



Green Plan

Message from the Mayor of Montréal



Dear fellow residents,

In recent years, the city of Montréal has made the environment and sustainable development a priority. When it adopted its *Strategic Plan for Sustainable Development* in 2005, Montréal showed that sustainable development was already becoming one of the cornerstones on which the city would be built. It is quite clearly a vital issue, and it is now impossible to speak of urban or economic development without considering the social and environmental challenges they create.

So it is with pride and great interest that we support the efforts of the Côte-des-Neiges—Notre-Dame-de-Grâce borough in this, its first *Green Plan*. Making sustainable development a priority so as to ensure quality surroundings for local citizens shows the kind of leadership and long-term vision that we share.

My congratulations to everyone involved in producing this Plan, which will guide the borough's actions over the coming years. Your contribution will help ensure the prosperity of our metropolis in a healthy, pleasant environment – a great place to live!

Every action counts!

With such strong partnerships and broad community involvement, we can make the Montréal of tomorrow a city where economic, cultural and social development can flourish alongside the measures needed to improve our environment.

I thank you and encourage you to work with us to ensure that the Côte-des-Neiges—Notre-Dame-de-Grâce borough continues to be a pleasant community where future generations can grow up healthy.

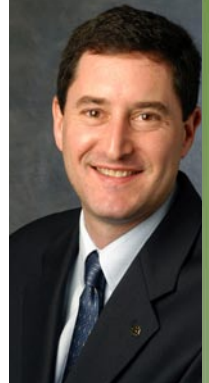
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Gérald Tremblay
Mayor of Montréal

Message from the borough Mayor

Dear fellow residents,

I am proud to present the very first *Green Plan* in the history of the Côte-des-Neiges—Notre-Dame-de-Grâce borough. It represents a clear commitment by your elected officials and the municipal administration to enhance and protect our surroundings and environment.



This *Green Plan* is the fruit of many months of hard work. It clearly reflects the concerns and ambitions of the community, since it was drawn up in partnership with local citizens, groups and organizations and borough employees.

It is ambitious but responsible. The Plan was studied by all departments in our administration to ensure that the actions proposed are realistic in terms of their objectives, budgets and deadlines. We also took care to limit our actions to those areas in which we have jurisdiction and to have them reflect the city of Montréal's sustainable development principles. We are now committed to taking concrete, significant measures in the coming months!

All of this means that our borough now has a vital tool that will allow us as individuals and as a community to do more for the environment. Together, with this Plan, we can become an *environmentally responsible* community.

The borough alone cannot make this important initiative a success. If we want to have a significant impact for future generations, each of us must be committed every day to putting this *Green Plan* into action.

I wish to thank everyone who was involved in producing the Plan. Now I invite you, on behalf of the Côte-des-Neiges—Notre-Dame-de-Grâce Borough Council, to start acting on it today!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

Michael Applebaum

Mayor of the Côte-des-Neiges—Notre-Dame-de-Grâce borough

Our Green Plan

The Côte-des-Neiges—Notre-Dame-de-Grâce borough has seen great population and economic growth over the past fifteen years, both of them representing major challenges in terms of sustainable urban development. The borough's population is highly concentrated, and this places strong pressure on the environment. Hence the need for a vision of how to enhance and protect the environment, to respect and improve our surroundings.



With its first *Green Plan*, the Côte-des-Neiges—Notre-Dame-de-Grâce borough has set itself the objective of rallying all stakeholders related in any way to local economic and social development and encouraging them to put the environment first. It is also intended to promote simple ways in which local citizens can help improve their own quality of life and respect the environment.

With its *Green Plan*, the Côte-des-Neiges—Notre-Dame-de-Grâce borough wants to show leadership on its territory, based on a long-term shared vision, to encourage projects and measures that will help to improve the environment and local citizens' quality of life. In other words, the 2008-2012 *Green Plan* belongs to everyone in the borough.



Vision

*To be recognized,
by 2012, as an
environmentally
responsible borough.*





Our approach

The Côte-des-Neiges—Notre-Dame-de-Grâce borough *Green Plan* was produced in co-operation with local citizens and borough employees, elected officials and public, social and community organizations.

- Close to one hundred residents turned out on April 22, 2008, Earth Day, for a Forum on the borough's future *Green Plan*;
- 44 borough employees took part on February 19 and 20, 2008, on a workshop on the *Green Plan*;
- 22 public, social and community organizations submitted briefs and/or took part in one of the two workshops on the *Green Plan*;
- 15 suggestions in writing were received from local citizens or citizen groups;
- The entire borough administration, as well as its elected officials, took part in drawing up the *Green Plan*.

Our action plan

The *Green Plan* comprises seven goals that will lead to 49 concrete actions by 2012:

- Ensure that the borough's management practices reflect sustainable development principles;
- Manage resources responsibly;
- Encourage environmentally friendly urban development;
- Improve waste management and borough cleanliness;
- Enhance the protection of biodiversity, natural habitats and green spaces;
- Promote sustainable transportation;
- Involve local organizations and citizens through environmental awareness and education initiatives.



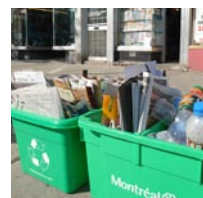
Our environment: A shared responsibility



We all want to protect and improve our quality of life. And for the best results, everyone must be involved in respecting, protecting and enhancing our environment. The borough's first *Green Plan* is intended to include the actions proposed by social, public and private sector organizations, local citizens and borough employees, managers and elected officials, and also to serve as the starting point for a collective effort.



While the *Green Plan* is intended to rally and encourage everyone, its concrete results depend on the essential contribution of all local citizens and organizations. We all have a shared responsibility for our environment and it is through our joint efforts and our commitment to maintaining and improving our quality of life that we will come up with solutions and lasting results.



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Ensure that the borough's management practices reflect sustainable development principles



Actions	Timetable
Use recyclable containers and utensils in municipal buildings and at events organized by the borough	2008-2009
Include environmental aspects in borough decision-making	2008-2009
Encourage electronic document management and limit the use of paper	2008-2009
Create a round table to follow up on the <i>Green Plan</i>	2008-2012
Create a Green Fund	2008-2012
Develop, publish and update an environmental awareness plan for borough employees	2008-2012
Step up efforts and actions to ensure compliance with municipal by-laws relating to the environment and cleanliness	2008-2012
Develop a recycling policy for holding environmentally responsible public events	2010-2012
Integrate environmental aspects into driver training to encourage environmentally efficient driving practices	2010-2012
Change the borough's purchasing policy to encourage practices in line with environmental protection goals	2010-2012



Manage resources responsibly



Actions

Timetable

Give preference to environmentally efficient vehicles when replacing municipal vehicles

2008-2012

Promote the installation of water-saving devices in municipal buildings

2008-2012

Reduce energy consumption in municipal buildings and facilities on public property

2008-2012

Encourage the recovery of rainwater

2010-2012

Encourage environmentally friendly urban development



Actions

Pursue initiatives to reduce urban heat islands by encouraging green roofs and reflective membranes on municipal buildings

2008-2012

Continue installing street furniture made of recycled materials

2008-2012

Apply the "walkability" principle to new developments to encourage travel on foot and reduce vehicle traffic

2010-2012

Contribute to reducing urban heat islands by increasing the amount of permeable space and retaining run-off on public property

2010-2012

Contribute to reducing urban heat islands by encouraging green roofs and increasing the amount of permeable space and retaining run-off on private property

2010-2012

Develop a green neighbourhood project

2010-2012

Reduce light pollution from new developments

2010-2012



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Improve waste management and borough cleanliness

Actions

Timetable

Finish installing recycling equipment in all municipal buildings and borough parks

2008-2009

Encourage the recovery of batteries, cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices

2008-2009

Require merchants and companies to install ashtrays outside their entrances

2008-2009

Consolidate recycling in residential buildings with nine or more units

2008-2012

Keep an adequate number of trash cans on public property

2008-2012

Review the overall management of garbage collection so as to meet the objectives set in the 2008-2012 master waste management plan for the Montréal agglomeration

2008-2012

Develop and implement a pilot project for collecting household waste once a week

2010-2012

Set up a composting pilot project in a municipal building

2010-2012



Goals

Enhance the protection of biodiversity, natural habitats and green spaces



Actions	Timetable
Develop a tree management and protection plan	2008-2012
Develop a strategy for the acquisition of small green spaces by the borough	2008-2012
Maintain a positive annual balance in trees planted vs trees felled, to encourage biodiversity	2008-2012
Continue to improve adapted lawn management in municipal parks, depending on their use	2008-2012
Continue initiatives to enhance existing green spaces	2008-2012
Protect wooded spaces throughout the borough	2008-2012
Support community garden programs	2008-2012

Promote sustainable transportation



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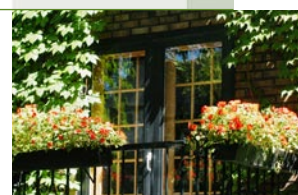
Develop and implement a master plan for the local bicycle path network in keeping with Montréal's transportation plan	2008-2012
Install new bike racks to serve the expanded local bicycle path network	2008-2012
Develop a partnership with the STM and AMT to boost public transit ridership	2010-2012
Develop a sustainable transportation program for borough employees	2010-2012
Develop a pilot project for a public self-serve bicycle rental system	2010-2012
Promote car sharing	2010-2012



Involve local organizations and citizens through environmental awareness and education initiatives

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Actions	Timetable
Develop an annual calendar of environmental activities with partners	2008-2009
Continue developing green programs (scientific, cultural and ecological activities) in borough libraries in co-operation with partner organizations	2008-2012
Publish an annual progress report on the <i>Green Plan</i>	2008-2012
Increase awareness and responsibility for reducing waste, maintaining public and private property and keeping it clean, and protecting and enhancing the environment among local residents, merchants and institutions	2008-2012
Develop a certification program for environmental initiatives by borough merchants and partners	2010-2012
Develop a recognition program for environmental initiatives by residents and merchants	2010-2012
Boost local organizations' and citizens' awareness of the importance of sustainable transportation (public transit, car pooling, active transportation, car sharing)	2010-2012



Goals



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