Township of King

King Township, ON

Mayor Steve Pellegrini

Pledge Summary

The Township of King is one of the nine municipalities that form the Regional Municipality of York, encompassing a total area of 339 square kilometers. Renowned for its breathtaking landscapes and picturesque countryside, King is situated within the Greenbelt and the Oak Ridges Moraine, holding significant natural and ecological value. The municipality is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of pollinator and monarch butterfly habitats. This commitment is demonstrated through various initiatives, including the planting of native wildflowers, the distribution of wildflower and milkweed seeds, and the organization of free educational workshops. Additionally, the township has implemented signage to raise awareness, supports citizen science monitoring programs, and offers nature-based education to the community. By participating in the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, the Township of King aligns its efforts with municipal priorities and bolsters its Environmental Stewardship initiatives. These initiatives are focused on educating and engaging residents while enhancing habitats for monarch butterflies and other pollinators throughout the municipality.

Action Items Committed for 2025

Communications and Convening

- Launch or maintain a public communication effort to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods. (If you have community members who speak a language other than English, we encourage you to also communicate in that language; Champion Pledges must communicate in that language.)
- Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- Engage with city parks and recreation, public works, sustainability, and other relevant staff to identify opportunities to revise and maintain mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs.
- Engage with gardening leaders and partners (e.g., Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Nature Centers, Native Plant Society Chapters , other long-standing and influential community leaders) to support monarch butterfly conservation.
- Engage with developers, planners, landscape architects, and other community leaders and organizers engaged in planning processes to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

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- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.
- Launch or maintain an outdoor education program(s) (e.g., at schools, after-school programs, community centers and groups) that builds awareness and creates habitat by engaging students, educators, and the community in planting native milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Schoolyard Habitats program and Monarch Mission curriculum).
- Earn or maintain recognition for being a wildlife-friendly city by participating in other wildlife and habitat conservation efforts (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat program).
- Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.
- Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

Systems Change

- Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.
- Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.
- Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city's Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.
- Launch, expand, or continue one or more ordinances to reduce light pollution to benefit urban wildlife.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Steve Pellegrini	2026	1/27/2026	
Mayor Steve Pellegrini	2025	3/10/2025	Leadership Circle
Mayor Mayor Pellegrini	2024	3/8/2024	Leadership Circle
Mayor Steve Pellegrini	2023	3/21/2023	Leadership Circle
Mayor Steve Pellegrini	2022	1/17/2022	Leadership Circle
Mayor Steve Pellegrini	2021	12/7/2020	Leadership Circle

Action Items

In total, how many individuals have been reached through the Mayors' Monarch Pledge in your community this year (Jan-Dec)? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field below (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only.).

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Of the total number of individuals engaged, how many youth (0-18) were reached through the Mayors' Monarch Pledge in your community this year (Jan. - Dec.)? If none, please write 0." (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only.)

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In total, how many acres of monarch habitat have been created in your city in the last 12 months? Please limit your answer to only the number of acres in the answer field below (e.g., 3). Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

0.09

Where was the habitat created this year? Example locations may include residences, schools, places of worship, rights-of-way, roadsides, community gardens, shared public spaces, and more.

Habitat is being created on residential properties, community parks and gardens and conservation land.

How are you leveraging the Mayors' Monarch Pledge program to engage marginalized communities, such as low-income communities or communities of color?

The Township of King is an equal opportunity employer committed to inclusive access to recreation services. The Community Services Department offers free pollinator focused workshops, guided hikes, and milkweed and native wildflower seed giveaways through its Environmental Outreach table at community events and tree planting activities.

What was your community’s motivation for taking and continuing to work on the Mayors' Monarch Pledge?

The Township of King’s motivation for participating in and continuing the Mayors’ Monarch Pledge is rooted in its commitment to conserving and enhancing monarch and pollinator habitat while engaging and educating the community. The pledge aligns directly with municipal priorities and Environmental Stewardship initiatives focused on habitat creation, education, and resident participation. Through native wildflower plantings, milkweed and seed giveaways, educational workshops, signage, citizen science monitoring, and nature based programming, the Township works to ensure critical monarch habitat is available. Programming at Cold Creek Conservation Area further supports this work by using hands on, interactive education to teach participants particularly youth about the monarch’s reliance on specific plants and the simple actions individuals can take, such as planting milkweed or spreading native seed, to support monarch conservation.

What resources have been most helpful to you thus far and what new resources would you like to see to help meet your goals? What resources would be useful to help expand equitable engagement in community processes and access to high-quality, usable nature?

Factsheets geared towards youth and adults for municipalities to share on website and at events. Social Media Tool Kits A scorecard developed to highlight annual action commitments by each municipality Access to free milkweed seed packs to distribute Resources List – Monarch Monitoring, Seed Saving etc. Youth based program materials- Lifecycle poster, colouring sheets, games geared towards monarch lifecycle and migration.

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What else should we know about your monarch butterfly conservation efforts over the last year?

In 2025, Environmental Outreach & Sustainability staff attended community events to share resources, distribute native wildflower and milkweed seed packets, and encourage residents to plant pollinator-friendly gardens at home. Through the Township's nature-based programs, staff also engage youth by teaching the importance of native plants and milkweed, explaining the monarch lifecycle, and providing hands-on opportunities to support habitat enhancement through planting and seed-saving activities.

Selected Action Items

Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.

How many people attended your event? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

What species were collected or propagated?

What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to host the event?

Please describe the milkweed seed collection and propagation effort that you hosted.

Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.

Where is the demonstration garden located and how does this location relate to the cultural significance of the monarch (if relevant)? (Please provide an address or coordinates, if possible)

What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to complete this effort?

What is the size of the demonstration garden (in acres)? Please limit your answer to only the number of acres in the answer field below (e.g., 0.5 acres). For reference, 1 acre = 43,560 square feet and is about the size of a football field without the end zones. Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.

What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to complete this effort?

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If this action is In Progress, please describe your progress and a target date when you plan to complete action.

Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.

What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to complete this effort?

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Please describe the methods of public communication below (e.g., printed materials, social media, print media).

The Township of King Community Services Department implements targeted outreach and education initiatives to support pollinator habitat creation and increase public awareness of pollinator conservation. These initiatives aim to encourage residents to plant pollinator friendly gardens, enhance local biodiversity, and contribute to monarch butterfly habitat protection. Public communication and engagement efforts are delivered through a range of channels, including social media, website content, in person outreach at community events, Environmental Stewardship led tree and wildflower plantings, and nature based educational programming. Educational resources such as pollinator garden and monarch butterfly information materials and free milkweed seed packets are distributed to reduce barriers to participation and support residents in implementing pollinator supportive actions at home. Outreach activities are delivered in part through the Green Yards Program, which provides practical resources to encourage sustainable land stewardship practices. In 2025, the Environmental Outreach & Sustainability team engaged residents through participation in both Township led and community hosted events, including Community Tree and Wildflower Plantings, Zancor Centre Grand Opening, Victoria Day Celebration, the Powering King Energy Expo, and the Canada Day Celebration, as well as the King City Nobleton Garden Club Spring Plant Sale and the Schomberg Community Farm Tour. These events provided opportunities to engage a broad and diverse audience, distribute educational materials, and promote pollinator friendly gardening practices. Each spring, the Green Yards Program offers residents and non residents access to affordable sustainability tools, including rain barrels, backyard composters, and native wildflower kits. Wildflower kits include 18 native potted plants, one packet of native wildflower seeds, and gardening resources to support successful establishment. Participants may also purchase individual native plants, including butterfly milkweed and common milkweed, which are critical host plants for monarch butterflies. This program directly supports increased native plantings across the community and long term habitat creation. The Environmental Outreach & Sustainability division also delivers free workshops, guided hikes, and community planting initiatives to build knowledge and foster hands on stewardship. These initiatives strengthen community capacity, support environmental education, and result in tangible enhancements to pollinator habitat.

Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.

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Please describe the groups you engaged with and how you engaged with these groups below.

In 2025, the Township of King partnered with a range of community organizations to advance pollinator education and native planting initiatives. Key collaborators included the King City/Nobleton Garden Club, Schomberg Community Farm, King City Community Gardeners, the Kettleby Village Association, King Township Public Library, and the King Heritage & Cultural Centre. Through these partnerships, Environmental Outreach & Sustainability staff distributed educational materials and free milkweed seed packets at community events and plant sales, supported the Community Seed Saving Program and Seed Lending Library, and promoted workshops and greening initiatives such as the Green Yards Program. Hands on stewardship outcomes included the planting of 2,106 native wildflowers across the community, the addition of 25 native nectar producing plants at the Pollinator Friendly Garden in Tyrwhitt Park in collaboration with the Kettleby Village Association, and the establishment of King Township's first Medicine Garden in partnership with the King Heritage & Cultural Centre.

Engage with city parks and recreation, public works, sustainability, and other relevant staff to identify opportunities to revise and maintain mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs.

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How many community organizations and groups participated? Please list them below.

1. LEAF Community partnership plantings 2. Country Day School - Zancor Planting 3. Leaf Tenders Program 4. Nobleton Public School -planting at Dean Plummer Park 5. King Environmental Action Team (KEAT) 6. Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) 7. Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) 8. Neighbourhood Networks – Osin Lions Park Planting 9. Ontario Streams 10. Counterpoint Dillion Engineering in partnership with LSRCA– Centennial Park 11. KPMG- Cold Creek Wildflower Planting 12. Shawstna Group -fall planting 13. King Rebellion - fall planting 14. Kettle Lake School- Cold Creek Wildflower Planting 15. Kajla Financing & Tarang Events 16. Western Financial- Planting Sponsor 17. TD Friends of the Environment (FEF) 18. York Region 19. Trees for Life

Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and revisions/maintenance implemented for mowing or planting programs.

The Township of King actively works with community groups, conservation authorities, schools, and environmental organizations to enhance pollinator habitat through revised mowing practices and expanded native planting initiatives. The Don’t Mow, Grow initiative guides strategic mowing reductions across municipal parks, trails, and open spaces, allowing for natural regeneration and targeted restoration. Sites are identified annually by

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staff, supported by educational signage to inform the public of the environmental benefits. Reduced mow areas are enhanced through native tree, shrub, and wildflower plantings to increase biodiversity, canopy cover, and pollinator habitat. The Township partners with LEAF, TRCA, LSRCA, Ontario Streams, and local schools to deliver hands on planting and restoration activities. In 2025, more than 500 m2 of native pollinator meadow was planted at Cold Creek Conservation Area through youth-based programming. In 2025, a total of 13,831 native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers were planted through public, private, and restoration projects, including community and youth focused plantings across multiple parks and natural areas. Together, these coordinated mowing and planting efforts demonstrate strong collaboration while advancing habitat restoration, climate resilience, and the Township's goal of increasing urban forest canopy and supporting pollinator populations.

Engage with gardening leaders and partners (e.g., Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Nature Centers, Native Plant Society Chapters , other long-standing and influential community leaders) to support monarch butterfly conservation.

How many community organizations and groups participated? Please list them below.

1. LEAF Community partnership plantings 2. Kettelby Village Association hands on experiential learning through planting 3. Seneca Polytechnic Environmental Landscape Management Program – hand on experiential learning through planting 4. KPMG- wildflower planting 5. Nobleton/King City Garden Club – Plant Sale Education and Outreach & Wildflower Seed Distribution 6. Schomberg Community Farm – Harvest Event (August) 7. Pollinator Partnership (Bee City Certification alignment) 8. York Region – provided free seed packs to distribute 9. Pioneer Honey- Apiary Tour and Workshops

Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and their monarch butterfly conservation efforts.

The Township of King collaborated with a broad range of community, educational, and environmental partners to advance pollinator education, planting, and stewardship initiatives. Partnerships included LEAF for community tree and native plantings; the Kettleby Village Association and Seneca Polytechnic's Environmental Landscape Management Program for hands on experiential learning through planting; and KPMG for wildflower planting initiatives. Outreach and education were further supported through collaboration with the Nobleton/King City Garden Club during plant sales, including wildflower seed distribution, and with the Schomberg Community Farm during its August Harvest Event. Additional partnerships included alignment with Pollinator Partnership through Bee City Certification objectives, support from York Region through the provision of free seed packets for distribution, and engagement with Pioneer Honey through apiary tours and educational workshops.

Engage with developers, planners, landscape architects, and other community leaders and organizers engaged in planning processes to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat.

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Please describe the extent of engagement with these groups and associated opportunities to create monarch habitat.

The Environmental Outreach & Sustainability team works interdepartmentally to assist with the review of ThinKing Green Development Standards applications. The ThinKing Green Development Standards integrate pollinator conservation and climate resilience into development and redevelopment across King Township by prioritizing native and pollinator friendly plantings, tree preservation, and urban canopy expansion. The standards encourage the use of low impact development practices, such as rain gardens, and permeable surfaces, to manage stormwater on site while creating resilient planting areas that support pollinators during periods of drought and extreme heat. By reducing impervious cover, enhancing habitat connectivity, and expanding shaded landscapes, the standards help moderate temperature extremes, support biodiversity, and advance the Township's objectives for climate adaptation, carbon sequestration, and healthy pollinator populations.

Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.

How many plants were sold and/or given away at your event? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

800 (450 Green Yards Program) 350 seed packs

How many people attended your event? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

650

What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to host the event?

The Township of King led the Green Yards Program which was launched in the spring for pre purchase of rain barrels, backyard composter and wildflower kits with pick up in June. To promote the program we conducted extensive outreach in the form of newsletters, promotional posters, Curbex community sign installations, social media outreach and email sharing with community groups. 25 people purchased wildflower kits through the Green Yards Program. Additionally, although only 350 seed packs were distributed at events, over 500+participants alone attended our plantings, 75 + participants picked up seeds from the community centres and 50+ residents attended the Volunteer Awards. Please note, this does not include the total number of people who attended the larger community events such as the Drink and Food Festival and Victoria Day Celebration.

Launch or maintain an outdoor education program(s) (e.g., at schools, after-school programs, community centers and groups) that builds awareness and creates habitat by engaging students, educators, and the community in planting native milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Schoolyard Habitats program and Monarch Mission curriculum).

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What program was launched or maintained to complete this effort? If you are involved with another National Wildlife Federation program, please mention that below. (Please include a link to the program, if possible)

The Township of King continues to offer and evolve a variety of nature-based programs throughout the year for all ages at Cold Creek Conservation. The programs also offered through in school programming. Several programs offered at Cold Creek Conservation Area include Jr. Forest Explorers, Ecosystem Exploration, Pollinator Pals and Little Green Thumbs. The Pollinator Pals Programs integrate pollinator education to build awareness and engage youth in hands on activities which include creating habitat through wildflower meadow planting, seed ball making, learning about the lifecycle of the monarch butterfly and human threats/ impact on the population. Participants learn about the lifecycles of the monarch butterfly, migration, identification and important host plant species such as milkweed. In 2025, the Pollinator Pals Program ran 8 times with approximately 15 students participating per rotation (3 rotations per school) (360) and through Summer Camps the program ran 14 times with an average of 6 participants per session totaling (84). Total participation 444.

How many schools, community groups, leaders, or centers were engaged in this effort? How many of these collaborations and partnerships are "new"? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

22

Please list the names of the schools you are working with.

not able to share this information.

What resources, if any, are you providing to educators?

Program Guide

How many students and educators would you estimate are being reached? Please limit your answer to only number of adults and youths engaged in the answer field (e.g., 200 students and 20 educators).

24 Educators & 444 Students

What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to complete this effort?

Worked with the Cold Creek Conservation Area staff who are responsible for overseeing Recreation Programming and Camps offered on site at Cold Creek Conservation Area year round.

How many acres of monarch and pollinator habitat have been planted through this effort? Please limit your answer to only the number of acres in the answer field below

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(e.g., 0.5 acres). For reference, 1 acre = 43,560 square feet and is about the size of a football field without the end zones. Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

0.08

What is the maintenance schedule to ensure planted habitat is maintained?

Maintenance of the Cold Creek Conservation Area wildflower meadow is fully integrated into the seasonal work program of the Township's Environmental Field Labourers, demonstrating the Township's ongoing commitment to long term habitat stewardship. The meadow restoration project is overseen by the Environmental Stewardship Outreach Coordinator and the Environmental Outreach & Sustainability Coordinator to ensure recognized best management practices are consistently applied. Post planting care includes regular watering throughout the summer to support high plant survival rates, routine weeding and trimming around planted areas, and the active removal, management, and monitoring of invasive species. In addition, seed saving is conducted in the summer and fall to collect viable native seed for redistribution within the surrounding meadow, supporting continued naturalization and long term meadow sustainability.

Earn or maintain recognition for being a wildlife-friendly city by participating in other wildlife and habitat conservation efforts (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat program).

What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to complete this effort?

none

What program was launched or maintained to complete this effort? (Please include a link to the program, if possible)

Bee City Certification The goal of the Bee City Canada certification is to provide and promote healthy, sustainable habitats for bees and other pollinator species. Bees and other pollinators around the globe have experienced declines due to a combination of environmental factors that have serious implications for the future health of flora and fauna. Bee City Canada encourages municipalities and their residents to support bees and other pollinators on both public and private land by fostering environmental awareness around this issue. The Township of King is recognized for being the 9th Bee City Certified Community in Canada. https://www.king.ca/BeeCityCertification https://beecitycanada.org/bee-cities/township-of-king/ Bird Friendly Community As of March 2023, King Township has been officially certified by Nature Canada as a Bird Friendly City. This certification means that we have met the standards regarding: reducing threats to birds in King Township, protecting and restoring natural habitat, increasing climate resiliency, and actively engaging the community through education and outreach. https://www.king.ca/BirdFriendlyCity

Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar-producing plants in gardens in the community.

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What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to complete this effort?

Kettleby Village Association

How many plants were planted? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

25

Please describe your effort in completing this action.

In collaboration with residents of the Kettleby Village Association, Township staff provided on the ground support to restore and maintain an existing pollinator garden at Tyrwhitt Park that had become overrun with weeds and invasive species, including garlic mustard and Himalayan balsam. Through a coordinated effort, staff and community volunteers worked together to clearly delineate the pollinator garden from the surrounding naturalized landscape, remove invasive species prior to seed set, and infill the site with a diverse selection of native wildflowers, including common and butterfly milkweed, coreopsis, black eyed Susans, purple coneflower, cup plant, and woodland sunflower. Two dedicated volunteer workdays were held to complete weeding, maintenance, and planting activities. Township staff continued to support the garden throughout the summer by maintaining access paths and managing encroaching vegetation, helping to ensure the long term health and success of the pollinator garden. In addition, the park was selected for restoration planting enhancement in fall 2024 and over 700 additional native trees and shrubs were added to the natural buffers surrounding the park to further support wildlife and increase natural habitat.

Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

What is the total acreage of land treated to remove invasive plants? Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

0.81

Please describe the extent of revisions or maintenance to invasive species removal programs, as well as the practices or techniques used to remove the invasive plants.

In 2025, the Township of King actively managed approximately 0.81 acres of terrestrial invasive plant species across municipal lands. Species addressed included wild parsnip, phragmites, dog strangling vine, black locust, garlic mustard, European buckthorn, Manitoba maple, Himalayan balsam, and periwinkle. Invasive species management follows established best management practices, with techniques and timing tailored to each species. In public areas, staff begin by identifying species present, assessing patch size, severity, and potential impacts on surrounding landscapes. Sites are mapped and scheduled for maintenance during species specific timing windows that align with mechanical and, where appropriate, herbicide application recommendations. Proper

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disposal of invasive plant material is incorporated into all activities and follow up monitoring is conducted to ensure effective removal and prevent further spread. Where feasible, native infill planting is implemented post management to support site restoration and reduce reinfestation. To strengthen and formalize this work, the Township of King is developing the King Invasive Species Strategy (KISS), an operational document intended to guide staff on best management practices and site prioritization based on resource capacity. The strategy is expected to be completed in 2025 and will outline clear, manageable actions to enhance invasive species control and long term ecosystem health.

Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city’s Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.

What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to complete this effort?

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2023-2026- Corporate Strategic Plan Date: 2024 Description: Action- Plant 50,000 native trees, shrubs and wildflowers Link: https://www.king.ca/strategicplan ThinKing Green Development Standards Date: May, 2024 Description: ThinKING Green has been developed to expand up on and replace the Sustainable King: Green Development Standards Program. ThinKING Green focuses on implementing the sustainability policies outlined in the Township's Our King Official Plan for new development applications and encourages all new development to protect and enhance both natural and urban environments while utilizing efficient, innovative and sustainable measures. Link: https://www.king.ca/greendevelopmentstandards King Community Climate Action Plan Date: 2024 Description: Our Natural Environment theme, Objective: Support the protection, restoration, and enhancement of natural systems to foster climate resiliency.

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