

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and Environment Canada co-hosted the first national workshop on urban sustainability indicators in June 1995. The results will contribute to urban sustainability reporting for the Habitat II Conference in 1996.

Health Canada is cooperating with federal and provincial partners in Ontario and Quebec to develop seven indicators of human exposure, health impacts, and perception related to environmental quality in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence basins.

The Research Subcommittee of the Interdepartmental Committee on Rural and Remote Canada has identified a set of rural indicators for Canada. Results of this work are published in "Rural Canada: A Profile".

The State of the Environment Reporting Task Group of the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment has identified a core set of environmental indicators focused on hazardous waste, contaminated sites, solid waste management, air issues, and water use efficiency. Efforts to refine indicator definitions and methodologies for six provincial jurisdictions are under way.

The government of British Columbia is developing a set of approximately twenty-five environmental benchmarks and indicators to assess conditions and trends in the environment and measure progress toward provincial environmental goals.

Environment Canada and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency used indicators in their report "State of the Great Lakes—1995" to show the degree of progress in the health of that ecosystem.

The International Institute for Sustainable Development has published a compendium of experts, initiatives, and publications entitled "Performance Measurement for Sustainable Development".

The National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy has produced "Pathways to Sustainability: Measuring our Progress", which documents a colloquium on sustainable development reporting including indicators and the needs of decision makers.