

Sustainability in the City and Beyond

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The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is a private, charitable organization, which partners with individuals, corporations, and other non-profit organizations and governments at all levels to protect Canada's most important natural treasures. Properties are secured through donation, purchase, conservation agreement and the relinquishment of other legal interests in land and managed for the long term. NCC's on-the-ground work is led by a team of conservation science professionals who work to identify, plan and execute the protection of the best spaces. Most lands protected are located relatively far from urban areas. The impact of NCC on urban sprawl is more significant within cottage areas such as the Eastern Townships or the Laurentians. What are the means to limit urban sprawl? The involvement of municipalities and the fiscal incentives for the donation of land are key means to increase the impact of conservation near urban areas where land market values are extremely high.



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