

DEDICATION

This document is dedicated to the residents of Durham County.

Thank you to all Durham County residents for your awareness of the community's health strengths and needs and your willingness to share your thoughts and opinions. It is our intention for the ideas, projects and solutions that evolve from this process to be driven by and for members of the Durham County community.

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