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Tri-City Communities

The Tri-City Sustainability Plan is a partnership between the cities of Auburn Hills, Rochester, and Rochester Hills. Each city has unique character and assets. A small-town feel, vibrant, historic downtown, and traditional residential neighborhoods characterize Rochester. Strong residential areas, a rolling landscape, and a strong business sector define Rochester Hills. A thriving business and manufacturing center, in combination with strong residential neighborhoods and a beautiful natural setting, define Auburn Hills.

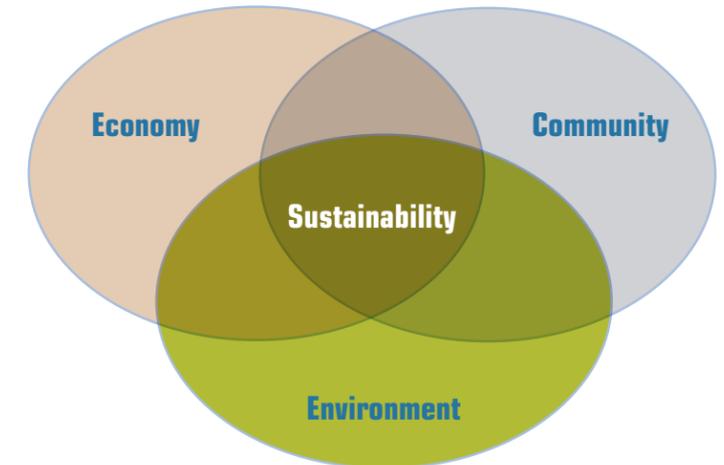
The three communities have a strong history of collaboration and share many assets, including a strong business climate, high levels of employment and education, strong commercial areas, engaged residents, and high-quality natural resources and recreational amenities, as well as the Clinton River and Clinton River Trail.

Vision

The partnership has defined the following common vision for sustainability: **The communities of Auburn Hills, Rochester, and Rochester Hills embrace and advance local sustainability, characterized by a vibrant economy, healthy natural environment, and cohesive local community.**

Sustainability Planning

Sustainability is the ability for people and communities to thrive while preparing for the prosperity of future generations by balancing the Triple Bottom Line of environmental, economic, and community values.



The participating governments and the public generated outcomes, actions, and indicators for the following focus areas:



Health & Wellbeing: Physical and mental health of community residents and the availability of options to allow residents to maintain their health.



Infrastructure & Public Services: Quality and cost of both public services and infrastructure.



Economy & Education: Local economy is strong and diverse with individuals and businesses and higher-than-average-levels of education.



Community Character: Distinctive community character promotes the success of their community into the future.



Green Buildings, Waste & Energy: A strong "green" building environment and resource conservation by individuals and institutions.



Oakland County Tri-City Sustainability Collaboration
 A two-year collaborative project between Oakland County and the Cities of Auburn Hills, Rochester, and Rochester Hills.
 For the full report, please visit www.ftch.com/tricity

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The three cities, in partnership with Oakland County, undertook an intensive community-based planning process that helped them examine where they are, and where they want to go with respect to sustainability.

The process included articulation of a vision, goals, and outcomes for sustainability. A set of quantitative indicators were identified to measure baseline and progress for these goals into the future. Finally, the communities identified current and future actions that will move the needle on sustainability.

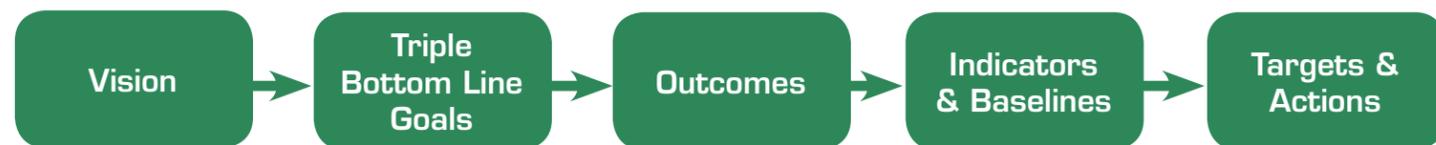
Over a period of two years, public input was sought through a variety of forums, including:

Sustainability Advisory Board: Representatives from community, environmental, business, health, education, and local government organizations.

Public Meetings: Two meetings were held to receive direct input from the public.

Workgroups: Subject area experts and stakeholders proposed indicators and actions for the sustainability plan.

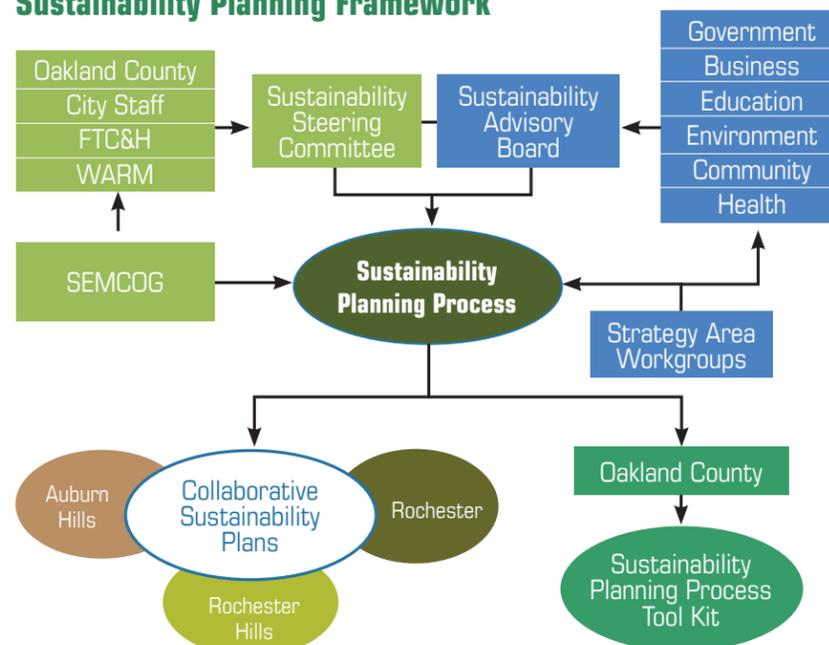
Surveys: Several surveys of government staff, elected officials, and the public were administered to gain broader input on the planning framework.



Definitions

Vision	An image or description of what the community desires to become in the future.
Triple Bottom Line Goals (Focus Areas)	Overall goals related to sustainability a community wants to focus on.
Outcomes	Descriptions of the specific “end states” a community would like to achieve.
Indicators	A measurable, standardized quantitative metric that accurately measures progress towards outcomes.
Baseline	A base measurement for an indicator, from which point progress will be measured.
Targets	Specific, measurable goals, or direction of change, for change from the baseline indicator.
Actions	Projects, plans, or activities that achieve outcomes (existing and future)
Leaders	People and organizations that are responsible for implementing actions.

Collaborative Local Government Sustainability Planning Framework



The cities of Auburn Hills, Rochester, and Rochester Hills collaborate with each other, Oakland County, the Southeast Council of Governments (SEMCOG), and the business and education communities to deliver efficient, high quality public services, promote health and wellbeing among residents, enhance community character, and strengthen the economy.

Selected examples of how the cities are currently collaborating to advance sustainability are shown below:

	What we are collaborating on.....	Auburn Hills	Rochester	Rochester Hills	Oakland County	SEMCOG	Business & Education
Public Services	Court & Law Enforcement Management Information System (CLEMIS)						
	Tri-City Public Inter-Local Service Agreement						
	Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS)						
	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)						
	Tri-Party Funded Road Maintenance Projects						
	Underutilized Equipment Sharing Program						
	Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination Program (IDEP)						
Community Character	Paint Creek and Clinton River Trails						
	Stony Creek, Paint Creek, and Clinton River Watershed Management						
	Green Infrastructure Vision for SE MI						
	Paddlepalooza						
Economy & Education	Rochester Hills Public Library						
	One-Stop Ready Pilot Community Program						
	Rochester Area Film Attraction Website						
Health & Wellbeing	Older Persons Commission						
	Rochester Avon Recreation Authority						

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