



Georgian Bay Youth Roots

Youth Friendly Designation

Who we are?

Georgian Bay Youth Roots is committed to ensuring all local youth are healthy, engaged and contributing members of the Town of The Blue Mountains and the Municipality of Meaford. We are committed to supporting youth, building assets and mobilizing our community.

Members:

- Melri Wright, BVO
- Ryan Gibbons, Town of The Blue Mountains
- Jason Wepler, Grey Bruce Health Unit
- Jaden Calvert, Municipality of Meaford
- Emma Barker, Thornbury Library; Lori Pierce, Meaford Library
- Jennifer Miller, Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Local Rotary Clubs (Meaford and Thornbury)
- Grey County Housing
- OPP
- GBCS Youth

Our Goal:

- The Town of The Blue Mountains is viewed as a youth friendly community by both residents and visitors.
- Georgian Bay Youth Roots and the Town of The Blue Mountains are working towards submitting an application to become a youth friendly community in January 2019.

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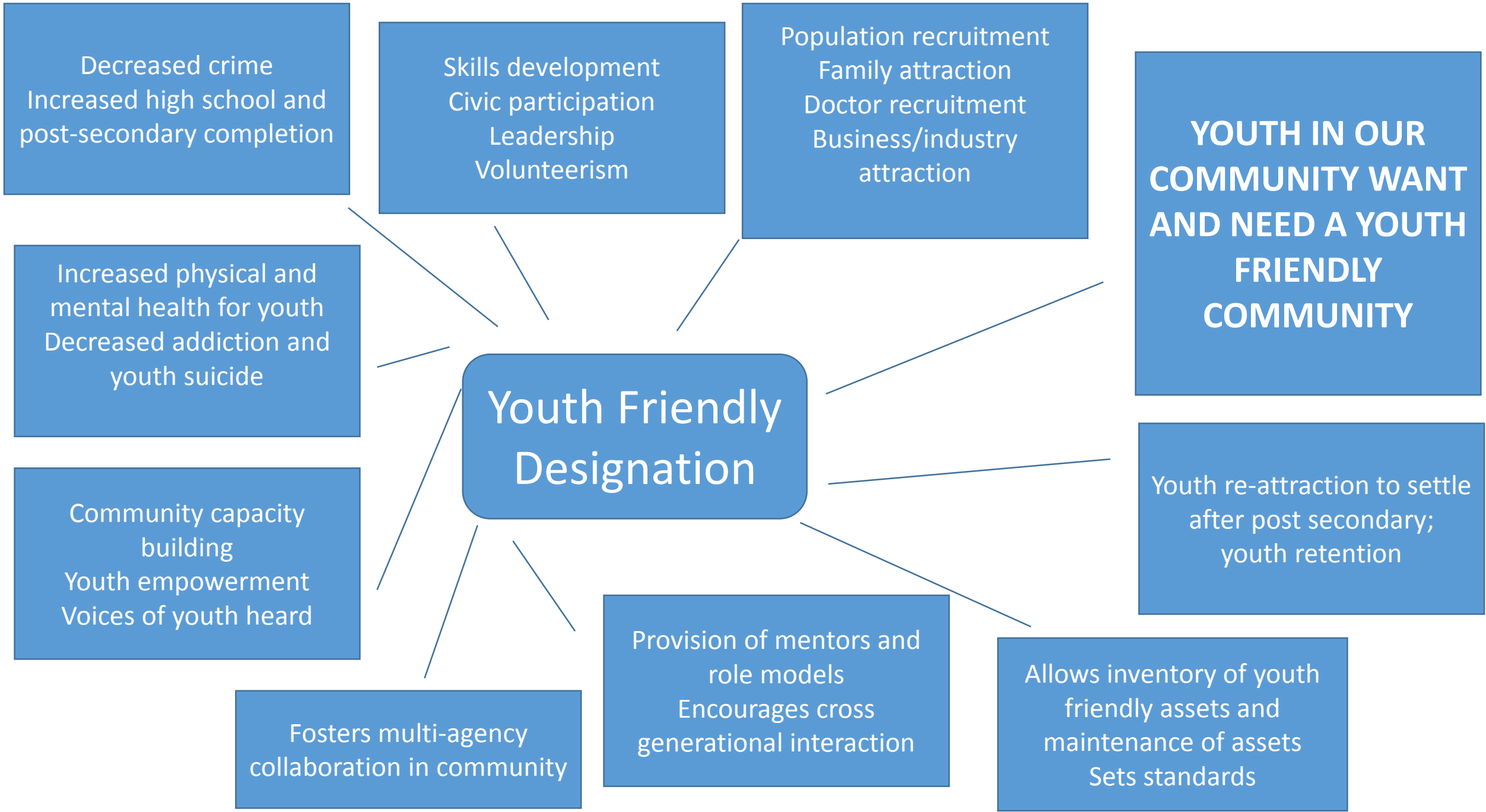


Criteria

- **Criteria 1: Youth have options for play**
- **Criteria 2: Youth are formally connected community-wide**
- **Criteria 3: Easy for youth to find info about play activities in the community**
- **Criteria 4: The community recognizes and celebrates youth**
- **Criteria 5: The community formally commits funding for youth play**
- **Criteria 6: The community supports Positive Youth Development**
- **Criteria 7: Youth feel valued by their community**
- **Criteria 8: Schools and school boards support the Youth Friendly approach**
- **Criteria 9: Play is accessible to youth**
- **Criteria 10: Play is socially inclusive**

What do we mean by PLAY?

Play is any non-school activity that has elements of choice, leads to satisfaction, and encourages progressive learning and enjoyment. Activities can include, but are not limited to, recreation, sport, leisure, arts, drama, dance, civic engagement, youth activism, volunteerism, social clubs and youth leadership.



What the Municipality can contribute?



- Letters of support for the Youth Friendly Designation
- In-kind space and resources for youth events, meetings, etc.
- Funding for youth based projects and events
- Maintenance and enhancement of existing programs for youth
- Opportunities to provide a youth voice in the community e.g., youth council, youth committee, etc.
- Celebrate, recognize and value youth in our community

Because
youth
matter...

Georgian Bay
Youth Roots



Be the person you needed
when you were younger