



TRANSITION TO LESS WASTE

Global Problems – Local Solutions

Your Summer 2016
Sustainability Update

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Transition in Your Community

Since 2001, Transition to Less Waste's team of volunteers has been providing sustainability solutions for Ingersoll and area. Our yearly **Festival Waste Reduction Program** provides reusable dishware, dishwashing services, recyclable sorting, and free filtered water re-fill stations at the **Canterbury Folk Festival** and other special events.

2014/2015 in Review

Our largest initiative over the 2014/2015 season was TTLW's **Job Creation Partnership (JCP)** project, a 1-year venture funded by the **Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU)**. This generous grant allowed TTLW to provide a meaningful job experience for 12 people that focused on:

- Waste reduction
- Water conservation and protection
- Renewable energy micro-grids
- Electric vehicles
- Land stewardship
- Food security
- Eco-housing
- Local sustainability planning

Our 2015/2016 initiatives also included the following projects geared towards reducing Oxford's environmental footprint:

- Creating a **Community Garden** at our JCP office space with the help of our sponsors, including **Heeman's & Tremblett's Independent Grocer**
- Promoting off-grid living with our friends at the **Windchasers' eco-home**
- Contributing to **Future Oxford** planning and providing zero waste consultation for the County's 'Future Oxford Expo'
- Advocating for the community on the **Waste Free Ontario Act**
- Representing the non-profit sector on the **Zero Waste Oxford Committee**

Further 2016 Initiatives

- Maintaining our downtown Ingersoll **Community Demonstration Garden**
- Continuing our **Festival Waste Reduction Program**

Thank You to our Generous Sponsors!

- **Ingersoll Community Foundation**
- **Kiwanis Club of Ingersoll**
- **Millcreek Printing**
- **McKim's Home Hardware**
- **First Ontario's Blue Wave**
- **Easy Way - Cleaning Supplies**