

BECOME A MEMBER



Green Economy
London

Green Economy London supports a network of businesses to set and achieve sustainability targets. The Hub brings together, empowers, and celebrates businesses as they achieve their sustainability goals.

As a result of implementing sustainable change, local businesses experience benefits including decreased operation costs, decreased risk (ex. in the face of upcoming legislation), increased employee engagement, improved environmental outcomes, retention and talent attraction, and improved public image and brand value.

Members of the local business and organizational community join their local Hub, pay an annual membership fee, and move through a series of steps to set a target and reduce their environmental impact while receiving support from their Hub (steps seen below).



Member Milestones

Onboarding

- Initial Meeting
- Build a Green Team
- Create Online Member Profile

Measure Impact

- Complete First Walkthrough
- Set Baseline Year
- Develop Sustainability Action Plan

Develop Action Plan

- Allocate Resources to Meet Goals
- Measure and Report Improvements
- Engage Staff in Implementing Projects

Set Target & Reduce Impact

- Track Reductions
- Share Project Stories via Media
- Celebrate Your Success!



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WHAT WE OFFER



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We Convene

- On-Site Support for your Staff
- Project Planning (template and support for creating action plans)
- Sustainability Accounting Tool
- Connections to Local Service Providers (access to a directory)
- Student Support (connecting members with higher-ed student teams)
- Incentives and funding for sustainability projects

We Celebrate

- Communications Support
- Annual Recognition (in our year-end report, at our Evening of Recognition)
- Member Report on progress
- Leaderboard (lets you see your performance)
- Ongoing Recognition (in media stories year-round and online)
- Award Opportunities

We Empower

- Educational Forums (1-2 annually)
- Technical Workshops (2-5 annually)
- Peer-to-Peer Meetings
- Webinars
- Member Portal (with resources)
- Newsletter



How Much Does it Cost?

Annual membership fees range from \$300 for businesses with 4 or less employees to \$6,500 for organizations of 1,000+ employees. **Non-profits qualify for a 15% discount.**

Employee #	1+	5+	10+	25+	50+	100+	500+	1,000+
Annual Fee	\$300	\$500	\$800	\$1,500	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$5,500	\$6,500

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SETTING A TARGET




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General Notes for all Target Areas*

- Members identify, track, and reduce their impacts of their facilities and fleet in London & Middlesex
- Members must develop an initial water, and/or waste, and/or GHG emission baseline within 3 years
- Baseline year for targets cannot be more than (maximum) 3 years previous to the year of joining the program, but if you have existing targets or baselines you can keep using them internally
- Members must report annually after setting a target
- Targets cannot be set more than (maximum) of 10 years
- Members will be recognized for their successful actions and achievements


GHG EMISSIONS

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- **Scope 1 & Scope 2** (ie. energy use) are mandatory to track and reduce; **Scope 3** (commuting, purchased goods etc.) is optional
 - Targets can be either **Absolute** or **Intensity** (ie. per FTE, per widget, or per sqft.)
 - Maximum of 49% of total reduction targets can be achieved through **Restricted Reductions** (Offsets, Renewable Energy Credits, MicroFIT, etc.)

Levels of Recognition

Bronze: 20%
(minimum)
Silver: 40%
Gold: 60%+


WASTE TARGETS

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- **Office Waste** is mandatory to track and reduce; **Production Byproduct** waste is optional.
 - Members must complete an **annual waste audit** (can be completed internally by trained staff) in order to determine diversion and contamination amounts

Levels of Recognition

Reduction	Diversion
Bronze: 20% (minimum)	Bronze: 50% (minimum)
Silver: 40%	Silver: 60%
Gold: 60%+	Gold: 70%+


ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARD

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- Participating members must **report** which projects they are participating in for recognition
 - Any and all prior action will be recognized as a **completed project**
 - Members must complete a minimum of 1 **“Action Project”** to be recognized as an Environmental Steward. Therefore, all completed projects can't be **“Sponsorship Projects”**

Levels of Recognition

Bronze: 2+ projects
Silver: 5+ projects
Gold: 8+ projects
Platinum: 10+ projects

WATER TARGETS

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- Members must report on water consumption and wastewater
 - Targets can be **Absolute** or **Intensity** based
 - If members are keen on making reductions to their storm water, that reduction can be set as a target in the **Environmental Stewardship Framework**

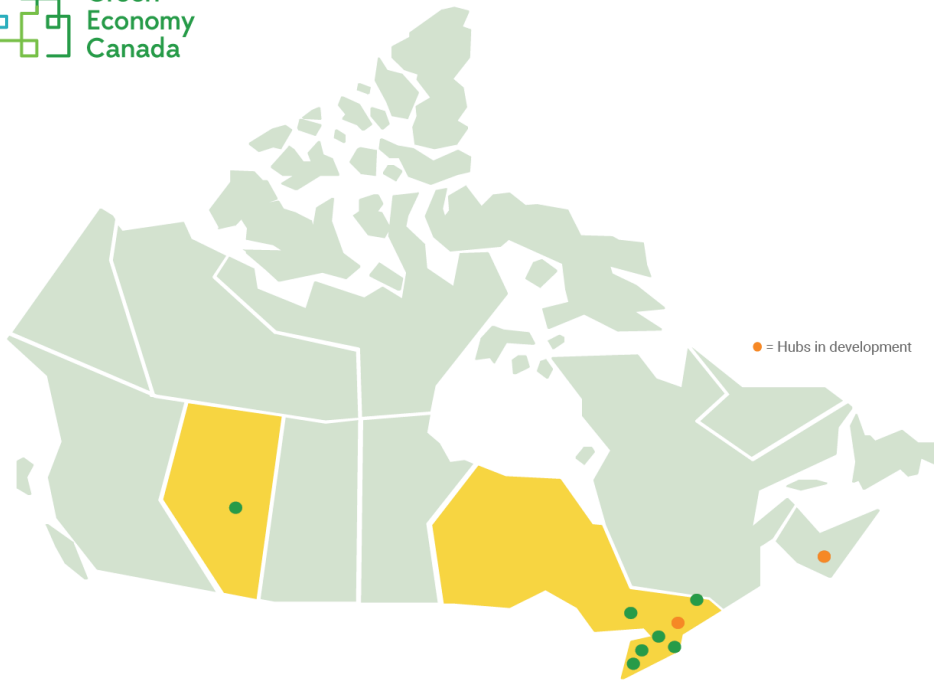
Levels of Recognition

Consumption Reduction
Bronze: 10%
(minimum)
Silver: 20%
Gold: 30%+

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*See individual frameworks for more detail



Across Canada,
we're demonstrating a more
sustainable economy is possible.

<p>Edmonton</p> <p>CHANGE BUSINESS FOR CLIMATE</p>	<p>Hamilton and Burlington</p> <p>Sustainability Leadership Program</p>
<p>London</p> <p>Green Economy London</p>	<p>Ottawa</p> <p>carbon 613</p>
<p>Sudbury</p> <p>green economy north économie verte du nord</p>	<p>Waterloo Region</p> <p>Regional Sustainability Initiative</p>
<p>York Region</p> <p>ClimateWise Business Network</p>	

Green Economy London is one of 10 Green Economy Hubs across Ontario supporting networks of businesses to set and achieve sustainability targets.

Why Make Sustainability a Priority?

A 2014 CDP study found that S&P 500 companies with sustainability strategies **outperform** others on the index. These companies experienced:



Efficiency and
reduced
emissions

Financial savings
and a return on
investment



Credibility and
recognition for
sustainable efforts

Inspired and
engaged
employees



*By 2018, the Green Economy Hubs
reduced enough GHG emissions to
equal taking 12,000 cars off the road.*

Join the movement!