

Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) 27:

Age-friendly Planning & Health and the Built Environment

Welcome

to the Open House

6 – 9 p.m.

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The Regional Official Plan is a long-term strategy to provide a holistic approach to planning that integrates environmental, social, economic and cultural imperatives in Peel.



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The Official Plan Review Process

Since 1996, the Region of Peel has reviewed the Official Plan every five years as mandated by the Ontario Planning Act.

This helps us better plan for the future of Peel by allowing us to:

- Collect feedback from our valued residents, businesses and employees
- Take action based on new population and employment forecasting
- Maintain compliance with new provincial legislation, plans and policies

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ROPA 27 goes hand in hand with the Region's Strategic Plan and its mission

Strategic Plan

Leading Government
is future-oriented
and accountable

In 20 years I trust that sustainability and long-term benefits to future generations are considered

Thriving Communities
are integrated, safe and
complete

In 4 years we will promote healthy and age-friendly built environments

In 20 years we live in a community where the built environment promotes healthy living

In 20 years we live in a community that promotes mobility, walkability and various modes of transportation

Living
People's lives are
improved in their time of

In 20 years I will have access to local, nutritious food sources

In 20 years I will have a responsibility to contribute to community well-being

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Health and the Built Environment

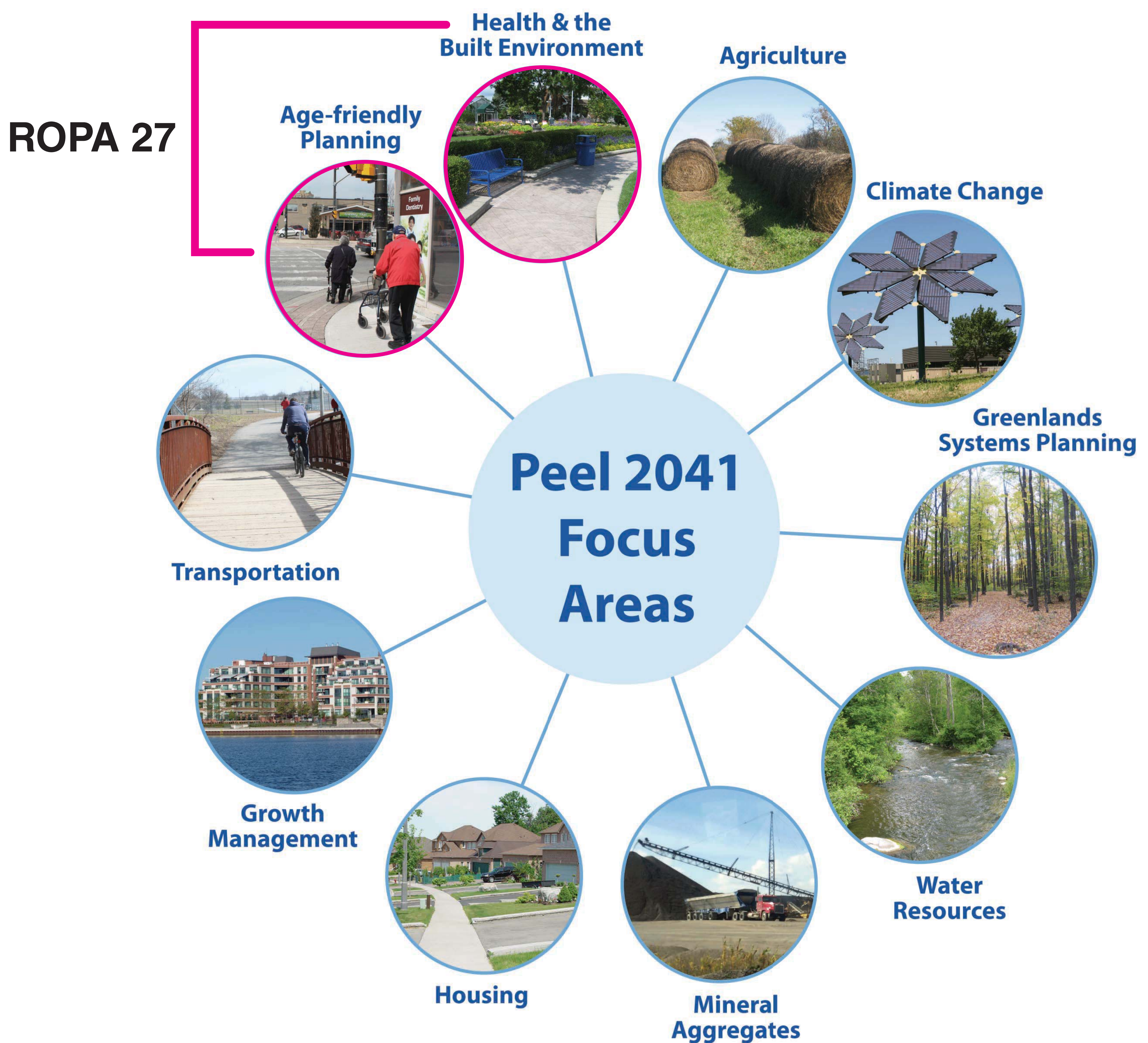


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The purpose of ROPA 27 is to introduce new policies to the Regional Official Plan that are intended to support and encourage the creation of a healthy built environment and planning that better meets the needs of an aging population.



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What is a Complete Community?

A complete community provides residents with:

- Opportunities to interact, learn, work, play and live throughout a lifetime
- Options for housing, employment, healthy food, services and recreation
- Convenient access to public transportation and options for safe, non-motorized travel

A complete community meets most residents' basic needs on a daily basis, all within walking distance

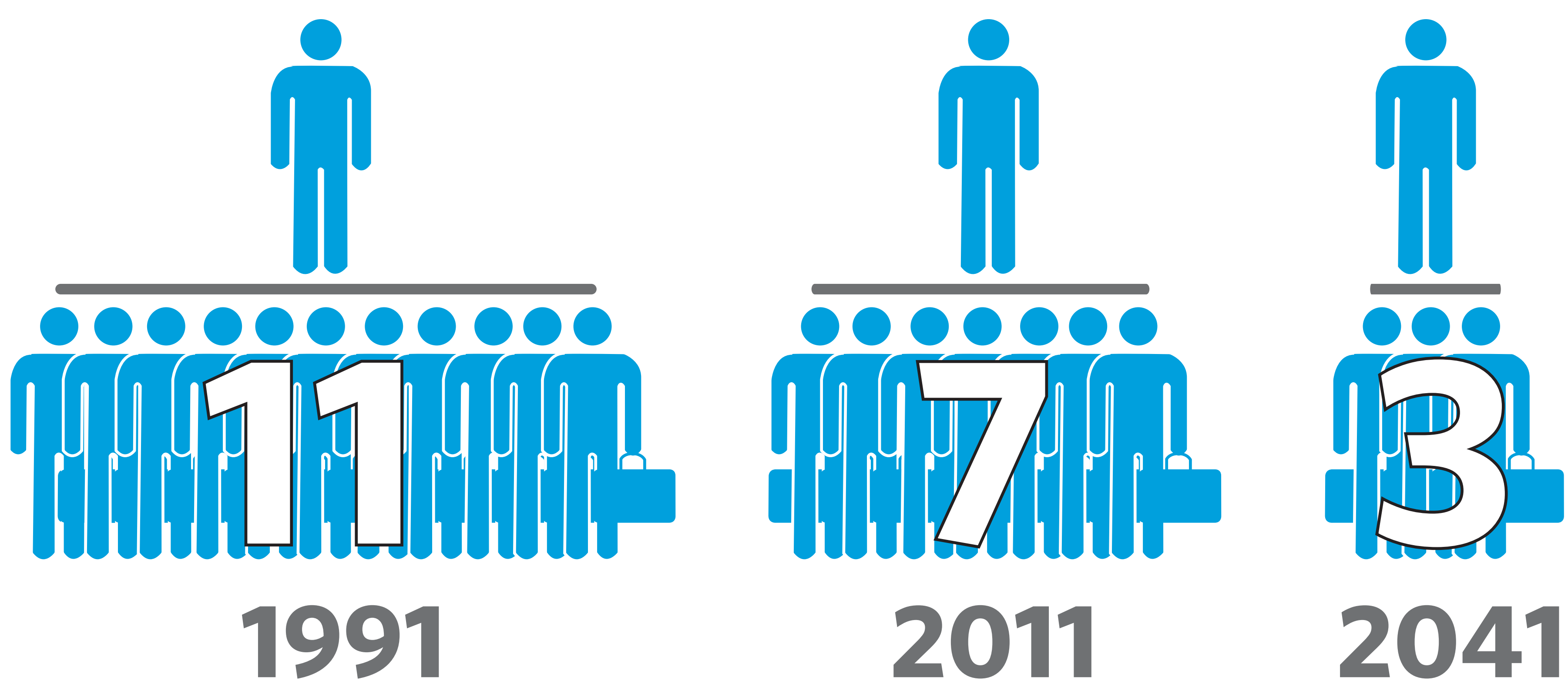


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What is leading this change for Age-Friendly Planning?

- Respond to an increasing seniors population
- Plan for changes in the built environment, to address aging in place (within their community)
- Direction from Regional Council
- Align to Strategic Plan and Term of Council Priority



Understanding that as seniors leave the workforce, not as many younger workers will enter, leading to a decrease in the number of working people for every senior

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Age-Friendly Planning

- By 2041, the Region of Peel will need to plan for almost 415,000 seniors, about 3 times the current seniors' population
- The Region of Peel prioritizes age-friendly planning to support all residents

The proposed age-friendly planning policies refer to the following four policy directions:

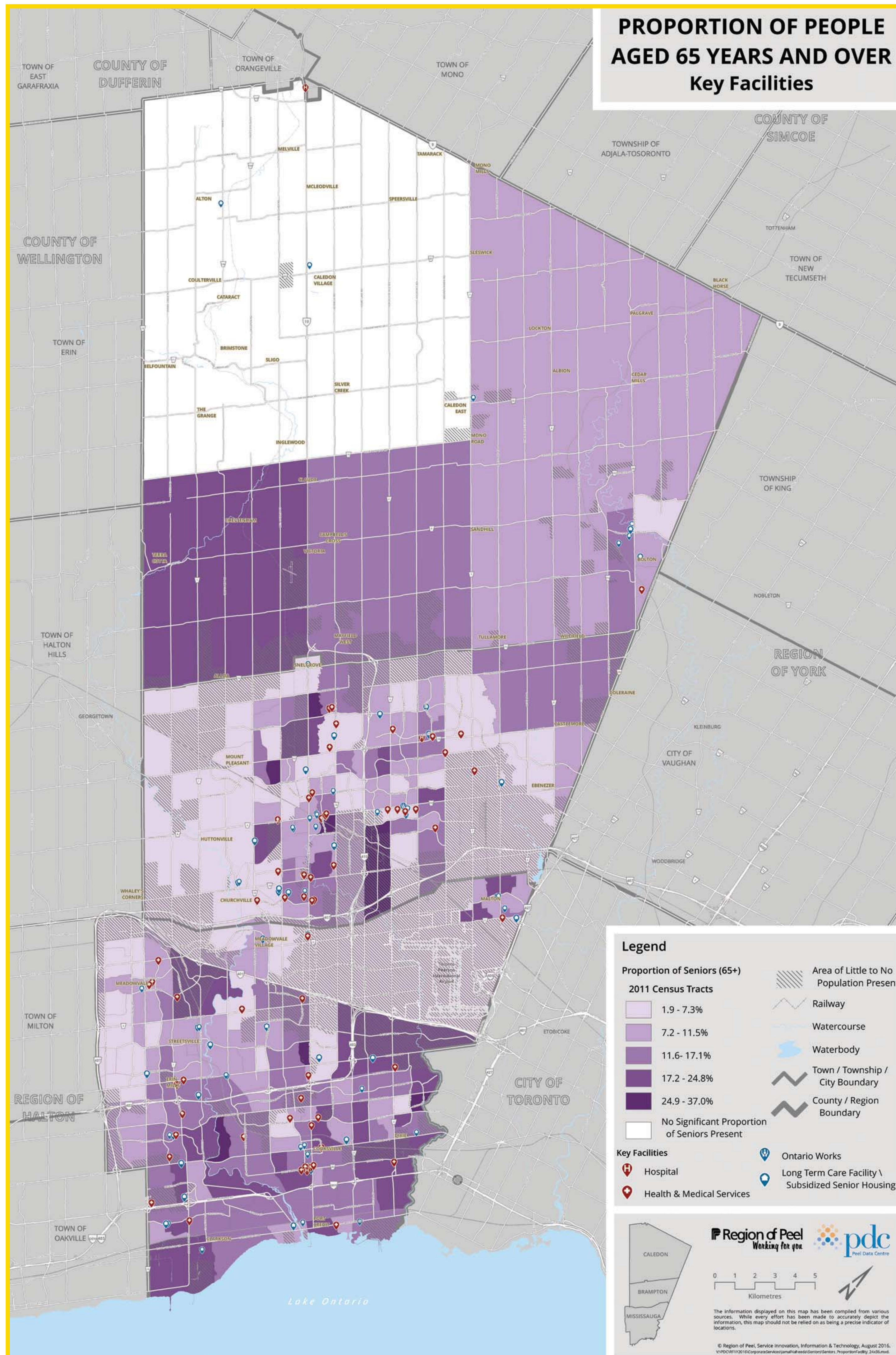
1. Encourage the local municipalities to develop policies to support seniors to age in place
2. Encourage the use of universal accessibility design in Peel's built environment
3. Require the local municipalities to implement the Healthy Development Framework
4. Work with the local municipalities to assess support services and the built environment in neighborhoods to identify gaps



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Current view Population 65 years and over and location of key services



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What is leading this change for Healthy Built Environments?

- How we live and move impacts our health. Over a period of decades, we have removed physical activity from people's lives including designing communities that require the use of cars
- Currently obesity and physical inactivity cost the Greater Toronto-Hamilton Area \$4 billion a year.
- Without intervention, diabetes rates in Peel will increase to 1 out of 6 residents by 2025 bringing the total cost of diabetes in Peel to \$643 million annually
- Traffic related air pollution is responsible for over 850 premature deaths a year and thousands of hospitalizations
- How we accommodate the anticipated population increase has significant implications for the health and well-being of the public



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Proposed Health and the Built Environment Policies

Policies have been drafted to support the Healthy Development Framework. The draft policies propose to:

- Require health assessments of all applicable planning applications
- Require health assessments of all Regionally or municipally owned and operated public buildings and spaces project applications
- Ensure results of health assessments are reported to local councils
- Integrate the elements of the framework in local municipal policies, plans, and design guidelines



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Desired Outcomes

- Ensure that health impacts are considered and prioritized in the decision making process
- The creation of walkable communities close to amenities, green spaces, programs and services
- **More healthy, complete communities where residents can live, work, play and age in place**



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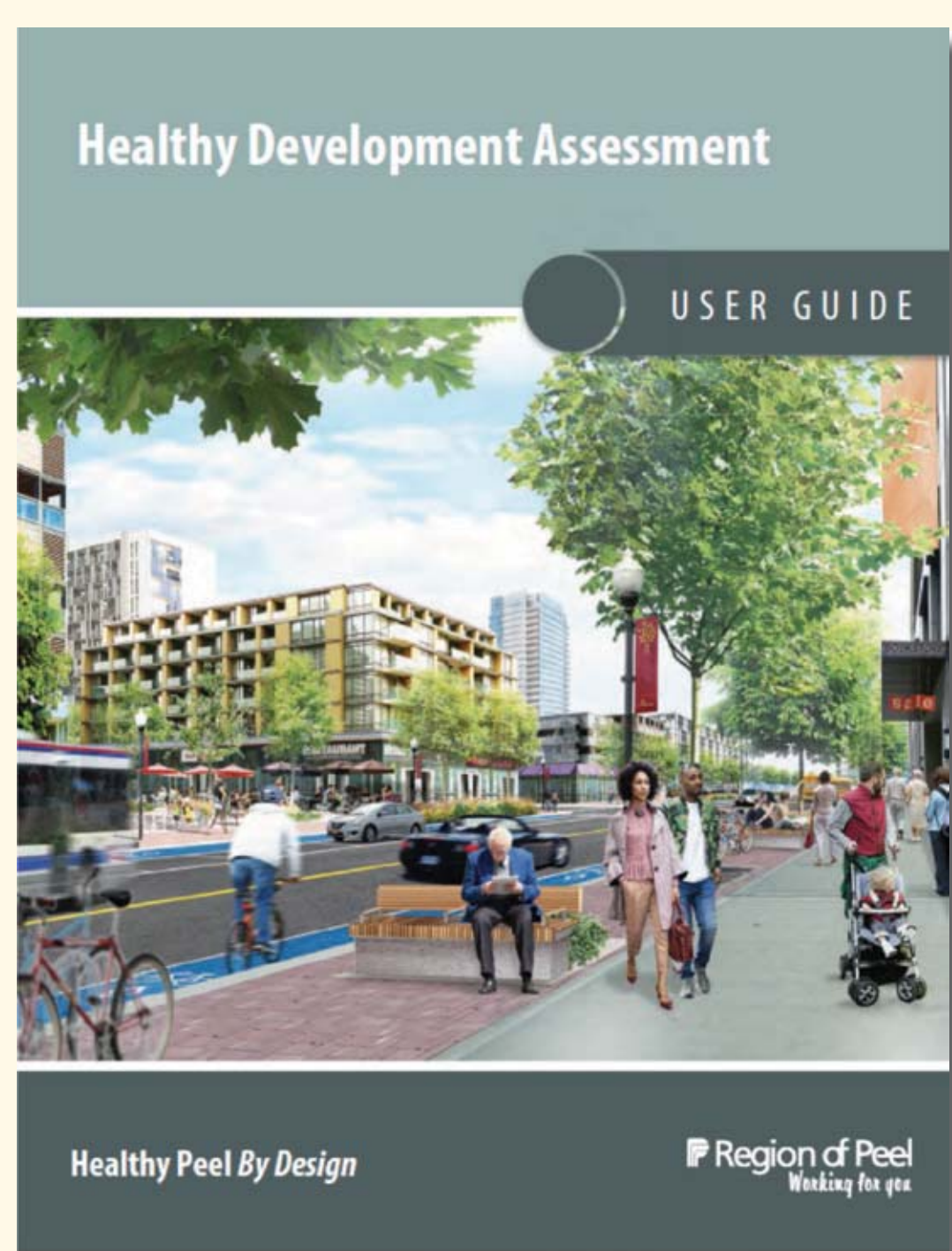
Healthy Development Framework

What is the Healthy Development Framework?

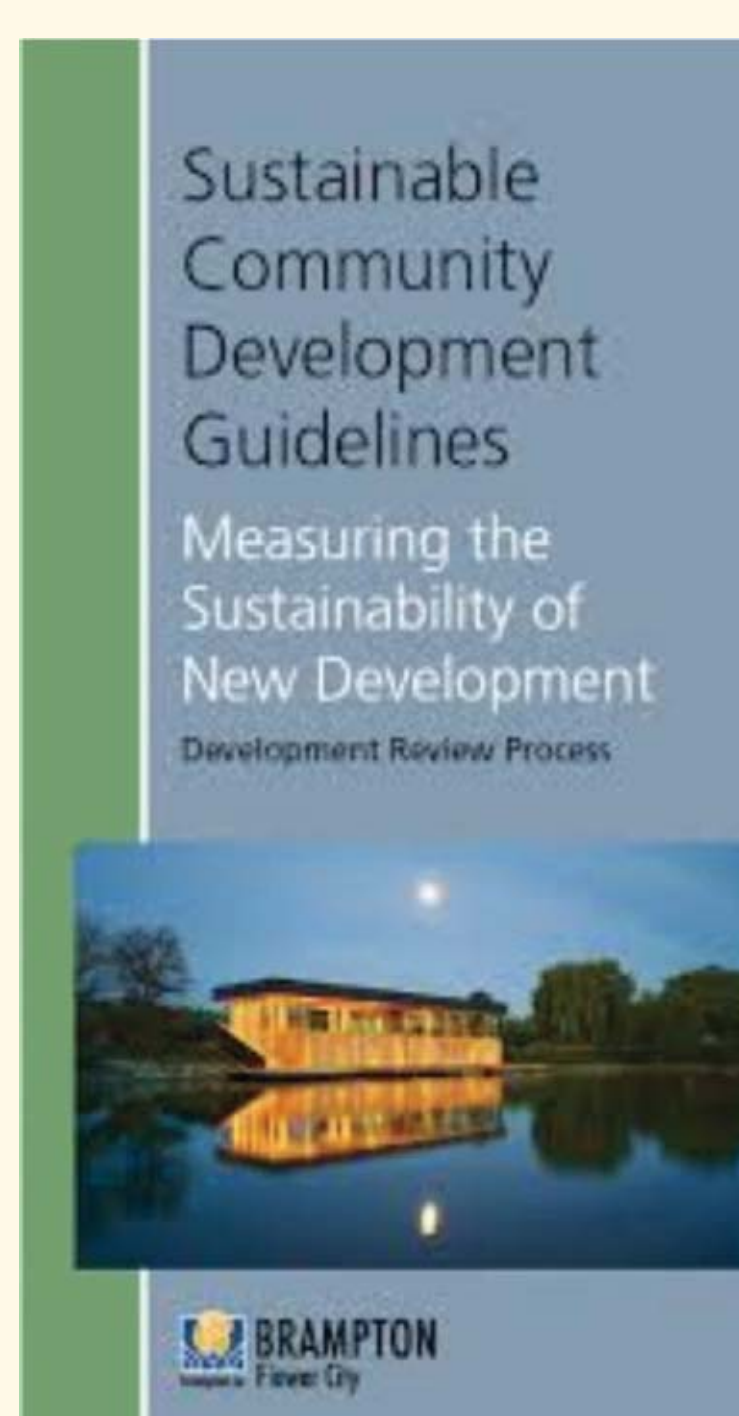
A collection of Peel-specific tools that planners and developers can use to assess the health promoting potential of neighbourhoods

Key elements that influence health are:

- Density
- Proximity to Services and Transit
- Land Use Mix
- Street Connectivity
- Efficient Parking
- Aesthetics and Human Scale
- Road Network and Sidewalk Characteristics



Region of Peel and Caledon
Healthy Development Assessment (HDA)



Brampton
Sustainable Community Development Guidelines



Mississauga
Healthy By Design Checklist

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Achieving desired outcomes requires collaboration to Build Complete Communities



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Your input matters!

Tell us what you think about ROPA 27

Open Houses

September 19, 2016, 6–9 p.m.
Caledon Community Complex

September 21, 2016, 6–9 p.m.
Mississauga Central Library

September 26, 2016, 6–9 p.m.
Brampton Civic Centre Lobby

Public Meeting

October 13, 2016, 9:30 a.m.
Council Chambers
Region of Peel Headquarters
Brampton

Or visit us on **Peelregion.ca/planning**

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What happens next?

Request to Council
for Consultation on
ROPA 27

July 7, 2016

Open House
with residents,
community
members and
stakeholders and
Public Meeting

Sept./Oct. 2016

Residents are
provided with
opportunity to
comment on
proposed changes

Input collected
from open houses,
public meeting and
correspondence
reviewed

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Policies and
reports may be
updated based
on input from
residents and
stakeholders

Recommend
Council Adoption
of ROPA

Jan. 2017

Provincial Approval
of Council Adopted
Policies

Q3, 2017

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Technical and Administrative Updates

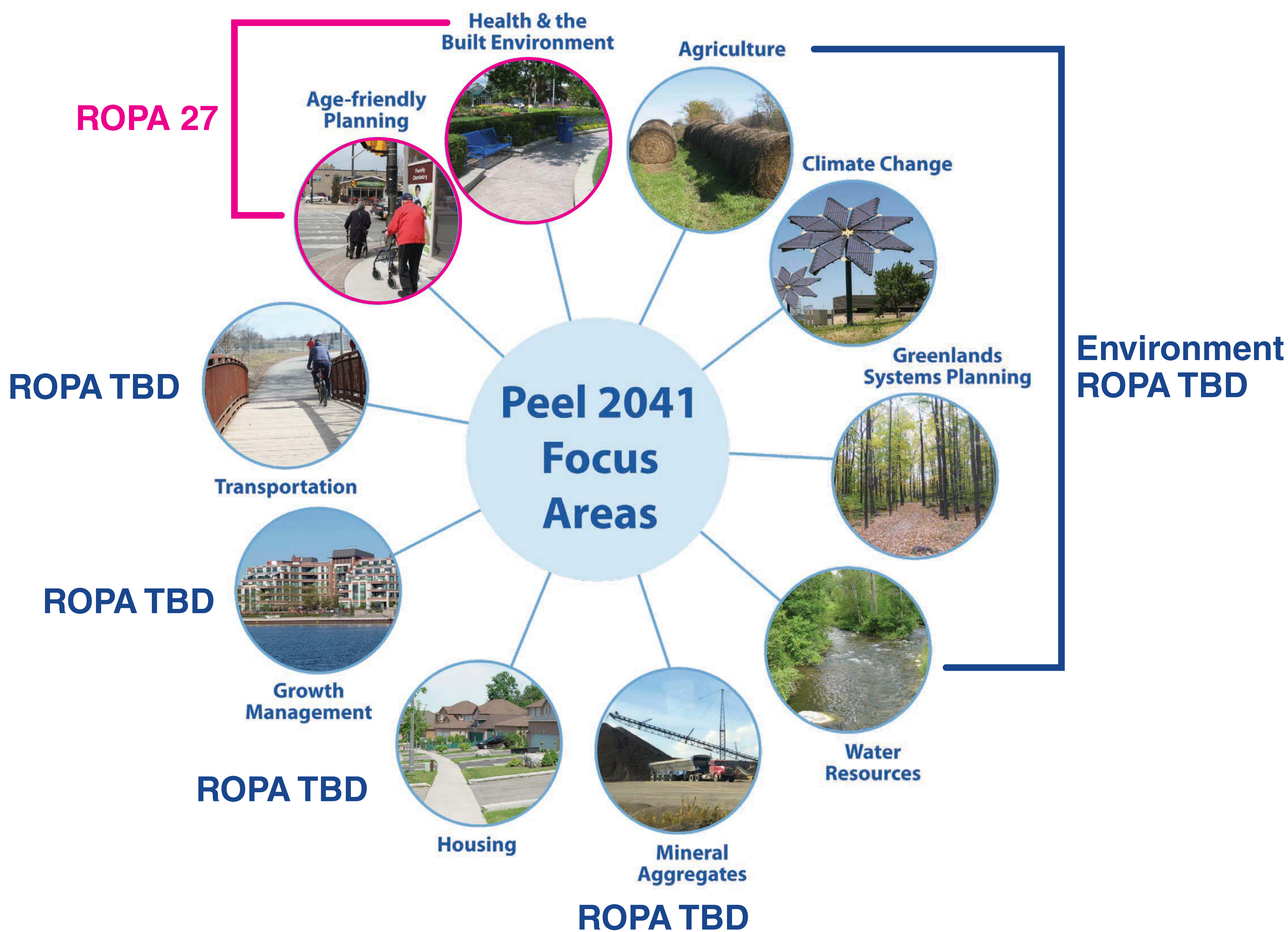
Administrative changes to the Official Plan are to improve and clarify the understanding of existing policies. A few key technical and administrative updates proposed through ROPA 27, as follows:

- A policy is proposed to permit correction of minor errors without a formal ROPA provided that the purpose, of the plan is not affected
- Further revisions are proposed to reflect current terminology
- Listed services within the Regional Official Plan is proposed to be updated to reflect current responsibilities and terminology. This component does not require an Official Plan amendment.

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As part of the Peel 2041 Official Plan Review, Additional Amendments will be proceeding in 2017.



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Housing



Examining opportunities to increase the supply of affordable housing.

Drivers:

- The need to increase availability of affordable housing
- Strong Provincial policy framework (Bill 204: *Promoting Affordable Housing Act*)
- Implementation of the Peel Housing and Homelessness Plan (PHHP) and the Peel Housing Strategy

Response:

- Evaluating policy using development process to require an Affordable Housing Assessment (AHA)
- Considering use of new planning tools proposed by the Province, such as inclusionary zoning where municipalities would be able to require affordable housing units to be provided in new developments

Desired Outcomes:

- Ensure consistency with Provincial policy
- New policy intervention to diversify housing stock and increase affordable housing
- Enable comprehensive dialogue and proactive planning opportunities for affordable housing
- Considering use of planning tools available to municipalities to secure affordable housing

Approximate annual income required to afford a \$526,376 average resale home in Peel (2015)

\$132,086

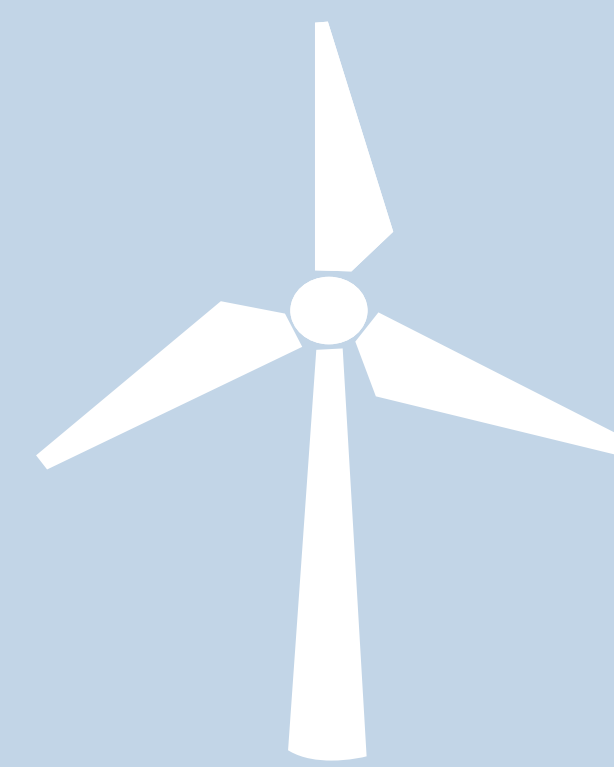
Average household income in Peel (2015)

\$101,110



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Climate Change



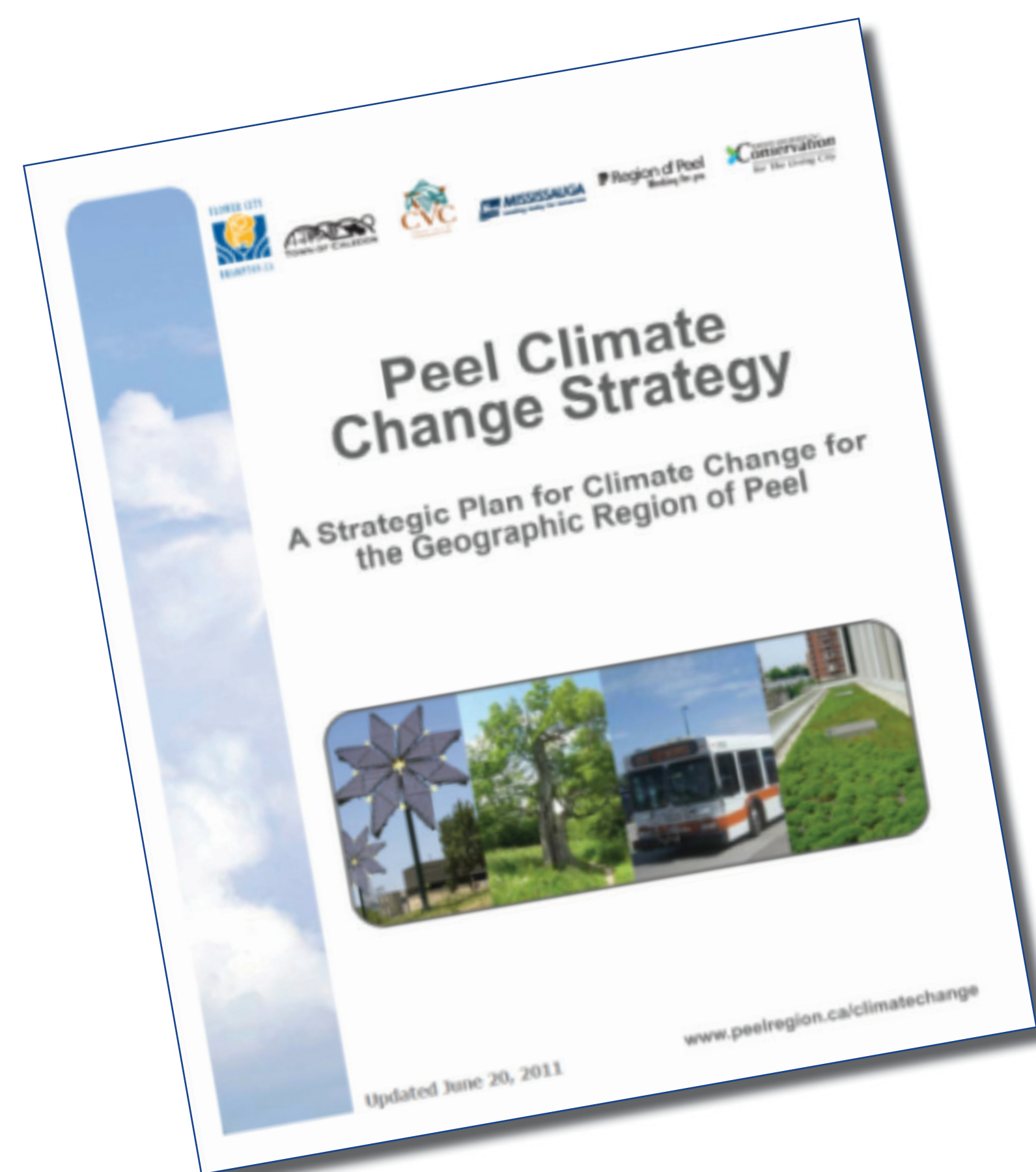
Increase community resilience to climate change while transitioning to a low carbon future.

Drivers:

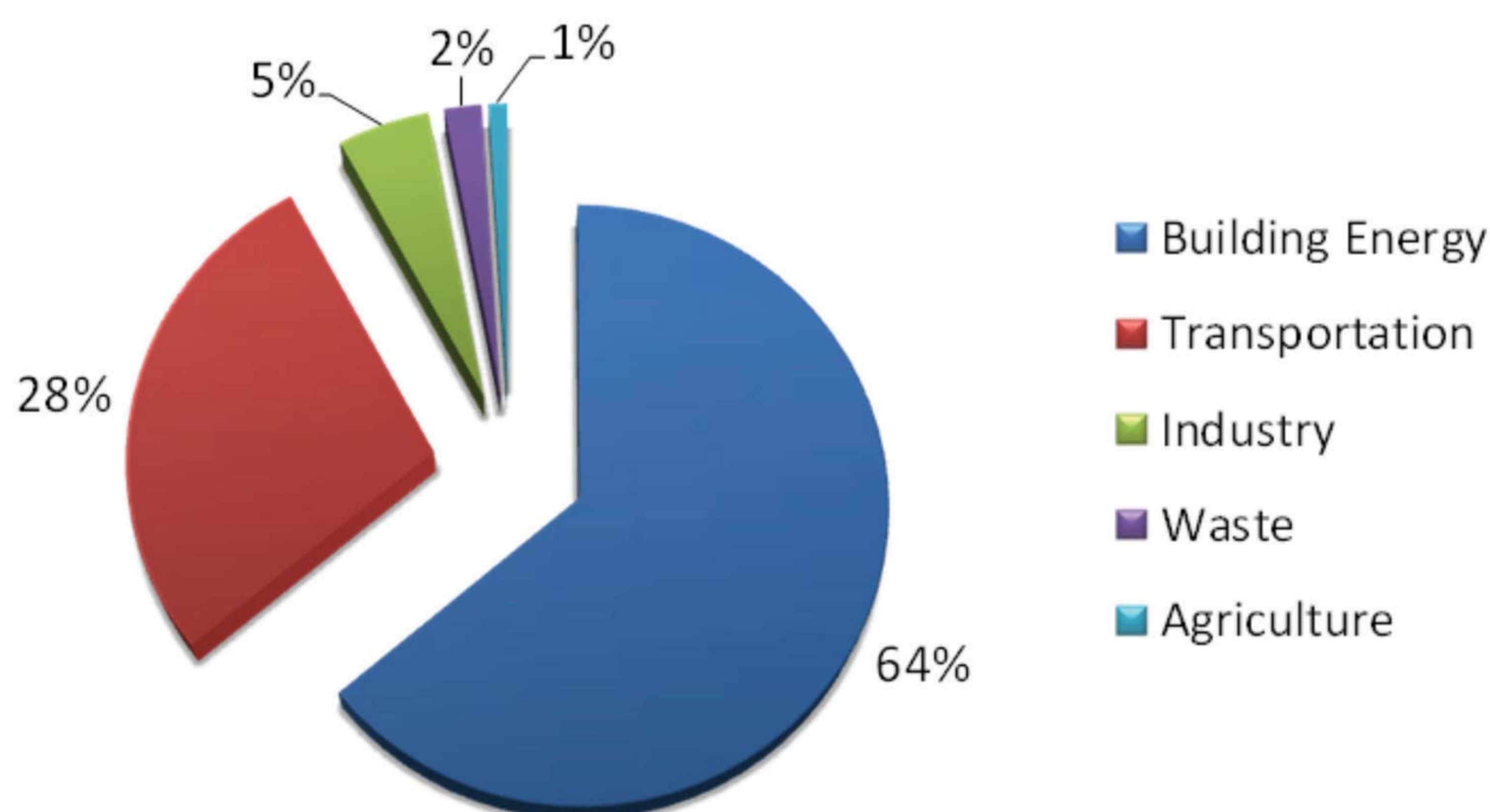
- Provincial Policy Statement, 2014 (sect. 1.8)
- Provincial Climate Change Strategy (2015) and Action Plan (2016)

Response:

- Recognition of Climate Change as an issue in Regional Official Plan
- Addition of policies addressing mitigation and adaptation
- Policy themes related to climate change (eg. growth management, natural heritage protection, water resources, energy etc.)



% Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Sector in Peel 2006



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Growth Management



Planning for population and employment growth to support complete communities.



Drivers:

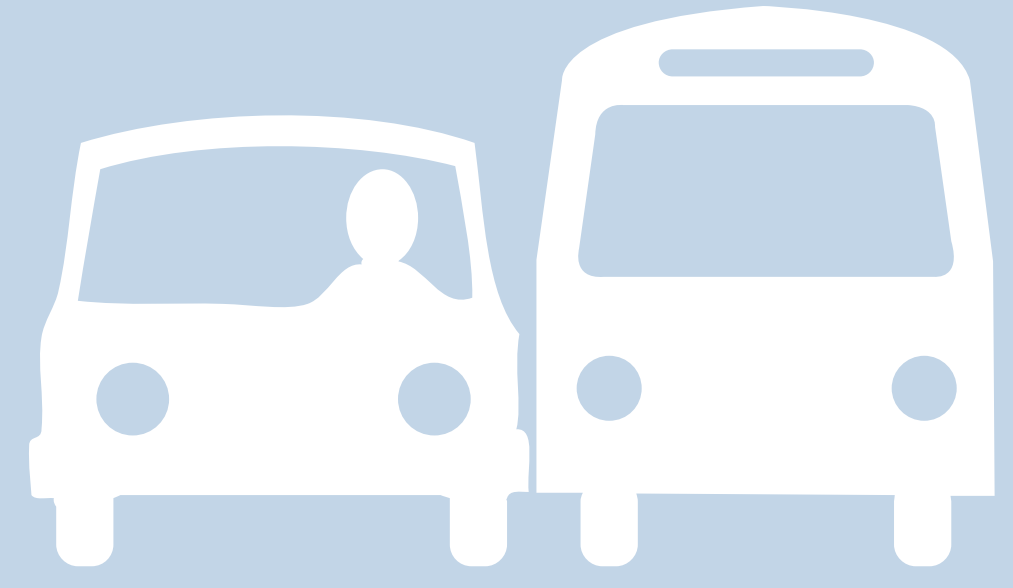
- 2013 Amendment 2 to the Provincial Growth Plan which provides new 2031 forecasts and a new 2041 planning horizon
- Peel 2031B 1.77 million people, 880,000 jobs
- Peel 2041 1.97 million people, 970,000 jobs
- Since 2008 Peel has incurred an infrastructure debt of \$1.3 billion

Response:

- Regional and area municipal working group to review and evaluate growth options
- New collaborative approach to planning, servicing, and financing growth in Peel
- Reduce projected gap between costs of growth and revenue

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Transportation



Shifting to more sustainable modes of transportation including cycling, walking and transit to support healthy communities.



Drivers:

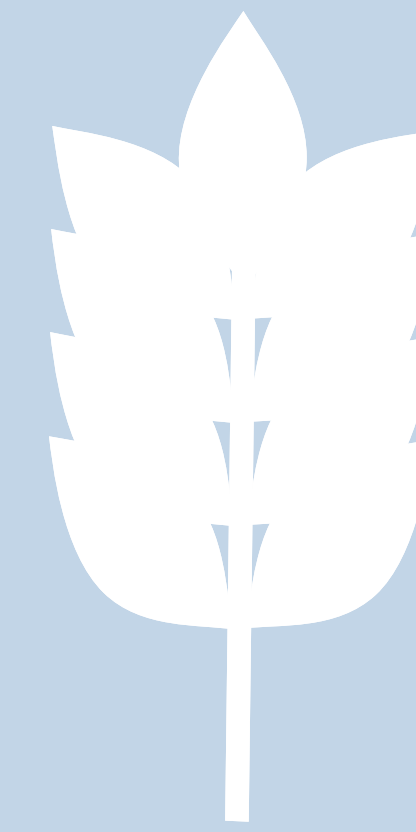
- Traffic Congestion #1 “Top of mind” issue to the community and council
- Need to accommodate movement of additional 600,000 people through 2041
- An increasing number of trips will need to be accommodated through sustainable modes such as transit, carpooling, cycling and walking

Response:

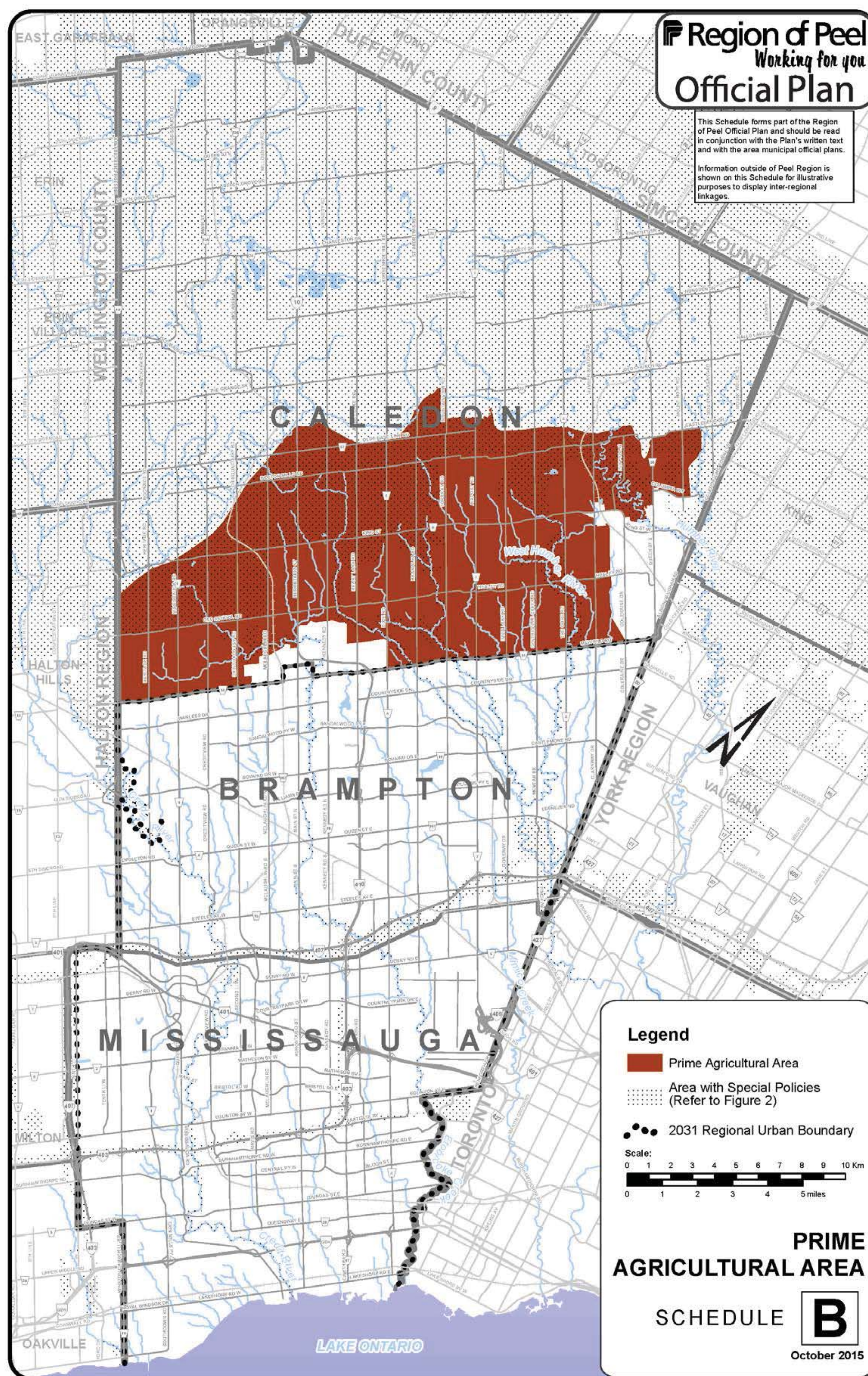
- Updated Long Range Transportation Plan
- Updated Official Plan policies

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Agriculture



Protecting agricultural resources to support food production and a healthy rural economy.



Drivers:

Provincial Policy Statement (2014):

- New policy and definitions related to permitted uses in Prime Agricultural Areas)
- Identification of Prime Agricultural Areas
- Mitigation of impacts to agriculture

Background Studies:

- Land Evaluation & Area Review (LEAR) Study
- Edge Planning for Agriculture Discussion Paper
- Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Policy Review

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Mineral Aggregates



Protecting and conserving mineral aggregate resources (gravel, sand, clay, and shale) for long-term uses, such as construction, industrial, and manufacturing purposes.

Drivers:

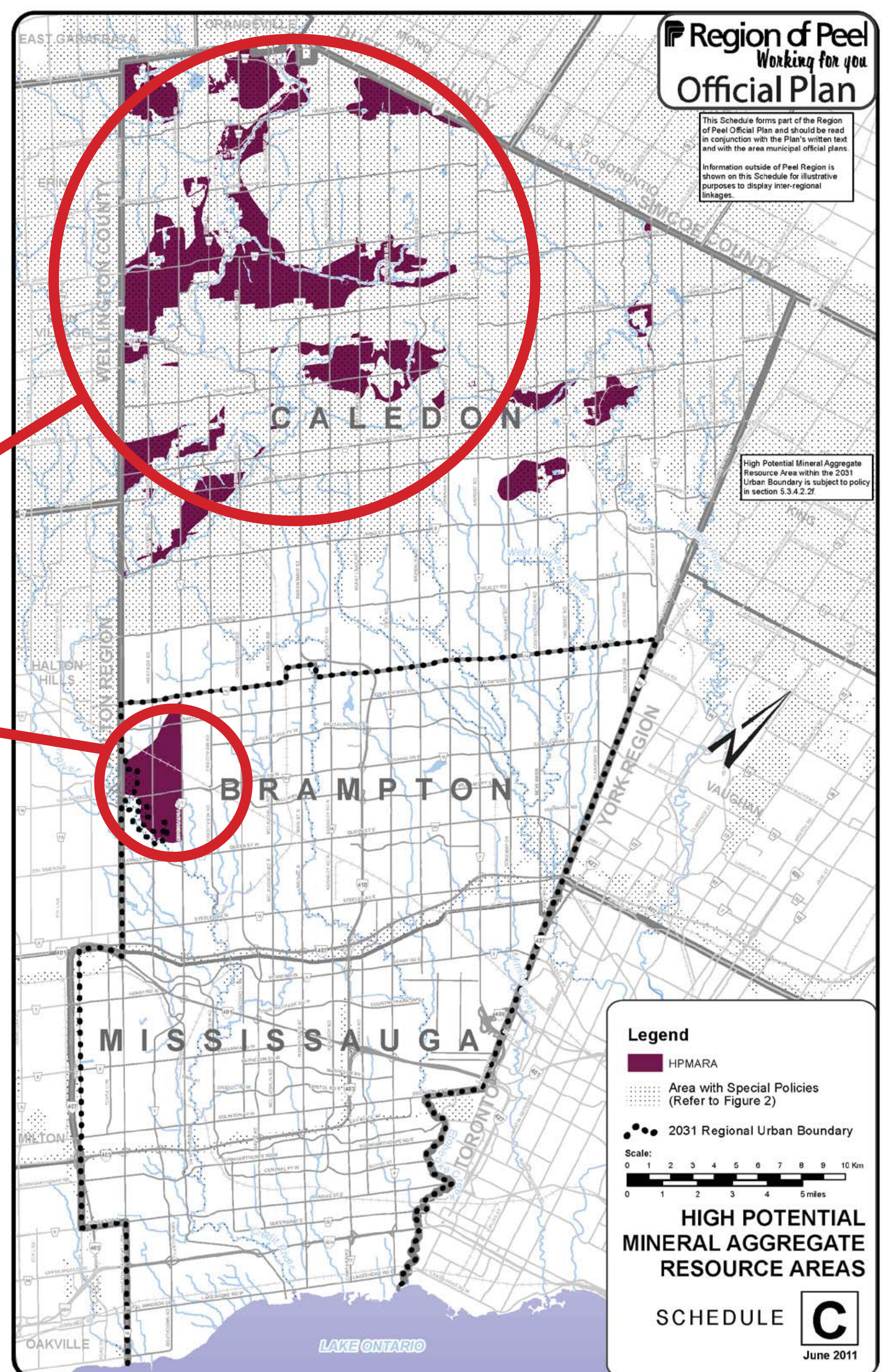
Provincial Policy Statement (2014):

- new policy/definitions related to comprehensive rehabilitation planning and aggregate recycling
- Provincial bedrock mapping update in 2009
- Southern Ontario Shale Study in 2012

Response:

Scope of Review to Address

- Comprehensive rehabilitation planning for aggregates
- Aggregate recycling
- High Potential Mineral Aggregate Resources Area mapping in the Town of Caledon
- North West Brampton Shale Policy Review



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Greenlands Systems



Preserve and enhance natural features such as woodlands, water bodies, rivers, and wetlands within a connected natural heritage system.

Drivers:

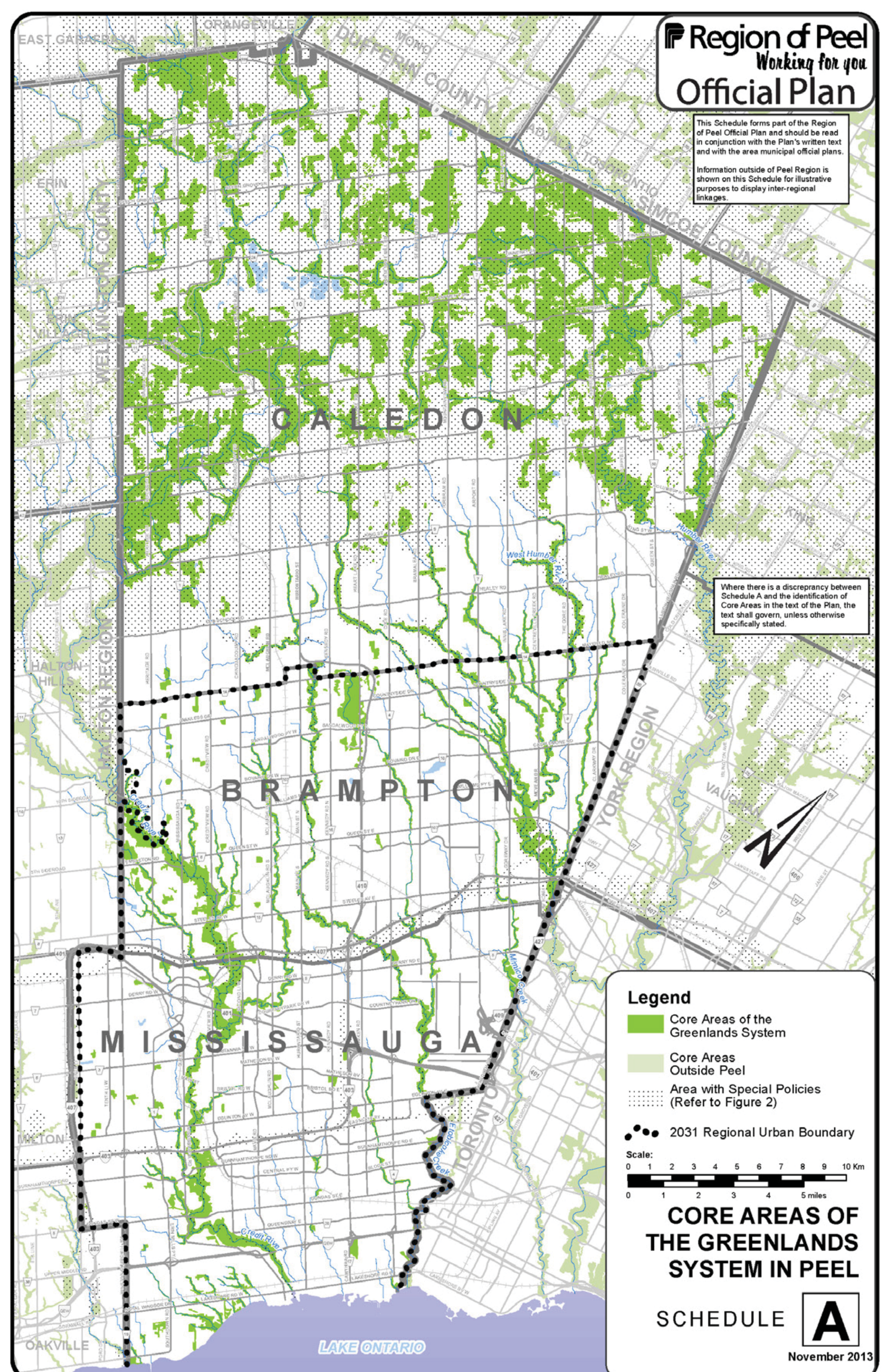
- Provincial Policy Statement (2014)
- Updated policies for Natural Heritage Features

Background Studies:

- CVC – Credit River Watershed Natural Heritage System background study
- TRCA – Terrestrial Natural Heritage System Strategy background study

Response:

- Identify Natural Heritage System (NHS) for Region
- Transition from feature-based to system-based NHS policies
- Rationalize provincial, local municipal and conservation authority policies and studies



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Water Resources



Managing and conserving water resources at a Regional scale to ensure clean drinking water and environmental well-being

Drivers:

New legislation and policy

- Provincial Policy Statement, 2014 (sect. 2.2)
- Clean Water Act, 2006
- Lake Simcoe Protection Act, 2008
- Great Lakes Protection Act, 2015

Response:

Review to address:

- Review of watershed and sub-watershed policies
- Updated ground water and surface water quality and quantity
- Source water protection
- Stormwater
- Lake Simcoe policies
- Mapping of water system features

