



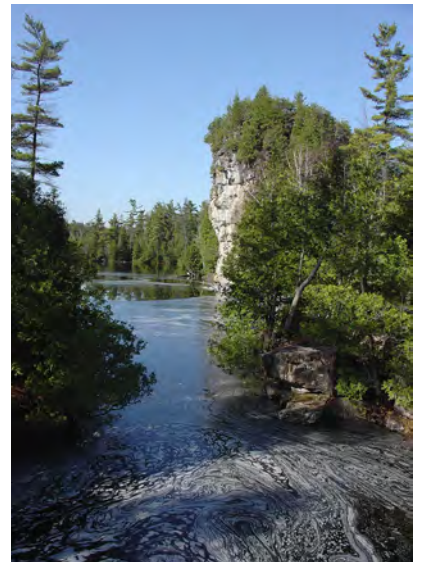
Guelph/Eramosa
Township

healthy



connected

historic



exceptional



progressive



prosperous



2012 Community Profile
G.E.T. to know why we're good for business...

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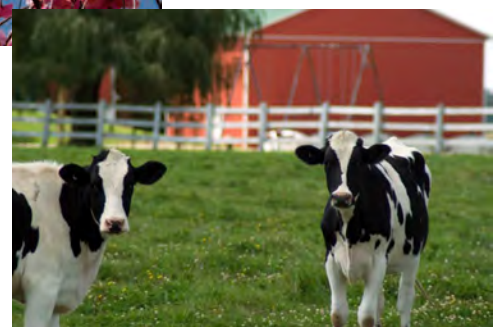
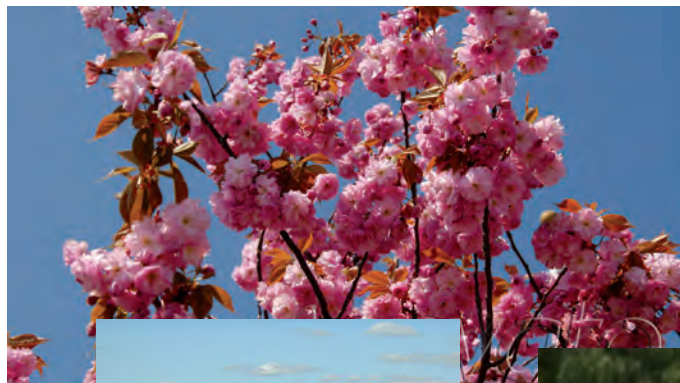
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G.E.T. INFORMED

Guelph/Eramosa is ideally located in the South end of Wellington County in the heart of Southern Ontario

We have access to over 130 million customers within a one-day drive and are located just outside Canada's "Technology Triangle".

Our largest urban centre is the historical village of Rockwood located on Highway 7, along with several other commercial, industrial and residential pockets throughout the Township.

The Township of Guelph/Eramosa is cost competitive for the business investor with commercial and industrial lands available with no municipal development charges or licensing fees*. Prime retail space is also available at competitive rates. (* County of Wellington may impose development charges)

We are rich with stunning landscapes, protected natural areas and a growing network of recreational trails and features which create a unique balance for those who live and work in the Township.

QUICK FACTS: (Source: 2006/2011 census)

- Population: **12,380** (2011)
- Wellington County Population: **86,672** (2011)
- Number of Households: **4,219** (2006)
- Average Household Income: **\$83,414** (2006)
- Available Industrial Lands: **over 500 acres priced economically**
- Township Area: **291.73 sq. km**
- Travel Time to:
 - Guelph **15 minutes**
 - Cambridge **30 minutes**
 - Kitchener/Waterloo **30 minutes**
 - Toronto **1.25 hours**
 - London **1.5 hours**
 - Hamilton **1.0 hours**
 - Owen Sound **2.0 hours**

TOWNSHIP HISTORY



Eramosa Township was established in 1784, although at this time it was not surveyed when the Mississaugas surrendered the land to the government. Eramosa Township was first surveyed in 1818 by Samuel Ryckman. This was the first time the name Eramosa had been used to describe the parcel of land.



John Harris, the first settler of Eramosa Township built a small shanty in 1821 followed by Col. Henry Strange in 1840. In the 1850's the community, originally known as Brotherstown, became known as Rockwood.

In 1825, Samuel Rife was the first settler of Guelph Township. In 1827, a group of Scottish settlers called the La Guayrians, who originally settled in Venezuela, were resettled in Guelph Township by the Canada Company.



Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries Guelph Township became a centre for agricultural excellence through rural and agricultural educational institutions.

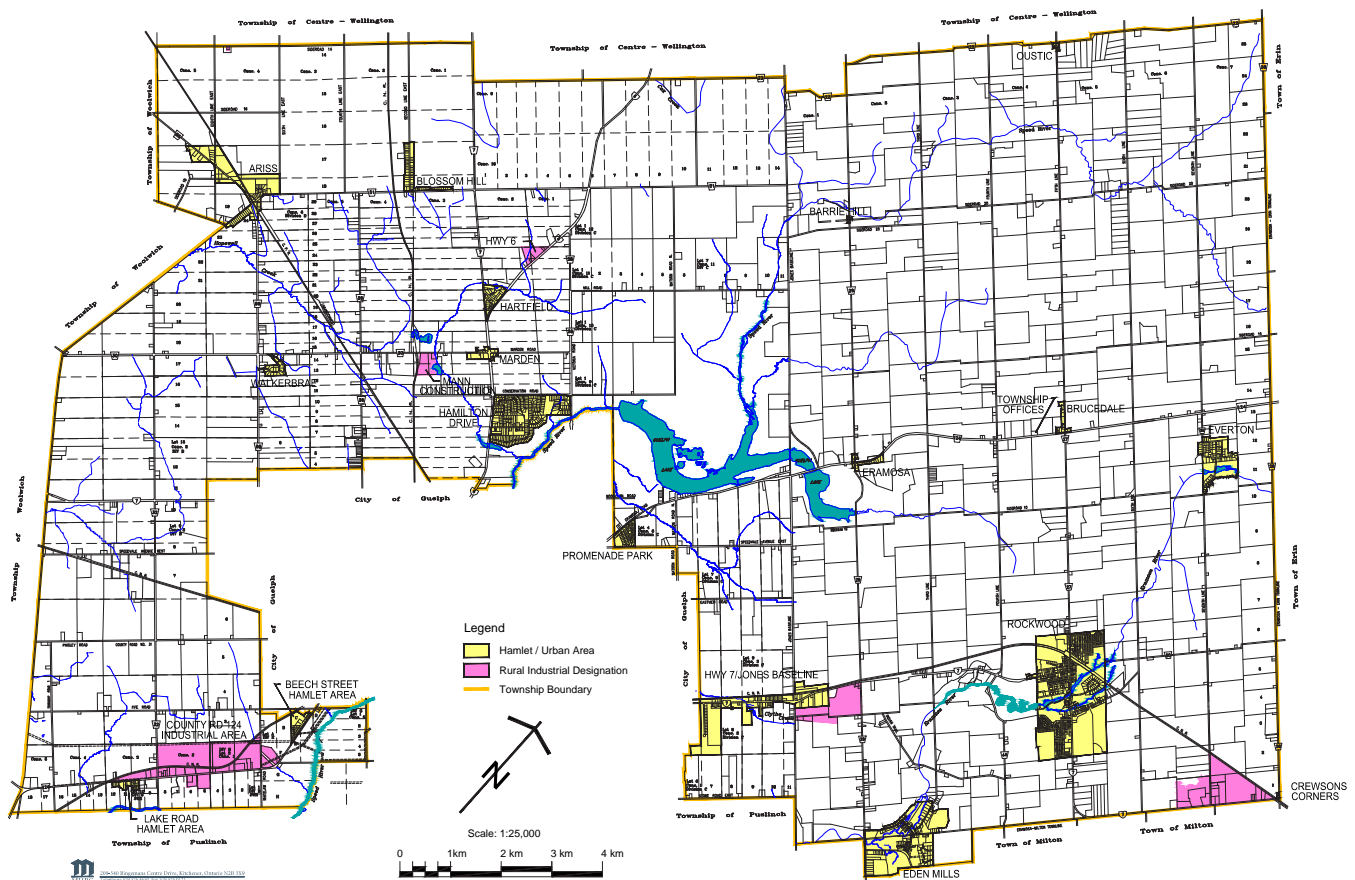
Guelph/Eramosa is an area rich in tradition and is renowned for its natural beauty and unique mix of rural and urban life.



IN 1999 The former Townships of Guelph, Eramosa and a portion of the former Pilkington and Nichol Townships successfully amalgamated to form the expansive boundary which is now the Township of Guelph/Eramosa.

DO BUSINESS HERE

Outstanding Location. Outstanding Beauty.



CENTRALLY LOCATED in the southern end of Wellington County, Guelph/Ermosa is ideally situated to serve your business needs.

Easily accessible by air, rail, water, major highways and in close proximity to key border crossings; the Township of Guelph/Ermosa provides a prime business venue with a unique rural and small urban mix and a diverse and skilled labour force ready and waiting for you.

★ **COME AND SEE** for yourself why Guelph/Ermosa is good for business...



Ask us about our streamlined development process designed to address the unique needs of businesses today.

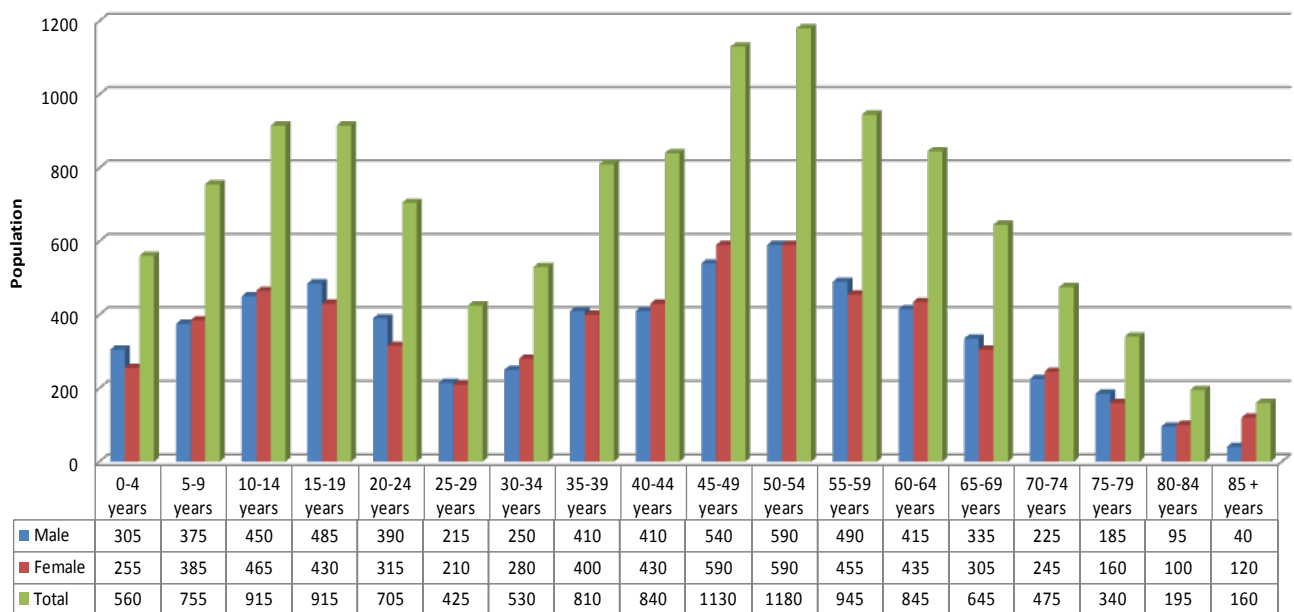
COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

POPULATION:

(Source: 2011 census)



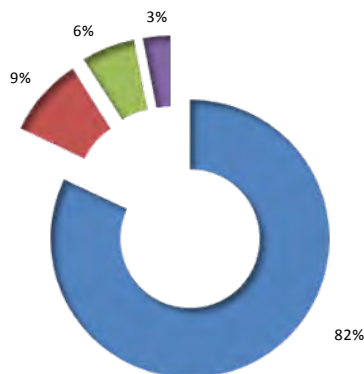
- Population: **12,380**
- Population Aged 15+: **10,150**
- Percentage of Population aged 15+: **82 %**
- Working Aged Population (15-64): **8,340**
- Percentage of Working Aged: **67 %**
- Average Median Age of Population: **43.2**
- 2006 to 2011 Population Change: **2.6 %**



FAMILY STATISTICS:

Marital Status (2006)

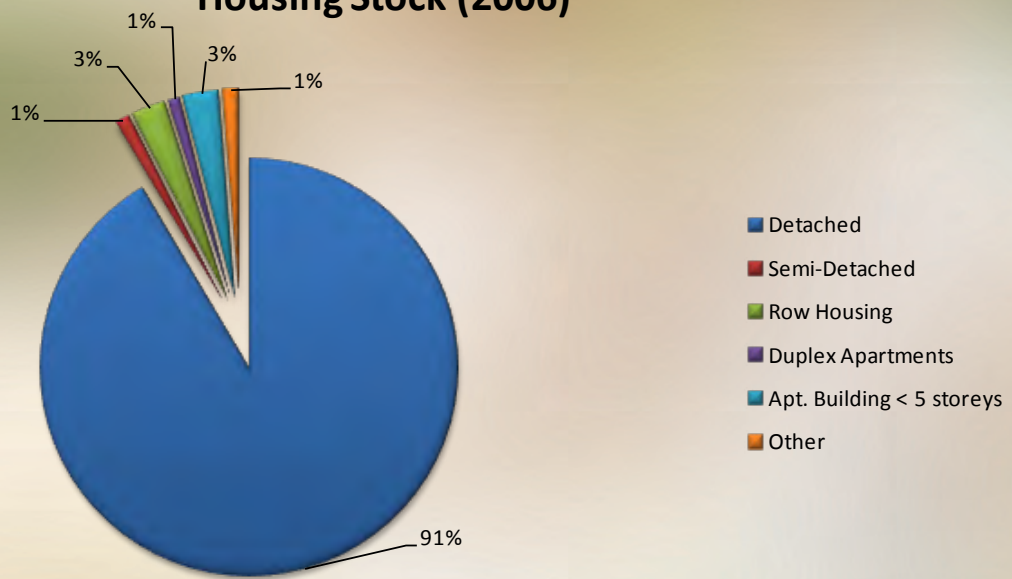
■ Married Families ■ Common-Law Families ■ Female Lone-Parent Families ■ Male Lone-Parent Families



Conventional Customs remain strong in Guelph/Eramosa with roughly 91% of the population in legally married or common law families. This statistic supports the popularity of the Township as a community of choice for growing families.

HOUSING

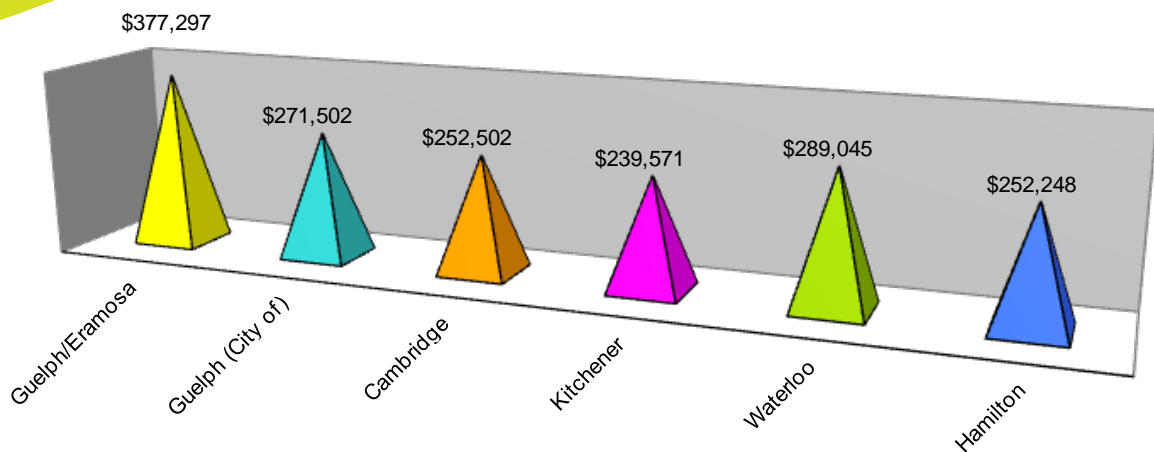
Housing Stock (2006)



★ The number of households in Guelph/Eramosa has risen nearly 13% in the last decade, from 3,705 in 2001 to 4,219 and growing in 2011. (source: 2011 census)

★ **Housing Prices** remain strong in Guelph/Eramosa with the value of owned dwellings between 39% - 57% higher than neighbouring communities.

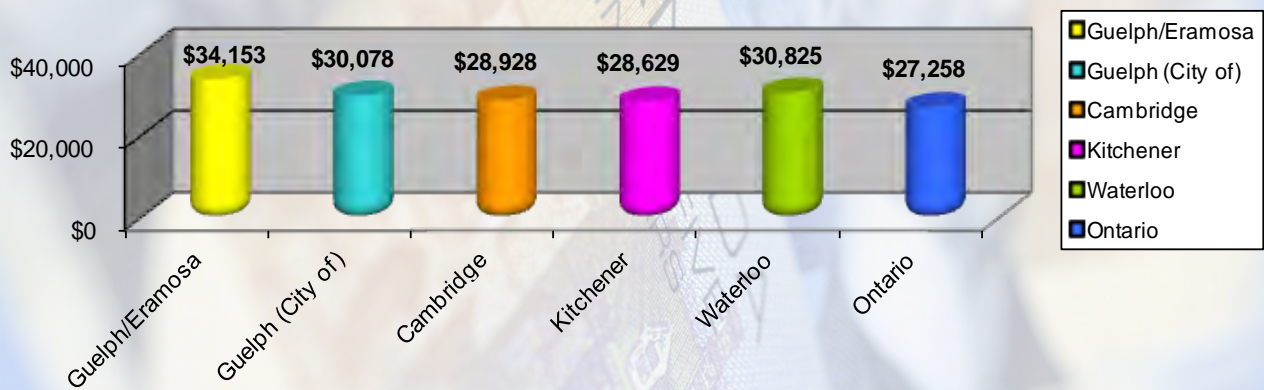
Average Price of Owned Dwellings (2006)



INCOME & EDUCATION

Median income of persons aged 15 years and older in Guelph/Eramosa is stable, and comparable to surrounding municipalities and coming just ahead of provincial totals.

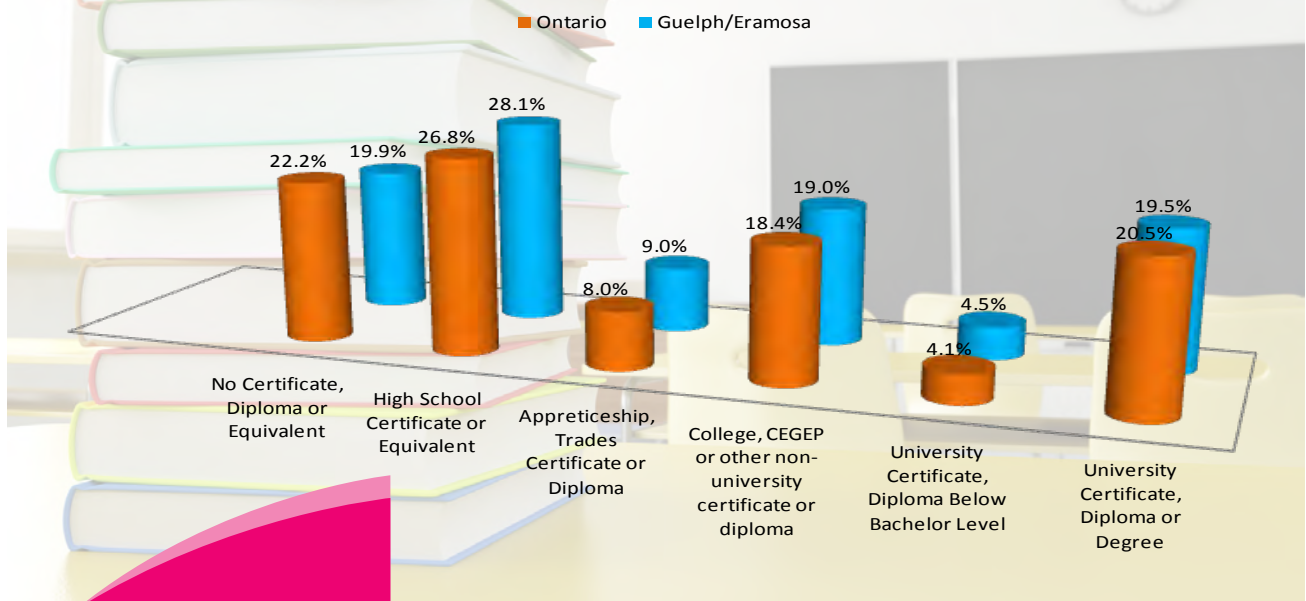
Median Income in 2005 - persons aged 15 and over
Source: Statistics Canada 2006



Guelph/Eramosa residents report a higher rate of completion for High School and College than that reported at the Provincial Level.

Competencies in business and industry are high amongst Guelph/Eramosa residents, which ensures a large pool of local talent.

Education Level Attained by % of Population (2006)



SERVICES & RESOURCES

EDUCATION

Guelph/Eramosa is directly served by two public elementary schools, with High Schools and numerous separate and Catholic schools in close proximity by bus; and is in close proximity to a number of Ontario's top post-secondary institutions.

The Township's elementary schools fall under the jurisdiction of the Upper Grand District School Board. French Immersion, Special Education and Community Involvement programs are all available within the local school Board, as are a number of educational support and assessment tools.

School bus Transportation for the Guelph/Eramosa area is serviced by Wellington-Dufferin

Student Transportation Services (www.stwdsts.ca)

For more information on the local school boards and schools, please contact:

Upper Grand District School Board

500 Victoria Road North
Guelph, ON N1E 6K2
519-822-420
www.ugdsb.on.ca

Wellington Catholic District School Board

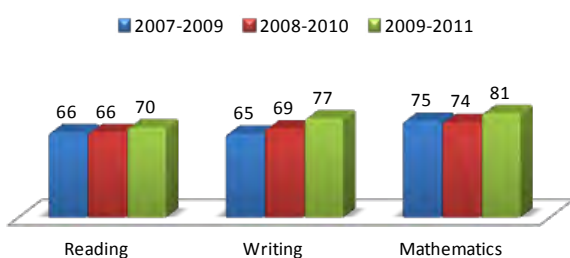
75 Woolwich Street
Guelph, ON N1H 6N6
519-821-4600
www.wellingtoncssb.edu.on.ca

LOCAL SCHOOLS EQAO Results

Source: Education Quality
and Accountability Office
(EQAO) : 2011

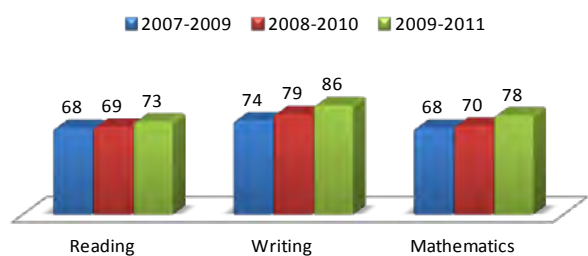
Rockwood Centennial Public School

**% of all Grade 3 Students at or above
Provincial Standards - Combined
Results**



Eramosa Public School

**% of all Grade 3 Students at or above
Provincial Standards - Combined
Results**



GOVERNMENT

Business resources at your fingertips...

We're here to help with your economic development needs!

Visit our website, www.get.on.ca, contact our staff or drop by for a visit.

We can provide answers to several of your development and investment questions surrounding:

- Planning
- Approvals for subdivision, severances, site plans etc.
- Economic Development including available land & buildings, local market information and community information.
- Building (information permits, applications)



For County Economic Development Information

Please Contact:

County of Wellington
Economic Development Officer
Jana Reichert
74 Woolwich Street
Guelph, Ontario, N1H3T9
Phone: 519.837.2600 ext. 2525
Tollfree: 1.800.663.0750
Fax: 519.837.1909
Email: janar@wellington.ca



Working together, we will provide valuable insight into business opportunities within the Township of Guelph/Eramosa and empower entrepreneurs to make informed decisions.

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Business resources at your fingertips...

Wellington-Waterloo Community Futures Development Corporation (WWCFDC) is a federally supported not-for-profit Community Futures Development Corporation, governed by volunteers in partnership with Industry Canada. The services provided by the WWCFDC exist to promote economic growth and community development of the Region of Waterloo and the County of Wellington.



The WWCFDC focuses on job creation through community strategic planning and by providing funding and advisory services to area businesses. Economic development support, business consulting and business loans are available to all businesses and residents of rural areas of the County of Wellington and the Region of Waterloo.

For more information, please contact the WWCFDC:

294 Mill St. East
Elora, Ontario
N0B 1S0
Phone: (519) 846-9839
Email: admin@wwcfdc.com
www.wwcfdc.com

Workforce Planning Board of Waterloo Wellington Dufferin

is a community directed, non-profit corporation leading Waterloo Region, Wellington and Dufferin County in their approach to workforce development and labour market planning.



Workforce Planning Board of Waterloo Wellington Dufferin

Contact the Workforce Planning Board of Waterloo Wellington Dufferin for more information:

218 Boida Ave, Unit 5
Ayr, Ontario N0B 1E0
Telephone: (519) 622-7122

www.workforceplanningboard.com

Our main role is to lead the Trends, Opportunities and Priorities (TOP) local labour market planning process. The TOP process includes research on current labour market conditions, community consultations; review and discussion of research findings; establishes priorities for labour market development and engages partners in initiating action plans that respond to priorities of mutual interest.

FINANCE

Financing Better Business....



The Business Development Bank of Canada offer flexible financing, venture capital and affordable consulting services for Canadian Businesses.

BDC works with business owners in all industries through all stages of their enterprise and helps businesses with their development needs.

The local BDC branch is located in Guelph and can be contacted at:

(Office by appointment)
120 Research Lane
Suite 100
Guelph, Ontario
N1G 0B5
Phone: 519 826-2663
www.bdc.ca

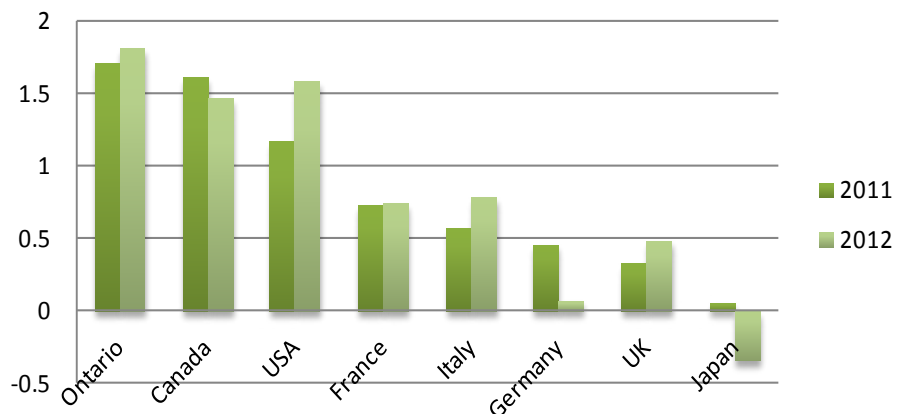


DID YOU KNOW? *(Source: Industry Canada - 2011)*

- 98% of businesses in Canada have fewer than 100 employees
- Small Businesses contribute just above 30% to Canada's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
- Of Canada's GDP, Ontario is by far the largest contributor at 40% of the Gross Domestic Product
- Ontario has an employment growth rate larger than that of Canada or any of the G-7 Countries and is projected to continue strong, highlighting Ontario's position as a desirable location for successful businesses.

In addition to financing through Community Futures and the Business Development Bank of Canada; there are several financial services located in and around Guelph/Eramosa through a variety of financial institutions including Chartered Banks, Investment Dealers, Credit Unions and Trust Companies.

Projected Employment Growth - Ontario vs. G-7 - 2011 (%)



BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Why Guelph/Eramosa hits the mark...

The Guelph/Eramosa area offers a competitive advantage in several high growth areas including manufacturing and due to its location is an ideal location for the high tech and agri-food sectors:

- Over 300 High-Tech companies operate in the Waterloo region area, and Guelph/Eramosa's central location and close proximity to the "technology triangle" make it a superb location for the high-tech and other specialized industries.
- Guelph/Eramosa surrounds the Agri-Food hub, centred on the University of Guelph and with its unique rural/urban mix is ideally situated for agri-food groups and related agencies.
- A workforce of over 350,000 strong is within a 30 minute commute of Guelph/Eramosa. This labour force is known for being highly skilled, making them valuable local assets in any industry.
- The Guelph/Eramosa area boasts a highly diversified labour market with involvement in such business sectors as technology, manufacturing, machining, construction, warehousing, trucking and the service industry.
- Our local workforce has easy access to a number of the country's top post-secondary education facilities including: the University of Guelph, University of Waterloo, Wilfred Laurier (Waterloo) and Conestoga College. These institutions accommodate 50,000 plus students collectively and are major drivers in the local workforce.

The Industrial Business Community in

Guelph/Eramosa is strong and includes several diverse employers including (to name a few...)

- Allied Freight Solutions Ltd.
- Coldpoint Holdings Ltd.
- Danby
- Gencore
- Hy-Mark Mechanical
- Monsanto
- Nature's Palette
- Pure Source
- Superior Propane
- Woodrill
- WINMAR Restorations



INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL

County Road 124 Industrial Area

- Contains over 200 acres (81 hectares) of vacant land
- Potential for rail access
- Ideal location to the west of Guelph with easy access to Highway #6 and just minutes from Highway 401 to the west.
- No municipal development charges for commercial and industrial lands



Highway #7 Industrial Corridor

- 172 acres (70 hectares) of vacant land
- Direct access to Highway # 7
- Easy access to Highway 401 via Halton Regional Road #1 (County Road #44)
- No municipal development charges for commercial and industrial lands



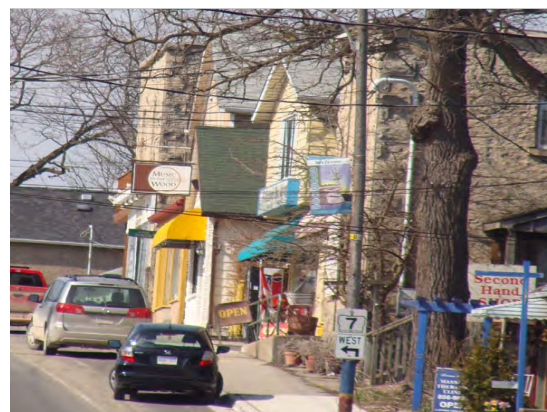
Crewsons Corners Industrial Area

- 135 acres (55 hectares) of vacant land
- Potential rail access
- Access to Highway #7
- Connection to Highway 401 via Halton Regional Road #25 to Milton
- No municipal development charges for commercial and industrial lands



Downtown Rockwood

Guelph/Eramosa's largest urban centre, Rockwood offers a unique shopping experience among historic buildings and stunning scenery. Boutique shops, restaurants and cafe's can be found here among such administrative services as a medical centre, banks and law offices. Many development opportunities exist in this unique historic village.



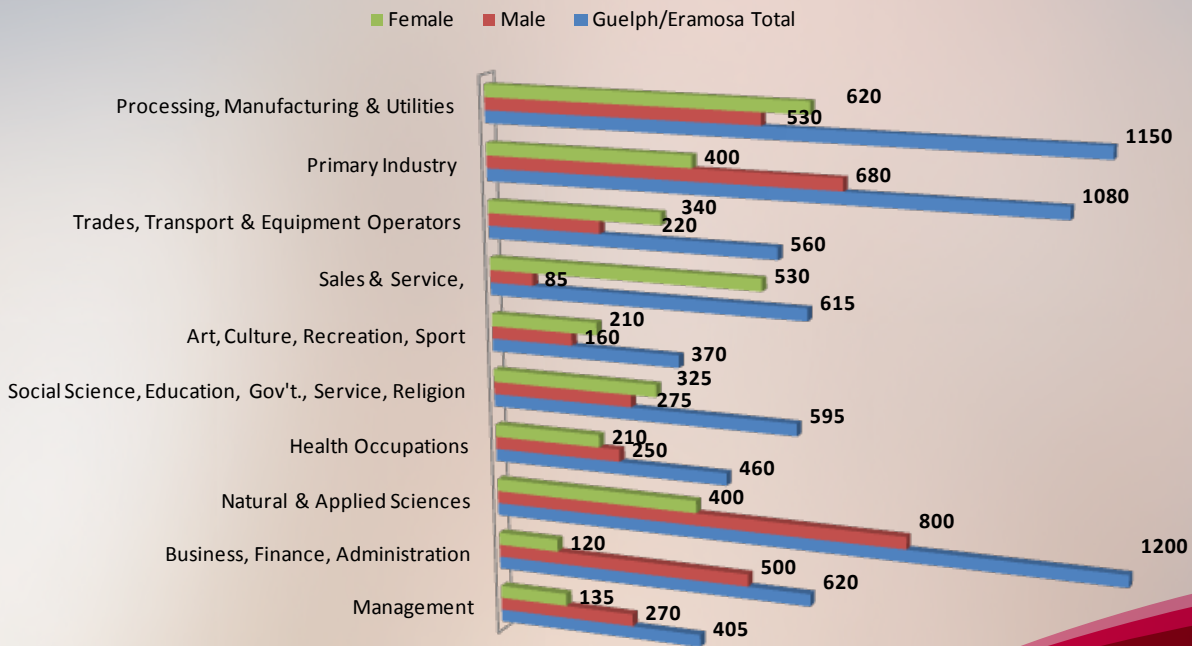
LABOUR

Diverse and Skilled Professionals on your doorstep...

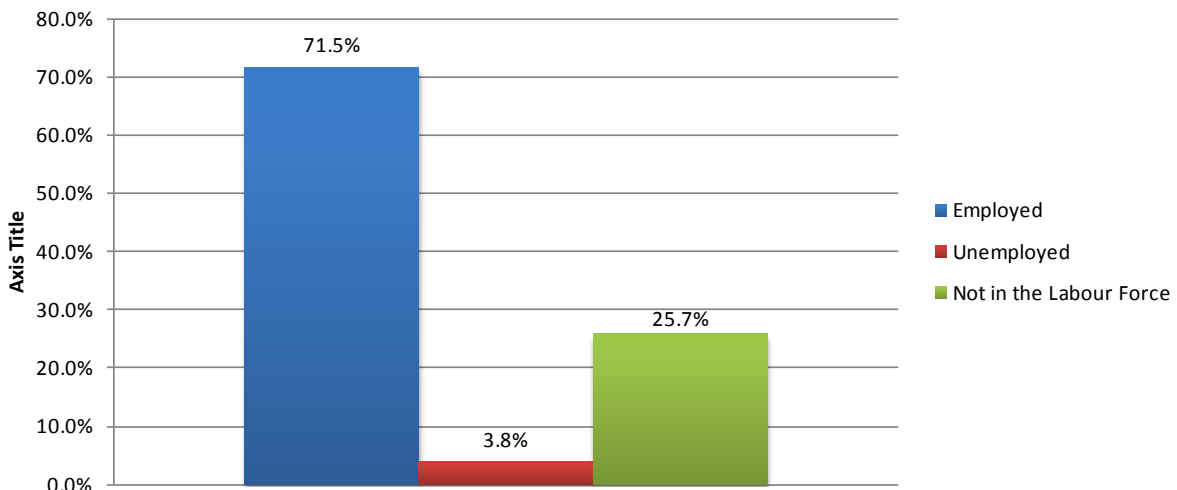
Access to a labour pool of 350,000 strong and growing within a 40 km radius of Guelph/ Eramosa provides a unique opportunity to attract and retain skilled technical and professional labour from within the local market. 17% of residents work in the manufacturing sector bringing experience and skill to this growing market.

The quality of life that Guelph/Eramosa offers, attracts job seekers from the larger surrounding urban areas and provides further opportunity for residents to live and work locally.

Occupations - 2006



Employment Characteristics - 2006



TAXES & ASSESSMENT

Quality services delivered responsibly....



Taxes are levied in all Ontario municipalities to finance the cost of municipal services and education. The Provincial Government sets education rates and governs how properties are assessed through assessments conducted by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).

Municipal Property Taxes are collected in Guelph/Eramosa for the Municipality, County of Wellington and the local school boards (Province of Ontario.) Each level of government is responsible for setting their own tax rates.

The Township of Guelph/Eramosa provides the following services to local residents through the collection of the municipal portion of these taxes:

- **Emergency & Protective Services** (fire protection services, police, by-law enforcement, animal control)
- **Public Works** (road maintenance, culverts, ditching, crossing guards, water/wastewater management)
- **Recreational & Cultural Services** (parks & playgrounds, community centres, trails, recreation facilities)
- **Development Services** (planning [in conjunction with County], economic development, building services)
- **Municipal Government Administration**

2012 tax rates by Property Class

Assessment Class:		General	Upper Tier	Education	Total
Res/Farm Taxable: Full	RT	0.00252956	0.00662764	0.00221	0.0113672
Multi-Residential Taxable: Full	MT	0.00505911	0.01325528	0.00221	0.02052439
Commercial- Full	CT	0.00346841	0.00908751	0.01068665	0.02324257
Commercial- Excess Land	CU	0.00242789	0.00636126	0.00748066	0.01626981
Commercial- Vacant Land	CX	0.00242789	0.00636126	0.00748066	0.01626981
Commercial P-I-L - Vacant	CJ	0.00242789	0.00636126	0.00748066	0.01626981
New Construction Commercial	XT	0.00346841	0.00908751	0.01068665	0.02324257
New Construction Vacant Land	XU	0.00242789	0.00636126	0.00748066	0.01626981
Industrial - Full	IT	0.00618224	0.01619795	0.0159	0.03828019
Industrial-Excess land	IU	0.00401845	0.01052867	0.010335	0.02488212
Industrial - Vacant Land	IX	0.00401845	0.01052867	0.010335	0.02488212
Industrial P-I-L - Full	IH	0.00618224	0.01619795	0.0159	0.03828019
Large Industrial	LT	0.00618224	0.01619795	0.0159	0.03828019
Large industrial excess land	LU	0.00401845	0.01052867	0.010335	0.02488212
New Construction Industrial Full	JT	0.00618224	0.01619795	0.0126	0.03498019
New Construction Industrial V	JU	0.00401845	0.01052867	0.00819	0.02273712
New Construction Large Ind	KT	0.00618224	0.01619795	0.0126	0.03498019
New Construction Large Ind V	KU	0.00401845	0.01052867	0.00819	0.02273712
Farmlands Taxable: Full	FT	0.00063239	0.00165691	0.0005525	0.0028418
Pipeline Taxable: Full	PT	0.00534674	0.01400888	0.0159	0.03525562
Managed Forests Taxable: Full	TT	0.00063239	0.00165691	0.0005525	0.0028418

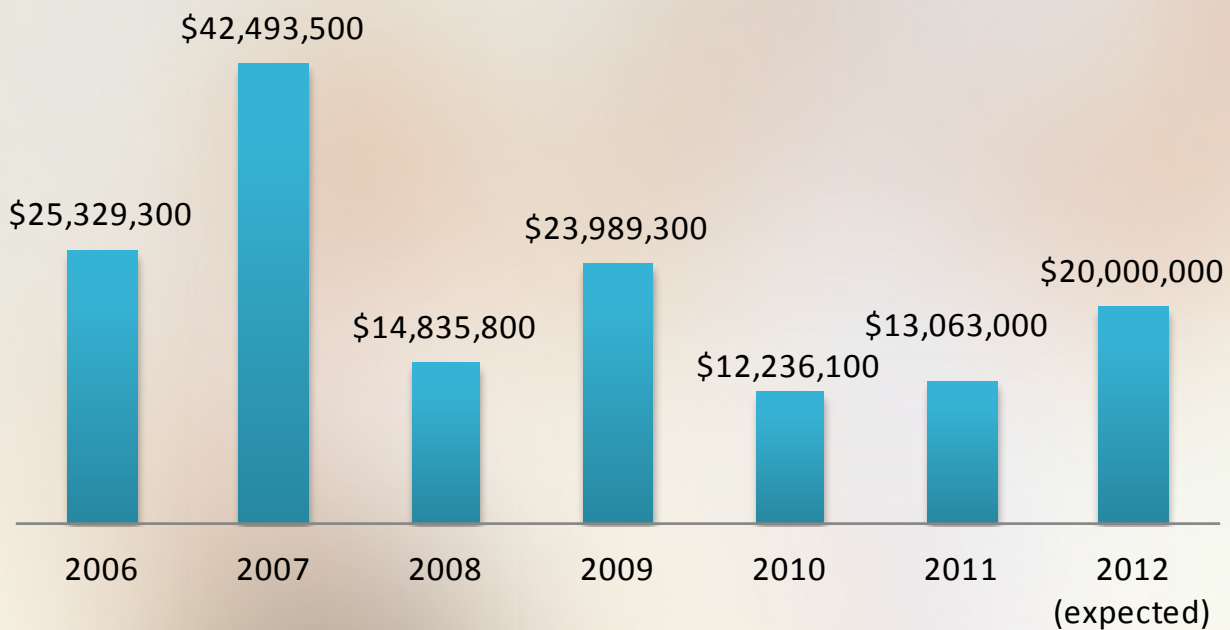
ECONOMIC GROWTH

Stable growth for a prosperous community...

Indicators of Economic Growth remain strong in Guelph/Eramosa, building permit values showing steady growth, indicating the good long term prospects for further development.

Total value of building permits for construction in 2012 is expected to hit \$20 million dollars with an even larger number predicted for 2013.

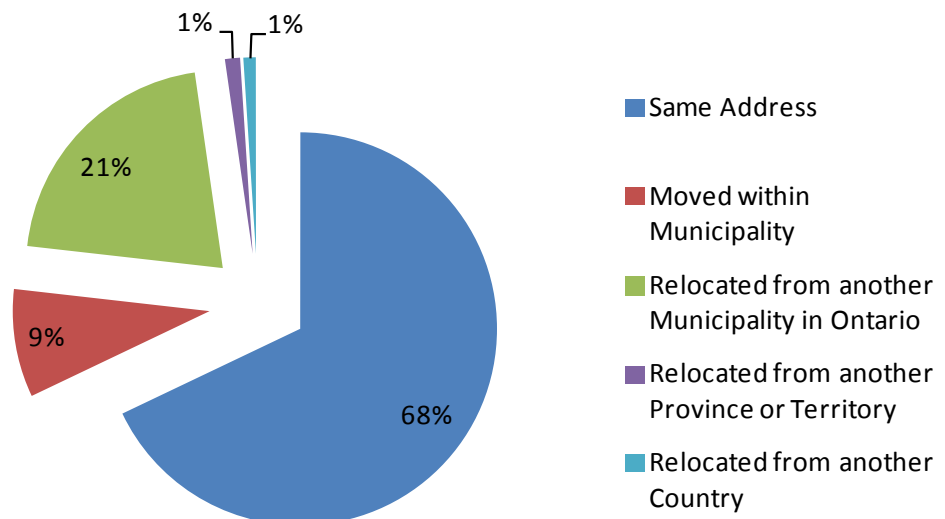
Total Building Permit Value



Relocation Statistics - Guelph/Eramosa (2001-2006)

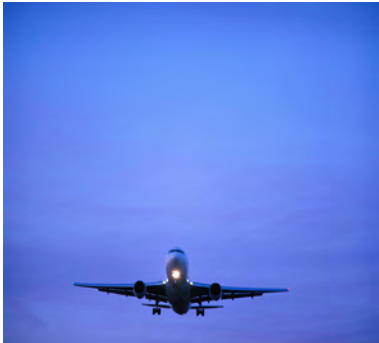
32% of the Guelph/Eramosa population aged 5 years of age and older relocated to the municipality in the five-year period between 2001 and 2006.

A healthy 21% of residents relocated to the Township from another municipality within Ontario.



INFRASTRUCTURE

HIGHWAYS & ROADS



COMMERCIAL BORDER CROSSINGS:

To the South-West:

Queenston-Lewiston
- 120 km, 1.5 hrs

Niagara Falls
- 123 km, 1.5 hrs

Buffalo-Fort Erie
- 148 km, 2.0 hrs

To the West:

Sarnia-Port Huron
- 231 km, 2.5 hrs

Windsor-Detroit
- 310 km, 4.0 hrs

To the East:

Lansdowne - Alexandria
377 km, 4.5 hrs

Highway 401, a four-lane, controlled access highway provides access to large markets to the east, west and south of the Guelph/Eramosa area and is the main thoroughfare for other major roadways in the area (Highways 403, QEW Expressway, Highway 402). Easy access to the 401 is located 13 short kilometers from the County Road 124 Industrial area, and within 20 kilometers of the Highway 7 and Crewsons Corners industrial areas respectively.

RAIL

Canadian National and Canadian Pacific rail mainlines are easily accessible from Guelph/Eramosa, with major inter modal and distribution terminus facilities within a one-hour drive or less. Canadian Pacific has several facilities located in Guelph, with the major inter modal facilities for CN located within easy reach in Brampton and Mississauga, ON.

AIR

Canada's largest airport, Pearson International is located within a one-hour drive from Guelph/Eramosa and provides cargo flights to numerous North American and International destinations.

Guelph/Eramosa is also conveniently located within a short distance from airports in Hamilton (John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport), Waterloo (Region of Waterloo International Airport) and London (London International Airport)

The Guelph Aerodrome (known locally as the Guelph Airport) is located within the Township of Guelph/Eramosa and offers two runways. The Aerodrome is under new management and is undergoing improvements in 2012.

PASSENGER

Daily commuter train service is available in the neighbouring City of Guelph. VIA Rail and Go Service trains run regularly, providing easy access to major cities, including Toronto.

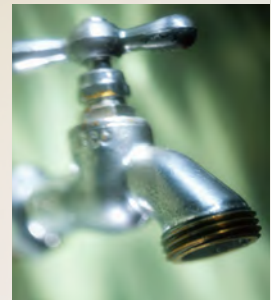
Travel Time to Major Centres (Hours)			
City	Drive	Rail	Air
Toronto	1.0	1.0	N/A
Ottawa	6.0	7.0	1.0 (YKF)
New York	9.0	14.5	1.5 (YYZ)
Chicago	8.5	N/A	1.5 (YKF)
London	1.5	2.0	N/A
Hamilton	1.0	2.0	N/A

WATER/WASTEWATER SERVICES

The Township of Guelph/Eramosa operates two separate Water Distribution Systems.

One is located in Rockwood, which has 2 pump houses (Parkinson Dr. & Station St.) and a standpipe with a booster station on Hampson Cres. The other is located in the Hamilton Drive Subdivision, which also has 2 pump houses (Cross Creek Blvd. & Wellington Rd. 38) and a standpipe also on Wellington Rd. 38.

The Wastewater System in Rockwood consists of 4 Lift Stations (Valley Rd., MacLennan St., Ridge Rd. & Lou's Blvd.) and 1 Transfer Station on Alma St. We perform Daily Checks and Weekly Bacterial Checks on both water systems. The Water/Wastewater Department also performs the biweekly checks and inspections on 5 other small Municipal non-residential systems within the Township. All test results are available at the Municipal office for viewing. You can also find the Annual Water Reports for both Rockwood and Hamilton Drive on our Website.



The Water/Wastewater rates in the Township of Guelph/Eramosa are:

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
ROCKWOOD						
Total Water Rate (m ³)	\$ 1.63	\$ 1.77	\$ 1.82	\$ 1.87	\$ 1.91	\$ 1.96
Monthly Water Base Rate	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.20
Total Wastewater Rate (m ³)	\$ 1.72	\$ 2.04	\$ 2.36	\$ 2.64	\$ 2.86	\$ 3.07
Monthly Wastewater Base Rate	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.20
HAMILTON DRIVE						
Total Water Rate (m ³)	\$ 1.67	\$ 1.93	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.37	\$ 2.55	\$ 2.73
Monthly Water Base Rate	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.20
GAZER-MOONEY						
Total Annual Lifecycle Flat Rate	\$ 191.95	\$ 205.38	\$ 219.76	\$ 235.14	\$ 251.60	\$ 269.22

Utilities

Guelph/Eramosa is serviced by two hydro-electric service providers: Guelph Hydro and Hydro One. Detailed information on rates and services can be found on their websites:
www.hydroonenetworks.com
www2.guelphhydro.com

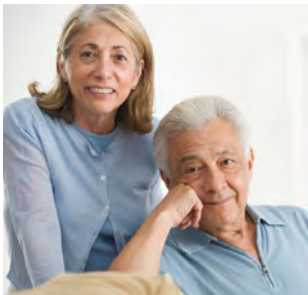
Natural Gas service in the area is offered by Union Gas. Detailed information on rates and services can be found on their website:

www.uniongas.com

LIFESTYLE & LEISURE

HOUSING

Guelph/Eramosa has a robust real-estate market and offers living options in a variety of settings. Whether hamlet-style living, village ambience or rural oasis, Guelph/Eramosa has it all. The average purchase price for a home in 2006 was approximately \$377,297. New homes in small-urban settings can be found among a variety of offerings including, detached, town home and retirement living options. Apartments and condominiums, as well as seniors' housing are available in many price ranges and style-options to meet the changing needs of families.



Health & Community RESOURCES

Guelph/Eramosa has access to top-notch medical care within the Township and surrounding areas with easy access to external resources and emergency care.

Many local Health care resources are available within the community including, pharmacies, physical and massage therapists, dental care and a variety of other health care practitioners.



The Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Unit offers a variety of business and workplace resources and is an essential local community health resource.

Medical Facilities

East Wellington Family Health Team

Rockwood - 519-856-4611
www.ewfht.ca

Guelph General Hospital

Guelph - 519-822-5350
www.gghorg.ca

Groves Memorial Community Hospital

Fergus - 519-843-2010
www.gmch.ca

McMaster Childrens Hospital/ Hamilton Health Sciences/McMaster Hospital

Hamilton - 905-521-2100
www.mcmasterchildrenshospital.ca
www.hamiltonhealthsciences.ca

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Unit

Fergus - 519-846-2715
www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca

HEALTH & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Several other health resources exist in our community which offer a broad range of community care services. Listed below are several resources that are accessible through the County of Wellington Social Services:

Ontario Works - Wellington County Social Services is responsible for the delivery of the Ontario Works program for all residents in the County of Wellington and the City of Guelph. The Ontario Works Act and Regulation, proclaimed in June of 1998, governs the program through provincial directives. More information can be found at www.wellington.ca/social.aspx?id=11

Childcare Services - Childcare services strives to provide accessible, high quality child care in Guelph and Wellington delivered by highly skilled and valued professionals. While maintaining the integrity of the child care voice, Childcare Services supports children and families through coordinated and effective service and resource planning. www.wellington.ca/social.aspx?id=13

Settlement Services - helps newcomers gain access to community services to meet their immediate needs. www.wellington.ca/social.aspx?id=34

Housing - Provides information and applications for affordable housing. www.wellington.ca/social.aspx?id=10

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Additional resources can be found in a variety of locations throughout the local area, such as:

Family & Children's Services of Guelph and Wellington County - Committed to protecting children and supporting families in the Guelph/Wellington area. www.fcsgw.org 1-800-265-8300

East Wellington Community Services (EWCS) - Promotes the availability of accessible community and health services through direct program and service delivery, partnerships with other organizations, and focused advocacy. www.eastwellingtoncommunityservices.com 519-856-2113

Guelph Wellington Women in Crisis - is a community-based organization providing services to women and their children for woman abuse and sexual violence. www.gwwomenincrisis.org 1-800-265-SAFE (7233) or 519-836-5710

FAITH

The Township of Guelph/Eramosa has several places of worship serving many different denominations, each deeply rooted in the local community.

ANGLICAN

St. John Anglican Church - 519-856-4160 - 112 Guelph Street, Rockwood



CANADIAN REFORMED

Emmanuel Canadian Reformed Church - 519-829-3976

8307 Highway 7 East, RR 2 Guelph



NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN

Elora Road Christian Fellowship - 519-821-0424

5696 Wellington Road 7, Guelph www.ercf.ca

Everton Community Church - 519-856-1185 - 379 Evert Street, Everton

Grace Community Church - 519-837-1457

7427 Wellington Road 30, Guelph www.gracecommunity.ca

Lakeside Church - 519-836-8141 - 7654 Conservation Road, Guelph/Eramosa

www.lakesidechurch.ca

Parkwood Gardens Community Church - 519-836-0180

501 Whitelaw Road, Guelph www.parkwoodgardens.ca



PRESBYTERIAN

Eden Mills Presbyterian Church - 519-856-2452

136 Barden Street, Eden Mills www.empc.ca

Rockwood Presbyterian Church - 519-856-2483

255 Main Street South, Rockwood www.rockwoodpresbyterianchurch.ca



ROMAN CATHOLIC

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church - 519-856-4711

238 Main Street North, Rockwood www.sacredheartparishrockwood.ca



UNITED

Barrie Hill United Church - 519-763-0299

5702 Wellington Road 29, RR5, Rockwood www.barriehillunitedchurch.com

Rockwood United Church - 519-856-4160

119 Harris Street, Rockwood www.rockwoodunitedchurch.ca

Stone United Church - 519-856-4160

5370 Fourth Line, Rockwood www.rockwoodunitedchurch.ca/stone



PARKS & TRAILS

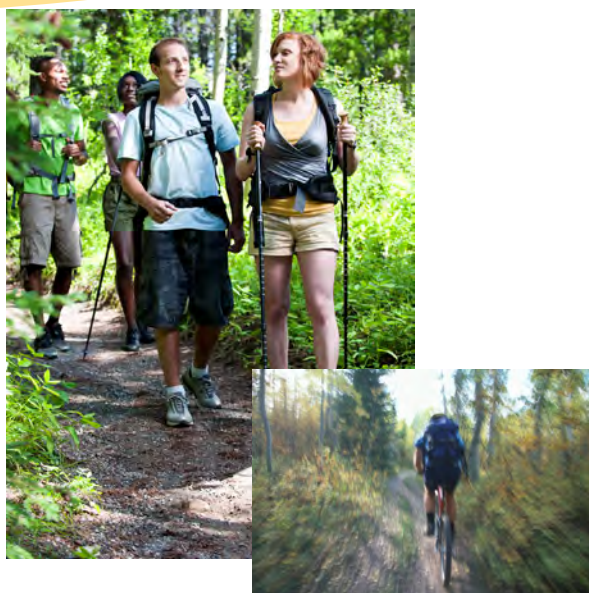
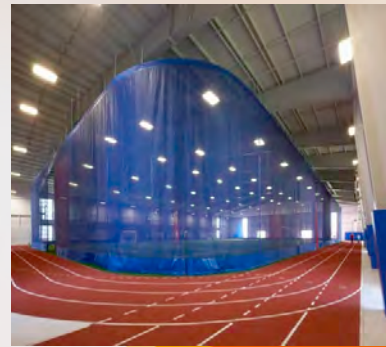
Active living...Natural Beauty

In addition to being a large rural community, the Township of Guelph/Eramosa is composed of the communities of Ariss, Walkerbrae, Blossom Hill, Hartfield Marden, Eramosa, Brucedale, Everton, Rockwood and Eden Mills.

Guelph/Eramosa is a progressive township with a growing population. Our community is fortunate to have a unique balance of rural and urban life. The Township boasts two conservation areas, golf courses, horse ranches, parks, walking trails, camps, community centres and a state of the art recreation facility with indoor and outdoor sports fields and walking/running track.

The Township's park system and local conservation areas offer abundant opportunities for people of all ages and mobility to get active within their community. The Township maintains over 116 acres of parkland and green spaces throughout the municipality within several stunning locales which borrow from the outstanding natural landscape, providing the ideal place to relax, picnic, fish, play, hike or bike.

As a compliment to the parks system, Guelph/Eramosa boasts 5 ball diamonds, 4 soccer pitches, 5 outdoor rinks, a splash pad and the exciting Royal Distributing Athletic Performance Centre, opened in 2010 which houses a multi-purpose indoor playing field and 4-lane rubberized running/walking track.



A **robust trail system** also exists in Guelph/Eramosa with over 41 km of trailway with many connecting to larger trail networks in the surrounding communities, including the Trans-Canada Trail.

The trails located within the Township cater to all experience levels from the casual walker to the experienced explorer, and are ideal for a variety of interests from bird-watching to mountain biking and winter uses such as snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

From Easy to Difficult, trailways are classified in three levels and trail guides may be picked-up at the municipal office, or online at:

www.get.on.ca



UNIQUE RECREATION

Features you can only G.E.T. here!

Guelph/Eramosa's unique geographical landscape offers opportunities for a variety of distinctive activities throughout the year.

Hiking, Camping, Fishing Cycling and boating activities abound in the Township with a wide variety of organized sporting leagues for all ages including tennis, baseball, football, soccer and ultimate Frisbee.



Guelph/Eramosa is lucky to have two Canadian Heritage Rivers run through the Township. The Speed and Eramosa Rivers are both part of the Grand River watershed and provide outstanding natural beauty as well as several opportunities for recreational enjoyment.

The two Grand River Conservation Areas within the Township, Rockwood and Guelph Lake offer pristine natural surroundings and boast first-rate camping, swimming, boating, hiking and other outdoor activities. Rockwood conservation area houses the historic Harris Woolen Mill ruins and several caves, while the Guelph Lake Conservation area is home to the Guelph sailing club and the long running Hillside Music Festival each summer.



Golfing is a popular summer activity in Guelph/Eramosa with two prime golf courses located within the Township, several equestrian facilities and children's camps exist to serve local residents and tourists alike.

Limestone cliffs, caves and glacial potholes, including one of the world's largest, are a few of the natural wonders at the Rockwood Conservation Area. With rich history and unique features located throughout the Township of Guelph/Eramosa, it truly is an ideal place to live, work...and play!



CULTURE & HERITAGE

Preservation of the Past, Protection for the Future

Whether offering a hint at days gone by or immersing you in rich history, Guelph/Eramosa endeavours to protect and preserve the municipality's history, recognizing both the unique roots found in rural communities and marking the distinctive events that have shaped the communities which now form a united Guelph/Eramosa.

There are 9 properties within the municipality that have been designated under the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA) as architecturally or historically significant. A listing of all designated properties along is available from the Municipal office.

Guelph/Eramosa also has a Heritage Pride Plaquing program which showcases architectural and historic features of properties within the Township, but is not an official designation.



Guelph/Eramosa has a very active Heritage Committee which advises on matters relating to the conservation of properties of historical value within the Township.

www.get.on.ca/heritage.aspx

- Review and research worthy properties to be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act and make such recommendations to Council
- Consult with and advise property owners relative to designation or conservation projects as well as consulting with property owners regarding projects which may relate to the architectural, landscape, streetscape and neighbourhood character of the Township.
- Provide information to the public and encourage community organizations to undertake projects related to heritage preservation
- Develop a program for the adequate identification of significant and designated properties and districts, and where possible, to coordinate similar projects with external partners or agencies.

The Heritage Committee's mandate is to:

TOURISM

ATTRACTIONS & DAYTRIPS



NATURE

Marden Park: With 63 acres to explore, come and experience Guelph/Eramosa's largest park

Grand River Conservation Authority: Several conservation areas within a 15 minute drive. www.grandriver.ca

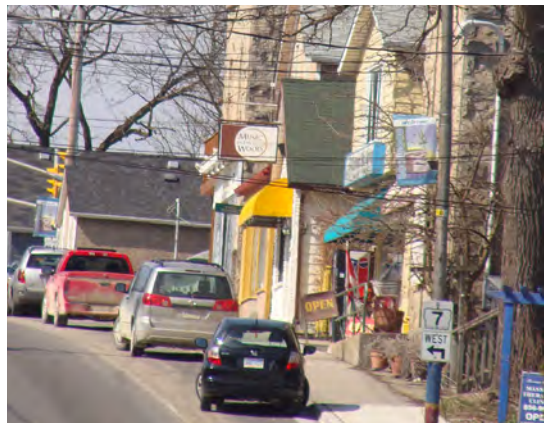
MUSEUMS

Wellington County Museum and Archives: A National Historic Site.

The Museum tells the stories of the people and places of Wellington County through Exhibits displayed in nine galleries.

The Archives features a spacious public reading room with microfilm reader/printers, public computers and free Wi-Fi, and free access to Ancestry.ca --everything for the family historian or local history researcher.

McCrae House: Birthplace of Lt. Col. John McCrae - a National Historic Site and museum. 108 Water St. Guelph 519-836-1482



CULTURE

In a Heartbeat Gallery: Nestled in the historic village of Eden Mills www.inaheartbeat.cc

Eden Mills Historic Walking Tour: Self-guided tour of 37 noteworthy locations in Eden Mills. www.get.on.ca

Rockwood Historic Walking Tour: Self-guided tour of 22 noteworthy locations in the village of Rockwood. www.get.on.ca

For more artist's studio's and local craftspeople visit: www.fasm.ca

LOCAL EVENTS

Top notch events for the whole family...

Wellington County remains a premier destination in Ontario with several unique events defined by the unique culture and history within the County's seven member municipalities.

For information on all the County has to offer, visit:

www.wellingtonfestivals.ca

GUELPH/ERAMOSA EVENTS:

Lions Club Spring Fair

A community weekend, with events and fun for all ages. [519-856-4566](tel:519-856-4566)

Rockwood Pioneer Day

Celebrate Rockwood's Rich Pioneer History at Lloyd Dyer Park! A Full day of events and activities to delight and entertain children and adults of all ages. [519-856-9819](tel:519-856-9819)

Hillside Music Festival

One of Canada's best loved music festivals! A three-day event featuring a diverse blend of musical genres in a relaxed festival environment. www.hillsidefestival.ca

Subaru Triathlon Series - Guelph Lake

Athletes of all abilities, from first timers to elite athletes will participate at a race venue selected to highlight the natural beauty of the area. www.trisportcanada.com/guelph1.php

Eden Mills Writers Festival

A nationally acclaimed and widely respected literary event which takes place in three beautiful open-air sites on the banks of the Eramosa river. www.edenmillswritersfestival.ca

Rockwood Parade of Lights

Bundle up and enjoy a special night with family and friends, guaranteed to bring a smile to your face. www.rockwoodfarmersparade.org

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