

FORESIGHT

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. Send us your recommendations for good achievements!

Kayaking in Big Tub, Tobermory.
PHOTO BY MIKE DAVIS.

ALTERNATIVES TO CAR USE

Oakville plans to add **28 km of cycling and pedestrian paths** to town. New cycle lanes, off-road trails, sidewalks and signed bike routes will begin to be created by the end of 2016. More public bike storage options have also been promised.

ENERGY FROM GARBAGE

Niagara Region endorses an energy-from-waste plant that will **create steam to power a turbine, generating electricity.** The plan is for garbage that can't be recycled to be diverted from landfill and burned for energy. The resulting ash can be mixed with concrete and used as road material, while the remaining particles would become landfill. Environmental assessments still need to be done.