

**ROPA No. 21**  
**Recommended Revisions Identified by Regional Staff**

Comment #	Summary of Comments	Region's Response/Action
1	<p>Item 19, renumbered Section 2.3.2.8 a) requires clarification that it is "evaluated non-provincially significant" wetlands that are classified as NAC features in the Regional Plan. Regional staff prefers that the categorization of natural areas and features into Core, NAC and PNAC categories be criteria based wherever possible. For wetlands, the Southern Ontario Wetland Evaluation System (OWES) provides criteria for the classification of wetlands through its comprehensive evaluation framework and scoring methodology. The listing of all "evaluated non-provincially significant wetlands" will ensure that non-PSW wetlands receive an appropriate level of interpretation, identification and protection through the area municipal official plans. PNAC wetlands will capture "any other wetland" that has not yet been evaluated under the OWES evaluation manual. Datasets for mapping wetlands are available from a variety of sources including the MNR "identified" wetland data layer.</p>	<p>Renumbered Section 2.3.2.8 a) has been revised as follows:                      "Class <del>4 to 7</del> <u>evaluated non-provincially significant wetlands</u>"</p>
2	<p>The definition for woodlands should be revised to be consistent with wording provided in the PPS.</p>	<p>The definition for woodlands in the Glossary has been deleted and replaced with the following:</p> <p><b>Woodlands:</b> <i>complex ecosystems</i> comprising communities of trees, shrubs, ground vegetation and the immediate biotic and abiotic environmental conditions on which they depend. <i>Woodlands provide environmental and economic benefits to both the private landowner and the general public, such as erosion prevention, hydrological and nutrient cycling, provision of clean air and the long-term storage of carbon, provision of wildlife habitat, outdoor recreational opportunities, and the sustainable harvest of a wide range of woodland products. a range of ecosystem functions including: attenuating flood flows; trapping air and water borne sediment; preventing erosion and stabilizing steep slopes; providing shade for cold water fisheries; enhancing groundwater recharge areas; providing habitat; and promoting species diversity. Woodlands include</i></p>

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		<p><u>treed areas, woodlots, naturalized plantations and forested areas and</u> may also contain remnants of old growth forests.</p> <p><u>Woodlands</u> are further defined as any area greater than 0.5 ha that has: (ROPA 21)</p> <p>a) <u>a tree crown cover of over 60% of the ground, determinable from aerial photography, or</u>                      b) <u>a tree crown cover of over 25% of the ground, determinable from aerial photography, together with on-ground stem estimates of at least:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>1,000 trees of any size per hectare, or</u></li> <li>• <u>750 trees measuring over five centimetres in diameter, per hectare, or</u></li> <li>• <u>250 trees measuring over 20 centimetres in diameter, per hectare (densities based on the Forestry Act of Ontario 1998)</u></li> </ul> <p><u>Treed portions with less than the required stocking level will be considered part of the woodland as long as the combination of all treed units in the overall connected treed area meets the required stocking level. Woodlands experiencing changes such as harvesting, blowdown or other tree mortality are still considered woodlands. Such changes are considered temporary whereby the forest still retains its long-term ecological value.</u></p> <p><u>And, which have a minimum average width of 40 metres or more measured to crown edges.</u></p> <p><u>Woodlands include cultural woodlands, cultural savannahs and naturalized plantations and exclude plantations that are:</u></p> <p><u>a) managed for production of fruits, nuts, Christmas trees or nursery stock;</u></p>

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		<p><u>b) managed for tree products with an average rotation of less than 20 years (e.g. hybrid willow or poplar); or</u></p> <p><u>c) established and continuously managed for the sole purpose of complete removal at rotation, as demonstrated with documentation acceptable to the Region or area municipality, without a woodland restoration objective.</u></p>
3	Section 6.4, first paragraph, first sentence should be revised to clarify terminology.	<p>The first sentence in section 6.4 has been revised as follows:</p> <p>"The municipal <del>waste produced</del> <u>generated</u> in <i>Peel</i> is managed by means of <u>reuse</u>, recycling, composting, incineration and landfill."</p>
4	Section 6.4, first paragraph, second sentence should be revised to clarify terminology.	<p>Section 6.4, second sentence has been revised as follows:</p> <p>"In keeping with the sustainability theme of this Plan (environmental, social, economic, and cultural imperatives) <i>the Region</i> promotes reductions in material consumption and waste <del>production</del> <u>generation</u>, and the recognition of <i>waste</i> as a valuable resource that, if fully utilized, can have minimal negative impacts on the environment."</p>
5	Section 6.4, first paragraph, should be revised to clarify terminology.	<p>The fourth sentence in section 6.4 has been revised to:</p> <p>"<i>Waste</i> will be managed so as to minimize environmental impacts and emphasize the responsibility of <del>the waste generators</del> <u>to reduce the amount and type of waste produced generated</u> and bear the costs of collection and <del>disposal</del> <u>management</u>."</p>
6	Section 6.4, second paragraph, second sentence should be deleted as it duplicates the first paragraph.	<p>The second sentence of the second paragraph in section 6.4 is deleted as follows:</p> <p>"<del>The Strategy is environmentally sound, socially acceptable, technically efficient and economically viable.</del>"</p>
7	Section 6.4.1.2 should be revised by deleting all wording after "governments" in order to clarify the meaning of the policy.	<p>Section 6.4.1.2 has been revised as follows:</p>

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		<p>"To promote the integration of the principle and hierarchy of reduction, reuse, and recycling into the decision making of residents, including consumers, businesses, and governments, <del>and to maximize diversion of residential and non-residential waste from landfill.</del>"</p>
8	<p>The recovery of resources from waste prior to landfill should be recognized as a separate objective in the ROP.</p>	<p>New section 6.4.1.3 is added as follows:  <u>"6.4.1.3 To maximize the recovery of resources from residential and non-residential residual waste prior to landfill."</u></p> <p>Section 6.4.1.3 is renumbered to 6.4.1.4.</p>
9	<p>The title "Reduction and Reuse" after "6.4.2 Policies" should be removed because not all the policies following are related to Reduction and Reuse.</p>	<p>The title "Reduction and Reuse" is deleted after "6.4.2 Policies"</p>
10	<p>Section 6.4.2.9 should be revised to recognize energy from waste facilities and other technologies as options for recovering resources from residual waste generated within Peel Region prior to landfill.</p>	<p>Section 6.4.2.9 has been revised as follows:</p> <p>"Recognize energy from <i>waste</i> facilities and other technologies as <del>an option</del> <u>options</u> for <del>disposal of</del> <u>recovering resources from residual waste generated within <i>Peel Region</i> prior to landfill.</u>"</p>
11	<p>Section 6.4.2.10 should be revised to clarify the meaning of the policy.</p>	<p>Section 6.4.2.10 has been revised as follows:</p> <p><del>"Ensure all potential resources are recovered</del> <u>Maximize to the extent reasonably practical, the recovery of resources from the <i>waste</i> stream such as <u>extracting</u> energy from the residual <i>waste</i> stream after recycling and composting, and prior to final disposal.</u>"</p>
12	<p>Section 6.4.2.18 should be revised to clarify the meaning of the policy.</p>	<p>Section 6.4.2.18 has been revised as follows:</p> <p>"Consider economic and <del>other incentives</del> <u>policy tools</u> for all multi-residential buildings to encourage waste diversion."</p>

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13	Section 6.4.2.19 should be revised to remove the phrase "ensure all efforts are made to" to clarify interpretation.	Section 6.4.2.19 has been revised as follows:  "When exploring the development of new <i>waste</i> management infrastructure, <del>ensure all efforts are made to</del> consider potential partnerships with neighbouring municipalities and private industry. The partnership can involve a contribution of land, capital, or a commitment to tonnage which will improve the economics of a new facility."
14	The term and definition for "Municipal Hazardous Waste" should be revised to ensure it has the same meaning as in the Waste Diversion Act, 2002, Ontario regulation 542/06 Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW).	The term and definition of " <i>Municipal hazardous waste</i> " in the Glossary has been revised as follows:  " <i>Municipal hazardous <u>or special</u> waste</i> : has the same meaning as in the Waste Diversion Act, 2002, Ontario Regulation 542/06 Municipal Hazardous <del>Waste</del> or Special Waste."
15	The glossary term and definition of Municipal Special Waste should be deleted as it is not needed.	The term and definition of " <i>Municipal special waste</i> " in the Glossary has been deleted.

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