



The seeds of our future are taking root right now, for better or worse. This page shares better, forward-thinking ideas and celebrates significant environmental achievements that can help us lead the way in creating the Niagara Escarpment as a healthy, sustainable example of a thriving World Biosphere Reserve.

## Ancient Wisdom Matters

“To define **perpetual growth on a finite planet** as the sole measure of economic well-being is to engage in a form of slow collective suicide.”

Wade Davis, *The Wayfinders: Why Ancient Wisdom Matters in the Modern World*, House of Anansi Press, 2009

## Hamilton & Town of Blue Mountains: Bicycle Friendly

Share the Road Cycling Coalition awarded the Niagara Escarpment centres Hamilton and Town of Blue Mountains with Ontario Bicycle Friendly Communities Awards in August. Hamilton won silver; Blue Mountains won bronze. London and Oshawa also won awards. “**Municipal leaders recognize that their citizens want to ride their bicycles**, and walk more often – for reasons related to improved physical health and well-being, a desire to lower their impact on the environment and because of rising fuel costs,” states the Share the Road Cycling Coalition.

## Hamilton Conservation Recognized for Environmental Excellence

Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) and partners in the Healthy Hamilton Watersheds Action Plan have been awarded a recognition certificate for environmental excellence by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. The Plan works toward healthy ecological communities and sustainable, healthy human activities in all HCA’s watersheds. Activities include **enhancing habitat for species at risk and protecting drinking water.**

## Planners Honour Niagara Escarpment Plan with Award of Distinction

In Oct., the Ontario Institute of Planners honoured the Niagara Escarpment Plan with the Len Gertler Award of Distinction. The Plan “is intended to **balance protection, conservation and sustainable development** to ensure that the Niagara Escarpment will remain substantially a continuous natural landscape for future generations,” according to the Niagara Escarpment Commission.