



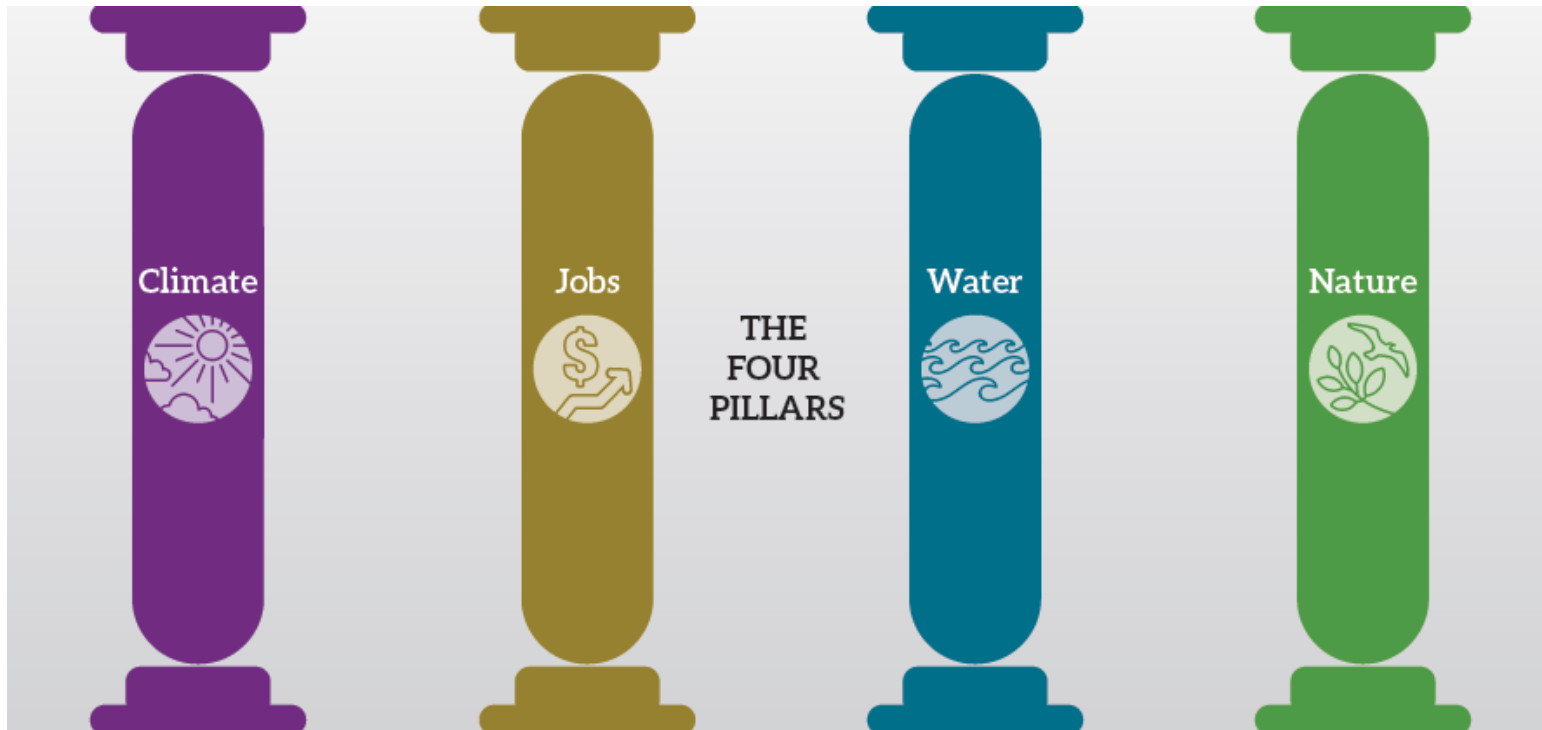
Climate and Green Plan Town Hall ToolKit

Nature Pillar





The Four Pillars





NATURE



Keystones

**Parks &
Protected
Areas**

**Wild Species &
Habitat**

**Forests &
Natural Areas**

Conservation



Parks and Protected Areas

Actions

Provincial Parks System	Expanding and improving our parks system to benefit Manitobans and attract new visitors from out of province.
Recreational Trails	Partnering with Trails Manitoba and the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) organization to develop and promote a system of recreational trails.
Protected Areas Network	Reviewing our network of protected areas to ensure an adequate level of protection for species and habitats.
Connecting with Nature	Supporting the growth of the provincial ecotourism industry, promoting hunting and outfitting, and encouraging safe hunting practices and traditions.



Parks and Protected Areas Discussion Questions

- What are your thoughts on the actions being considered to support the parks and protected areas keystone?
- What actions are you the most/least interested in? Why?
- What other actions should be considered?



Wild Species and Habitat

Actions

Wildlife Management	Undertaking effective and innovative surveys of big game species and developing comprehensive harvest co-management strategies in consultation with First Nations, Métis and licensed hunters and anglers.
Supporting Angling and Sustainable Commercial Fisheries	Ensuring that fisheries are sustainable, and working to secure certification of Manitoba's commercial fisheries.
Species at Risk	Assessing, monitoring, protecting and recovering vulnerable species.
Controlling Invasive Species	Fighting to keep new invasive species from becoming established and to keep those that are already here from spreading.



Wild Species and Habitat Discussion Questions

- What are your thoughts on the actions being considered to support the wild species and habitat keystone?
- What actions are you the most/least interested in? Why?
- What other actions should be considered?



Forests and Natural Areas

Actions

Forest Vulnerability Assessment	Identifying possible vulnerabilities of forests to climate change, and potential solutions to ensure that forests stay resilient to a changing climate.
Shelterbelts and Afforestation	Increasing the planting of trees as shelterbelts in agro-Manitoba and adjacent to major transportation corridors.
Wildfire Prevention and Preparedness	Improving deployment of firefighting equipment and personnel, increasing public awareness and developing mitigation measures to reduce the risks that fires pose to the public.
Carbon Sequestration	Increasing the amount of carbon stored in biomass, both in forested and agricultural landscapes.



Forests and Natural Areas Discussion Questions

- What are your thoughts on the actions being considered to support the forests and natural areas keystone?
- What actions are you the most/least interested in? Why?
- What other actions should be considered?



Conservation

Actions

Boreal Wetlands
Conservation Policy

Developing a new provincial policy that balances boreal wetland conservation with future economic opportunities in the forestry, mining, peatlands harvesting, and infrastructure sectors.

Best Management
Practices (BMP)

Developing BMP for sustainable resource development in Manitoba's boreal zone.

Conservation Trust

Establishing a program that would support efforts aimed at achieving the goals and objectives of the Climate and Green Plan – particularly those related to conserving nature.



Conservation Discussion Questions

- What are your thoughts on the actions being considered to support the conservation keystone?
- What actions are you the most/least interested in? Why?
- What other actions should be considered?



Keystones

- Are the four keystones the right priority areas for action under the nature pillar?
- Do you have any other suggestions?

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