



- **Formed in 2003 to unite organizations working to:**

- Replace urban sprawl with urban villages
- promote sustainable, compact and healthy communities
- ensure people are involved in the planning process

- **Currently 60 members**

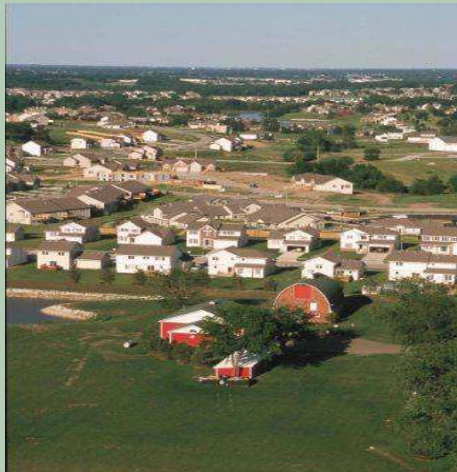
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Our Challenge

Accommodate four to six million new people in 25 years

Build compact, vibrant, healthy communities that do not focus on the car

Create a resilient economy.



NRCS Lynn Betts

We need to change this



and this...



Urban Advantage

to this...



Urban Advantage

and then this...



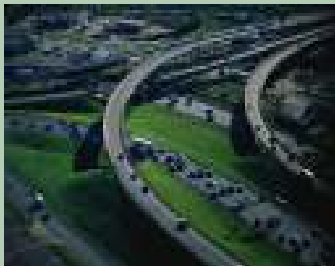
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Provincial smart growth policies

**Places to Grow – Growth Plan for GGH
Greenbelt Act
Revised Provincial Policy
Statement**

Enormous barriers

- Substantial burden on municipalities to implement new provincial policies and plans
- Rogue municipalities
- Pressures from pro-sprawl developers



Provincial barriers



Silo mentality means provincial fiscal policies have not kept pace with land use policies
\$ 1.7 B in highway expansions?

OSGN Initiatives

Working with Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition on:

"Healthy Communities and the Built Environment"

Formed 2 new issue constellations to work on specific smart growth issues

OSGN Constellations

Municipal Implementation

- Held a Provincial Smart Growth Policy Seminar in March & held inaugural meeting
- Constellation will provide resources & tools for local organizations involved in Official Plan processes
- Next meeting is May 3 from 1:30 to 3:30

Alternative Transportation



OSGN, Green Communities Canada & Walk and Bike for Life formed a partnership to bring complete streets policies to Ontario municipalities

Ontario is at a crossroads!



To get involved,

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