

Communities in Bloom

2019 Profile

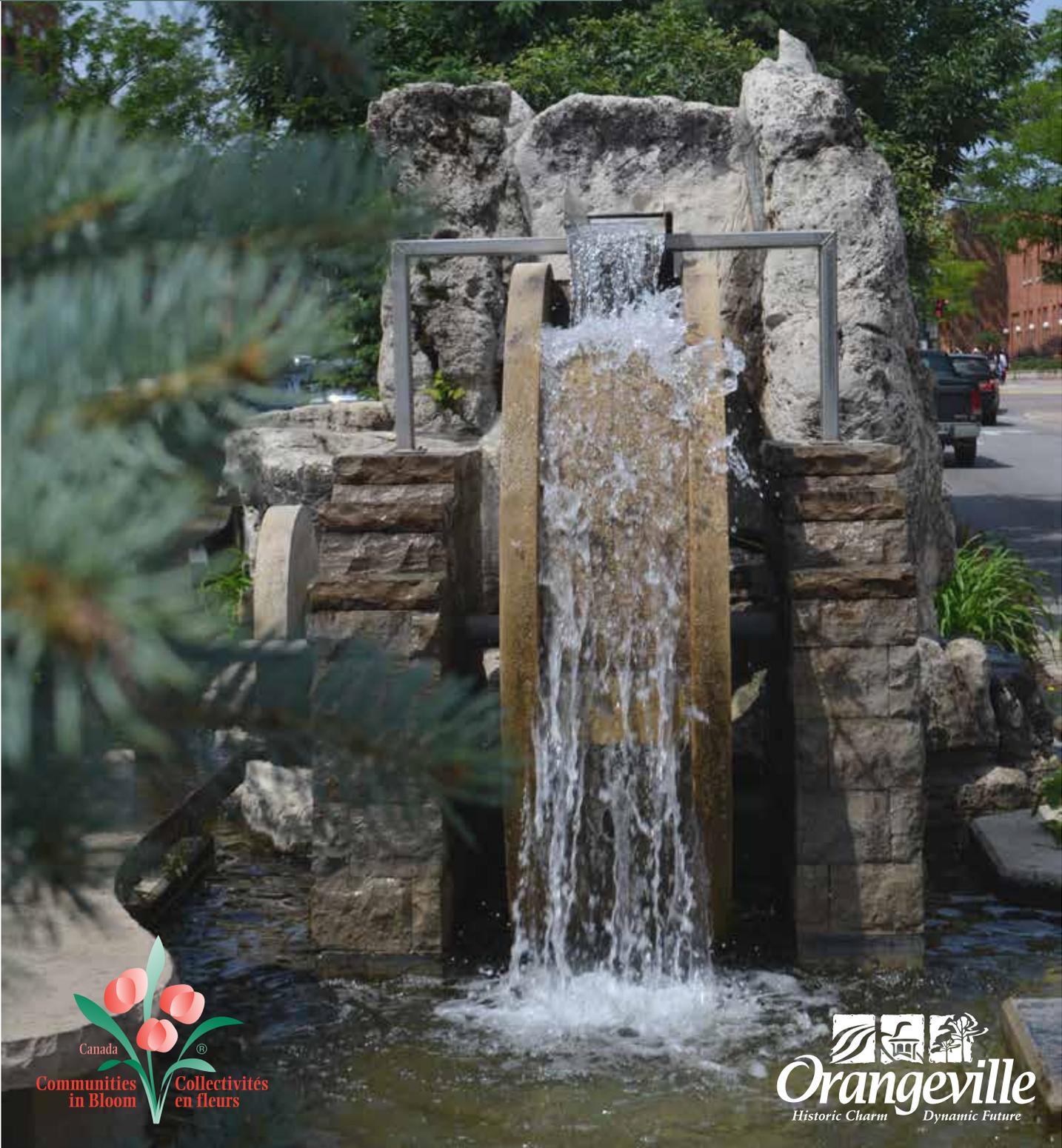




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Welcome to Orangeville (A Brief History)

The history of Orangeville is one of early settlement that began in the 1830s, of steady growth to incorporation in 1863, and of economic expansion through the 1870s and 1880s. All this development culminated in the Town being named the county seat for the newly-incorporated County of Dufferin in 1881.

The first patent of land was issued in 1820 to Ezekiel Benson, a land surveyor. In 1837 James Griggs bought 100 acres of land on the south side of what we know as Broadway, and built the first mill on Mill Creek.

When Orange Lawrence and his wife, Sarah, arrived from Connecticut, a well-established community called Grigg's Mill had taken root beside Mill Creek. (Mill Creek and Spring Brook were one and the same tributary of the Credit River.) Orange Lawrence bought 300 acres, along with Grigg's Mill in 1843; he later opened a general store, built a second mill, founded the first school, and became the first postmaster (in 1847).

Perhaps with grand visions for the future, in 1857 Jesse Ketchum laid out a grid pattern for streets, patterned after that established in Manhattan. The "main street" was called Broadway; on the north side of Broadway, north-south roads were streets and east-west roads were avenues. Broadway was 30 metres (100 feet) wide, not the usual 20 metres (66 feet) which was typical of the time. Orange Lawrence laid out the street grid on the south side of Broadway.

Trails through bush became corduroy roads and in 1860 the Prince of Wales Road was gravelled and extended from Orangeville to Primrose. Around 1860, local businesses included a general store, fire

insurance, jeweller, editor, groceries/wine/liquor, implements, wagon and carriage makers, boots/shoes, dentist, lawyer, and several hotels. The Sun, Orangeville's first newspaper, was founded in 1860 by John Foley and ran until 1933.

In 1863 Orangeville was named after Orange Lawrence. Orangeville was officially incorporated as a village on December 22, 1863, as part of Wellington County. Population at this time was 1200.

There were two daily stage coach lines operating between Orangeville and Brampton in 1871. In April 1871 the first Toronto, Gray and Bruce train service arrived in Orangeville, which continued for 100 years. With rail, Orangeville could ship grain, timber, lumber, and fence rails.

On January 1, 1874, Orangeville was given town status. Orangeville was named as part of the newly-created County of Dufferin.

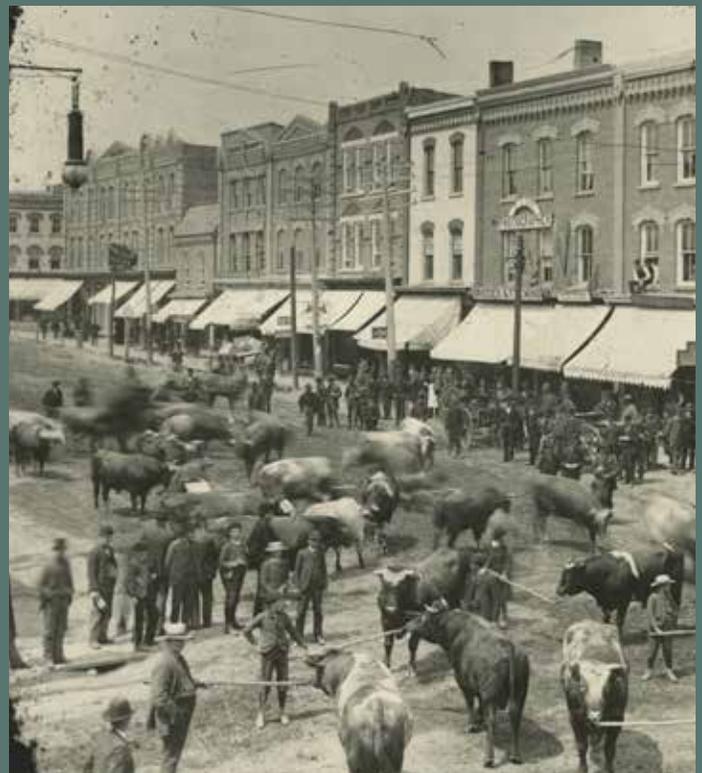
In 1876 the Town Hall and Market was constructed to serve as town hall, municipal offices and market area. Its design and size reflect the prosperity of the time. Monthly fairs plus cattle and horse markets were held on Broadway near the Town Hall; if you look closely you can find an old watering trough and stone steer heads on the building's facade.

In January of 1884, Orange Jull patented his idea for a rotary snow plow that was used by major railways in Canada and the U.S. Local telephones were available in 1885 with a central switchboard and 69 subscribers. The second newspaper, the Orangeville Banner, launched in 1893 by Blaney McGuire. This newspaper is still in operation today. As the village grew, businesses in 1900 included saddler,



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blacksmith, livery stable, harness, monuments, undertaker, real estate, builder, hardware, furniture, paint/wallpaper, dry goods, bakery, butcher, druggist, boots/shoes, tailor, jeweller, planing mill, pool room, florist, confectioner, fruit/ice cream, and auto supplies. By the end of the century, 40 of the early buildings on Broadway, including the Town Hall, Fire Hall, Jackson Block, Sun Office, Ketchum Block, Fead Block, Greystones, and the Public Library had been constructed. With steady growth over the years, the current population is approximately 29,000. With a renewed focus on arts, culture and tourism, and a dedication to downtown revitalization projects, Orangeville is a vibrant and much-loved place to live, work and play. In 2015, the Canadian Institute of Planners voted Broadway as the winner of the "Great Street Award" in the Great Places in Canada contest. Hills, valleys, lakes, and the source of headwater of four Ontario major rivers make this a beautiful and abundant place to call home.



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Sustainable Orangeville

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Orangeville, Ontario

Country: Canada

Population

Geography

Province: Ontario

Town: 29,000

Area: 15.61 km²

County: Dufferin

Density: 1,800 km²

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Orangeville Communities in Bloom – Welcome!

Dear Mr. John Lohuis & Mr. Alex Pearl,

As the Member of Parliament for Dufferin-Caledon it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to Orangeville Communities in Bloom.

I am extremely proud of the residents and the Town of Orangeville for having emerged as a national winner in last year's Communities in Bloom competition. It is most impressive that the Town of Orangeville achieved a Five-Bloom Silver rating and a special mention for Friendship Gardens! The community working together to achieve these accomplishments speaks volumes to the shared values and commitments to our quality of life in Orangeville.

I know that everyone involved is honoured to have the opportunity to participate in the 'Circle of Excellence' category during Communities in Bloom 2019. We are excited to share with you Orangeville's beauty and small-town charm. I am sure you will be impressed to see the residents' commitment towards making Orangeville a beautiful place.

The Orangeville community has a positive and thriving energy about it, which is hard to ignore and that still impresses even the residents that have grown up and raised families here. I encourage you to take in all that the Town of Orangeville has to offer.

Once again, welcome to Orangeville and I challenge you to try and not fall in love with our town!

David Tilson, Q.C., M.P.
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July 2019

Welcome 2019 Communities in Bloom judges, participants and visitors.

I appreciate the hard work the Communities in Bloom volunteers have contributed to this exceptional event.

Our gardeners, businesses and private residences have ensured that their gardens, flowers, trees, plants, and shrubs are beautiful.

During your visit, please enjoy our local hospitality by visiting our many shops, artist's boutiques, restaurants and recreational opportunities throughout Dufferin-Caledon. Enjoy your stay!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sylvia Jones".

Sylvia Jones, MPP
Dufferin-Caledon

Tidiness

Municipal

The Town of Orangeville is dedicated to keeping a tidy appearance, especially as the focus of tourism shifts towards arts and culture. Prevention is important, so waste bins have been placed conveniently throughout all public spaces. These bins are changed on a regular basis by Public Works and Parks and Recreation.

The Town undertakes regular street sweeping of the downtown core. In spring, every street as well as the boulevards are swept. In the downtown area, water trucks flush the sidewalks onto the main road prior to sweeping. During the summer and fall seasons, there is a weekly sweeping of the downtown.

The Town has annual inspection and maintenance programs for sidewalks and roads. The inspection program is comprised of weekly patrols for roads and annual inspections for sidewalks. The maintenance program seals asphalt cracks, replaces sections of aged roadway and sidewalks, lifts sidewalks to eliminate trip hazards, rebuilds catch basins within the storm sewer system, and rebuilds manholes within the sanitary collection system. These programs focus on continually improving the Town's infrastructure through observation and rehabilitation.



The Town's Parks division maintains the medians on Broadway in downtown Orangeville. Staff paints benches and hand-railings in the downtown core to ensure they look presentable. As well, the Town has a utility box art program which has beautified these necessary electrical cabinets and turned them into works of art.

The Town of Orangeville has a Property Standards Committee dedicated to keeping up appearances and addressing the concerns of citizens. The Orangeville Police Service and By-law personnel contribute to the upholding of these Town by-laws.



Each year the municipality reviews its Road Needs Study to determine street rehabilitation projects. As well, new watermains and sanitary sewers are replaced – with sustainable funding through user rates. Infrastructure initiatives support community sustainability and assets that are well planned and managed help with the betterment of systems that keep people moving and the town functional. This year’s projects includes a co-operative approach with the Ministry of Transportation to upgrade a portion of Broadway and the rehabilitation of two residential streets, Second Avenue & Maple Crescent. All will enhance the appearance, safety, pedestrian and cycling elements, as well as vehicular traffic.

Seasonally, the Town undertakes a risk assessment of boulevard trees. The assessment sets out a long-term program to ensure a healthy and safe tree canopy. The assessment program is dovetailed with the Emerald Ash Borer program, thus allowing a balanced allocation of resources between rehabilitation and maintenance of the urban forest.

Waste pick-up in Orangeville is operated by Green for Life (GFL) under contract to Dufferin County’s Waste Services Department. Weekly pick-up includes garbage, recycling, and a robust composting program. An easy to use guide, published by the County, outlines guidelines for pick-up of yard waste, electronic and hazardous materials (including batteries), bulky items, and white goods. Some unique features of Orangeville’s waste program are:

- Clear bags are used allowing the contractor picking up the garbage to see if there is recyclable, compostable, or hazardous materials being put in the bags. If this material is seen to be in the bags, stickers are put on the bags notifying the homeowners or businesses owners that they were not picked up and explaining why.
- In spring and autumn, citizens are entitled to pick up a recycling bin full of fresh compost at the Orangeville Farmers’ Market for participating in the green bin program.
- Dufferin County provides a Christmas tree pick-up. The trees are turned into mulch and used in flower beds on public property.

Business

Commercial areas have bins in place for litter and recyclables. They have contractors who, on a weekly basis, provide manual litter pick-up. Businesses in the downtown core do an exceptional job of ensuring that their storefronts are kept neat and tidy. In the spring, the BIA facilitates an annual downtown clean-up (Clean Sweep), to aid businesses in their efforts. Corn brooms are supplied to businesses to encourage them to sweep the sidewalk to remove winter litter and sand.



Residential

It is evident that the majority of homeowners keep their properties very neat and tidy; in fact, along the Broadway laneway, some of the residents and businesses have set up container gardening to improve its appearance. The Property Standards Committee handles any concerns regarding the upkeep of residential properties.

Community

Community Clean-Ups

Every spring, various groups and individuals do spring clean-ups. Sustainable Orangeville, service clubs, Tim Hortons, church groups, Scouts and Guides scour the town to ensure that the winter debris is all cleaned.

- The largest spring clean-up is “Let’s Make Orangeville Shine” which occurred May 5 and is hosted by the Rotary Club of Orangeville and Tim Hortons. This annual community clean-up event has been taking place for many years. Clean-up volunteers receive gloves and garbage bags, then pick up garbage and litter from their assigned area for a couple of hours. All volunteers return to Rotary Park for a well-deserved community barbecue.
- The Friends of Island Lake, supported by the Lions Clubs of Amaranth and Orangeville, do two clean-ups a year at Island Lake along the trails. They have also hosted a fundraising scrap metal drop-off.
- Many elementary schools in Town have a spring clean-up of their properties and some include the adjacent streets.

Other Community Initiatives

Sustainable Orangeville holds its annual Bloomin’ Garden Showcase during June. This fun event with prizes and bragging rights allows residents to submit photos of their gardens for a chance to win prizes and have their gardens shown on social media promoted by the Town.



Environmental Action

Municipal

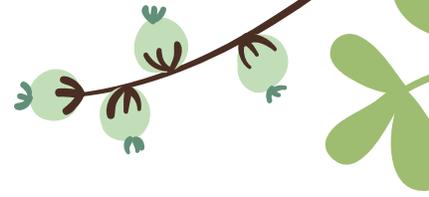
Orangeville Forward – in 2017, the Town’s Strategic Action Plan, Orangeville Forward, was launched. The plan establishes priority areas, goals and objectives for the organization over the next several years. With the value of “Caring for and creating a sustainable environment” front of mind, two priority areas – Community Stewardship and Sustainable Infrastructure were established and goals to achieve these commitments will be realized through a number of direct actions over the next five years.

Sustainable Orangeville

Sustainable Orangeville is a committee of Council with members representing the community and various relevant interest groups. Their mandate is to assist in the development, implementation and promotion of environmentally-sustainable practices within the community in order to reduce the Town’s environmental impact and improve overall quality of life. Within the committee are sub-committees that focus on active transportation, sustainable policy, urban food systems, and urban forestry. This team has played a significant role in major environmental events, projects and awareness programs including:



- **Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan** – The Town’s first Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan was adopted by Council in June, 2019. It outlines a vision for the municipality as a “thriving, green, healthy, and connected community.” Along with a sustainability vision for the Town of Orangeville, priority goals, strategies and actions are outlined to guide the Town towards a sustainable future. The plan was created with partnership funding from the Town and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. It was shaped through considerable input from community leaders, organizations, businesses, and members of the public. Implementation of the plan over the next several years will improve the quality of life of Orangeville residents, now and in the future.
- **Earth Week** (Credit Valley Conservation Authority, the Rotary Club of Orangeville, RBC, UPS, Cycling Elements, The Sunflower School, Tim Hortons) – “Let’s Make Orangeville Shine” clean-up day, tree planting and free barbecue; environmental displays in public buildings; and a successful book, magazine, DVD and CD exchange.
- **Environmental Sustainability Awards** - Awarded to an individual, youth, group and business that has demonstrated considerable dedication to creating a sustainable future for our town.
- **Portable Bike Lock-Up** - Available at events to encourage residents to use sustainable transportation.
- **Urban Harvest Program** – Encourages homeowners with an abundant harvest to share excess with the Orangeville Food Bank. Program volunteers harvest the food that would otherwise go to waste, and share that with both the homeowner and the Food Bank.
- **Education** – Bike maintenance workshop and environmental films presented during Earth Week.
- **Baby Tree Program** – Donations are made to honour new babies and annually a baby tree forest is planted in one of the Town parks.



- **Community Gardens** – Sustainable Orangeville facilitates the care, maintenance and growth of three community gardens at local schools. The most recent addition to this program is located at Princess Margaret Public School. Sustainable Orangeville also oversees a 22-plot community garden at Dufferin County’s Edelbrock Centre, where two plots are accessible, and there’s a 2,500 square-foot food bank plot. The Town manages the seasonal bookings for this garden.
- **Bicycle Route Initiative** – Sustainable Orangeville has achieved three marked bicycle routes and with Parks and Recreation, plans to introduce more connections throughout the Master Trail Plan. With provincial funding, Sustainable Orangeville is campaigning to increase bicycle safety awareness, and has produced a brochure entitled “Biking in Orangeville.”
- **Waste Diversion** – This is a new sub-committee of Sustainable Orangeville. Members are currently working with restaurant owners to help divert food container wastes from landfill sites.
- **Seed Library** – This is the second year that Sustainable Orangeville has provided a seed library at the Orangeville Public Library. Community members can obtain seeds free of charge, and education is provided on seed-saving. Hundreds of packages of donated seeds have enabled the seed library’s significant growth.
- **Electric Vehicle Charger** – in the spring of 2018, the Town installed its first Electric Vehicle Charger with two ports.
- **Anti-Idling Campaign** – Signs have been installed in public areas to help reduce emissions.
- **Energy Meters** – Donated by Orangeville Hydro and available at Orangeville Library. Meters measure amount of energy used in homes or businesses.

Public Works – Water and Wastewater

- A \$25 million upgrade and expansion of the wastewater treatment plant has been completed. The Town commenced construction in 2015. These upgrades will ensure a higher-quality effluent and provide additional capacity for future growth in Town.
- Orangeville is located at the centre of the Headwaters Region, an area named for being the source of four of southern Ontario’s major rivers -- the Credit, Humber, Nottawasaga, and Grand Rivers. This not only gives the Town a “country feel”, but also ensures protection of the wildlife, fisheries and stream quality.
- The Town of Orangeville completed a rehabilitation of Mill Creek in 2017 to address concerns relating to erosion, flooding, slope stability and other problems. Aquafor Beech Limited was retained by the Town to undertake the Mill Creek Rehabilitation Class Environmental Assessment and Design Study (the Class EA). The Class EA focused on Mill Creek from Bythia Street in the west to the creek’s confluence with the Credit River in the east. Dragonfly Park was established to protect a large wetland area. A boardwalk was built throughout this park to allow residents and visitors the opportunity to traverse the area, while not damaging the ecosystem. Informational plaques describe the area and list sponsors. Staff are currently working on an app-based program to monitor regular maintenance and operation.
- The Town has protected several other wetlands as wildlife sanctuaries, and built a bridge across a feeder stream to the Credit River. The bridge protects the spawning grounds for fish.



- Reconstructed street boulevards are seeded with grass seed instead of sod which is more sustainable, requiring less water and providing better results.
- Storm Water Management Ponds are built as a part of new developments to minimize the impact of run-off on the natural environment. Run-off that is collected by catchbasins and storm sewers empties into storm water management ponds, where it is stored temporarily before being released into an adjacent water course at a controlled rate. All of the ponds have a vegetative cover that is maintained based on the type of vegetation, the pond's location, and the annual budget allocation.
- Public Works regulates the use of water on lawns and gardens according to Lawn Watering By-Law 20-2005, which limits the watering of residential lawns and gardens to every other day during morning and evening hours. Exceptions are made for new sod and seed, as well as hand-watering of garden beds.
- The Town of Orangeville offers a \$60 rebate towards the cost of a WaterSense® certified toilet which replaces an existing toilet with a flush volume of six litres or larger.
- With the establishment of the Credit Valley - Toronto and Region - Central Lake Ontario (CTC) Source Protection Plan, the Town established a Source Water Protection division which, in July, 2016, began conducting field verification of existing activities that were considered significant drinking water threats.
- In February, 2019, the Town was awarded a grant to help address staffing gaps and increase its capacity to adapt to the effects of climate change or reduce greenhouse (GHG) emissions. The funding was directed towards a Climate Change Co-ordinator contract position to develop a Climate Adaptation Plan and Policy for the Town.



Orangeville Hydro

Publicly-owned Orangeville Hydro Limited is committed to educating customers and students about conservation and electrical safety. Orangeville Hydro promotes energy conservation by encouraging customers and students to use electricity more wisely and take advantage of incentive programs offered to qualified homeowners, businesses and tenants to help them better manage electricity costs. Orangeville Hydro has achieved 11,832,054kWh in energy savings for the Conservation First Framework 2015 – 2020.

Orangeville Hydro is also committed to following responsible environmental practices such as managing hazardous materials responsibly, making environmental protection an integral part of planning and operation decisions, and leading by example by practicing energy efficiency in all aspects of utility operation. Orangeville Hydro installed solar panels on the roof of its facility and installed a solar flare at one of the entrances to Orangeville in order to practice and promote renewable energy generation. Implementation of e-billing occurred in 2014 to help eliminate the processing of paper bills.

Other Town Initiatives

Active Transportation is a priority for the Town of Orangeville. Sustainable Orangeville's Active Transportation sub-committee is dedicated to creating safe, accessible alternatives to automobile dependency. Members created a bicycle-safe route through the Town in 2016 for those who wish to commute to the downtown core by bike. This route was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Orangeville, and was named Rotary Way. Through the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling program, Parks and Recreation and Sustainable Orangeville were successful in receiving funds for two more bike routes that were signed for 2018 – Westside Way and South Broadway Passage.



Orangeville is very proud to offer a subsidized public transit system. It includes three loops covering the majority of the Town and arrives at stops at half-hour intervals. Single fares and monthly passes are available at a reasonable rate, with free fare for children under five years of age, and discounted rates for students, seniors, and those with special needs. This helps reduce individual emissions, and assists seniors and those with special needs. The Town has recently purchased three new, 30-foot buses which feature a low floor and an access/exit ramp, large windows and an air-cushioned ride. A Transit Task Force is being formed in the summer of 2019. A fourth transit bus is due to arrive in August and a fourth route may be added in 2020.

In the interest of energy conservation, Town Hall has completed an energy audit and has a list of upgrades to be done.

The Town has made rain barrels available to residents at a subsidized price of \$40 per barrel. The result of this initiative is a reduction in the use of treated water on gardens. As a demonstration of the Town's commitment to food security and sustainable farming practices, the Town provides in-kind support to the BIA for its local farmers' market, held outdoors every Saturday morning from May to October, and inside Town Hall on alternate Saturdays from November to April.

Business

Many restaurants in the Town are now offering sustainably-sourced, local food; one of these has even placed a vegetable garden in their storefront. The Foundry on Centennial Road in Orangeville's Industrial Park has installed solar panels across the roof of their building, to become, for the most part, hydro self-sufficient. Many restaurants have discontinued the use of plastic straws and provide them only on request. Single-use utensils and containers are either not used or being phased out by many food vendors.

Local Tim Hortons' have installed low-flush toilets and automated cold and hot water taps at their five locations. There are several privately-owned used clothing and consignment stores throughout the Town including a Salvation Army, Seconds Count (benefiting the Headwaters Hospital Foundation), As We Grow, Paws and Claws, and a very successful Habitat for Humanity Re-Store.

Of course, shopping local is always a priority for local BIAs and Orangeville is no exception. To encourage shoppers to patronize downtown businesses, the Orangeville BIA funds and manages the Orangeville Farmers' Market -- the region's largest outdoor market and the only one indoors.





The BIA also hosts or partners with several downtown events including Harvest Celebration & Tiny Tots Trick or Treating, Moonlight Magic, Taste of Orangeville and Celebrate Your Awesome. The events draw people to the downtown core for local shopping, dining, and enjoying the atmosphere. The Taste of Orangeville celebrates the best in local food and highlights the products of Saputo Dairy Products Canada, a local manufacturer of goat cheese products and one of Orangeville's largest employers.

Residential

The seniors' apartment complex at 40 Lawrence Avenue was touted as the most eco-friendly commercial building in Dufferin County when it was built in 2010. It is equipped with geothermal heating, and every unit has its own independent furnace, so that when windows or a patio door are opened, each unit's heating or cooling system automatically shuts off. It is also fitted with solar power on the roof which conserves 30 to 35 percent of hot water heating costs, while its insulated concrete floor has approximately double the insulation of an ordinary apartment building. The apartment also features a tri-sorter chute for garbage, recyclables and compost – one of the first of its kind in Dufferin County.

The Chartwell Montgomery Village Retirement Residence has several large bins for kitchen waste, recycle material and garbage, and the Avalon Seniors Centre has an edible garden that grows herbs for their kitchen. Chartwell plans to build a second phase of seniors complex.

Lord Dufferin Centre aims to conserve natural resources by utilizing options such as timers on lights, photocell light switches and low-flow toilets. They recently implemented a waste diversion program to augment their already active recycling program.

Many residents use subsidized rain barrels on their property to help conserve water. They reduce waste by participating in recycling, green waste, hazardous waste, and yard waste programs, and some have installed eco-friendly aluminum roofs or solar panels. Many residents have embraced urban farming and food security with backyard and front yard vegetable plots. Some apartment complexes have initiated community gardens.

Community

Local Service Clubs

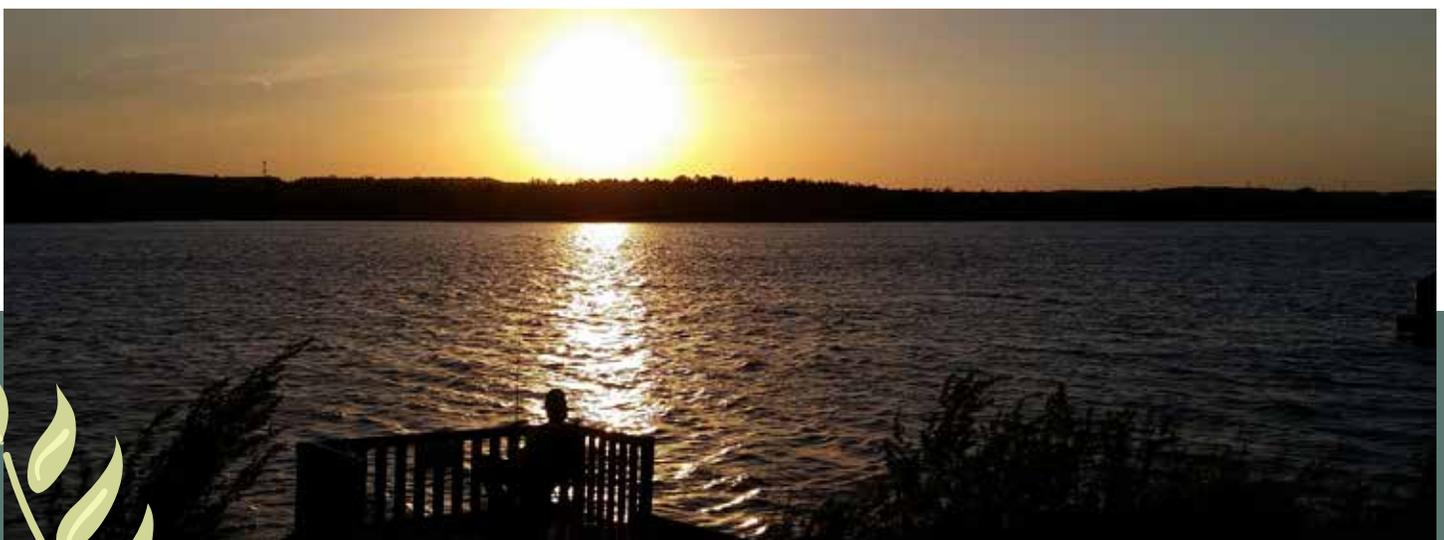
- The Amaranth Lions Club of Orangeville and Area are stewards of the Island Lake Trail System and participate in their bi-annual clean-ups.
- The Rotary Club organizes “Lets Make Orangeville Shine” – a clean-up event held every spring.

Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVC)

Established in 1954, Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) is one of 36 Conservation Authorities in Ontario with a mandate to ensure Ontario’s water, land and natural habitats are conserved, restored, and responsibly-managed through watershed-based programs. CVC offers various membership programs that allow access to 10 facilities throughout the Headwaters region, including one in Orangeville. In addition to the enjoyment of natural spaces, CVC offers the following programs and services to residents, schools, community groups, businesses, landscape professionals and municipalities:



- Green Cities – CVC carries out studies to develop environmental strategies for urban streams and the Lake Ontario Shoreline. CVC then works with partner agencies, residents, businesses, institutions and landscape industry professionals to promote sustainable approaches to caring for natural features and our public lands, residential yards, corporate and institutional grounds.
- Low Impact Development (LID) – CVC is widely recognized as a national leader in Low Impact Development for storm water, using new approaches and technologies to manage storm water sustainably, reducing water pollution and producing other environmental benefits in our communities. CVC works with developers, municipal partners and others to develop best practices and implement innovative LID projects.
- Caring for the Credit – CVC provides services, support and funding to rural landowners who are active stewards of their land, including assistance to restore wetlands, streams and ponds to protect water quality.
- Planning and development – CVC undertakes studies to identify environmental concerns and help guide development. CVC is also responsible for reviewing development applications under the Planning Act and the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act.



CVC provides events such as a fishing derby at Island Lake and spring clean-ups. They have pamphlets encouraging the planting of native (non-invasive) flora, protection of watersheds, and other environmental initiatives.



School and Day Care Initiatives

- Ontario EcoSchools is an environmental education and certification program for Grades K-12 helping schools develop ecological literacy and environmental practices to become environmentally responsible citizens and reduce the environmental footprint of schools. The six key areas are Teamwork and Leadership, Energy Conservation, Waste Minimization, School Ground Greening, Curriculum, and Environmental Stewardship. Certification recognizes a school for its annual achievement in the key areas. In Orangeville, all 76 Upper Grand District School Board schools are now certified EcoSchools.
- Island Lake Public School has a separate building housing a wind-powered environmental classroom and a small garden for both the school and community.
- Credit Meadows Elementary School has an Earth Rangers Team that does audits throughout the school to improve their environmental footprint. They had the first Outdoor Eco-kindergarten class in Orangeville and they have a walk-to-school program.
- Orangeville District Secondary School has a greenhouse where students grow produce for the school cafeteria and vegetable seedlings that are made available for area community gardens. The greenhouse was rebuilt and modernized last year to make it energy-efficient.
- Montgomery Public School has a recycling and a walk-to-school program in place.
- The Sunflower School Daycare Centre on Lawrence Avenue has a vegetable patch and naturalized play area.
- Early Years Centre has a garden plot where youngsters plant, dig, water and learn where food comes from.

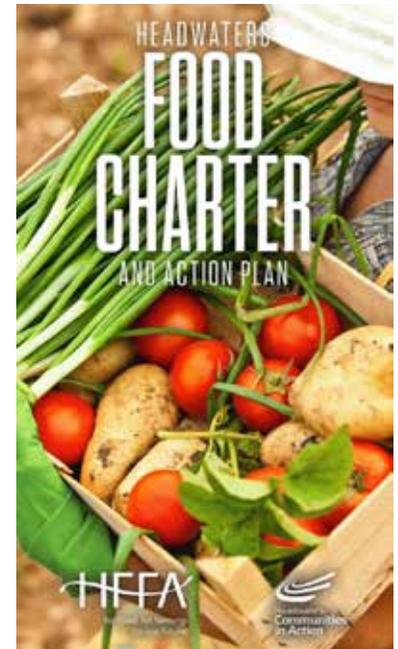


Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance (HFFA)

Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance (HFFA) is a collaborative of various community partners and volunteers that supports activities to enhance local food and farming in Dufferin County and the Town of Caledon. HFFA is a project of Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA).

HFFA’s envisions a food system that is productive, sustainable, transparent and fair; supporting the health and well-being of residents and food providers; and contributing to the prosperous and equitable economy. It was formally established in 2013 and has supported successful initiatives including:

Headwaters Food Charter & Action Plan – The food charter is a statement of values, principles and priorities for our community when it comes to food and farming, and lists a number of actions to make the Headwaters food system healthy and sustainable. The Food Charter was adopted unanimously by Orangeville Council and staff participate in activities with other community partners to implement the plan.



Farm to School Programs:

- **Farmer Educational Workshops** – HFFA is sending farmers to local schools. Farmers go into the classes and teach students various aspects of our local food and farming life. Engaging activities for Kindergarten to Grade 6 include many curriculum links and full lesson plans.
- **Local Food Club** – Similar to the food box or farm share program, families in participating schools purchase a membership and receive monthly food packs. These packs include samples of food sourced from Headwater region, information about the farmers and food including recipes, nutritional information and handling tips.

Dufferin Farm Fresh – a local food map that connects consumers to their local farmers and food producers is available to Orangeville residents in print and online versions.

For more information about HFFA projects please visit www.hffa.ca

Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA)

Vision: Engaged citizens shaping a vibrant, sustainable and resilient community together.

What we do: Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA) is a backbone organization that fosters leadership and action in support of community well-being and resilience for the Headwaters region. Since 2004 HCIA has convened community conversations that provide citizens with information about issues both emerging and ongoing. HCIA helps provide opportunities to address issues via collaborative projects and stakeholder engagement.





Orangeville Food Bank Community Gardens

The Orangeville Food Bank has partnered with the County of Dufferin to support "Grow a Row, Give a Row" at the Orangeville Farmers' Market. The Orangeville Food Bank distributed seeds to local community members and asked if they could plant a row in their garden and then donate the produce to the food bank.

They are looking forward to the donations from the community as there is an increased need for perishable foods. During the past year, there were 4,500 visits to the food bank, which included approximately 1,150 families. Sustainable Orangeville manages a 2,500 square-foot food bank garden with volunteers that donate all produce to the Orangeville Food Bank.

Heritage Preservation

Municipal

One needs only take a stroll down Broadway to see the attention to detail with respect to the historical integrity of downtown Orangeville. The Town Hall and Opera House was built in 1876, and is still largely used for its originally intended capacities. In 1993, it was renovated, and the addition mirrors the original historic facade. As Orangeville's economic focus shifts to arts, culture and tourism, preserving and utilizing Orangeville's historic charm has become a major priority for the Town.

Heritage Orangeville

Heritage Orangeville is a committee of Council, dedicated to the promotion, preservation and restoration of buildings in Orangeville that are historically or architecturally significant. Its role is to facilitate the conservation and preservation of not only our inheritance of historically, architecturally, and culturally significant properties, but also our natural environment and our culture. The committee maintains an extensive inventory of all heritage properties and conducts a program of plaquing restored buildings in the Town of Orangeville. Some recent initiatives include:



- Heritage Orangeville created a heritage walk called "Footsteps from Our Past" in recognition of the Town's Sesquicentennial Anniversary. This walk consists of three separate tours outlined in a 72-page booklet. Each tour showcases a different component of Orangeville's history: the businesses, the founding people, and the most prosperous years in the history of the Town. The free tour booklet is available from the Town, and focuses on both the stories and the architecture that make Orangeville unique.
- Heritage Orangeville erected a display in the Town Hall Atrium during Heritage Week. The Heritage Orangeville display continues to be housed throughout the year at the Train Station for Credit Valley Explorer patrons to enjoy.
- Planning and distribution of the 2019 heritage calendar.





- Heritage Orangeville continues to work on and distribute the Broadway storefront information plaques which include historical information and photographs of those properties. The plaques are displayed by owners in their downtown storefronts.
- Members continue to provide a representative to the Technical Review Committee, Heritage Permit Review, Sign By-law Review and Boulevard Café and the Permit Application Review committees.
- Heritage Orangeville organizes a Heritage Plaque program. For only \$100, owners of heritage properties can have a plaque placed on the front of their house featuring the date it was built, and details about the original owner.
- Heritage Orangeville provides research and completes criteria for heritage designation of properties.
- Heritage Orangeville Recognition Awards honour homeowners every year for their dedication to the care and maintenance of their heritage properties.
- Compilation of the Town's Heritage Building Inventory, outlining the year built, the original owner, and the architectural style of each heritage building.
- Downtown core is protected under Heritage Conservation District.



Facade Improvement Grant

The Town of Orangeville has demonstrated a sincere respect for heritage architecture. The Town has an extensive inventory of heritage buildings which identifies the year buildings were constructed, the original owner, and the architectural style in which they were built. Many of these homes have been updated with the help of the Town's Facade Improvement Grant, with the Town matching funds put towards the refurbishment of heritage properties up to \$10,000. Since its inception in 1999, the grant has played an integral role in the preservation and regeneration of the downtown core. Recently, the grant was updated to include modern buildings (where there are plans to transform storefronts into a more historic look). All heritage properties are listed on the Heritage Registry

Memorial Events and Projects



The Cenotaph is located behind Town Hall in Alexandra Park, and is the location of Orangeville's annual Remembrance Day ceremony, organized by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 233 and the Town. The cenotaph has plaques and monuments commemorating the service provided by individuals during the great wars. To commemorate the end of World War I, all the utility boxes in Alexandra Park have been wrapped with poppy-themed art.

A site was approved for Bravery Park at the Alder Parklands. This park will commemorate the work of Canadian Peacekeepers.



Broadway Medians

The three medians on Broadway represent Orangeville's evolution from natural forest, to a mill-based village, to an urban centre. They were designed by landscaping students at the Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning.

The most easterly median, in front of Town Hall features a pergola at the west end, with stone columns and a white cedar roof structure. The most prominent feature is the statue of Orange Lawrence, the founder of the Town, created from magnesium phosphate. The 7.5-foot sculpture stands on a base and towers above street level to welcome those coming into Town. The statue, created by Grand Valley artists Donna Pascoe and Peter Turrell, depicts the Town's founder with his coat over his left shoulder, sleeves rolled up, and working plans in hand, symbolically ready to build his mill on Mill Street.

The central median features the clock tower. The clock was originally built and installed on the old post office in 1936 where it remained until the post office was demolished in 1963. The clock sat atop the Town Hall from 1980 to 1993, when the Town Hall was renovated. The marble timepiece weighs about 2,000 pounds.

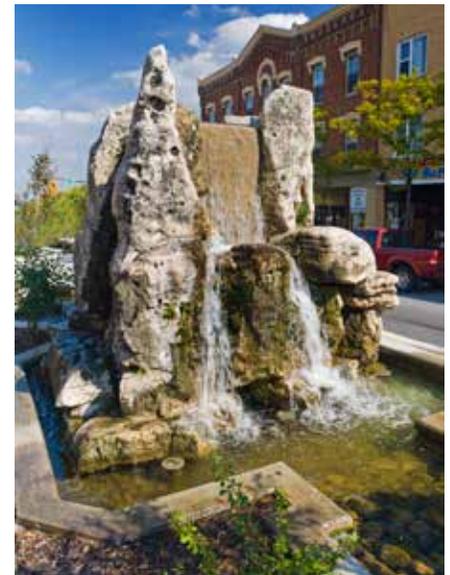
The westerly median features a waterfall, with water falling in four directions, representing the fact that Orangeville sits at the headwaters of four river systems. The design of the waterfall includes rougher features on the east and west faces so the water cascades more. The north and south sides, which are more exposed to the wind, have been designed to be smooth so the water clings to the wall better and minimizes spray on the roadway. The water goes into a pool at the base of the waterfall and is recirculated. Some water runs along a chute to the top of a symbolic waterwheel, representing the emergence of the mill and its energy source, and ultimately, the village that became Orangeville.

Arts and Culture

Orangeville has a huge assortment of arts-based tourist attractions and activities, not the least of which is the popular Art Walk of Tree Sculptures. This self-guided tour of the Town features over 50 intricately-carved tree sculptures created by 20 artists, many of them depicting the people, stories, and natural elements that make up the Town's rich history. The Town of Orangeville has turned the streets into a public gallery of art by transforming trees that have come to the end of their life cycle into beautiful and unique displays of art. With a large artistic community in the region, the Art Walk of Tree Sculptures has attracted a lot of attention from residents, visitors and carvers since its beginnings in 2003. An online tour is available at data.orangeville.ca/StoryMaps/MapTour/TreeSculptures.

A Utility Box Art Display program also exists to help build the Town's outdoor art 'gallery'. Each year, several utility boxes are wrapped in unique artwork commissioned to local artists. The program helps beautify the community, celebrates our natural amenities and history, and supports our local artists.

Dufferin Arts Council exists to bring together artists and supporters to promote the development, appreciation, and enjoyment of all arts in the Hills of Headwaters Region (Caledon, Dufferin County, Orangeville & Erin).



In 2014, Orangeville approved an extensive Municipal Cultural Plan called "Orangeville's Cultural Advantage" that recognizes the Town's potential as a destination for Arts and Culture tourism. Integral to the Cultural Plan is a cultural map and inventory of the Town's 450+ cultural assets, available online. Orangeville's heritage is a driving force behind the Cultural Plan. For example:

- Orangeville's heritage buildings are a fantastic backdrop for visual and dramatic arts, and lend themselves perfectly to café culture.
- Its history as an agricultural centre draws tourists to the Farmers' Market, the annual Fall Fair, and the blossoming variety of restaurants serving up locally-sourced cuisine.
- The natural beauty of Orangeville's location in the hills of the headwaters, a nod to its heritage as a mill town, is the inspiration for many local artists, sculptors and historians.

Other Town Initiatives

Canada 150 Infrastructure Program - the Mill Street library renovation project received support from the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program. This program's purpose was to create lasting legacy projects as Canada celebrated the 150th anniversary of Confederation. Funding contributions to the project were also made by the Town of Orangeville, the Friends of the Orangeville Public Library and the Lord Dufferin Chapter of the IODE.

Canada Day – The Town holds various activities for the family to enjoy as well as a large fireworks display at Island Lake.

Sports Hall of Fame – Located at Alder Recreation Centre, the Sports Hall of Fame celebrates some of Orangeville's residents who have gone on to become world-class athletes and residents who have built sporting programs.

The Art Legacy Wall – Located at Alder Recreation Centre the art wall celebrates Canada through artwork and photography submitted by the community. The mural boasts 77 plaques, including six information plaques, and a total of 29 artist submissions as well as photos from the Town of Orangeville and historical images contributed by the Museum of Dufferin.



Business

Orangeville's downtown businesses show a great respect for the character and heritage of their buildings. Many have taken advantage of the Town's Facade Improvement Grant, and many have maintained or restored heritage features within their buildings such as tin ceilings and original hardwood floors.

The original Opera House, part of Town Hall, recently underwent an extensive refurbishment. It is home to Theatre Orangeville, the community's professional live theatre. The Opera House is an integral part of the community and various performances attract in excess of 30,000 visitors each year. The Opera House, in addition to regular productions, offers camps, tours, and other programs to the public and remains a popular performance venue. The original horse watering trough at Town Hall still exists and now functions as a flower planter. The Town Hall addition that was completed in the late 1990's complements the original architecture and continues to house municipal staff and Council.

Many heritage buildings have been repurposed instead of being torn down, which is both historically and environmentally conscientious. These buildings include:

- The original police station has been converted into an apartment building.
- The second police station is now a youth centre.
- An old bowling alley was converted into County of Dufferin offices.
- The original fire hall has been renovated and is currently a commercial space.
- The original movie theatre is now a church. They still use the building to show movies.
- The original train station was relocated, refurbished and repurposed, and is now used as an eatery and bar. Unfortunately, a catastrophic fire destroyed the original bunker house several years ago, but a replica was built in its place. The Town had a similar, historically-inspired train station built on the site of the original station.

Dufferin Garden Centre has the last standing barn within the Town limits. This is now used as a commercial venue. The barn and home were built in the 1860s. The wood for the barn and house were harvested from trees on the property. The bricks for the house were made onsite.

Residential

The many historic homes in Orangeville with plaques in place are evidence of the prioritization of heritage, even by private homeowners. Homeowners show a great deal of respect for the historical integrity of their homes by maintaining original facades and building additions that reflect the architectural features of the original building. Many of these homes feature awareness plaques purchased from Heritage Orangeville or are designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.





Community

The Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival has been named one of the top 100 festivals and events in Ontario for the past eight years. The festival has 200+ volunteers who contribute thousands of hours to the event, which draws in excess of 35,000 visitors over three days.

This year it celebrated its 17th year with more than 90 acts on four stages and in local pubs and restaurants, with pop-up bands featured on Broadway and Mill Street over the course of three days. In addition to world-class blues and jazz performers, the Blues Cruise attracts approximately 300 classic cars.

Museum of Dufferin

The Museum of Dufferin runs programs and events throughout the year. These include storytellers, bus tours, children's programs, a barn dance, a music festival, and a digital historian project with local high schools.

Headwaters House Tour

The Headwaters Health Care Auxiliary's major fundraiser, The Headwaters House Tour features a self-guided tour of historic homes in the Orangeville area. Thanks to the generosity of donors, sponsors and community members, the Headwaters House Tour has raised over \$500,000 to date. All House Tour proceeds fund the purchase of medical equipment for the hospital – to provide diagnostic services and treatment to patients living in Orangeville, Caledon and surrounding areas.

Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle (DCCRC)

The DCCRC is a group dedicated to celebrating indigenous culture in Dufferin County. They hold events throughout the year. In addition to National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations held in June, some of their events include:

- Regalia and Drum Making
- Loom Beading Workshops
- Indigenous Women Rising Symposium
- Spirit Week
- Honouring Youth Pow Wow
- Indigenous flag to be permanently installed at Alder Recreation Centre



Urban Forestry

Municipal

Sustainable Orangeville

Sustainable Orangeville has a sub-committee whose sole focus is urban forestry. Their initiatives are as follows:

- Past tree plantings
 - Annual Earth Week plantings
 - Partnership with Maple Leaves Forever Foundation (980 trees)
 - As of 2019, Sustainable Orangeville, in partnership with Credit Valley Conservation, had planted 7,247 trees. At the 2019 Earth Week event, 500 trees were planted and 250 more will be planted in the fall this year.
 - An Edible Tree grant resulted in 100+ fruit and nut trees planted near the Edelbrock Community Garden.
- Future tree planting campaigns
 - Further urban forestation projects on Riddell.
 - Final stage planting at the Town's east entrance.
- Watering Bag Program – ensures the vitality of new boulevard plantings.
- Baby Tree Program – Residents can sponsor the planting of a tree for a new baby with a minimum donation of \$50. This year, a new Baby Tree forest was planted at Mother Teresa Park.

Other Town Initiatives

Maintenance and Care - There are large tracts of forest that have been retained within the Town for people to enjoy. They are all very self-sustainable with new undergrowth in all of them. The Town has a full-time horticulturist who oversees the gardens and tree care and contracts out all tree maintenance. Orangeville Hydro, does tree pruning along hydro lines in Town. Orangeville Hydro has done a good job of pruning as opposed to topping trees.

The Town continues to plant shrubs and trees along the sound barriers on Riddell Road.

The Town of Orangeville is responsible for the planting and maintenance of trees on the boulevards and in the parks. Typically, planting is done in the fall of the year.

A schedule has been created for the removal of Ash trees on Town property as part of the Emerald Ash Borer program.

The Town is also responsible for the care and maintenance of Greenwood Cemetery and the many large trees therein.





Art Walk of Tree Sculptures - The Town's many tree sculptures are a fine example of Orangeville's dedication to urban forestry and the arts. The program began as an effort to extend the life of the large, old trees downtown; trees that needed to be removed were instead carved into sculptures depicting Orangeville's culture and heritage. There are over 50 tree sculptures in total, and the Art Walk of Tree Sculptures is one of the Town's most unique experiences. Not only does this contribute to the unique beauty of the Town, but it also demonstrates a significant respect for nature on the part of the municipal government.

An online tour is available at data.orangeville.ca/StoryMaps/MapTour/TreeSculptures.



Business and Residential

- The landscape plan for all businesses in the Town includes details on tree planting and forestry.
- The Town requires developers to plant trees on boulevards as part of their building agreement. Policies with regard to protecting trees are in place for developers to follow when it comes to protecting trees when applying for building permits and completing construction.
- The Town has a property standards by-law which speaks to all property management issues including maintenance of trees. Owners can be issued orders to clean up, repair or remove dead trees.
- There is a Memorial Forest sponsored by Dods and McNair Funeral Home at Island Lake.

Community

- There are many memorial trees throughout Town honouring the passing of loved ones, including a recent one at the Alder Recreation Centre honouring a young hockey player.
- Additional trees have been planted at Alder Parklands by the Rotary Club of Orangeville Highlands.
- The Optimist Club of Orangeville have initiated memorial tree plantings in Kay Cee Gardens, underplanting for removed ash trees.
- There are several natural history education programs offered to Orangeville residents by the Museum of Dufferin. These programs take place at Dufferin Forest and include:
 - Credit Valley Conservation's annual Maple Syrup Festival at Island Lake Conservation Area's sugar bush. In addition to the many vendors and performers, a guided tour is offered by high school students to educate residents on the history of maple syrup production in the Orangeville area.
 - Edible Wild Identification Walk
 - Wild Flower and Mushroom Identification Walk
 - Tree Identification Walk

Landscape

Municipal

There are 35 municipally-owned parks within the Town of Orangeville. A list of all parks and amenities is located on the Town's website, as is a map showing all areas offered by Community Services. Highlights include:



- Two large splash pads – one at Harvey Curry Park in the south end, and the newer one funded by the Rotary Club at Fendley Park in the west end. The Fendley Park Splash Pad is environmentally friendly in that it uses recycled water.
- Both splash pads are equipped with public washrooms and changeroom facilities as well as seating areas for parents.
- Harvey Curry Park is also home to EveryKids Park, designed to be accessible to children with a variety of special needs.
- A BMX Park at the Alder Street Parklands was made possible by the Orangeville Lions Club.





- The new flagpole at Dragonfly Park (15A Town Line) was celebrated in 2017 – to mark Canada 150 and National Flag of Canada Day. It replaced a previous flagpole that was removed due to structural and mechanical issues. The East End Flagpole & Beautification Committee embarked on a community campaign that raised \$18,997 for the new flagpole project. Over the years, the flag has become an Orangeville landmark due to its prominent location and its size – 15 by 30 feet. The garden at the base of the flagpole represents a compass and is known as the Compass Garden. Town staff plant a mix of annual plants and perennial grasses.
- Rotary Skateboard Park, funded by the Rotary Club.
- Sports facilities including ball diamonds, tennis courts, and soccer fields. The sports fields are aerated, top dressed and seeded every year by the Town.
- Four outdoor ice skating rinks
- One multi-use sports pad funded by the Lions Club.
- Playground equipment at 22 out of 35 parks.



- An off-leash dog park has been created. There are two areas in this park – one for large dogs and the other for smaller dogs.
- Outdoor exercise equipment at Kay Cee Gardens.
- Two new parks have been completed in the west end of Orangeville, one at Young Court and the other on Parkinson Crescent.
- Parks Matching Funds Program matches community funds to improve park facilities.

Orangeville Council has earmarked 60 percent of its Main Street Revitalization Initiative funding for median improvements along Broadway. The Town received \$55,155 from the province that can be used towards downtown revitalization or storefront improvements. Council has agreed to allocate \$30,000 for downtown landscaping enhancements, including tree removal/replacement, shrub planting and lighting upgrades in the medians.

Railway Parkette

The Railway Parkette is a passive public space just off Town Line, directly across from the train station. The sculpture and parkette development were made possible by a donation by Stonebridge Building Group Inc. The Railway Parkette features decorative paving stones, two deciduous trees, shrubs, and a prominent tree sculpture with Canadiana features, surrounded by river rock and juniper plantings, as well as two historical railway plaques.



The Railway Parkette builds on the Town of Orangeville's Strategic Action Plan by encouraging community stewardship, and creating and maintaining healthy public spaces that promote equality, social well-being and a sense of belonging. The parkette is a welcome addition to the neighbourhood and a great place for residents and visitors to socialize, rest and experience the natural surroundings.



Bravery Park

The Bravery Park Committee renewed its fundraising campaign, now that the Town of Orangeville has received the impressive sculpture (that will serve as a focal point) and selected the site (Alder Street Parklands).

A crowdfunding video was added to the public campaign. Fundraising dollars, currently at \$159,000, will be used towards the cost of the base of the sculpture, a memorial stone and landscaping at Bravery Park. The park also includes a play structure, which was funded by the Amaranth Lions Club and an Indigenous community medicine garden (designed and funded by the Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle). The concepts reflected in Orangeville's medicine wheel include directions, all cultural nations, time, stages of life, animals, food production and

cultivation. The medicine wheel garden, named Minokamik, opened in 2019. Plants such as the sacred tobacco, sage, sweet grass and other medicinal healing plants will be grown there. The medicine garden provides a space for quiet contemplation and reflection, and will support the healing of all who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. Educational storyboards throughout the park offer an introduction to the role our soldiers play in Canada and worldwide.

The installation of a sculpture portraying a Canadian soldier kneeling in front of two children and offering them a butterfly to symbolize peace, change and trust, will be erected at the park site in 2019. The statue was designed by local artist Donna Pascoe and crafted by Stan Watts of Icon Bronze, a company based in the U.S.

A new themed Bravery Park play structure was installed in 2018 on the Bravery Park site. Valerie McGrady, the mother of deceased Canadian Forces Corporal Matthew McCully, proposed Bravery Park about eight years ago. Ms. McGrady says Bravery Park will honour all soldiers – those still serving, the injured, those with PTSD, veterans and those who have died in war. Corporal McCully lost his life when he came in contact with a roadside bomb in Afghanistan in 2007. The Orangeville native was only 25 years old. The Bravery Park Committee, in collaboration with the Town received a \$45,000 monument grant from Veterans Affairs Canada in 2015. However, the committee required additional funds to construct a base for the statue. Hence, the committee's GoFundMe campaign.



Orangeville Lions Sports Park

About nine years ago, the municipality purchased the former Brown's Farm Park from the Upper Grand School District Board (UGDSB) – an 8.5-acre piece of land in Orangeville's west end. The Town initiated a plan for the property located on Diane Drive and in collaboration with the Orangeville Lions Club an outdoor sports pad with artificial LED lighting was constructed in 2015-2016. The Lions also donated a picnic pavilion to the Town which was installed in the fall of 2017.

In 2016-2017, the Town completed the installation of a national standard soccer/ lacrosse field, including semi-pro artificial smart lighting, two minor micro fields, a perimeter asphalt trail with various outdoor fitness equipment stations, a fully functional service building, a large number of deciduous and coniferous trees and shrubs as well as parking. The Orangeville Lions Sports Park was officially opened on May 26, 2018.



The recreational facility gives local residents a place to play ball hockey, lacrosse, tennis, basketball, and pickleball, among other sports.

The Town offers a Community Matching Fund to any individual or service club wishing to upgrade a local park. It was through this fund that the Orangeville Lions Club was able to establish the BMX Park at Alder Street. Murray's Mountain, a local landmark, was named after Lions Club member Murray Young.

Accessibility

The Orangeville Accessibility and Seniors Advisory Committee is dedicated to removing barriers in our community and has forged partnerships with community groups and municipal services. Partnerships include:

- First Student Bus Lines – annual accessible transportation to the Orangeville Fall Fair
- Amaranth Lions Club – APS and countdown signals at some downtown intersections
- Infrastructure Services – painting curb cuts, ensuring adequate traffic signal pedestrian crossing times
- Parks & Facilities Division – accessible walkways through Alexandra and Idyllwilde Parks, accessible playground equipment and park benches
- Orangeville Fire Service – emergency registry for persons with disabilities
- Orangeville Accessibility and Seniors Advisory Committee – portable wheelchair lift for Opera House stage
- Town of Orangeville – accessible walkway to the Cenotaph in Alexandra Park

There are four parks in which accessible playgrounds either currently exist or are planned this year. EveryKids Park was the first “boundless” playground in Canada to be established, and opened in September of 2000. A Canada 150-themed fully accessible playground was added to Maywood Park in 2017, assisted by funding support through the Enabling Accessibility Fund Grant. The playground at Fendley Park was replaced last year with a fully-accessible one with rubberized flooring, and Tweedy Park also received an accessible playground. Expression Swings are being installed at numerous playgrounds throughout the Town.

The Orangeville Accessibility and Seniors Advisory Committee is committed to ongoing projects such as Accessibility Awareness Days, countdown signals and enlarged street signs at major intersections, accessible park benches and picnic tables, accessible business program, and the portable ramp subsidy program.

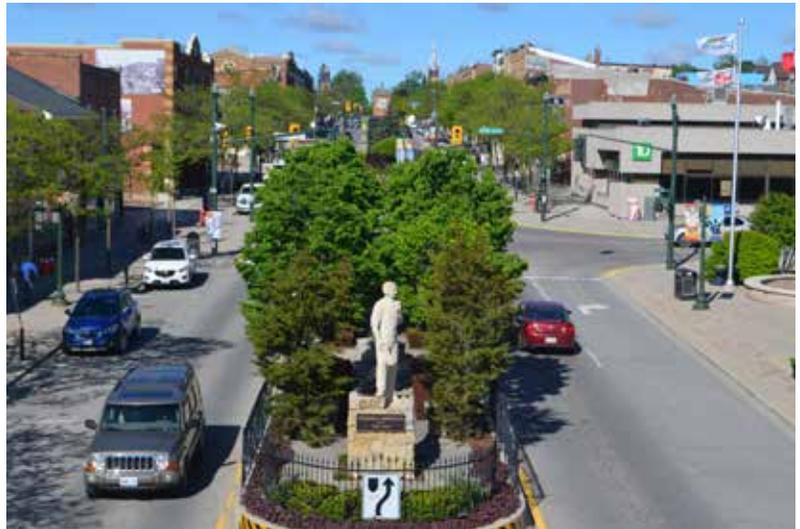




Streetscapes, Trails and Public Spaces

The Town of Orangeville has a vibrant downtown core, the success of which is partly attributed to the presence of four convenient and free parking lots. On-street parking is also free, and available on many municipal roads including those in the downtown core (with a two-hour restriction in some areas). Intersections in the downtown core are landscaped with brick on the roadways, making them appealing to the eye. The Town has an ongoing way-finding signage installation program that complements the Town’s historic visual identity and provides 24/7 directional advice to the visiting public and helps to promote the cultural and tourism amenities of the community.

Augmenting the Town’s heritage aesthetic are three landscaped medians running down the centre of Broadway. Built in 2007 and designed by Humber College students, these medians speak to the Town’s culture with a multitude of horticultural, architectural, historical, and artistic features. In 2018, the Town is using \$30,000 in provincial Main Street Revitalization funds to enhance landscaping and upgrade lighting in the medians. The Town contributes to the neat and tidy appearance of Broadway with an aquacide machine to remove weeds and grass. This machine helps prevent the use of chemicals and herbicides by using steam to kill weeds.



Orangeville’s residential and commercial streets are brimming with stunning architecture that speaks to a time of prosperity at the turn of the century. There are tree carvings dotting many of these same boulevards. Orangeville has made the stories behind these historical and artistic landscapes available to the public through two walking tours. An online web map application has been developed that allows residents and visitors to view all the tree sculpture locations, photos and more, right from their phone or computer – and hear the stories behind the sculptures.



For many years, the Town has offered a Facade Improvement Grant (outlined in detail in the Heritage Conservation section) that has had an enormous impact on the downtown streetscape. Originally intended for the restoration of heritage buildings, the grant was recently extended to non-heritage buildings for owners wishing to add historic features and charm to their storefront.

In 2017, the “Mantis Queen” was installed on municipal property at 200 Lakeview Court. The seven-metre-high, one-ton sculpture has a commanding presence with arms that spin and rotate in the breeze. The sculpture was created by the award-winning artist Ron Baird and was donated to the Town anonymously. This popular work of art receives frequent visitors and is located within a complementary, natural environment near Island Lake.





There is an extensive trail system in place throughout the Town with a new trail slated to link the existing system to the Upper Credit Conservation Area. The Town has naturalized several areas in various parks and throughout the community.

At this time there are approximately 20 kilometres of trails within the Town limits, and a further 228 kilometres of trails in Dufferin County are available to residents of Orangeville. Trail maps are available to the public.

Business

Businesses throughout the downtown and other areas of Town keep their storefronts well maintained and many have planters or hanging baskets in place. The commercial sector within Town has proven to be a leader in well-kept properties. Mulched shrub beds, combined with a wide selection of trees, shrubs and grasses, have added an overall great appearance to the Town.

Best Western Plus Orangeville Inn & Suites, Home Hardware and Headwaters Health Care Centre added horse sculptures to their landscapes. The hand-painted horses were part of the Headwaters Parade of Horses, leading up to the Pan Am Games.

Residential

Orangeville is surrounded by agriculture, and this is evident in the “country feel” of many landscaped properties. Homeowners in Orangeville take great pride in their properties and the appearance of the Town. They have used a variety of hardscaping options to create unique, well-landscaped yards that are very well maintained. Some homeowners have gone so far as to transform their properties into xeriscapes. These landscapes provide an added beauty to the Town while helping to conserve water.

All new subdivisions in Orangeville have landscape packages for homeowners to choose from. Credit Valley Conservation has brochures for residents identifying ideal, native plants for their yard. Similarly, CVC helps residents to identify and dispose of threatening invasive plants with full-colour guides available at most garden centres.



Community

Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA)

With assistance from the Ontario Government's Healthy Communities fund, the HCIA was able to compile an extensive list (including maps) of more than 20 trails in the Headwaters area. This compilation is available to residents on the HCIA website.

HCIA Trails Working Group has teamed up with Credit Valley Conservation Authority to establish the Headwaters Trails Counter Loan program to make trail counters available to area trails groups and help facilitate the collection of accurate and useful data on trail use within the Headwaters region.

HCIA's Trails Working Group has partnered with CANBIKE – leaders in providing safe bicycle education as proud members of the Canadian Cycling Association – to offer free CANBIKE Volunteer Instructor Certification for 10-15 volunteers. In exchange for this certification, (a \$500 value) each participant will be expected to “pay it forward” by teaching a minimum of two workshops to area residents over the next two years.

Island Lake

Island Lake Conservation Area, with its extensive trails, is an ideal location for residents to visit and see the many species of birds, frogs, fish and other indigenous species. This area is partly in the Town of Orangeville and partly in the Town of Mono. The Island Lake Waterfront Amphitheatre officially opened in 2017. The floating stage hosts yoga classes, movie nights, and live theatre during the summer. In 2013, the Friends of Island Lake hosted a “Close the Gap” fundraiser at the Vicki Barron Lakeside Trail entrances. They provided freshly-brewed coffee, kindly sponsored by the French Press in Orangeville, and collected donations for completing the final phase of the trail. The Friends of Island Lake raised the required funds and built an extensive walkway system. This was all done by volunteers.





Service Clubs and Community Groups

Orangeville's service clubs, in conjunction with the Town, have played a commendable role in enhancing local landscapes through fundraising and projects.

From Rotary's BMX Park and Fendley Park's splash pad, to Rotary Park, Lions Park and Kin Park, service clubs have made significant contributions to the landscape and community.

For the past 24 years, the Optimist Club of Orangeville has presented the Annual "Christmas in the Park" at KayCee Gardens. The park is turned into a free winter wonderland and draws more than 25,000 visitors in December. The trees are strung with over 50,000 bulbs with unique displays and artwork by local businesses and organizations, with various events such as concerts and readings, attracting a high number of visitors. In addition to the park, Optimist volunteers, in partnership with the BIA, string lights in the downtown medians, to create three festive focal points in the downtown core for the holiday season.



Floral Displays

Municipal

Town staff plant and maintain the gardens at Town Hall, the Mill Street Library, and the Visitor's Centre. Many of the other municipal facilities are maintained by the Town's horticulturist and parks staff or by the Horticultural Society volunteers. The Town has built beds at both arenas and in various parks using annuals, perennials, shrubs and grasses.

The downtown will be enhanced by new annual beds to augment the hanging basket displays. The centre medians, maintained by the Town, will have new perennials this year.

Business

The downtown businesses have embraced the Communities in Bloom “Best Bloomin’ Business” contest. There has been an influx of hanging baskets and planters displayed by various businesses.

The BIA funds and manages the horticultural displays within its boundaries, including the hanging baskets, planters and raised beds.

Some of the industrial and commercial businesses have started to include floral displays on their properties, whether they be hanging baskets or combinations of perennial and annuals. Sustainable Orangeville, as part of the Garden Showcase, also held a “Best Bloomin’ Business and Best Bloomin’ Bar/Patio” contest.

Stonebridge Building Group Inc. donated \$42,000 to develop Railway Parkette with plantings in 2018.

Residential

The many gardens created by individual citizens throughout the Town have made a very positive impact on the community’s appearance. There are garden tours of many of these homes during the year.

Seniors’ residences throughout Town have beautiful, functional landscapes. They are extremely well cared for, often by the residents themselves. Some residences host family days in their gardens, while others have begun to add vegetable and herb gardens for use within the facility. Lord Dufferin Centre boasts a spectacular upper level outdoor terrace with flowers and vegetables tended to by residents.



Community

The Orangeville District Horticultural Society (ODHS)

The ODHS meets once a month for an entertaining, educational and information-sharing session and publishes a monthly newsletter for its members and an annual yearbook. Their motto is “Gardens are for Sharing”. In addition to their regularly-scheduled meetings they actively participate in District 7 meetings and the annual Ontario Horticultural Association convention.

The Horticultural Society’s Gardening Angels are a group of dedicated Orangeville and District Horticultural Society Members. These members tend to a number of public gardens located throughout the Town of Orangeville. They are located at Alexandra Park, Orangeville District Secondary School, Greenwood Cemetery, the Orangeville Seniors Centre, KayCee Gardens, Public Works Operations Centre, Orangeville Fire Hall, Orangeville Police Services, the Centre Street Community Garden and Alder Recreation Centre.

The municipal garden at the Town’s Operations Centre on C Line, tended by Gardening Angel Donna McAvoy, has been recognized by Garden Ontario (The Ontario Horticulture Society) as a garden that offers bees, butterflies and other pollinators a welcome source of food and shelter. A plaque has been received by the Town and will be proudly displayed.

Each year, the Society organizes the Hidden Gems Garden Tour & Tea – showcasing the backyards of some of Orangeville’s most beautiful properties. The street on which this tour takes place changes every year.

The Friendship Gardens at Headwaters Health Care Centre

The community of Orangeville’s hospital, Headwaters Health Care Centre, reflects the participation of the human spirit. The gardens were borne out of the desire for the patients and staff to look at something natural and beautiful. For patients, it can be inspirational and hopeful; for visitors and staff, it is constant beauty. The Friendship Gardens received a special mention by last year’s Communities in Bloom judges.

The gardens include The Healing Wheel which was built with more than 100 tons of local limestone and built by 80 community volunteers. Most of the patients have a garden to view and due to different exposures, a wide variety of plants and trees have been carefully chosen to encourage birds, butterflies, and bees.

Some of the gardens are:

- The Specialists’ Garden - Features special bulbs and perennials, three living willow panels
- The Smith Garden - transformed a neglected piece of property into a charming assortment of perennials, saplings and trees.
- The Kids’ Garden - Features a colourful moose with a short fence in matching colours surrounded by beautiful bulbs and perennials.
- The Fountain Garden - Features many individual gardens with magnificent perennials, bulbs, and trees for all seasons.
- The Arbour Garden - Allows people to sit together out of the sun, while still enjoying all of the trees, shrubs and perennials chosen to attract the many birds and butterflies.



- The Heli Garden - Designed and installed to allow patients who can't get out of their rooms to enjoy nature outside of their rooms.
- The Serenity Garden - Formerly a dismal piece of property looking out onto a loading dock and garbage cans has been transformed in to a very beautiful and peaceful garden with a living willow wall to block the unsightly view.
- The Cafeteria Gardens - The cafeteria has two lovely gardens to enjoy. One is a xeriscape garden and the other is the Cafe garden, adopted by one of a team of volunteers and enjoyed by all.

Sustainable Orangeville



In June, Sustainable Orangeville ran a local garden event. There were multiple entrants in each of the categories, showcasing a stunning variety of large and small scale gardens. Categories included: Best Bloomin' Home Floral Display, Best Bloomin' Home Landscape, Best Bloomin' Container Gardens, Best Boomin' Apartment Building, Best Edible Garden, Best Bloomin' Children's Garden (12 & Under), as well as contests for Best Bloomin' School, Business, Restaurant, and Government Building.



Community Showcase

This Town is a hive of activity year-round with festivals and events funded by caring individuals, businesses and organizations that call Orangeville home.

Service Clubs

As noted throughout the profile book, service clubs have played an integral role in the beauty and functionality of Orangeville's landscapes. Orangeville's service clubs include:

- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 233,
- Rotary Club of Orangeville and the Rotary Club of Orangeville Highlands
- Orangeville Lions Club and the Amaranth Lions Club of Orangeville and Area
- Knights of Columbus
- Orangeville Kin Club
- Independent Order of Odd Fellows
- Optimist Club of Orangeville



In addition to financial support of local charities, some highlights of the great work being done by Orangeville's service clubs include:

- Orangeville Lions and Amaranth Lions sponsor public speaking contests for school children.
- Orangeville Lions have sponsored a park with an outdoor sports pad, a large pavilion, sports fields, outdoor fitness equipment stations, a washroom facility, and various landscaping elements; a BMX park near the Alder Recreation Centre.
- Orangeville Rotary Club sponsored a park in the east end of Town with soccer and baseball fields, a skateboard park, washrooms and picnic pavilion; and the newest splash pad in the west end of Town in Fendley Park, along with washrooms; and the Rotary Way bicycle route.
- Orangeville Kin Club sponsored a park on College Avenue in the northwest quadrant, with a multi-sport court, and sponsors the annual Santa Claus Parade.
- Orangeville Optimist Club sponsors "Christmas in the Park" in Kay Cee Gardens each December, and recently enhanced the park entrances.
- Amaranth Lions sponsor the Purina Guide Dog walk in Town and promotes "Be a Donor" campaign.



Non-Profit Organizations

- **Highlands Youth for Christ** is an organization which operates weekly drop-ins at two local youth centres. They also organize "Street Level" which sees staff go out on the streets at night to ensure that any homeless teens are safe, warm, and fed. HYC runs the Don Laverty Memorial Highlands Youth for Christ Golf Challenge.
- **Active Lives After School** is a day program for adults with developmental disabilities.
- **Family Transition Place** provides shelter and counselling to victims of abuse.
- **Caledon Meals on Wheels** relies on volunteers (including many from Orangeville's local service clubs) to deliver nutritious meal programs and promote independent living for residents.
- **Seniors Santa Christmas Hampers of Dufferin County**, founded in 2010, reminds all nursing home, meals on wheels, and assisted living seniors that the community has not forgotten them, and as long as the program keeps growing and the very giving citizens continue to donate, no senior will ever be forgotten.





Schools

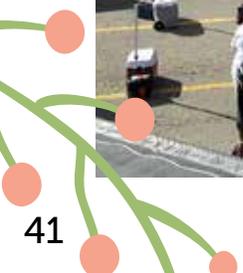
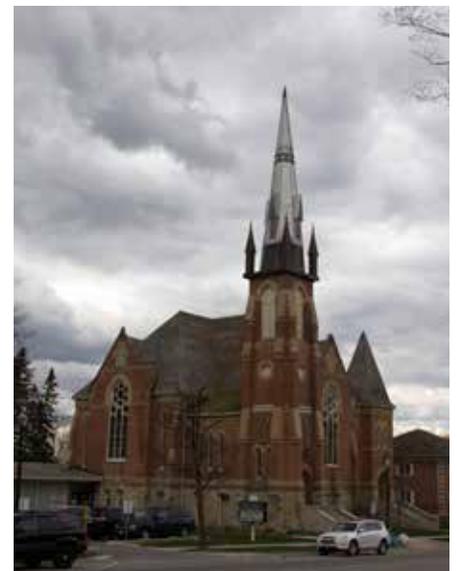
- **Westside Secondary School** has led the provincial secondary schools in collecting money for breast cancer.
- **Orangeville District Secondary School** grows plants in their greenhouse that are donated to the Food Bank and other organizations in Town. They also have a culinary class that uses herbs grown in their greenhouse.
- **Elementary Schools** in Town have a Grandpals program in place.
- **Montgomery Village Elementary School** with the assistance of Orangeville CiB built raised garden beds for the Chartwell Montgomery Village Retirement Residence.

Businesses

- **Headwaters Raquet Club** hosts the Best Burger Quest in support of local charities. It features seven local restaurants competing to create the ultimate savoury slider.
- **Sobeys** hosts an annual Kids Night with giveaways, games and a free barbecue.
- **Brewzapalooza Beer and Music Festival** is sponsored by Barley Vine Rail Company and Mill Creek Pub. The festival has a great entertainment line-up and beer vendors, every January in the parking lot at 86-90 Broadway, through partnerships with the Town of Orangeville, the Business Improvement Area and a number of local sponsors and supporters.

Places of Worship

- **Covenant Alliance Church** facilitates the local Operation Christmas Child efforts, and performs random acts of kindness throughout the community.
- **Good Friends Fellowship** runs "The Lighthouse" -- a weekly soup kitchen for anyone who needs a meal.
- **Westminster United Church** does regular charity clothing sales.
- **Compass Community Church** runs the Compass 5k for Food, an annual charity run in support of the local food bank. They also facilitate a Single Moms Home Day, where hundreds of volunteers help single mothers with work that needs to be done around the house.





Events

- Maple Syrup Festival
- Equus Film Festival
- Family Day Celebration
- Orangeville Farmers' Market
- Blues and Jazz Festival
- Canada Day celebration
- Orangeville Rotary Ribfest
- FRINGE north (519)
- Savour the Flavours – A Culinary Walking Tour
- Taste of Orangeville
- Headwaters Arts Festival
- Earth Day Tree Planting & Rotary's Let's Make Orangeville Shine
- Orangeville Agricultural Fall Fair
- Christmas in the Park
- Orangeville Art Group's Fall Show and Sale
- Downtown Orangeville Harvest Celebration
- Santa Claus Parade
- Moonlight Magic & Tractor Parade of Lights
- Celebrate Your Awesome
- Brewzapalooza
- Celebrate Your Awesome
- Culture Days
- Day of the Poet
- Indigenous Peoples Day
- Earth Week
- Seniors Week



