

Greening the Hill commenced at a time of economic stability, driven by a heightened environmental awareness of Canadians. It has clearly achieved a positive environmental result, though challenges remain. In the 1990s, economic concerns rival environmental considerations. Greening the Hill is meeting these new challenges as well: it has demonstrated that good environmental management makes good business sense.

Figure 1a: Summary Costs and Savings for Energy Efficient Initiatives

| Initiative | Estimated Cost (\$ million) | Estimated Savings (\$ million) | Net Savings (\$ million) |
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| Energy Audit Conversions in Centre East and West Block | 10.0 | 15.0 | 5.0 |
| Water Audit Conversions in Centre East and West Block | 1.0 | 1.5 | 0.5 |
| Lighting Conversions in Centre East and West Block | 2.0 | 3.0 | 1.0 |
| Other Energy Efficient Initiatives | 5.0 | 7.5 | 2.5 |
| Total Costs and Savings | 18.0 | 37.0 | 19.0 |

* Projected costs and savings to be borne by FWC

Other future initiatives being explored include a change in the paper size and point size of several House of Commons publications. Changing the paper size to a standard 8 1/2 by 11 inch sheet and slightly decreasing the print size will result in considerable paper and cost savings. Projected savings for the next fiscal year from this conversion amount to \$250,000. As well, it will reduce paper demand by 30 million sheets (approximately 30 metric tonnes of paper).

As the program's third year closes, Greening the Hill is now solidly entrenched in the House. Overall, it has proven to be a catalyst for positive change and will build on these achievements. The House of Commons can and should serve as a role model for other Canadian organizations. Parliament has ten provincial and two territorial counterparts, and there are more than 4,000 municipal governments to say nothing of private sector enterprises which would benefit greatly from the House's experience.