considerations include:

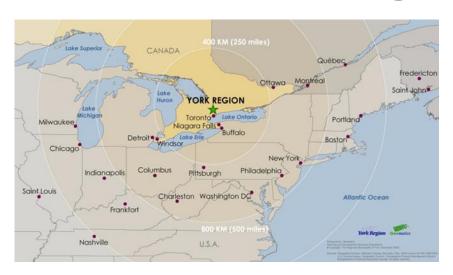
- supporting energy conservation, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and climate change adaptation
- promoting active transportation and focussing freight-intensive land uses to areas well served by major highways/facilities
- promoting design and orientation which:
 - considers mitigating effects of vegetation
 - maximizes energy efficiency and conservation and opportunities for use of renewable and alternative energy systems
- maximizing vegetation within settlement areas, where feasible

Climate Change in Provincial Plans

- Climate change policies required
- Move towards net-zero communities
- Municipalities implement targets and performance measures
- Green infrastructure encouraged
- Natural areas help reduce the impacts



York Region Context



York Region in an upper-tier or regional government and includes nine local municipalities:

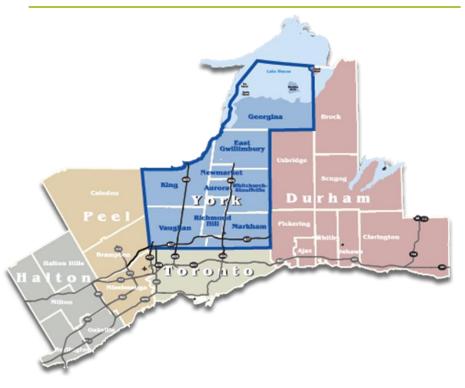
Town of Aurora
Town of East Gwillimbury
Town of Georgina

Township of King

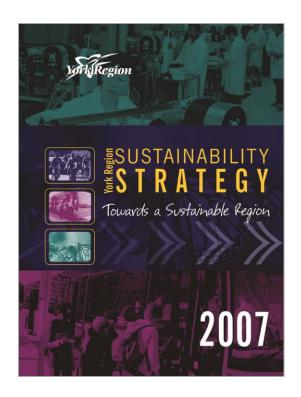
City of Markham

Town of Newmarket
Town of Richmond Hill
City of Vaughan
Town of WhitchurchStouffville

Currently, York Region is home to over 1.2 million people.



Climate Change in Strategic Documents







Official Plan

Policy Areas

The York Region Official Plan contains 8 chapters.

Chapter 1 is an introduction to the Official Plan. Subject specific policies are contained in chapters 2 to 7. Chapter 8 addresses how policies will be implemented.



Chapter 2 – Sustainable Natural Environment
Regional Greenlands System · Natural Heritage Features · Water Systems



Chapter 3 - Healthy Communities

Human Health and Wellbeing · Air Quality and Climate Change · Cultural Heritage · Housing



Chapter 4 - Economic Vitality
Supporting the York Region Economic Strategy · City Building · Protecting
Employment Lands



Official Plan Policy Areas Con't

The York Region Official Plan also includes a number of maps. These maps identify land use types, agricultural areas, natural heritage systems and transportation and transit networks.



Chapter 5 — An Urbanizing Region

Forecasting and Phasing Growth · Sustainable Cities · Centres and Corridors · Complete Communities



Chapter 6 – Agricultural and Rural Areas

Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine · Rural and Agricultural Areas · Mineral

Aggregate Resources

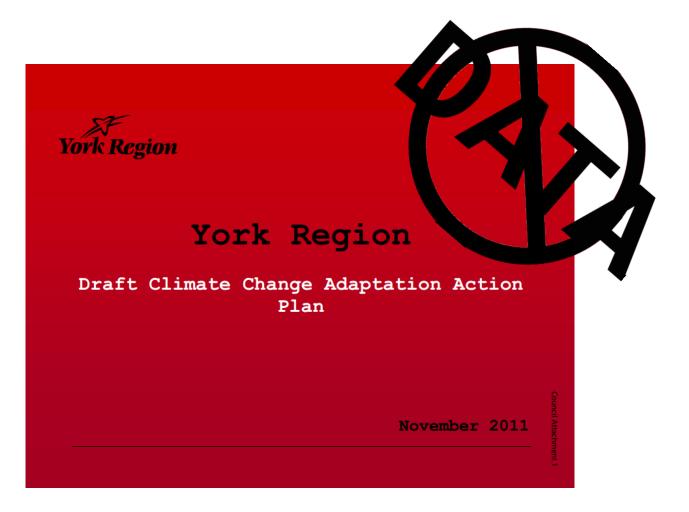


Chapter 7 – Servicing our Population

Transportation · Water and Wastewater · Source Water Protection · Energy



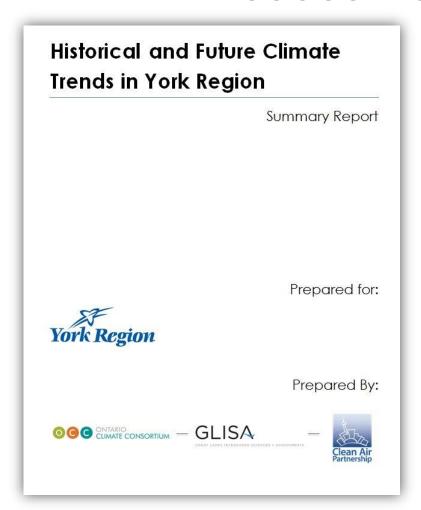
York Region Climate Change Action Plan, 2011



Municipal Climate Change Working Group



Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Framework

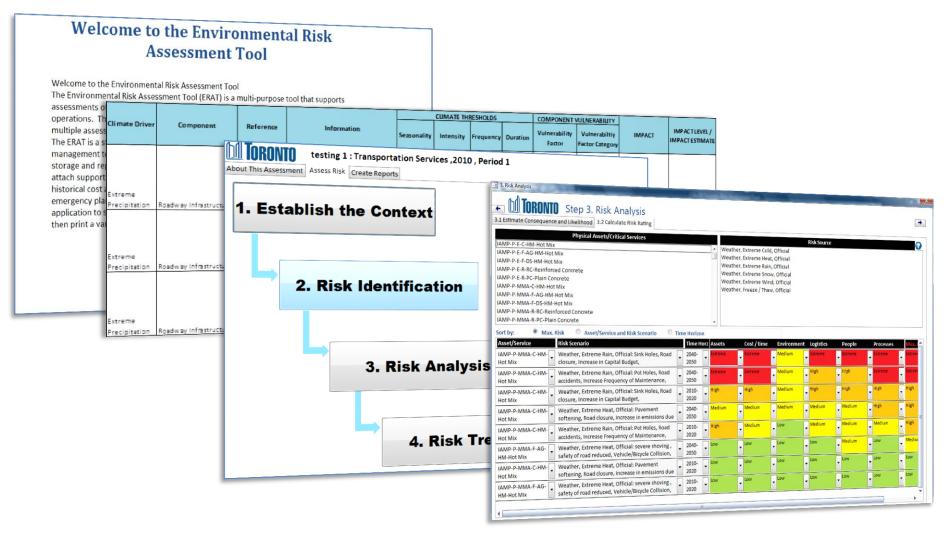


2050s Business-as-usual (RCP8.5)

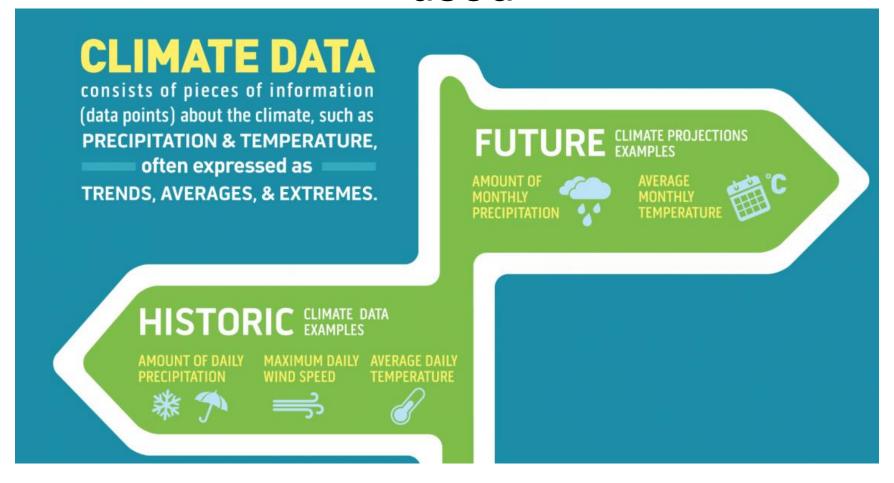
- Minimum temperatures are anticipated to increase the most
- Annual precipitation is expected to increase (magnitude and frequency)
- Extreme heat days anticipated to increase
- 30 days longer and drier growing season



Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Framework



Climate Data and how it was used



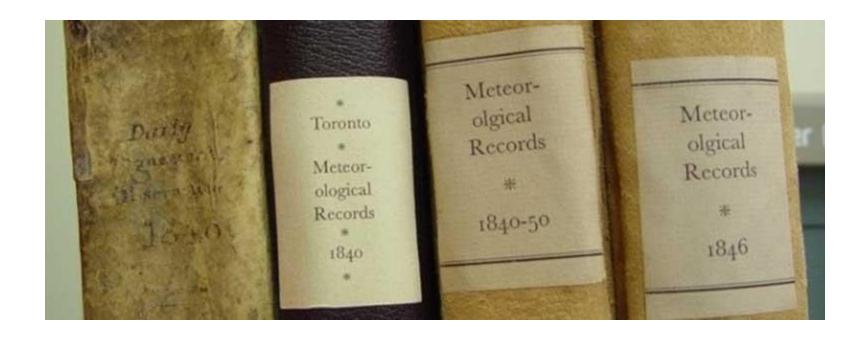


Observed climate events



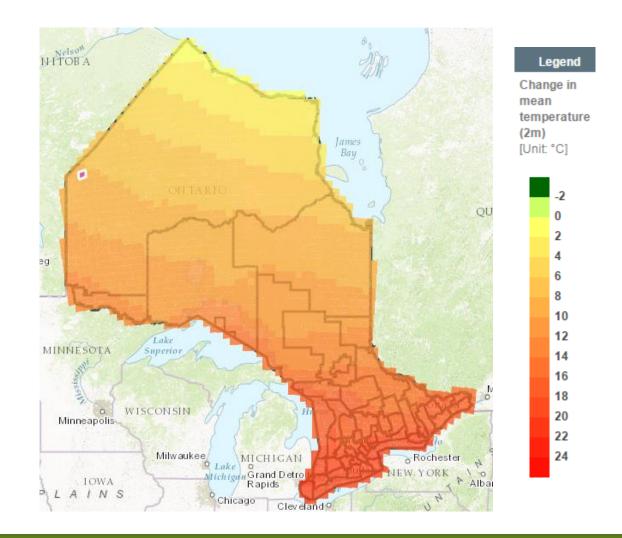


Historic climate information





Regional climate models





How Data was used







Identify and Confirm Climate Indicators

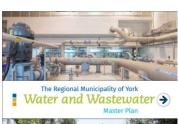
Future
Trends in
identified
Climate
Categories

Populate the Vulnerability and Risk Database



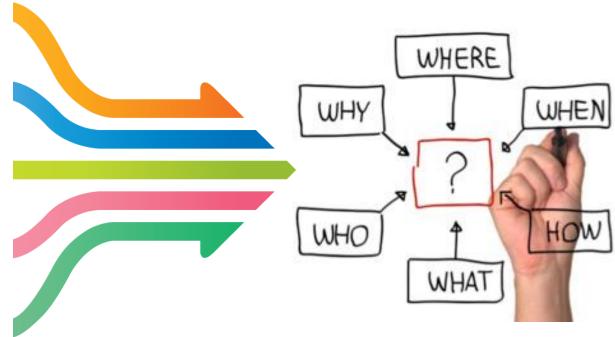
Lessons learned



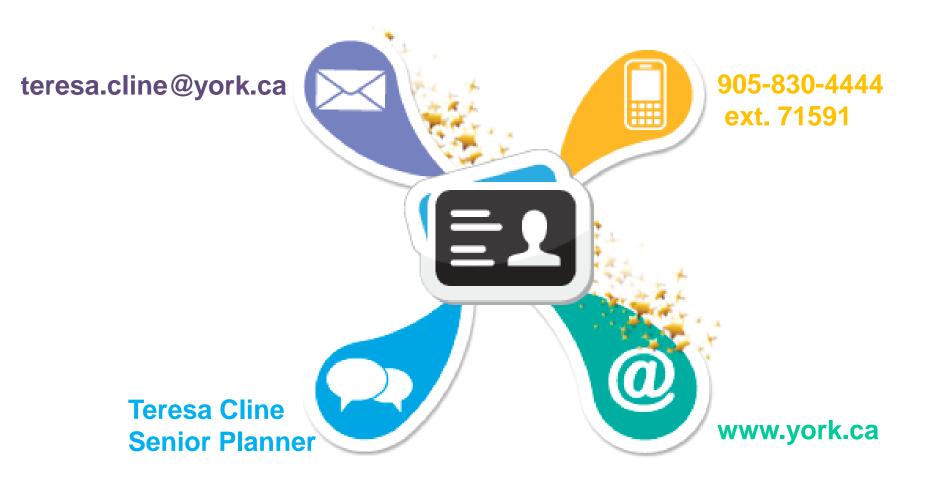


Next steps





Contact Information



Urban Heat Island

Assessing Urban Heat Island in York Region

Partnership between:

- Health Canada
- York Region Public Health
- GIS
- Long Range Planning

