

SUMMARY OF IDEAS SUBMITTED TO THE DO-IT IDEAS CONTEST

Local Food

Establish a second **community vegetable garden** in a corner of the park across from the former Dundas District School. [Arlene Salisbury]

Create a **community garden** in the green space by the current butterfly garden at the North East corner of Cootes and East Street at the base of the Desjardin Canal. [Kim Jones]

Develop a **collaborative program** between stores like Metro, Fortinos and the Dundas Food Bank to transfer food stuffs, that would otherwise be wasted on a daily basis (deli meats, cheeses, fruit, etc.) to **help feed those in need**. [Lawrence Yanover]

Create a “**100 block lifestyle**” by creating a system of community organic backyard gardens, seasonal rooftop gardens, and greenhouses. [Michelle Chin]

Plan for the construction and cultivation of **community orchards**. [Veronika Litinski and Lee Gotham]

Convert the former Ben Veldhuis Greenhouses into a place where community groups can meet, grow/sell produce, sell local artwork, etc. in a manner similar to the redevelopment of the Brickworks in Toronto. [Natasha Petrovich]

Each **merchant** selling food products in Dundas could have a **section clearly marked “100-mile foods”**. [Graeme MacQueen]

Create/support community **hen houses** and one **cow or goat households**. [Lorna MacQueen]

Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation

Install a **heat pump** system using the water from the canal to heat and cool municipal buildings. [Peter Hurrell]

Designate Dundas as a “**Green Zone**”. Any future building would have to qualify for **LEED certification**. [Arlene Salisbury]

Develop **solar panels** and **wind turbines** along the **escarpment ridge**. This power could be used for Town Hall, the library, fire station, arena, and community centre. [Arlene Salisbury]

Place **mirrors along the roof ridge** to reflect the sun onto the shady side of King Street. [Arlene Salisbury]

Obtain a donated **Smart Car** to raffle with the money going to **green initiatives**. [Arlene Salisbury]

Build a **wind turbine** next to the town sign on Cootes Drive and encourage the use of **individual roof-mounted wind turbines**. [Paul Smith]

A 3-fold vision for Dundas: Dundas as an **urban node** community, as a centre that **provides incentives for eco-friendly buildings**, as a **naturalized corridor**. [Bob Gladish]

Harness the power of Spencer Creek with micro water turbines. [Carl Lehman]

Create a **straw bale construction** structure in Dundas that is available for public use. [Katie West and Dieter Staudinger]

Create a **bio-fuel facility** and run a **shuttle bus service for seniors** off of the fuel. [Stan Parkes]

Use natural changes in elevation and water flows to generate electricity from the Webster's Falls, Spencer Gorge, Tews Falls, and Spencer Creek water systems. [Graham Rose]

Market Dundas as a premiere location for **testing environmental technologies** in municipal and residential settings. [Veronika Litinski and Lee Gotham]

Create a locally-based **program for retrofitting** homes and businesses to become **more energy efficient**. [Stan Nowak]

Promote the use of **clotheslines**. [Sarah Johnston]

Create an **environmental committee** to reduce our carbon footprint. [Sarah Johnston]

Encourage co-operative neighbours to **combine their garbage and recycling streams for one pick-up stop** between 2 to 3 households (reduces CO2, noise, wear on vehicles, etc.). [David Wilson]

Dundas could establish **new regulations** for the construction of new developments with respect to **passive solar design**. [Lorna MacQueen]

Dundas could invite various neighbours to work toward an energy plan of "**getting off the grid**". [Lorna MacQueen]

Sustainable Lifestyle Networks

"**Do-it Sustainability Portal**". Provide and maintain a summary of existing links to available resources that inform, educate and support sustainable practices through a website portal (an extension of the Do-it website?). [Katie West and Dieter Staudinger]

The Dundas Sustainable Lifestyle Project (DSLPP) should be formally established as a **non-profit organization**. [Anonymous]

Wildlife Habitat Conservation/Urban Forestry

Transform Centennial Park into a fabulous, modern, multi-user, landscaped, people-friendly space. [Jim MacDonald]

Establish a **picnic area** along Spencer Creek (behind Tim Hortons off Osler Drive?) [Arlene Salisbury]

Gain world recognition for **Mac's Environmental & Earth Sciences program** by incorporating Cootes Marsh, Spencer Creek and Desjardin Canal into the curriculum (with RBG and the HCA?). [Arlene Salisbury]

Enhance the Spencer Creek Trail so that it is an accessible, multi-use trail that follows the creek more closely and leads directly to the current Butterfly Garden. [Kim Jones]

Establish a community garden group. The group would act to acquire parcels of land that volunteer members could transform into more beautiful, environmentally friendly landscapes. [St. James Anglican Church]

Create “**Recreation Ravines**” which would create places for exercise (natural climbing), relaxation and exploration and community. [Dan Zen]

Provide homeowners tax **incentives to plant trees** on private property. [Veronika Litinski and Lee Gotham]

Assess and monitor the health of the **Niagara Escarpment** forest. [Veronika Litinski and Lee Gotham]

Create an extensive **trail system** along Spencer Creek from Cootes Drive to the Fisher Mills Park with distinctive “nodes” of history/information. [Stan Nowak]

Re-configure the road on Ogilvie between Governors and Creekside and turn the closed-off space into **public greenspace**. [Stan Nowak]

Re-design/re-dredge the **Desjardin Canal**. [Graeme MacQueen]

Transportation

Create a pilot project for the installation of **charging stations for electric vehicles** throughout municipal parking lots. [Peter Hurrell]

Add **formal bicycle lanes** down Sydenham and along Hatt Street and install bicycle racks in the 3 municipal parking lots off of Hatt Street. [Arlene Salisbury]

Strengthen the presence of bicycles in Dundas through a variety of **bicycle initiatives** including educational programs, enhanced bike racks/locations, new routes, etc.). [Lorna MacQueen]

Remove on-street parking along King Street between York Road to Market Street, widen the sidewalks and install textured brick pavers for the road surface – bring emphasis back to the **pedestrian realm**. [Beverley Hayden]

Develop an **unmanned Via Rail stop** adjacent to the CN rail line, west of the Sydenham Road bridge structure. [David Ofield]

Construct/improve **bicycle lanes, paths** and **cross-country skiing trails** throughout the community. [Veronika Litinski and Lee Gotham]

Make a commitment to have a **one-car family** – start a one-car family program, a time sharing, or car trip program. [Ray Reed] [Sarah Johnston]

Re-introduce a **rail system on Hatt Street** (part of rapid transit system?) [Stan Nowak] [Keith McKenna]

Create an **electric rickshaw** to provide a free mode of transportation within Dundas. [Tony Bratschitsch]

Create the “**Dundas Stage Coach Service**” using the existing rail trail to carry people both short and long distances. [Graeme MacQueen]

Create a “**Hansom Cab**” (horse-drawn) service in the town of Dundas to provide an alternative to existing taxi services. [Lorna MacQueen]

Close down **Memorial Square** to vehicular traffic between King and Hatt Streets on Market days. [Arlene Salisbury]

Local Economics

On the 4 weekends before Christmas, close Memorial Square in order to hold a **European-style crafters market** with cider, hot chocolate, beaver tails and a parade of decorated pony carts. [Arlene Salisbury]

On the last Sunday in September, close down Ogilvie between King and Hatt Streets in order to hold a **literary festival** (similar to Toronto’s “Word on the Street”) with proceeds to green initiatives. [Arlene Salisbury]

Establish a **reuse store** for household goods in the industrial area. [Arlene Salisbury]

Encourage all retail stores along King Street to **eliminate the use of plastic bags** and instead use paper or cloth (art students could make custom designed cloth bags). [Arlene Salisbury]

Create **signs in parking lots** of businesses (and on meters) to remind shoppers: “Did you remember your shopping bags?” [Body Therapies Yoga Training Class]

Promote Dundas as a “**spoke and hub**” **tourist node**, whereby people travel to and establish a home base at a B&B, hotel/motel, and take different daily walking and cycling trips making use of natural trail systems/quiet roads. [John van der Mark]

Preserve the former Dundas **Post Office** by purchasing the building and remodeling the space for artisan work spaces, offices, or commercial uses. [Lena van der Mark]

Create an economic and environmental sustainable **community program** for citizens and business modeled on the successful Salt Lake City program. [Katie West and Dieter Staudinger]

Contribute to the **Innovation Park** project by partnering with McMaster to establish a light industrial manufacturing base in Dundas. [Veronika Litinski and Lee Gotham]

Create a **downtown pedestrian mall** during the summer months. [Stan Nowak]

Create “**Interiorscapes**” by greening local buildings from the inside out. [Stan Nowak]

Open a **recycling centre** at one of the municipal buildings where people can bring items to trade. [Sarah Johnston]

Return to the **farmers market concept** but adapt this idea to also include spaces for artisans, and for places where family and friends can congregate, visit and enjoy themselves. [John Walker]

Attention should be focused on **de-centralizing municipal services** to make them more locally accessible. [Warren Oda]

Create a new, publicly funded Dundas **Organic Flour Mill**. [Graeme MacQueen]

Create a **for-profit institute** for measuring return on investments of environmental improvements. [Veronika Litinski and Lee Gotham]

Set-up a **summer bike rental** in one of the municipal parking lots off of Hatt Street, offering free area maps of local trail systems and free entrance fees to Hamilton Conservation lands. [Arlene Salisbury]

Heart and Soul/Local Entertainment and Culture

Outdoor reading space - Encourage a Second Cup kiosk to open in or next to the library. In the summer, library hours could be extended, combined with patio seating to enjoy a good book/summer air. [Arlene Salisbury]

In March, hold a **Soup and Bread festival** at the Community Centre with proceeds to green initiatives. [Arlene Salisbury]

Organize a “**One Night Stand**” community meeting where residents would bring a night stand and discuss their project ideas for Dundas using only the material on their night stand (an “ideas” meeting). [Penelope Hill]

Create a Dundas **Jogging and Fitness Club** to encourage residents to be less dependent on the automobile, make use of the great outdoors, and build stronger communities. [Michael Everson]

Create and encourage the use of green, **outdoor gyms** - local playgrounds can be retrofitted to include dynamic and versatile equipment suitable for older persons, providing a solution for all ages. [Warren Oda]

Share knowledge of previous generations by **teaching skills** to residents that have been lost – e.g. sewing, cooking, canning, gardening, using a circular saw, etc. [Ray Reed] [Graeme MacQueen]

Create an annual community “**swapfest/yardsale**” to bring the community together and recycle at the same time. [Milica Pavlica]

Create a **volunteer snow shoveling program** (not snow blowing!), geared towards helping seniors. [Sarah Johnston]

Hold **environmental challenges** between different parts of the City to reduce waste. [Sarah Johnston]

Sponsor special **environment days** (e.g. leave your car at home day, take your bags to the store day). [Sarah Johnston]