

Erin Mills, the largest private new town venture in Canada (situated in Mississauga, Ontario) will house 175,000 people. It is composed of a series of neighbourhoods knitted into communities with many open spaces, tough architectural controls, and ongoing covenants

Currently, experiments are being carried out to modify building materials, construction methods and interior climate controls that deplete many natural resources and pollute the atmosphere. Until certain gaps in our knowledge have been filled, it is no easy matter to formulate cost comparisons between the traditional approach versus the new conservation-minded approach either for individual buildings or for completely new towns. But indications of disaster are so clear that research and action must continue.

In their struggle to subdue the land, Canadians have achieved material success and built a modern society. All this has happened in a relatively short period of time. But this development has endangered Canada's rich heritage. Canadians are now seeking a flexible framework so that they may live in harmony with the land (as their ancestors did) and yet enjoy the benefits of a modern technological society.