

GREN members:

- are activists, watchdogs, guardians, stewards and concerned citizens
- support each other by sharing information and expertise
- foster environmental awareness and literacy, and
- promote respect for our natural world and our place in it.

GREN Guiding Principles

Our Belief

We are near the carrying capacity of the essentials for life—water, air, energy, greenspace, aggregate, agricultural land and wetlands—in our communities.

Our Commitment

GREN will draw from the well of creative people in our communities to:

- find innovative ways to live better with less
- work cooperatively to promote initiatives that restore, maintain and enhance the livability of our communities
- do so for all lifeforms, for current and future generations

Our Goals

- Implement aggressive water conservation and reuse programs instead of planning on outside water sources, such as through a pipeline from Lake Erie to Waterloo Region
- Preserve natural and groundwater recharge areas such as Hidden Valley, the Waterloo Moraine and the Guelph-Amabel Aquifer
- Move our communities to adopt the precautionary approach and principles of sustainability in all decision making
- Measurably improve air quality
- Reduce private car use by improving infrastructure to support human-powered (walk/bike) and public transportation
- Increase production, availability and purchase of local and organic food
- Measurably reduce toxics use and toxic and climate-changing emissions (land, water and air)
- Institute waste avoidance, reuse and recycling and composting programs to avoid disposing of garbage either through landfill or incineration
- Eliminate urban sprawl
- Other goals as issues arise