

NEXT STEPS: WHAT CAN I DO?

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Exercise your citizen's right and VOTE. Know where your candidates stand on the environment and their willingness if elected to be a Climate Champion.

Understand your impact - calculate your own carbon footprint – <https://app.projectneutral.org>

Choose less convenient and it will likely be more earth friendly.

Help green our community

Plant trees at least one tree each year for every member of your household. Volunteer at Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's TD Tree Days, visit the NVCA [website](#) or TD Tree Days at tdtreedays.com. OR do your own on your property – through Simcoe Arbour Day (April) you can buy trees for a low cost OR contact your municipal government to find out about their tree planting programs.

Create community gardens - your local community band together and share the creation, tending and results

Join the Blue Mountain Watershed Foundation & get involved in taking care of our part of the planet - www.watershedtrust.ca

Eat less red meat.

Advocate to reduce packaging. Carry your own containers to grocery stores and ask for food such as meat and fish to be put in your own reusable containers, use net bags for fruit/vegetables, bring your own bags, use wax wrap products for storing food at home, ask for non-plastic take out containers (if you don't have your own with you).

Reduce, eliminate or replace in our homes – chemicals, increase energy efficiency with new light bulbs and other means, use energy wisely, reduce waste, compost, reduce water usage

Support environment education studies – Get educated. We need more people informed about safe, healthy and carbon conscious ways of life and its application to everyday living, food production, products, services and systems. (e.g., attend Be The Change film series through BM Watershed Trust, attend university or college programs, support youth in their pursuit of this type of education)

Support businesses who are or have gone green and tell your friends about them.

Divest from fossil fuels in your financial portfolio – **invest** in renewables.

Build Community. Don't do it alone – personal transformation is a good start, but to be effective and accelerate our transformation, work with other like-minded people.