



**DURHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DEAC)  
PROPOSED 2021 WORKPLAN**



<b>Item</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>1.0 Policy Development and Implementation</b>	
Provide advice on	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Official Plan – input and advice on proposed amendments</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Municipal Comprehensive Review (Envision Durham) process</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projects subject to a Minister’s Zoning Order (MZO)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Durham Community Energy Plan implementation</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial and Regional Climate Change guidance materials</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Assessment (EA) Studies</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public and/or Stakeholder Advisory Committees</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Bill of Rights postings</li> </ul>	
<b>2.0 Community Outreach and Stewardship</b>	
High Priority	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote and continue to implement the Environmental Achievement Awards.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in community environmental and stewardship events.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue developing a residents’ guide to climate resilience.</li> </ul>	
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Medium Priority	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to foster a working relationship with the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, and Durham Active Transportation Committee.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in Climate Change outreach activities/events hosted by DEAC, and/or the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update the Region of Durham Natural Features Map.</li> </ul>	
<b>3.0 Committee Education &amp; Development</b>	
The Committee will expand its knowledge in some of the following issues:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energy (e.g. sources, alternatives, producers, efficiency, etc.)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreational uses in the natural environment</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial Planning documents</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water quality (e.g. Duffin Creek water treatment plant)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human health and the environment</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green infrastructure and low impact development</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road salt</li> </ul>	

• Species at risk	
• Waste reduction and management progress	
• Lifecycle assessment of products and packaging (e.g. plastics)	
• Microplastics	
• Forest, grassland, and wetland health	
• Active transportation	
• Climate change	
• Pesticides and alternatives	
• Invasive species	
• Native species	
• Biodiversity	
• Urban sustainability	
• Air quality	
• Food security	
• Community gardens	
• Aggregate pit rehabilitation	
• Peat moss and top soil removal and restoration	
• Biological and physical decomposition (e.g. incineration, gasification, carbonization, anaerobic digestion, waste, etc.)	
• Noise and light pollution	
• Citizen science	
• Ground and surface water preservation and protection	
<b>4.0 Issues of Interest</b>	
The committee will continue to monitor the following issues as prioritized by current events:	
• Conservation Authority initiatives and activities, such as Carruthers Creek Watershed Plan Update and McLaughlin Bay Restoration Strategy.	
• Provincial planning initiatives.	
• Oak Ridges Moraine.	
• Regional Official Plan Amendment applications.	
• Water – groundwater, surface water, watersheds.	
• Transportation developments.	
• Waterfront protection and development.	
• Nuclear Energy Management	
• Future airport lands.	
• Rouge National Urban Park.	
• Urban forest/naturalization strategies.	
• Trails.	
• Energy from Waste Facility.	

## **Meeting Schedule**

Due to the Committee's workload, DEAC will schedule 9 meetings for 2021. In general, meetings will take place on the third Thursday of each month. Resources (Planning Division and Legislative Services) will be required to accommodate the schedule and workload.

The 2021 meeting schedule is as follows:

- January 21, 2021
- February 18, 2021
- March 11, 2021
- April 15, 2021
- May 20, 2021
- June 17, 2021
- September 16, 2021
- October 21, 2021
- November 18, 2021