



Coalition for a
Liveable
Sudbury

What is the Sudbury you want to live in?

Now is the time to have your say.

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A healthy natural environment



A healthy natural environment means healthy people and resilient communities – it’s a fact.

- * Do you want to ensure that clean lakes and beautiful natural spaces can be enjoyed for many generations to come?
- * Do you think we should be prepared for climate change, and mitigate its effects here where we live?
- * Is protecting wildlife close to your heart?

We all have a connection to nature.

We all have a stake in the future.



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If you want Sudbury to be a city where our natural environment is well protected, here are some key things to ask for:

<p>Require watershed studies and environmental Impact studies:</p>	<p>When a new development is proposed that could impact the health of a lake, waterway, or sensitive natural area, Council needs to have good information to make a good decision. Watershed studies and environmental impact studies provide that information – without them we are taking a gamble on the health of our lakes and ecosystems.</p>
<p>Increase natural vegetative buffers along shorelines and wetlands:</p>	<p>The most important thing we can do to keep our lakes healthy is to maintain the wetlands and natural shoreline vegetation that filter out contaminants before they end up in the water. Natural buffers should be at least 30 metres.</p>
<p>Require Low Impact Development standards:</p>	<p>Low impact development absorbs rainwater where it falls, reducing run-off. This means less contaminants entering our lakes and waterways, less stress on our storm water systems, and less risk of flooding.</p>
<p>Protect locally significant areas:</p>	<p>Sudbury has many special natural areas, special places we value and to which we are attached. These are unique habitats with sensitive ecologies, and areas of special scientific and community interest. These are the areas that make up our home – a landscape of lakes, hills, rocks and trees. We need policies to protect these special places.</p>
<p>Fund the acquisition of high priority green spaces:</p>	<p>The Green Space Advisory Panel, with the help of the community, has identified green spaces that are valuable to the community, but are privately owned and at risk of being lost. Once they are gone, there is no way to get them back. We need to move forward in acquiring these green spaces as parks, so that the next generations can also enjoy them.</p>
<p>Designate a Natural Heritage System:</p>	<p>A natural ecosystem is an interconnected web of life, not a collection of separate parts. Using a Natural Heritage System approach recognizes these connections, and protects our natural environment in a holistic way.</p>

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