The 2023-2027 Sustainable Development Strategy sets out the National Capital Commission's (NCC) role in creating a greener and more sustainable National Capital Region.

About the strategy

The strategy is a roadmap to building a greener and healthier National Capital Region that will thrive for generations to come. As such, it helps guide everything the NCC does. Although the strategy has a regional focus, it is fully aligned with the Government of Canada's Federal Sustainable Development Strategy. The Federal Strategy indicates the actions needed to support the 17 sustainable development objectives of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The NCC's Strategy adapts the principles and objectives of the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy and the federal Greening Government Strategy to the NCC's activities and areas of expertise.

Current cycle

On November 2, 2023, the NCC launched a new cycle for their Sustainable Development Strategy. The 2023–2027 Sustainable Development Strategy includes 28 actions under the following themes:

Sustainable Communities

- · regional food production
- · reconciliation with Indigenous peoples
- · sustainable and active transportation
- access to urban green spaces
- affordable housing

Responsible Consumption

- · green procurement
- · waste management
- · clean electricity
- · site remediation

Climate Action

- · adapting to climate change
- · mitigating the impacts of climate change

Natural Capital

· nature and wildlife conservation

2023-2024 highlights

Here are some highlights of the NCC's work in 2023-2024:

Sustainable Communities

- Enhanced two existing green spaces (NCC River house and LeBreton Flat pathway)
- 19% increase in trips on the Gatineau Park shuttles
- Over 320 citizen science volunteers



Responsible Consumption

- Acquisition of our first electric pickup trucks
- Remediation of an additional 0.73 hectares on Victoria Island (3.26 total hectares remediated)

Climate Action

- 54% reduction in GHG emissions since 2005
- Adoption of the Climate Adaptation Plan
- Development of the first Net-Zero Real Property Portfolio Roadmap

Natural Capital

- Training for employees on bird safe design and monitoring for bird collisions around buildings
- Protection of 17 hectares of forest within the Larrimac ecological corridor, adjacent to Gatineau Park