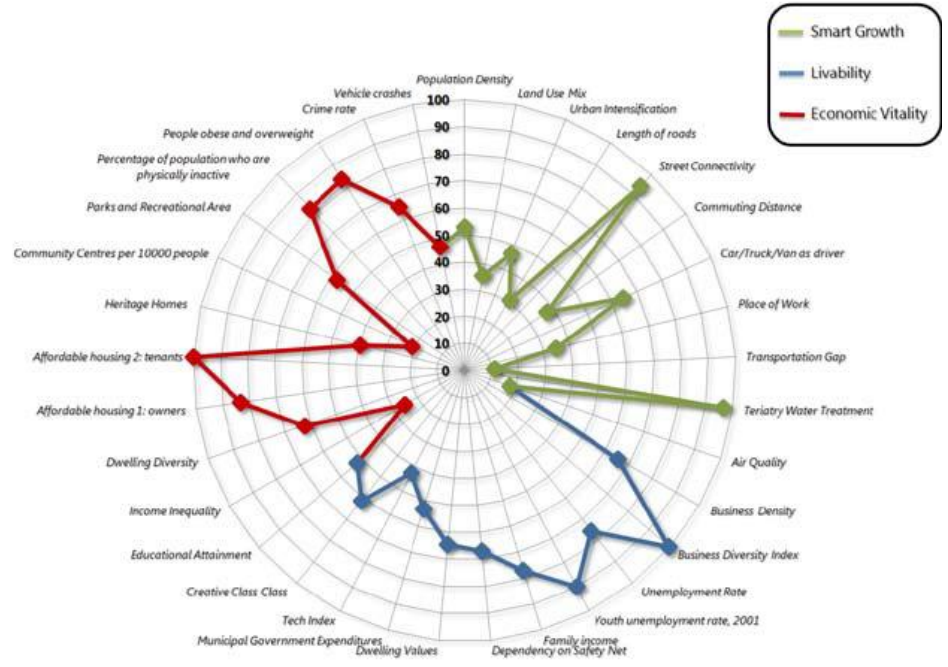


Environment

With over 60 environmental groups and initiatives in Waterloo Region, there is an active and connected network of organizations, individuals, and sustainability resources, including the growth of collaborative initiatives such as Climate Action Waterloo Region, and Waterloo Region Environment Network (WREN). In a 2007 Pembina Institute study¹ Waterloo Region was ranked 8th out of 27 Ontario s a sustainable a community overall but, only 19th for *smart growth*. Air quality, transportation gaps, commuting distances and land use mixes are weak areas that continue to need attention.



We've still got a way to go ...

- Concrete action to achieve community GHG reduction target of 6% below 2010 levels by 2020.
- Reduce impermeable hard surfaces in urban areas that cause flooding, sewage discharge overflows and disrupt natural flow to water recharge areas critical to our water supply.
- Continued support of alternative transit, including infrastructure to make cycling safer.
- Continue core development and protection of farmland at the outskirts of the city.
- Provide environmental funding and support for community engagement and collaboration

Things to talk about:

- What environmental issues should be a priority?
- Who has a role in dealing with these concerns and how can they be supported to play their role and to work together with others?
- What role should public bodies play to support the most vulnerable as adaptation to climate change becomes more of an issue?
- What policies, programs and incentives should be continued or created?
- What environmental, social and economic benefits should we expect?



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¹ Tomalty, Ray et al (2007) Ontario Community Sustainability Report, Pembina Institute