



You Are Invited!
January 24 – 26th

**Stepping forward to pursue
a Sustainable Future**

COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOPS

The United Counties is working to develop a regional Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP). The four cornerstones of our ICSP are environment, economy, society and culture.

The United Counties is working with its 10 member municipalities – Athens, Augusta, Edwardsburgh/Cardinal, Elizabethtown-Kitley, Front of Yonge, Leeds and The Thousand Islands, Merrickville-Wolford, North Grenville, Rideau Lakes, and Westport – as well as partners Gananoque and Prescott.

Most importantly, the United Counties wants to work with you!

Please join us at one of the following ICSP workshop locations to talk about our vision for a sustainable Leeds Grenville and the principles that must guide our future decision-making. Each workshop will begin with a guest speaker from our community who will help open our eyes to our interconnected future!

Registration begins each evening at 6:30 p.m. with sessions running from 7 until 9 p.m.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Locations</u>
January 24	Westport / Rideau Lakes Location: North Crosby Community Centre 875 8 th Concession Road, North Crosby
January 24	Gananoque / Leeds and the Thousand Islands Location: Firehall Theatre 185 South Street, Gananoque
January 25	North Grenville / Merrickville-Wolford Location: Merrickville Community Centre 106 Read Street, Merrickville
January 25	Front of Yonge / Athens Location: Front of Yonge Community Hall 76 County Road 5 South, Mallorytown

January 26 Augusta / Prescott / Edwardsburgh/Cardinal
Location: South Edwardsburgh Community Centre
 24 Sutton Drive, Johnstown

January 26 Elizabethtown-Kitley
Location: Cedar Valley Golf & Country Club
 7041 County Road 29, Forthton

To assist with planning, advanced registration is suggested and can be submitted by emailing icsp@uclg.on.ca or by calling 613-342-3840, ext. 5367.

Please include the following:

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Date of Session:

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For more information, please see our attached agenda, background information, and please visit www.leedsgrenville.com/icsp.

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Preliminary Agenda

7:00	Greetings & Introductions
7:10	Review Agenda, Workshop Format and Our Expectations of Participants
7:20	Perspectives on the Cornerstones - perspectives on economy, environment, society and culture and sustainability from Lois Dewey / Peter McKenna
7:30	What Is an ICSP and Why Are We Developing One?
7:50	ICSP Vision & Principles - working our way through the workbook
8:50	Closing Remarks & Thanks

Background Information

Definition of Sustainability

Our decisions “meet the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own.” – *The Brundtland Commission, 1987*

What is an ICSP?

ICSP stands for Integrated Community Sustainability Plan. The four cornerstones of an ICSP are environment, economy, society and culture. An ICSP must:

- embrace a **long-term view** in its planning and be strategic in its implementation;
- be **broad in scope** planning for, and moving towards sustainability in all four cornerstones - economic, social, cultural and environmental;
- **integrate** various plans aligning actions governments, communities and organizations;
- achieve results through **collaboration** beginning with planning and sustained through implementation; and,
- **implement and monitor** a realistic program to ensure plans become useful and remain relevant over time.

What are the benefits of an ICSP to Leeds Grenville?

Ultimately, sustainability is about balance. The needs of a community are no longer considered as disconnected segments. A balanced or sustainable approach to decision making enhances our four community cornerstones - economic, social, cultural and environmental - by recognizing the full impacts of decisions in a way that supports the overall well-being of the community in a responsible fashion.

An ICSP enhances our sense of place. An ICSP can be an important tool for promoting a sustainable approach at both the municipal and community level.

Why do this plan now?

The United Counties receives federal funding from gas taxes for infrastructure that achieves cleaner air, cleaner water and lower greenhouse gases. To sustain and support future funds, , the Counties are developing an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) that will create a vision and strategies that will assist with future decision making. We were successful in obtaining funding support for development of the ICSP through the Green Municipal Fund of the Canadian Federation of Municipalities.

We are working with our member municipalities as well as the Towns of Gananoque and Prescott to develop a **Regional Integrated Community Sustainability Plan**.

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