



**For more information about the
Norfolk Environmental Advisory Committee**

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**A Guide to Norfolk County's
Environmental Advisory Committee**

The Norfolk Environmental Advisory Committee (NEAC) is a volunteer Advisory Committee established by Norfolk County Council in accordance with an approved Terms of Reference. It is the Goal of NEAC to advise and assist Norfolk County in land use planning matters pertaining to the preservation, conservation, restoration and enhancement of the County's natural environment for its valuable ecological functions and features and for the enjoyment of the County's residents.

The focus of NEAC is to provide advice and comment to the Development and Cultural Services Division on referred development proposals and applications and environmentally related policy issues. Additionally, NEAC may be proactive and advise Norfolk County on matters identified on its own initiative.

NEAC's role is:

- a) to advise the County on the application of the environmental policies in Official Plan documents and/or the implication for the County's natural environment and natural resources of Provincial and local legislative or policy initiatives, particularly as these may affect policies in the Official Plans of Norfolk County.
- b) to advise the County on the environmental implications of a development proposal pursuant to the Planning Act and infrastructure projects pursuant to the Environmental Assessment Act affecting identified environmental features or watershed issues.
- c) to advise the County on environmental aspects of County Forests, natural parks and exceptions to the County's Forest Conservation By-law as required.

- d) on its own initiative, advise the County on new alternatives of an ecological nature which may improve the management of the urban and rural landscape and thereby contribute to the well-being of the entire ecosystem.
- e) in co-operation with the Long Point Region Conservation Authority and other interested groups, will advise on the design, maintenance and updating of a County ecological database.
- f) in co-operation with Planning staff, to prepare and periodically update a set of guidelines to assist the County so it can direct proponents and consultants in the preparation of Environmental Impact Statement required by the Official Plans.
- g) to endeavour to increase general public awareness and promotion of environmental issues

NEAC is comprised of eight members with a high level of technical expertise and competence in environmental issues. All members are selected at large and all members are regarded as private citizens and do not represent their respective employers or advocacy group in their capacity as a NEAC member. Membership is a 3-year term and is staggered to ensure continuity among the Committee. A maximum of three consecutive terms will allow for renewal of members. NEAC meets on the second Monday of every month at 5:30 pm.

Additional information regarding NEAC can be obtained from County staff, NEAC Annual Reports or from the NEAC webpage. Contact information is on the back of this guide.