



Ontario ENERGY COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

For many municipalities, there is a disconnect between broader provincial planning policies and programs and local energy planning efforts, adding a layer of complexity and uncertainty to community energy planning activities. With this in mind, QUEST along with project partner the Clean Air Partnership is advancing the “Ontario Energy Community of Practice (ECOP)” initiative.

ECOP focuses on providing education and capacity building for Ontario municipalities, utilities and other local stakeholders to develop and implement community energy plans, and helping connect local, regional and provincial energy planning initiatives.

PURPOSE

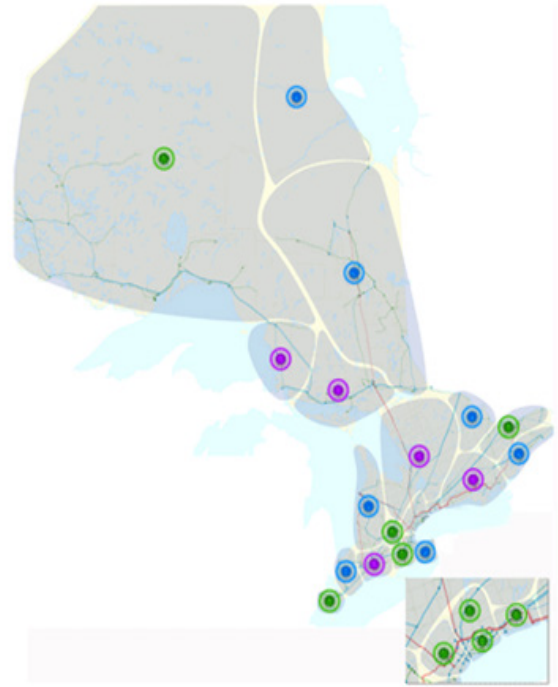
ECOP is building the capacity of Ontario municipalities to develop and implement community energy plans (CEPs) through the development of training tools, sharing of best practices and facilitation of peer-to-peer collaboration supporting the Ministry of Energy’s Municipal Energy Plan (MEP) Program

ECOP is also helping municipalities better understand how their local energy planning priorities fit within provincial policies and programs, with a focus on supporting the Independent Electricity System Operator’s (IESO) regional electricity planning program.

MODULES & RESOURCES

ECOP has seen the development of a set of resources including Training Modules and video presentations to support community energy planning activities in Ontario. They are designed to serve the needs of municipalities across Ontario and support development and implementation of Community Energy Plans (CEPs). These resources are continuously being adapted to reflect the changing needs of Ontario’s communities and of Ontario’s energy landscape.

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WORKSHOPS

Using the training modules as a framework, the ECOP workshops are designed to provide an opportunity for attendees to participate in interactive sessions based on their unique needs and local opportunities. Workshops target community energy planning stakeholders including local governments, utilities and community groups. Workshops are organized and delivered by the ECOP team and include an overview of the modules, guest presentations and facilitated discussions with local stakeholders engaged in community energy planning and regional planning activities.

PROJECT PARTNERS

The ECOP team consists of a core group of personnel that have over 25 years of collective specialized knowledge in energy management, community engagement, sustainable development, community energy planning, integrated energy system development and collaborative partner building

Project Partners



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