

## A little bit of background on this survey

<b>What is this survey all about?</b>	<p>This <a href="#">survey</a> is one of the community outreach activities associated with a study the <a href="#">Halton Environmental Network</a> (HEN) is conducting.</p> <p>HEN is a local non-profit exploring how we can help Halton homeowners make their homes more energy efficient.</p> <p>Many homes in Halton can be made more energy efficient through simple investments, renovations and home upgrades. HEN would like to know more about what homeowners have done or would consider doing in their homes.</p> <p>The survey is confidential, but we'll also share statistics back with the community. It will remain open until February 14, 2021.</p>
<b>Who are you trying to reach?</b>	<p>The intended audience for the survey is homeowners in Halton, including the Towns of Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville and the City of Burlington.</p>
<b>How will this information be used?</b>	<p>We'll use this information to help us decide how we can help encourage energy efficiency in the future. The information will feed into a study to explore the feasibility of a social purpose organization (whose mission supports profit <i>and</i> community benefits) to support home energy upgrades (also known as deep energy retrofits.)</p>
<b>Who else is involved?</b>	<p>In addition to reaching out to local homeowners, HEN is conducting interviews with municipalities, electricity and gas companies, private companies that make, sell and install products and services for homes in Halton, and representatives from communities across Canada that are also studying home energy upgrades.</p>
<b>How is this funded?</b>	<p>Funding has been provided by the federal <a href="#">Investment Readiness Program (IRP)</a> via the <a href="#">Oakville Community Foundation</a>.</p>
<b>Why is HEN looking at this?</b>	<p>We are in a climate crisis. We know that in Halton, to achieve our greenhouse gas mitigation targets, we need to upgrade (or retrofit) over 80% of our existing housing stock (through things like replacing windows, roofs, better insulation, and upgraded heating and cooling systems.)</p> <p>HEN is interested in supporting best practices to combat climate change. Home energy upgrades are one way we can reduce our local greenhouse gas emissions. We want to explore different ways that we - or our partners and allies - could catalyse more of this behaviour in Halton. So, we're conducting this survey as part of a larger feasibility study.</p>
<b>What's the end goal?</b>	<p>The results of the survey will feed into the development of a report assessing the feasibility of a social purpose organization (whose mission supports profit <i>and</i> community benefits) to support home energy upgrades (also known as deep energy retrofits). The organization would not necessarily be run by HEN.</p>