

# **Green Directions Vaughan**

Annual Update Report Indicator Trends 2011 to 2016





## **Green Directions Vaughan (GDV)**

- GDV provides core principles of sustainability for operational and regulatory functions
- GDV sets a corporate and community ethic that engages:
  - All City Portfolios
  - Regional and Provincial government, utilities and other agencies
  - Community stakeholders (residents, business, schools, not-for-profits)
- Action 6.1.6 states that an annual update report be prepared on the status and accomplishments for the purpose of monitoring the implementation of the plan.







### **GDV** Renewal – Progress Update

Phase 1 – Revised Sustainability Actions (complete)

Phase 2 – Community Engagement (complete)

- Main community workshop held on Nov. 29, 2017 with about 80 ideas contributed
- 28 stakeholder meetings to date, attended by almost 70 people
- Over 100 sessions and over 3,600 votes on "All Our Ideas"

Finalization of Actions and Report to Council in Q2 2019













### **GDV** Indicators

First report presenting multi-year trends for most of the 24 quantitative indicators

GDV Renewal project allows for review of the 24 quantitative indicators to align with the City's participation in the World Council on City Data and the recent Sustainable Development Goals





" ... creating smart, sustainable, resilient, and prosperous cities."



## **Green Directions Vaughan Indicator Framework**

#### Goal 1

#### "What We Use"

Energy
Climate Change & Air Quality
Stormwater & Water
Solid Waste

#### Goal 2

#### "How We Grow"

Greenspace
Urban Tree Canopy
Sustainable Built Form

#### Goal 3

#### "How We Get Around"

Walking & Cycling Paths
Transit Trips

#### Goal 4

#### "How We Live"

Active Community
Creative Community
Economic Activity

#### Goal 5

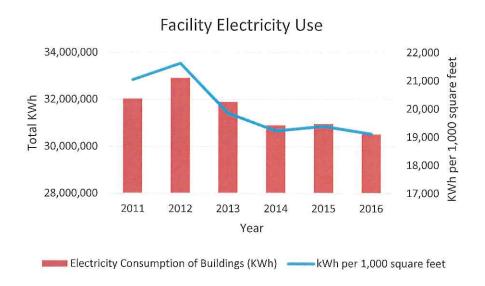
#### "How We Lead"

Engagement

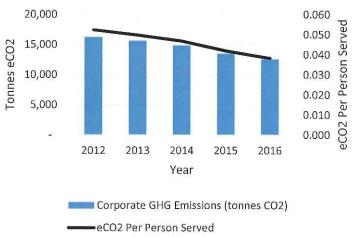




## Goal 1: What We Use - Corporate Energy



Corporate Greenhouse Gas Emissions

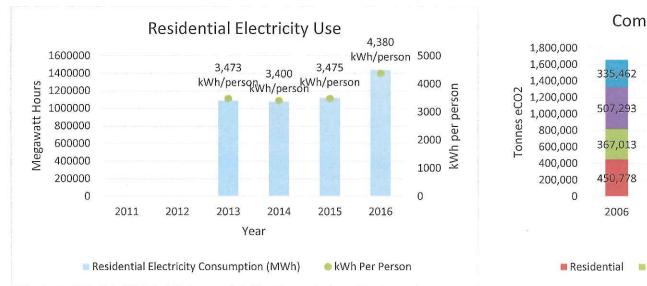


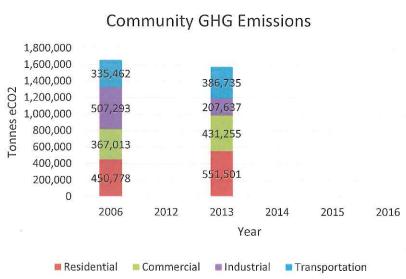
Facility electricity use decreased almost 5% between 2011 to 2016.

Corporate GHG emissions per resident served decreased 27% from 2012 to 2016.



## Goal 1: What We Use - Community Energy

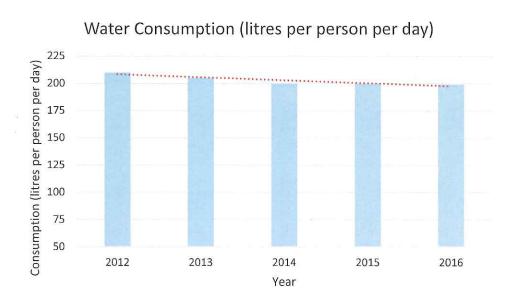


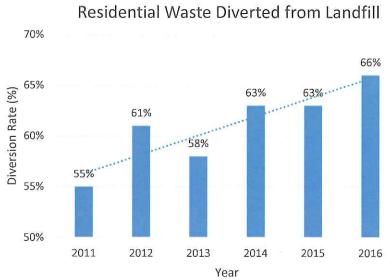


While there is considerable policy direction to act on climate change, community energy data remains difficult to obtain.



### Goal 1: What We Use - Water and Waste



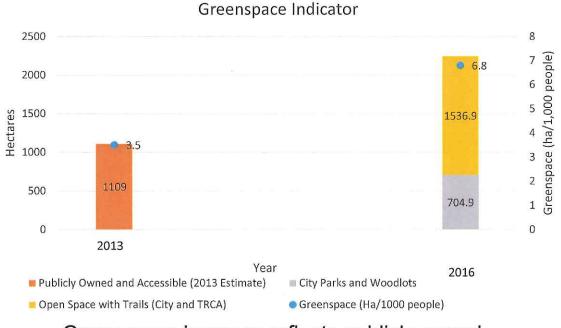


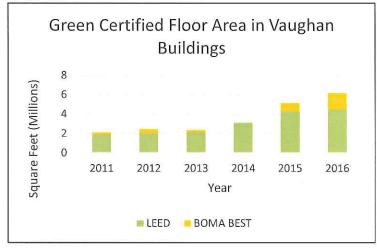
Residential water consumption decreased 5% from 2012 to 2016.

Residential waste diversion improved 11% from 2011 to 2016.



### Goal 2: How We Grow



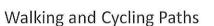


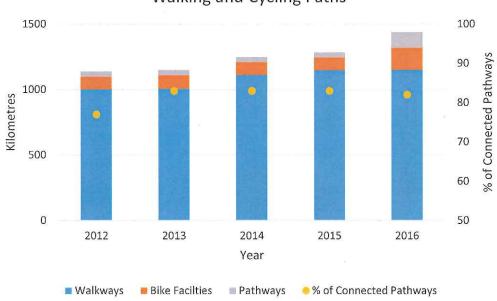
Greenspace increase reflects publicly owned lands becoming publicly accessible through trail construction and improved data tracking.

192% increase from 2011 to 2016 in floor space certified to a green building standard.



### Goal 3: How We Get Around



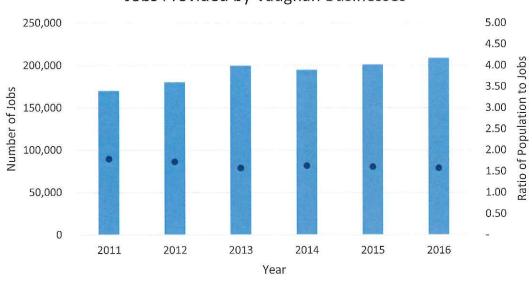


The length of walking and cycling paths increased by 26% from 2011 to 2016 with over 1,400 total kilometres of active routes across the city.



### Goal 4: How We Live

#### Jobs Provided by Vaughan Businesses



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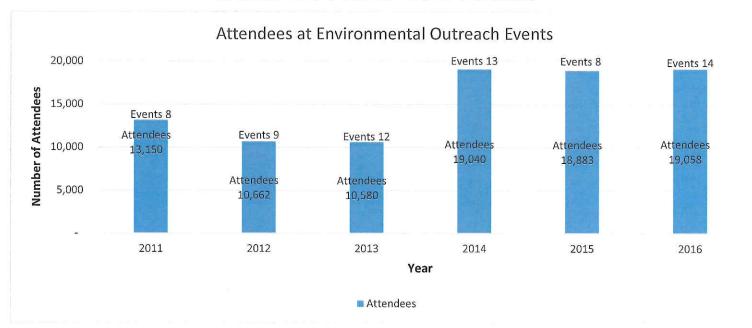
Ratio of Population to Jobs

The number of jobs provided by Vaughan businesses increased by 23% from 2011 to 2016. In 2016, over 200,000 jobs were provided by Vaughan businesses.





### Goal 5: How We Lead



From 2011 to 2016, the number of attendees at environmental events increased 45%. In 2016, over 19,000 residents participated in events like Earth Hour Vaughan and 20-Minute Makeover.



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## **Communicating Success**

- Indicators are generally trending in the right direction (2011 – 2016)
- GDV provides a platform to share positive environmental, social, and economic stories
- In the revision of Green Directions Vaughan, staff will explore how communicating results can also assist in encouraging collective impact.
- Several indicators need to be replaced or to represent Vaughan-specific progress and can be aligned with City efforts regarding Results Based Accountability.





