

List of initiatives

- Education to reduce the use of drinking water
- Subsidies offered for purchasing rain barrels
- Separation of the storm and sanitary sewer systems
- Establishment of a grass-cycling awareness campaign
- Household composting education and training
- Creation of a drop-off location for green waste at the ecocentre
- Introduction of a public transit system
- Promotion of the scrapping of old vehicles
- Creation of a protected natural environment within town limits
- Encouragement of “greening” downtown through the distribution of free trees
- Renovation of town hall
- Installation of electronic, programmable thermostats at town hall
- Publication of a guidebook of responsible practices for the efficient management of energy and consumables
- Establishment of energy efficiency measures during construction of the new municipal garage
- Replacement of the oil-fired boiler at the fire station
- Insulation of the roof at the fire station
- Replacement of sodium streetlights with LED streetlights
- Use of rainwater recovered from the roof of the community centre for work that did not require drinking water
- Establishment of an approach promoting enhanced water management
- Introduction of a system for monitoring fuel consumption by municipal motorized equipment
- Introduction of a preventive maintenance program and a vehicle inspection program before each departure
- Eco-driving training and education for municipal employees
- Installation of LED warning lights and systems limiting idling of light vehicles
- Installation of systems limiting idling of heavy vehicles
- Establishment of community composters for businesses and citizen groups
- Addition of a zero waste component at events organized by the town
- Establishment of a biomethanization project for the Cowansville landfill site
- Recovery of water treatment and septic tank sludge
- Establishment of an education campaign to promote carpooling
- Improvement to active transportation infrastructure and establishment of outreach services
- Community education and by-law to reduce idling