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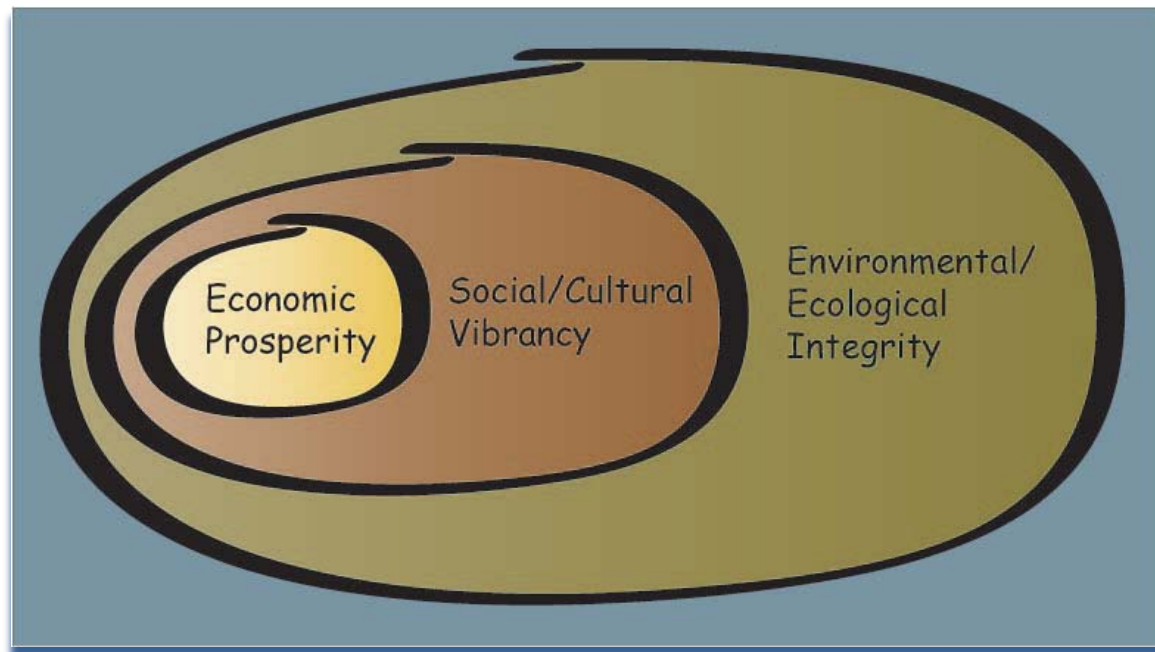


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What is Sustainability?



– *“development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”*



The Challenge...



- Finite Resources vs. Unsustainable Growth
 - The current development model is based upon unsustainable growth
 - And... the resources that feed that growth are finite in nature.

The Lesson?

'Live off of Nature's interest,
not it's capital'



Review of The Sustainable Path Initiative



- The objective is to develop an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)

“A long-term plan, developed in consultation with community members that provides direction for the community to realize sustainability objectives, including environmental, culture, social and economic objectives “

- 50 year plan focused holistically on ‘Community’ prosperity
- Not a traditional Town operational plan - Community Plan
- Bottom up approach to community engagement
- Gas tax requirement



Review of The Sustainable Path Initiative



The plan development process has two strategic goals:

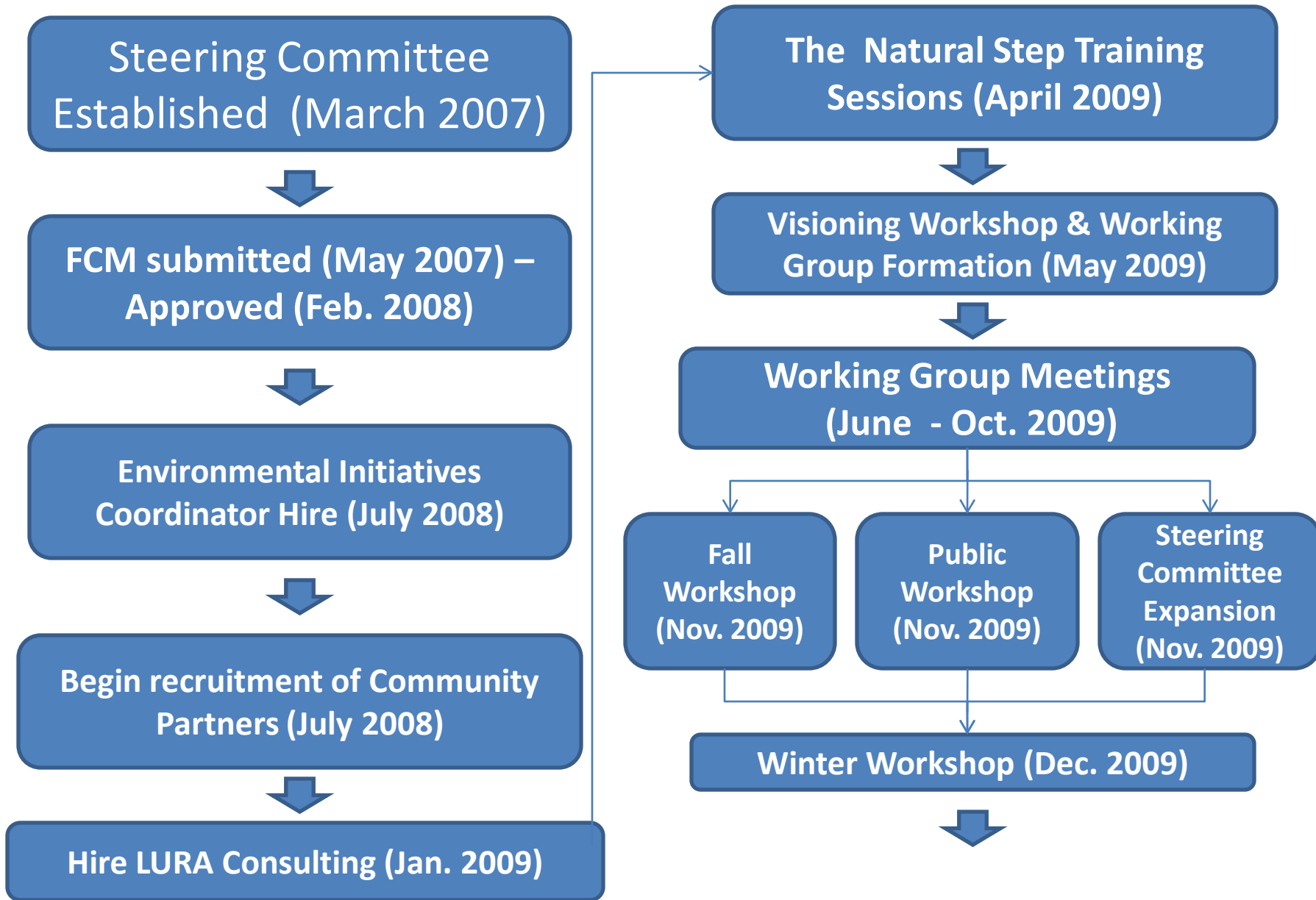
- 1) Produce a comprehensive long term plan that serves as a guidance document for future actions of the community
- 2) Establish partnerships among the various organizations, groups, businesses locally and regionally

Other benefits:

- Provides opportunity for Community Partners to take leadership role
- Instill sustainable thinking within the community
- Leverages expertise, knowledge and experience



Plan Development Process



Plan Development Process Continued...



**Community Partners Pre-draft Review of
Goals & Actions (Feb. 2010)**



**ICSP Draft #1 Review
(April 2010)**



**Final Plan (text version) Release
(June 2010)**



Plan Overview



- Vision statement & Dream sequence
- 18 themes
 - Environmental Stewardship, conservation, community diversity/identity, community events/volunteerism, built environment, accessible & integrated transportation system, municipal water/waster services, healthy active community/health care, education, community safety, youth, local governance, regional thinking, arts & culture, economic diversity, agriculture, tourism
- 63 goals, hundreds of strategies and actions
- Implementation Framework
- 100+ Community Partners



Community Partners

- Ainley Group
- Affordable Housing Committee
- Agricultural Advisory Committee
- Arts Advisory Committee
- Ashanti Coffee
- Beaver Valley Athletic Association
- Beaver Valley Community School
- Beaver Valley Gold Honey - The Honey House
- Beaver Valley Outreach
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Georgian Triangle
- Blue Mountain Chamber of Commerce
- Blue Mountain Community Church
- Blue Mountain Police Service Board
- Blue Mountain Ratepayer Association
- Blue Mountain Resorts Limited.
- Blue Mountain Village Association
- Blue Mountain Watershed Trust
- Bluewater Gallery
- Breaking Down Barriers
- Breathing Easy
- Breaker Technology Inc.
- Business Enterprise Centre
- Business Improvement Association
- C.C Tatham
- Centre for Business & Economic Development
- Centre for Student Leadership
- C.F Crozier & Associates
- Collingwood General & Marine Hospital
- Collus Power
- Community Foundation Grey Bruce
- County of Grey
- CQ Ellis Group
- Craigeleith Ski Club
- DC Slade Consultant Inc.
- De Corso's Fashion
- Dr. Lance Burnham DDS Dentist
- Ecoinhabit
- Environmental Network
- First Baptist Church
- Free Spirit Tours
- Garden Holistics
- Global Fruits
- Genivar Consultants
- Georgian College
- Georgian Cycle & Ski Trail Association
- Georgian Peaks Ski Club
- Georgian Planning Solutions
- Georgian Trail Board of Management
- Georgian Triangle Housing Resource Centre
- Georgian Triangle Development Institute
- Georgian Triangle Tourist Association
- Georgian Triangle Earthday Celebration
- Greenland Consulting Engineers



Community Partners



- Grey Bruce Health Services
- Grey Bruce Health Unit
- Grey County Children's Aid Society
- Grey County Social Services
- Grey Sauble Conservation Authority
- Grace United Church
- Hendry Farms
- Hewgill BusLines
- Hincks-Dellcrest Farm
- Hindle's Clarksburg Hardware
- Home Hardware
- Intrawest Village
- Iron Works
- Kate Esplen Studio
- Kimbercote Farm
- Lanktree Farms
- Le Scandinave Spa
- Lora Bay Corporation
- Lura Consulting
- Lushrealty
- Marsh Street Community Centre
- McNicol Farms
- Meaford General Hospital Foundation
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- My Friend's House
- Niagara Escarpment Organics
- North East Grey Health Clinic
- Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
- Planwells Associates
- Reid's Heritage Homes
- Rotary Club of Clarksburg & Thornbury
- Running Tide Inc.
- Sampson Farms
- Scenic Caves Nature Adventures
- Smart Move Training & Development
- Taylor Farms
- Terrasan Corporation
- The Blue Mountains Public Library
- The Blue Mountain Fire Services
- The Diamond Studio
- The Garden Decorator
- The Georgian Bay Club
- Thornbury Laundromat
- Toronto Ski Club
- Town of The Blue Mountains
- Tracks Employment & Resources Services
- Travis & Associates Inc.
- Trillium Apartments
- Tyrolean Village Resorts
- Union Gas Limited
- Wildman Studio
- Woman With Vision
- 95.1 The Peak FM

Plan Highlights



- **Vision Statement**

“In 2060, The Blue Mountains is an international showcase for rural sustainability.

We are a connected and caring community that blends our heritage with a thriving diverse economy based on the continual preservation and protection of nature.

Generations of families live work and play in our safe, happy and inclusive Town. We are a community “Built to Last.”

- **Our Dream of the Future**

– Based on the question: What is your ideal vision of the future?

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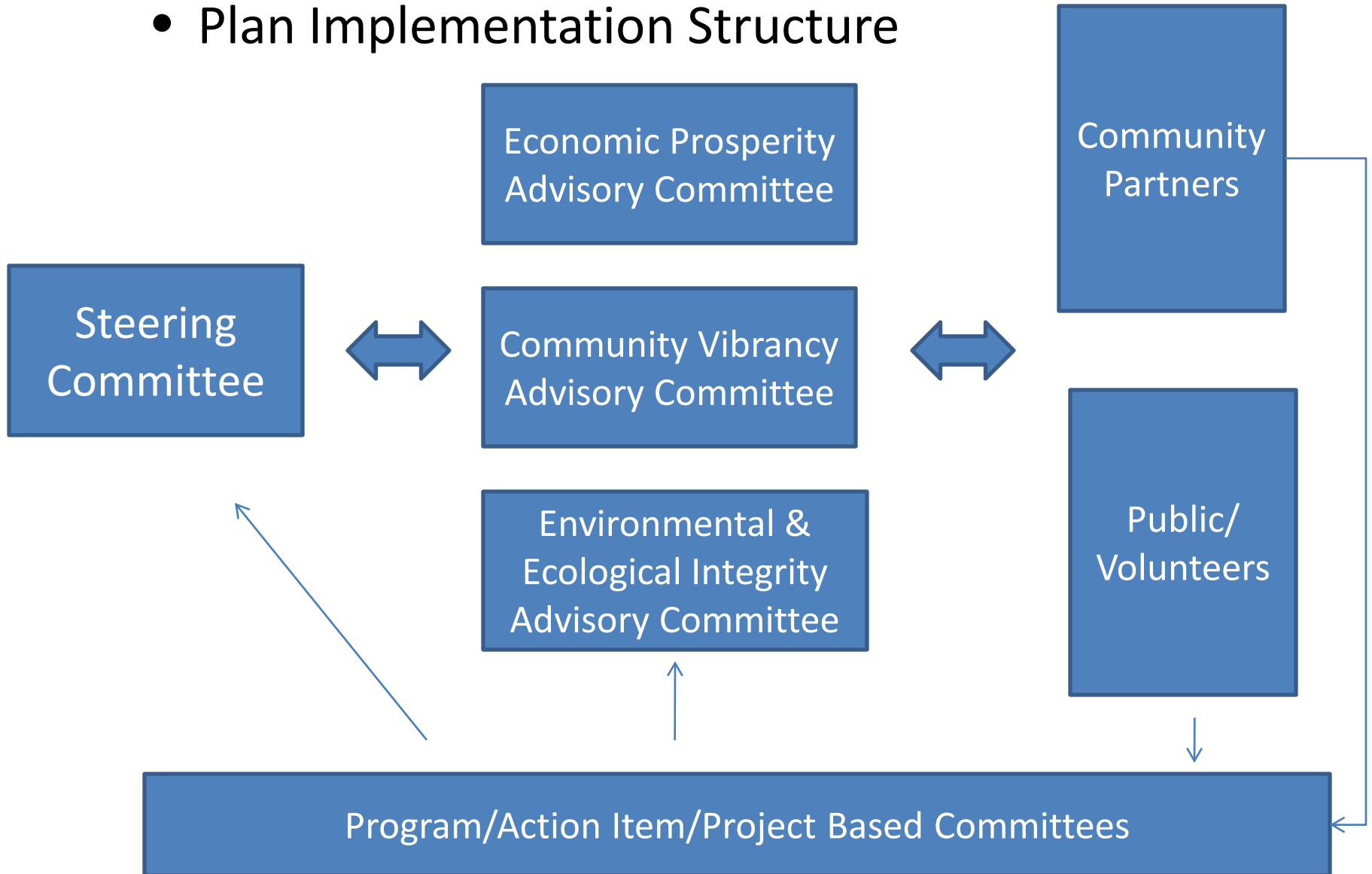


- Implementation Framework & Structure
 - Plan will act as a living resource document
 - Partnership driven!
 - Town continues its role as custodians of the plan.
 - However, all Partners share the burden of implementation equally – including the Town
 - Participation/involvement is VOLUNTARY (including Town), partners are not obligated...

“Each Community Partner will participate in action initiatives as they see fit, with the recognition that supporting The Blue Mountains Sustainable Path does not obligate a Partner to implement all of the measures proposed or undertaken within the framework of the Plan.” Pg. 7.

Plan Highlights

- Plan Implementation Structure



Plan Highlights



- **Areas of Note:**

Theme: Forward Thinking Local Government (pg. 79)

- **Local government must ‘walk the talk’ by entrenching best practices in sustainability and planning within the organization** (life cycle considerations, triple bottom line analysis)
- **Goal: Local Government assumes a leadership role in implementing sustainable action**
 - Support and work with community partners that are developing/implementing sustainable projects
 - Engage the community: dialogue, participation in sustainable, leveraging skills and leadership of residents
 - Initiate and implement sustainable project! (ie solar panels, community gardens)



Plan Highlights



- **Areas of Note:**

Theme: Regional Thinking (pg. 82)

- **Goal: Create a strong regional community**

- Partner on collaborative efforts that extend beyond political boundaries

- Tourism and economic planning
- Higher learning and educational institutes
- Region wide communication programs
- Fire and safety services
- Public transportation

- **Goal: explore the option of future amalgamated single tier community**

- Instigate preliminary discussion



Plan Highlights



- **Other highlights:**

- **Environmental Pillar (Environment/Ecological Integrity)**
 - **Community Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction: 80% below 2005 levels by 2050**
 - **Transition to a fossil fuel free community**
 - **Corporate GHG Reduction Goal: Carbon neutrality by 2050**
 - **Move towards a zero waste society – residential waste reduction of 85% by 2005**
- **Community Pillar (Social/Cultural Vibrancy)**
 - **Community Diversity: establish a community Resource Group**
 - **Built Environment: all newly built municipally owned buildings meet LEED silver standards**
 - **Transportation: eliminate provincially significant traffic passing through the urban areas of The Blue Mountains**
 - **Education: establish a local education facility**

Plan Highlights



- **Other highlights:**

- **Arts & Culture: establish arts committee & heritage committee endorsed by council**

- **Agriculture: develop and implement a local food policy for the Town**



Implications for the Town & Council



- High expectations!
 - Community Partners and residents will want to see progress on early action items
 - Leadership and coordination to initiate actions
 - Accountability: ensure the plan actions are reviewed annually – plan does not sit on the shelf
 - Town maintain role as Plan custodian

Note: All Town initiated actions or projects relating to the Sustainable Path initiative are subject to the regular approval process of Council.

Moving Forward...

June: Circulation of Final Plan to Community Partners with Implementation Declaration.

- June 28: recommendation to council

July 21: Celebrate Plan completion with Community Partners, residents and media.

August – Dec. : establish advisory groups and initiate early action items.



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Thank You!



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A collage of images illustrating sustainability: a sunset over water, a dog in a field, a golden field, a butterfly on a flower, and a street scene at night.

A diagram showing three overlapping circles labeled "ECONOMIC", "SOCIAL & CULTURAL", and "ENVIRONMENTAL", representing the three pillars of sustainability.

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The logo for the Town of The Blue Mountains, identical to the one in the top right corner.