



## Use Land Efficiently

### OBJECTIVE:

- *THE AMOUNT OF LAND THAT IS REQUIRED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT IS MINIMIZED OVER TIME.*

### Strategies:

- 5.1 All land-use planners and decision-makers responsible for land-use decisions are encouraged to **consider the efficient use of land principles** in land-use planning and decision-making (see Appendix I - Efficient Use of Land Principles).
1. Reduce the rate at which land is converted from an undeveloped state into permanent, built environment.
  2. Utilize the minimum amount of land necessary for new development and build at a higher density than current practice.
  3. Increase the proportion of new development that takes place within already developed or disturbed lands either through infill, redevelopment and/or shared use, relative to new development that takes place on previously undeveloped lands.
  4. Plan, design and locate new development in a manner that best utilizes existing infrastructure and minimizes the need for new or expanded infrastructure.
  5. Reclaim and/or convert previously developed lands that are no longer required in a progressive and timely manner.
  6. Provide decision-makers, land users and individuals the information they need to make decisions and choices that support efficient land use.
- 5.2 **Build awareness and understanding of the efficient use of land principles** and the application of land-use planning tools that reduce the footprint of the built environment, how they might be applied and how their effectiveness would be measured over time with municipalities, land-use decision-makers and land users, on both public and private lands.



### Indicators for Efficient-use of Land

Over time standard measures and indicators for determining how efficiently land is used will be developed to evaluate the effectiveness of efficient use of land principles, best practices and tools.