

# GREY COUNTY TOURISM UPDATE



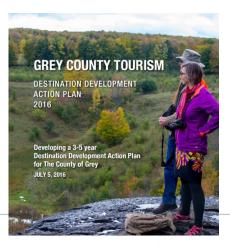


## ACTION PLAN 2016 FOUR PILLARS

GOAL INCREASE SUSTAINABLE TOURISM REVENUES THROUGH MANAGING & MARKETING GREY COUNTY AS A TOURISM DESTINATION

Community Engagement Destination Management Research & Tracking

Resource Allocation















# PILLAR4: RESOURCE ALLOCATION

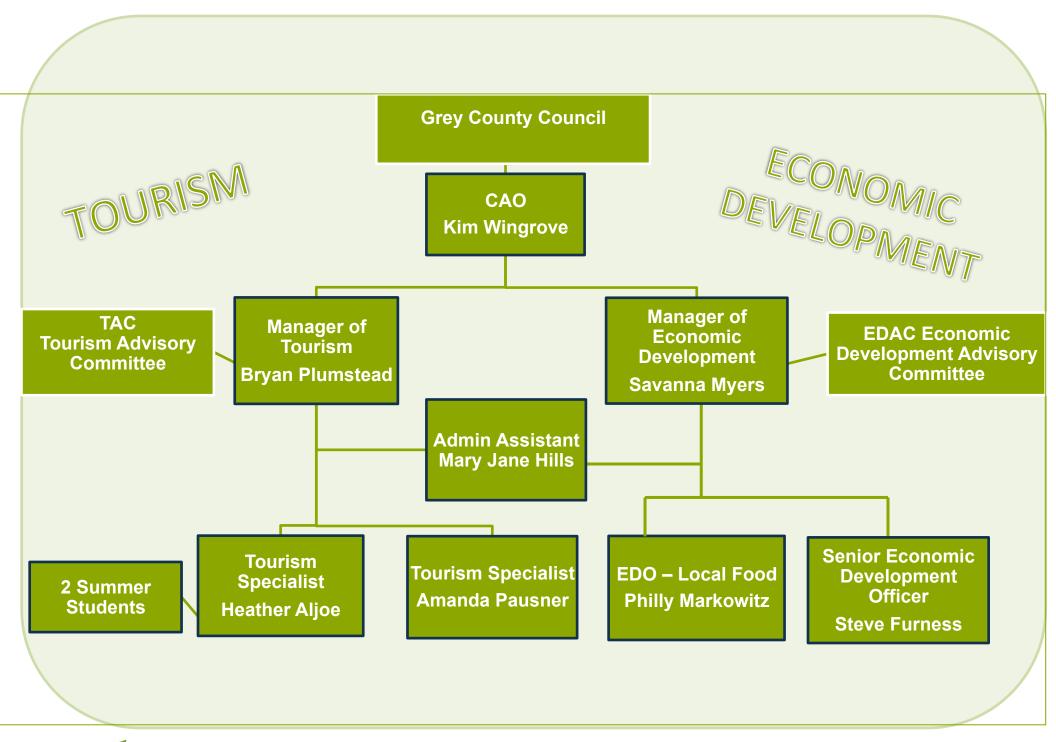
- 1.Reorganize tourism staff functions
- 2.Invest in professional development



# PILLAR 4: RESOURCE ALLOCATION

Amanda Pausner Tourism Specialist – Partner & Media Relations	Heather Aljoe Tourism Specialist – Marketing	Mary Jane Hills – Administrative Assistant	Bryan Plumstead Manager of Tourism
Pillar 1 – Community Engagement	Pillar 2 – Destination Management	Support Tourism & Economic Development	Pillar 3 – Market Research & Tracking Pillar 4 – Resource Allocation
Industry Contact & Communications Media Relations Industry events Support – Experience Development	Consumer Contact & Communications Website/Social Media Marketing Plan Distribution	Scheduling, Financial Tracking, Mailouts Tourism Vehicle Agreements/Research	Product/Experience Development Cycling Signage



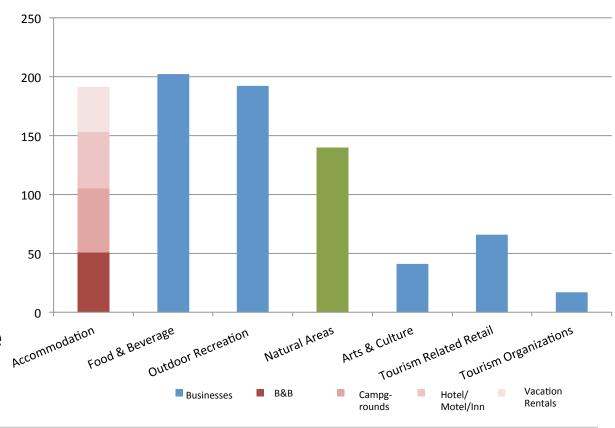






## PILLAR 1: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 1.Clean up and maintain the Grey County Tourism stakeholder database
- 2.Build a simple stakeholder communications plan
- 3. Relaunch "Tourism Talks"
- 4. Make the industry website a useful tool and resource











Home



Welcome to Grey County Tourism's Industry page in place as a resource for provincial, regional and County updates, training and workshop sessions available to the industry, login location for updating your free listing on visitgrey.ca and a place to connect with us or learn more about us.

#### Industry Newsletters



Summer 2016





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### Partner Events and News



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#### Industry Events



#### 2017 Grey County Tourism Winter Familiarization Tour

Pull out the snow pants and wool socks for a fun filled Grey County Winter Fam Tour, which promises great networking, local indulgences (food) and



#### Fall Campaign Recap Webinar

Grey County just wrapped up a very successful fall season, thanks in part to Mother Nature for grey't weather and quite possibly our best fall colo



Highlights from Crafting Winter Experiences and Finding the Right Partners



#### BruceGreySimcoe Tourism Conference

BruceGreySimcoe 2016 Regional Conference - Stretching Your Limits



#### Grey County's Let's Talk Tourism Highlights and Presentations

Grey County Tourism's kick-off Let's Talk Tourism was a big success!



Bruce Grey Simcoe Service Excellence Training



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## PILLAR 2: DESTINATION MANAGEMENT

### Marketing

- 1. Create a robust marketing and communications plan
- 2. Embrace the brand
- 3. Create a visiting friends and relatives (VFR) marketing and communications campaign
- 4. Create a Grey County Tourism mobile application.

### **Product Development**

- 5. Facilitate the creation of packages & itineraries.
- 6.Create a simple experiential outbound tour operator strategy



# 2016 FALL CAMPAIGN - OBJECTIVES

- Market Grey County as Ontario's #1 destination for fall, increase visitation & spend
- Increase visits to <u>visitgrey.ca</u>
- Grow Facebook fans (likes)
- Build brand awareness with #ColourItYourWay





## **Social Media**





The big show is happening right now in Grey County. It's time to view the fall colours we've all been waiting for. #ColourltYourWay

Photo Credit: Colin Field @colingfield



#### These Fall Colours are Happening Right Now

Peak fall colours have arrived in Grey County. Don't be disappointed, get here before it's too late.

VISITGREY.CA







The best fall colour, delicious food and charming towns is what you will find on the Beaver Valley Fall Driving Route. Plan a day or a weekend to discover why Grey County is where you want to be this fall.

#ColourItYourWay #FallTouring #GreyCounty #FallColours http://bit.ly/BeaverValleyFallDrivingRoute



#### Beaver Valley Fall Driving Route

If you're new to exploring Grey County's beautiful backroads, the Beaver Valley Fall Drive is a great introduction to the region's autumn beauty.

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# Instagram



























## The Power of Video

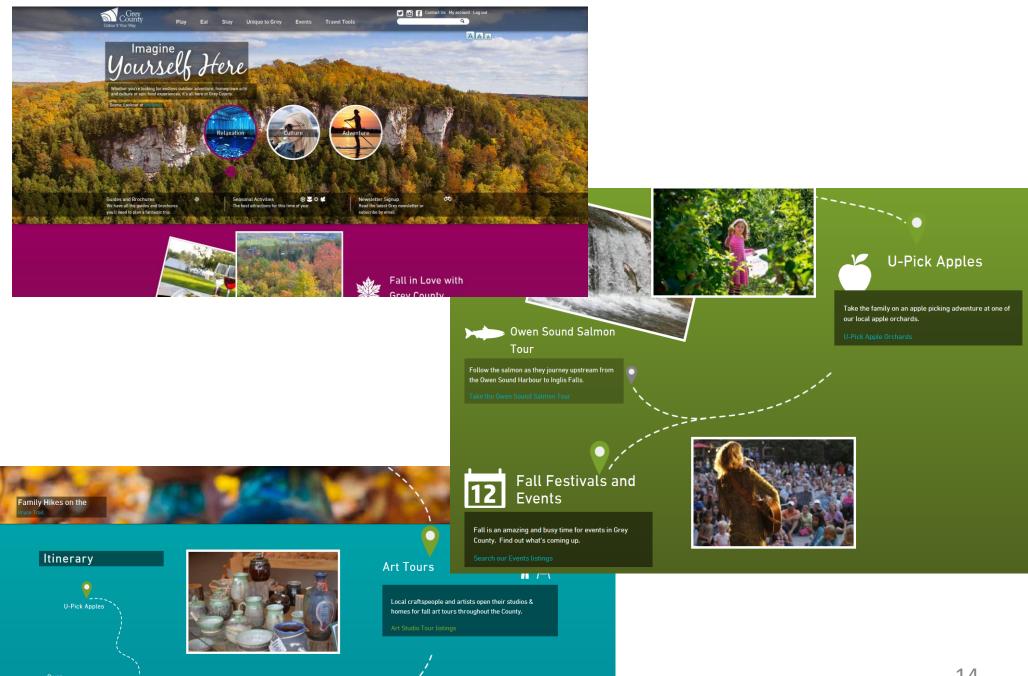




- Views on Facebook: 205, 426
- Views on YouTube: 3,195



## **Our Website**



# **Telling the Story**

#### Fall in love with Grey County



Published: Monday, September 12, 2016 - 2:54pm

Experience our real peak season.

#### Get off your Asphalt



Published:

Thursday, September 8, 2016 - 3:30pm

Discover the fall colours on the road-less-paved.



#### Naturally Technicolour



Published: Monday, August 29, 2016 - 3:24pm

The Science Behind the Changing Colours of Leaves.

#### Fall Fairs, the Heart of Rural Life



Published: Monday, August 29, 2016 - 1:47pm

#### Fall Studio Tours in Grey County



Published:

Sunday, August 28, 2016 - 3:57pm

Grey County is home to many talented artists and fall is the late August until Thanksgiving weekend.

#### Beaver Valley Fall Driving Route

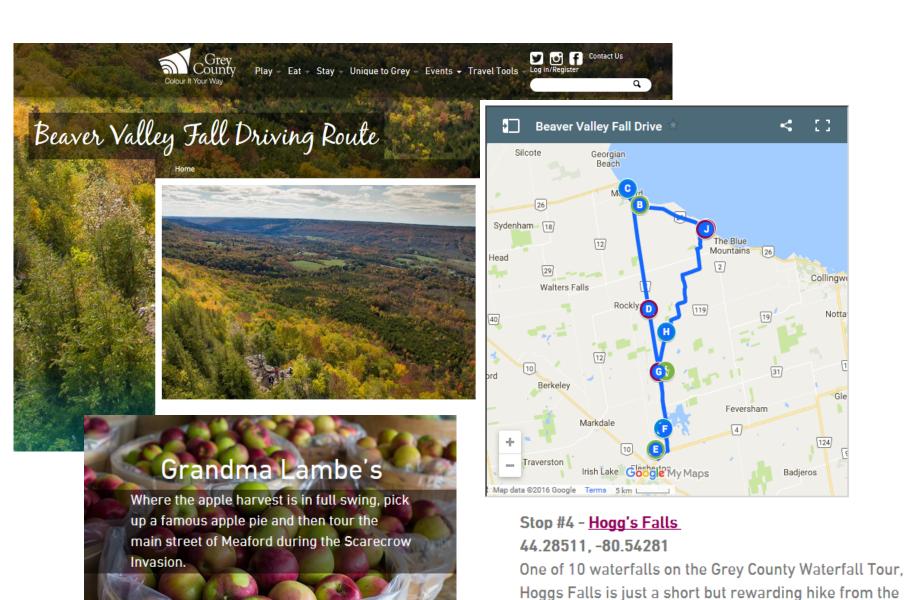


Published:

Tuesday, September 20, 2016 - 10:57am

If you're new to exploring Grey County's beautiful backroads,

# **Touring Routes (4)**



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parking lot on The Bruce Trail.

# **Media Coverage**

Amanda Pausner hosted 4 media writers between Sept. 19 – Oct. 6, each with their own itinerary and story line ideas. This led to weeks of social media coverage and stories published both on & off line.







## Media Coverage

### JIMBYERStravel ABOUT WRITING & CONTACT SO O 1 10 10





4 OCTOBER 2016

#### Fabulous, Cutting Edge Cuisine In Grey County, Ontario

GREY COUNTY, ONTARIO - Meat loaf on a homemade bun and a local salad with microgreens. Wild Ontario mushrooms coated with panko crumbs and crushed salt and vinegar chips. And tasty ciders made with crisp Ontario apples.

I recently spent three days hiking and kayaking around Grey County, then making up for the exercise with some of Canada's tastiest food offerings. I came away hugely impressed with the depth and quality and variety of the offerings. Up and down the county, from casual diners in Flesherton to fine dining establishments in Meaford and Thornbury, this might be the next Ontario hot spot for cuisine.



Andrew's Roots is a fantastic (and handsome) restaurant in lovely Meaford, Ontario. PHOTO COURTESY VISITGREY.CA



Kevin Forget @ontariokevin · Sep 19 Getting up in the air with @FlyOwenSound to see the #fallcolours #colourityourway @GrevTourism









Kevin Forget @ontariokevin · Sep 19 Dinner tonight @Northwindsbeer in @GreyTourism #colourityourway #saintsandsinnerstrail

**Kevin Forget** 

I'm the Travel Promotions Officer for

Ontario Tourism. My job is to tell you

about all the cool things to do in Ontario!

@ontariokevin











Looking for something to do this Fall? Check out my tour of @GreyTourism here! youtu.be/wK0ZY8cJ1Gq #colourityourway @OntarioTravel



#### Grey County - #ColourItYourWay

Whether you're looking for endless outdoor adventure, homegrown arts and culture or epic food experiences, it's all here in Grey County. Join Kevin as he exp...

## Media Coverage



Grownup Travels @GrownupTravels grownuptravels

Grownup Travels Henk and Jane are a husband and wife team who bring 'grownup' travels to life through the pictures he takes and the stories she tells. All

ours www.grownuptravels.com

3,895 followers

457 following















TMAC @TravelMediaCA · Oct 12

Follow the salmon trail and 7 other fab fall experiences in Grey County bit.ly/2dLZBCc via @lisaJtoronto

2 You, Tourism Ontario and ON Culinary Tourism



## NATIONAL\*POST

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### TRAVEL

Kim Kardashian | Kanye West | Brangelina

Top 10 spots to see fall foliage in Canada: From Winnipeg to Quebec's Eastern Townships



JIM BYERS, POSTMEDIA NEWS | October 8, 2018 9:14 AM ET More from Postmedia News



## **Facebook Statistics**



Impressions	Clicks		CTR	Ad Spend		
Total Fall Campaign Impressions (6 weeks)	Clicks	Clicks to Website	Highest CTR obtained	Ad Spend		
3,883,357	118,229	66,484	6.85%	\$15,000		
Additional Fall Post impressions (Oct 14-17)	Clicks	Clicks to Website	Highest CTR obtained	Ad Spend		
65,968	3,359	1,002	5.09%	\$250		



FACEBOOK FAN GROWTH										
Growth during Fall	Oct 8	Aug 29 (start of digital campaign)	Increase							
Campaign	15.872	10,593	<b>▲</b> 49.83%							
(6 weeks)		<b>'</b>								

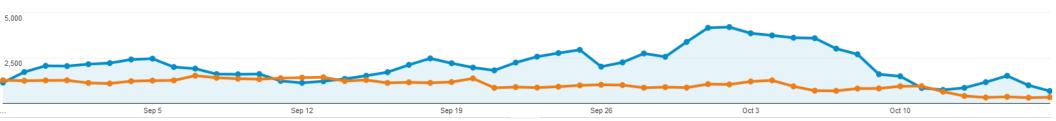


# **Campaign Web Analytics**

### www.visitgrey.ca

Aug 29, 2016 - Oct 17, 2016: Sessions

Aug 29, 2015 - Oct 17, 2015: Sessions



- Visitor session were up 106% over 2015, going from 51,240 to 105,839 in that time frame
- The number of users (includes both new & returning) were also up 98% over 2015, going from 40,193 to 79,782



# **YTD Web Analytics**

# Overall website sessions for the year (Jan 1 – Nov 10) are up 68% from 2015 to 2016

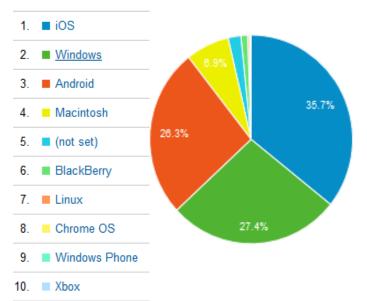


### **Top Pages**

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1.	/
2.	/travel-tools/travel-stories/get-your-asphalt
3.	/play/outdoor-sights/waterfalls
4.	/travel-tools/travel-stories/fall-love-grey-county
5.	/travel-tools/travel-stories/family-waterfall-adventures
6.	/travel-tools/travel-stories/naturally-technicolour
7.	/travel-tools/travel-stories/blue-mountain-fall-driving-route
8.	/travel-tools/travel-stories/beaver-valley-fall-driving-route
9.	/travel-tools/travel-stories/grey-county-waterfall-tour
10.	/public-events/day

### **Operating System**



### City

1.	Toronto	(28.47%)
2.	Mississauga	(4.71%)
3.	Hamilton	(4.56%)
4.	Collingwood	(3.60%)
5.	Barrie	(3.58%)
6.	Brampton	(3.53%)
7.	Owen Sound	(3.40%)
8.	Kitchener	(3.13%)
9.	Saugeen Shores	(2.51%)
10.	London	(2.06%)
11.	(not set)	(2.02%)
12.	Guelph	(1.74%)
13.	Waterloo	(1.67%)
14.	Markham	(1.57%)
15.	Montreal	(1.44%)
16.	Vaughan	(1.26%)
17.	Ottawa	(1.25%)
18.	Richmond Hill	(1.24%)
19.	Hanover	(1.23%)
20.	Cambridge	2 <u>2</u> (1.08%)



## PILLAR 3: MARKET RESEARCH & TRACKING

- 1. Track the success of the DDAP
- 2. Track key quantitative and qualitative metrics and the economic impact of tourism
- 3.Create profiles of target market audience groups using both demographics and psychographics



### WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

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**Grey County** 

**DMOs** 

**Destination Marketing Organizations** 

Municipalities

**Public Attractions** 

Including Parks
Private Tourism
Businesses

**DEMAND** 

✓ Understand Visitor Trends

✓ Reliable, consistent input to Marketing/Business Plans

✓ Support for Existing/New Product /Experience Dev.

**SUPPLY** 

✓ Estimate Economic Value of Tourism



### SPECIFICALLY?

### **SUPPLY**

- → Economic impact of tourism
  - → Number of tourism jobs
  - → Number of tourism businesses
  - → Tax Revenue
- → Business trends (e.g. YTY)
- → HST or other indicator



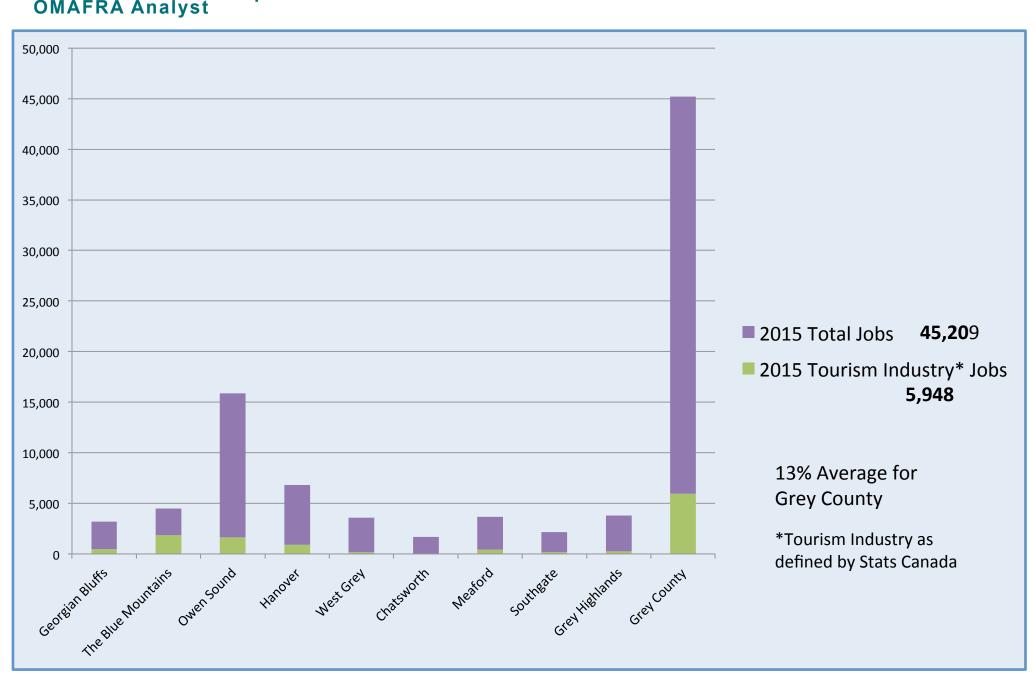
### **DEMAND**

- → Everything in Regional Tourism Profiles for...
  - Visitors to attractions& events
  - Visitors/VFR/residents/ second home owners
  - New Canadians
- → Visitor Satisfaction
- → Trip Motivators
- → Visitor Expenditures
- → Forecasts
- → How was the "season"?



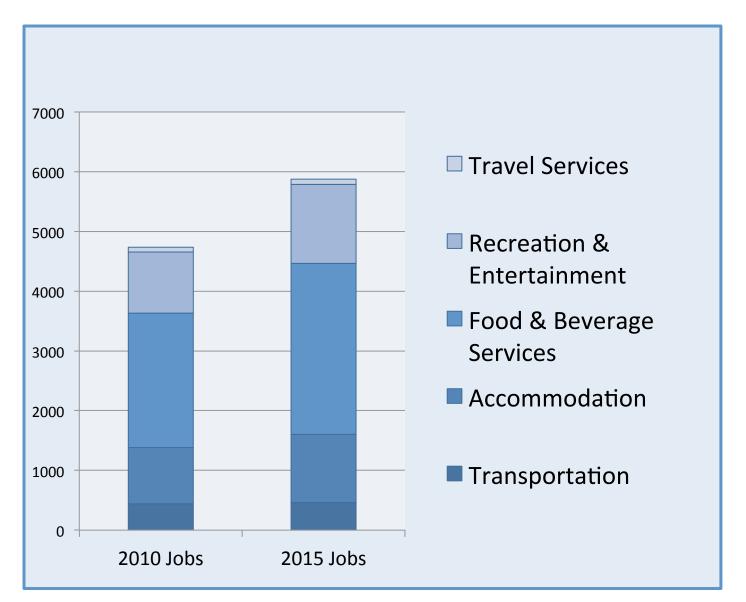
### WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT SUPPLY

### **TOURISM JOBS\* compared to TOTAL JOBS - 2015 OMAFRA Analyst**



### WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT SUPPLY

# TOURISM\* JOBS by Industry Sector – Grey County OMAFRA Analyst



### **Trends**

- SignificantGrowth in tourismjobs 2010-15
- •Youth, women and immigrants are more highly represented in tourism jobs in Ontario

### WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT DEMAND

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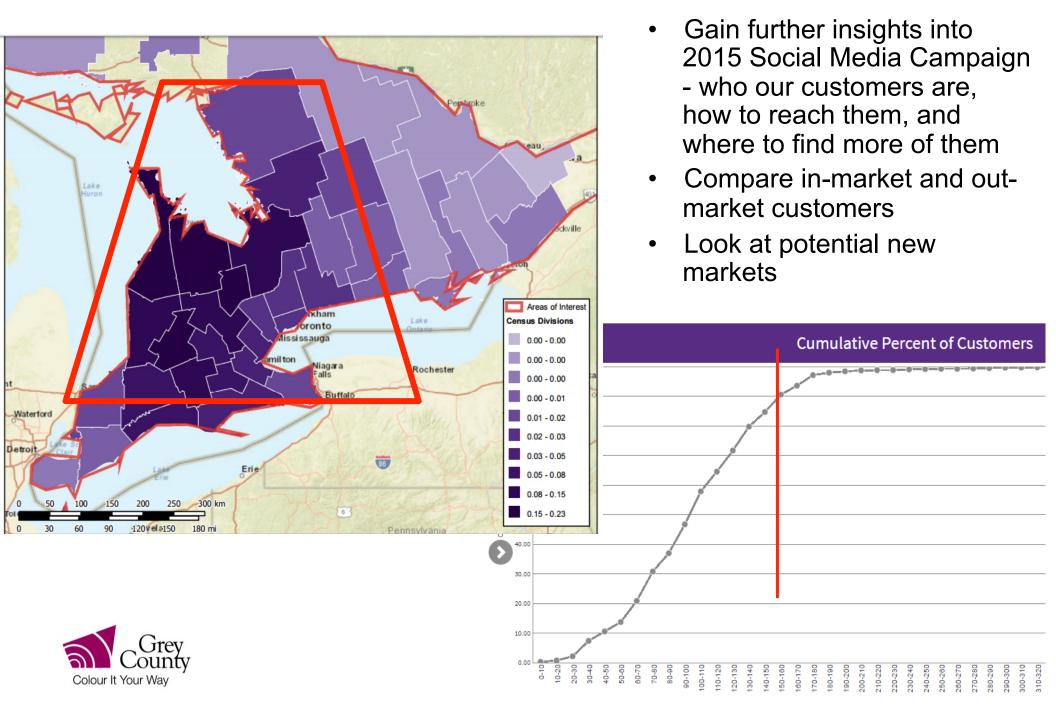


### **Our Information Sources**

- Grey County Tourism Annual Attractions/Events Survey
- Grey County Tourism Google Analytics
- OMTCS Regional Tourism Profiles (RTP)
- OMTCS Market Segmentation for Bruce Grey Simcoe
- PRIZM Market Segmentation (New Tool)
- Partner surveys/info centre stats



# Environics Analysis – 2015 Social Media Campaign Define trade area - SW & Central ON







































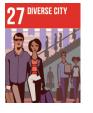


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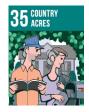




















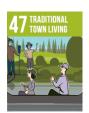
















































## Better understand our customers



SG SESName	Count	%	Base Count	Base %	% Pen	Index	
U1 1 Cosmopolitan Elite	20	0.42	126,579	1.12	0.02	37	
U1 2 Urbane Villagers	55	1.15	125,457	1.11	0.04	104	
U1 3 Arts & Affluence	47	0.98	197,673	1.74	0.02	56	03
U1 8 Boomerang City	90	1.88	199,788	1.76	0.05	107	08
S1 4 Suburban Success	41	0.86	114,569	1.01	0.04	85	04
S1 6 Kids & Careers	236	4.93	554,518	4.89	0.04	101	06
S1 7 Nouveaux Riches	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	100	07
S1 10 Emptying Nests	58	121	80,021	0.71	0.07	172	10
E1 9 Satellite Burbs	314	6.57	560,579	4.94	0.06	133	09
E1 17 Exurban Wonderland	70	1.46	90,369	0.80	0.08	184	17
S2 16 Pets & PCs	186	3.89	441,306	3.89		100	16
S2 18 Management Material	54	1.13	107,262	0.95	0.05	119	18
S2 37 Trucks & Trades	78	1.63	147,293	1.30	0.05	126	37
S2 50 Suburban Scramble	139	2.91	216,333	1.91	0.06	152	50
S3 14 Diversity Heights	82	1.72	220,855	1.95	0.04	88	14
S3 15 Heritage Hubs	183	3.83	542,625	4.79	0.03	80	15
S3 20 South Asian Achievers	82	1.72	386,218	3.41	0.02	50	20
S3 25 South Asian Society	35	0.73	198,045	1.75	0.02	42	25
S3 42 Home Sweet Rows	70	1.46	186,383	1.64	0.04	89	42
U2 5 Asian Sophisticates	76	1.59	353,188	3.12	0.02	51	05
U2 13 Asian Avenues	27	0.56	210,516	1.86	0.01	30	13
U2 27 Diverse City	138	2.89	523,900	4.62	0.03	62	27
U2 28 Metro Multiculturals	118	2.03	312,798	2.76	0.03	89	28
E2 24 Fresh Air Families	352	7.36	434,068	3.83	0.04	192	24
E2 36 Exurban Homesteaders	132	2.76	161,398	1.42		194	36
	7	0.15	11,988	0.11	0.06	138	53
E2 53 Outdoor Originals U3 11 Urban Digerati	69	1.44	292,315	2.58		56	11
U3 11 Urban Digerati U3 12 Street Scenes	82	1.72	182,008		0.02	107	12
U3 38 Grads & Pads	11	0.23	45,923	0.41		57	38
	63						
S4 22 Aging in Suburbia		1.32	96,436		0.07	155	22
S4 26 Second City Retirees S4 39 Our Time	234	4.89	446,042		0.05	124	26
	46	0.96	104,319	0.92		105	39
R1 35 Country Acres	184	3.85	233,333	2.06	0.08	187	35
R1 40 Wide Open Spaces	228	4.77	299,647		0.08	180	₩ 40 ₩ 30
E3 30 La Vie est Belle	0	9.90	0	0.00	0.00	100	
E3 32 Mini Van & Vin Rouge	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	100	32
E3 41 Vieille École	0	0.00	1	0.00		0	41
T1 47 Traditional Town Living	151	3.16	207,259		0.07	173	47
T1 51 Aging & Active	70	1.46	65,063		0.11	255	51
T1 54 Serenity Springs	118	2.47	156,739	1.38		178	54
T1 57 First Nations Families	7	0.15	6,191		0.11	268	57
R2_33_Heartland Retirees	97	2.03	159.375	1.41	0.06	144	33

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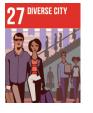


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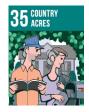




















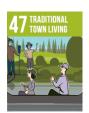






















































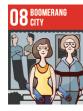


























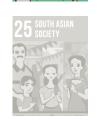


































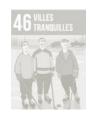


















































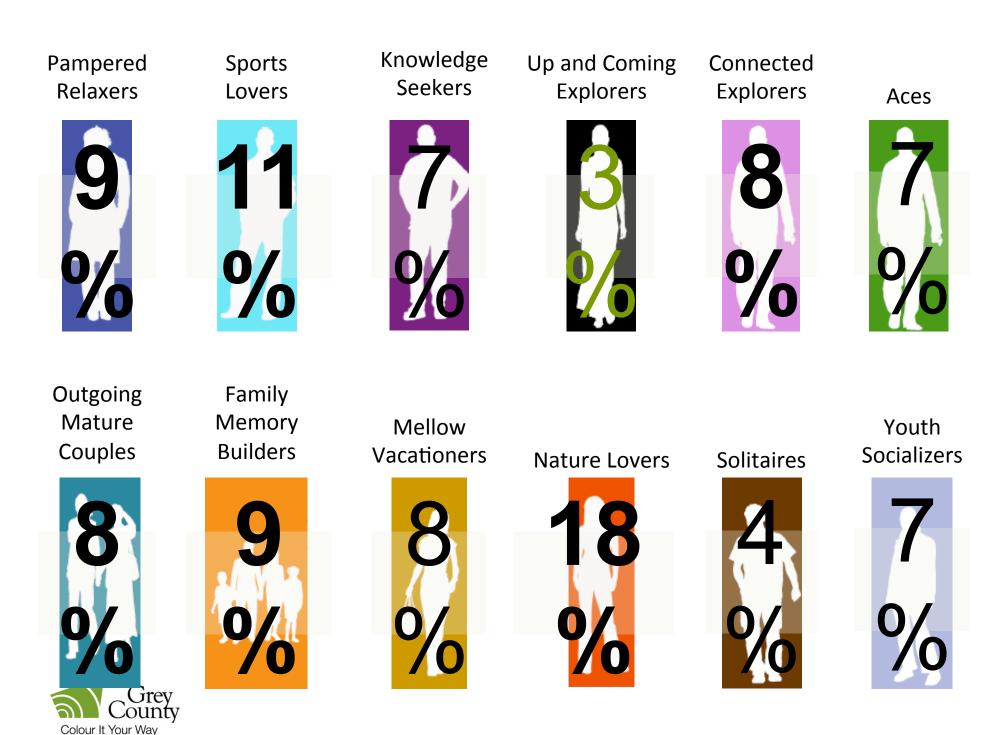


## Create target sets





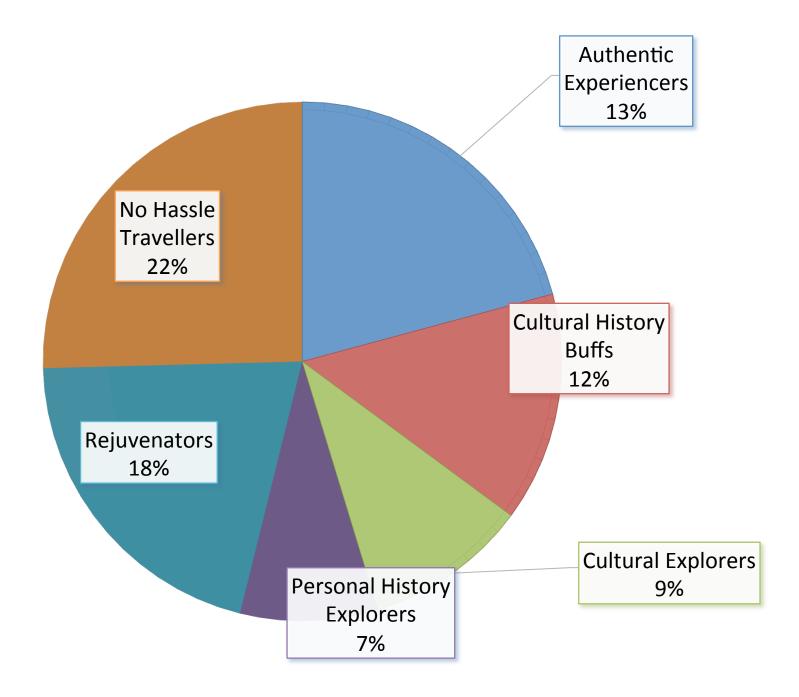
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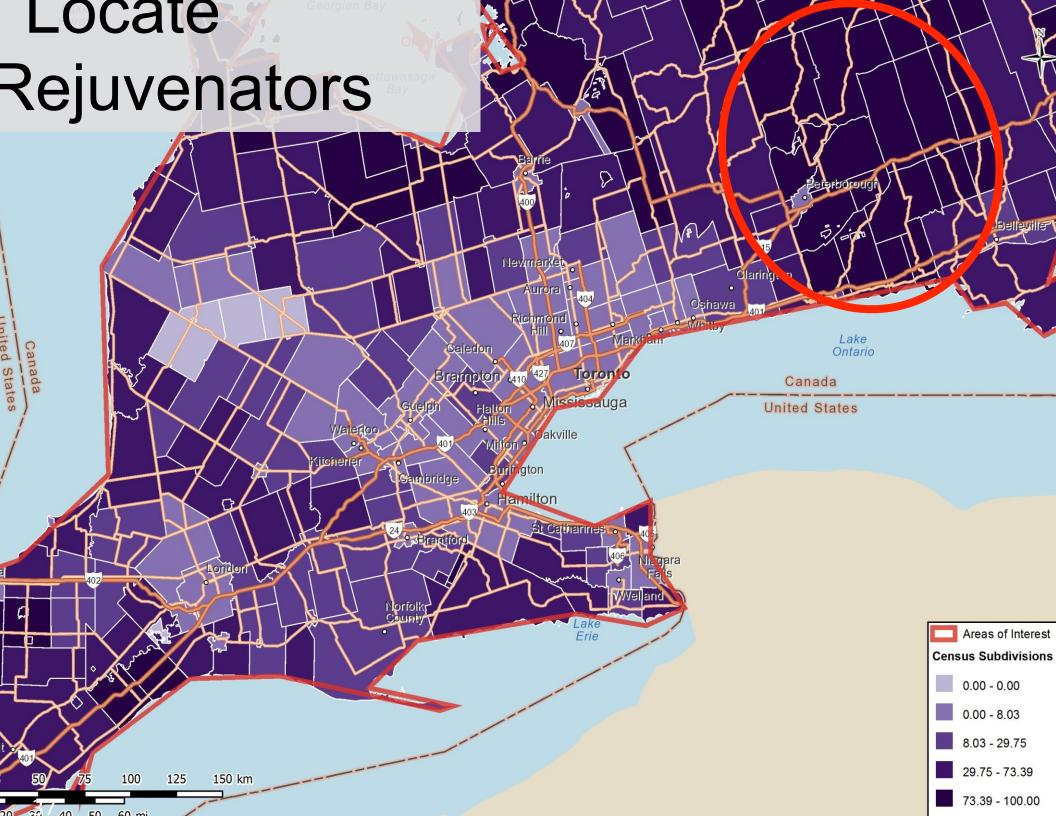


# PRIZM Can Link to EQ

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# Locate Rejuvenators

	Rejuvenators								
Name	Count	% Pen	Index						
Kawartha Lakes (ON), CY	21,241	67.22	746						
Chatham-Kent (ON), MU	14,912	33.51	372						
Haldimand County (ON), CY	8,500	49.50	549						
Georgina (ON), T	8,365	47.51	526						
Burlington (ON), CY	7,901	10.37	115						
Toronto (ON), C	7,534	0.65	7						
Hamilton (ON), C	7,082	3.21	36						
Fort Erie (ON), T	6,539	48.56	539						
Norfolk County (ON), CY	6,178	23.70	263						
Trent Hills (ON), MU	5,754	100.00	1,107						
Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield									
(ON), TP	5,713	82.39	913						
Wasaga Beach (ON), T	5,646	64.68	715						
Essex (ON), T	5,474	62.93	697						





### What's Next?

- Applying insights to new campaigns
- Pilot project -provide template reports to businesses & potentially build better insights at DMO, municipal and county levels
- Use PRIZM to inform a VFR (Visiting Friends & Relatives) campaign



## PRIORITY CALENDAR

### Grey County Tourism Priority Calendar for DDAP

Priority Levels:		Year 1: 2016-2017				١	/ear 2: 2	017-201	8	Year 3: 2018-2019			
1 = Accomplish in first and second quarters, Year 1 (Urgent) 2 = Accomplish in third and fourth quarters, Year 1 (Immediate) 3 = Accomplish in Year 2 (Timely) 4 = Accomplish in Year 3 (Extended)	Priority Level	Q1: April- June	Q2: July- Sept	Q3: Oct- Dec	Q4: Jan- March	Q1: April- June	Q2: July- Sept	Q3: Oct- Dec	Q4: Jan- March	Q1: April- June	Q2: July- Sept	Q3: Oct- Dec	Q4: Jan- March
Pillar 1: Community Engagement													
Clean Up and Maintain the Grey County Tourism     Stakeholder Database	1												
Build a Simple StakeholderCommunications Plan	2												
3. Relaunch "Tourism Talks"	2												
4. Make the Industry Website a Useful Tool and Resource	2												
Pillar 2: Destination Management													
1. Create a Robust Marketing and Communications Plan	1												
2. Embrace the Brand	1												
<ol> <li>Create a Visiting Friends and Relatives (VFR) Marketing and Communications Campaign</li> </ol>	2												
Create a Grey County Tourism Mobile Application	3												
5. Facilitate Creation of Packages and Itineraries	4												
6. Create a Simple Experiential Outbound Tour Operator Strategy	4												
Pillar 3: Market Research and Tracking													
1. Track the Success of the DDAP	1												
Track Key Quantitative and Qualitative Metrics and Economic Impact of Tourism	2												
3. Create Profiles of Target Market Audience Groups Using Both Demographics and Psychographics	3												
Pillar 4: Resource Allocation													
1. Reorganize Tourism Staff Functions	1												
2. Invest in Professional Development	3												

