



Huntsville's Unity Plan: Towards a Sustainable Community

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Sustainability Coordinator

- Public outreach
- Support 6 working groups & committee of council
- Municipal Operations: Town of Huntsville as an example for sustainability



2011 Projects

- Sustainability Coordinator hired
- Men's shelter survey
- Green Team
- Zero waste initiatives
- Promote healthy non-perishable food items, smoke free by-law, fresh food basket program
- iPads
- Sustainability questions during hiring process
- Youth members on some working groups

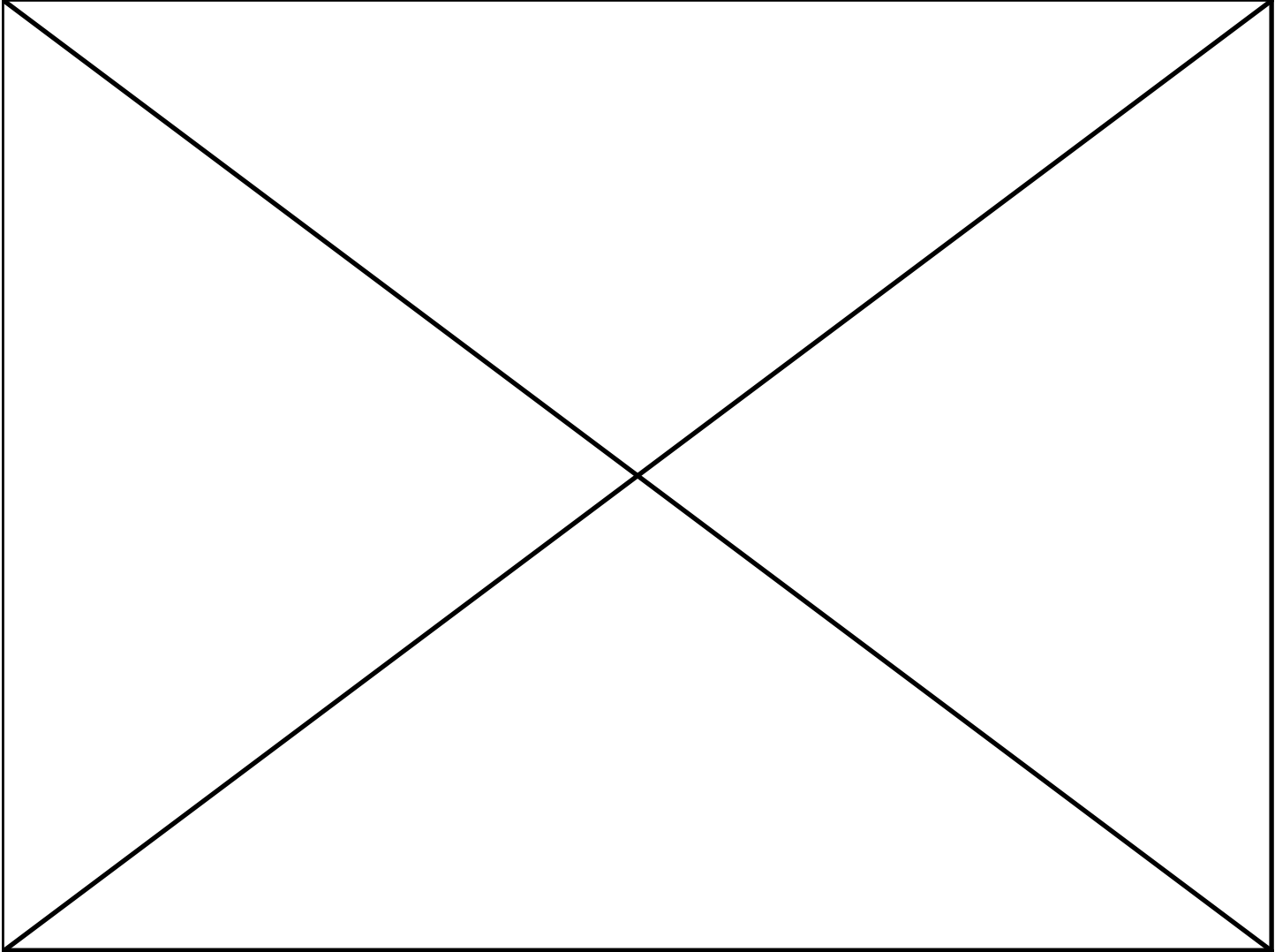


Current Projects

- Investigation of solar photo voltaic systems
- Working towards zero waste
- corporate greenhouse gas emissions inventory
- Educating staff about sustainability
- Official Plan Review
- Public Outreach: website & news



What is sustainability?





Sustainability...

- requires thoughtfulness, research, a multi-disciplinary approach;
- is a series of long-term and incremental changes in the way our municipality functions;
- is reflected in the choices this municipality makes in all areas;
- requires that we work together on issues important to Huntsville.

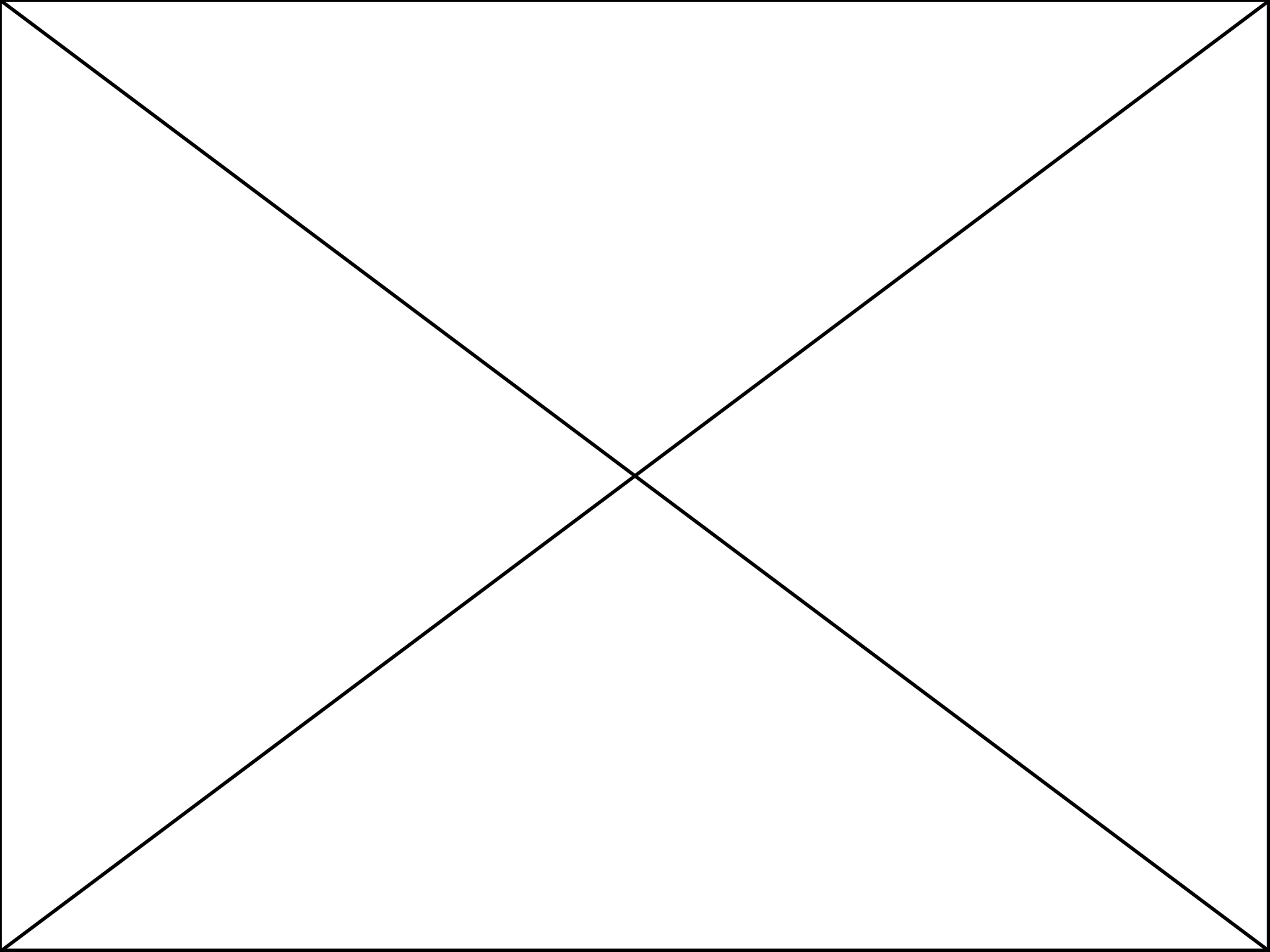


Sustainability Principles

1. Provide a long term guide for this community that **balances economic, social and environmental needs**.
2. Promote a **good quality of life** for everyone in the community.
3. Achieve a **strong and resilient economy and thriving social environment**.
4. **Protect and restore biodiversity and natural ecosystems**. Provide this community with the necessary tools to be good stewards of the environment.
5. Build upon positive characteristics of this community including its human and cultural values, history and its natural and economic systems.
6. **Foster participation and enable a collaborative effort** to work toward a common, sustainable future.
7. Enable **continual improvement of the sustainability plan** through ongoing monitoring of plan performance and community needs, and through good governance.

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Staff Sustainability Education & Challenge





Green Team for Youth



<http://www.huntsville.ca/en/living/GreenTeam.asp>





Compost Giveaway with District

