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Planning and Economic Development

The Planning and Economic Development Department is responsible for managing growth and development in Durham Region. The Planning division implements policies that enhance the quality of life for the Durham Regional community by influencing its physical, social, environmental well-being. This division is responsible for the Durham Regional Official Plan- a policy framework for managing the future growth and development of the region and aims to protect the environment and encourage economic opportunities for the well-being of residents. Economic Development supports the growth of our Regional economy through marketing, providing business services to attract new investment, enabling a vibrant tourism industry, as well as providing agricultural and rural programming in the northern townships.