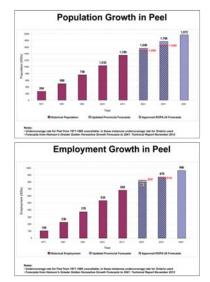
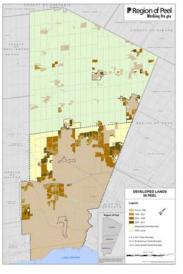
# **Growth Management**

# **Goal: Sustainable Communities**

- Compact, Vibrant and Complete
- Walkable and Transit Oriented
- Efficient Infrastructure and Services
- Enhanced Environment
- Protected Resources
- Strong Economy
- High Quality of Life







Growing
Where We
Invest

### **Drivers**

- Faster than Forecasted Population Growth
- Revised Provincial Forecasts to 2036/2041
- Provincial Policy Statement
- Infrastructure Investment

# **Challenges**

- Balance between Intensification and Greenfield Development
- Balance between Residential and Non-Residential Development
- Emerging Urban Forms
- Provision of Infrastructure and Services





Mayfield West, Caledon



City Centre, Mississauga



Mount Pleasant, Brampton

- Population and Employment Forecasts
- Intensification Targets
- Density Targets
- Settlement Boundary Expansions
- Regional Structure

# **Health & Planning**

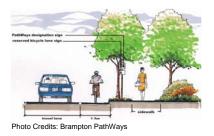
# **Defining Walkable Communities**

- Walkable communities have positive impacts on health including influencing higher rates of walking and lowering body weights.
- Peel's Healthy Development Index identifies seven elements of the built environment associated with walkable communities:
  - Higher Density
  - Service Proximity
  - Location of Parking Scale
  - Road Network & Sidewalk Characteristics
- Street Connectivity
- Land Use Mix
- Aesthetics & Human



Celebration Square, Mississauga Photo Credits: City of Mississauga

# Healthy Communities Support Healthy People



# **Drivers**

- Evidence demonstrates a strong connection between the design of our communities and health, as it relates to our ability to walk, cycle and be active.
- Half of Ontarians are inactive. It was estimated in 2011 that the rates of inactivity were associated with \$2.9 billion dollars in indirect and direct costs.
- In some areas of Peel, more than 60% of people are overweight/obese.

- What features of planning and community design would encourage you to walk more?
- What should be the role of the Regional Official Plan and Health Services' in supporting healthy communities?



Queen Street, Bolton Photo Credit: Bolton Community Improvement Plan (2009)

# Housing

# **Meeting the Housing Needs of Peel Residents**

- The Region of Peel is committed to addressing the affordable, accessible, adequate and appropriate housing needs of Peel's current and future residents.
- Meeting the needs of Peel's diverse population by providing a range of housing choices fosters liveable and vibrant communities.



Nance Horwood Place

Chapelview Apartments

Henderson Ave. Apartments

# Achieve a Range & Mix of Housing

### **Drivers**

- Housing demands and needs continue to evolve and change.
- Municipalities are required to permit second units as of right in Official Plans.
- Peel's Housing and Homelessness Plan is under development.
- The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) is currently under review.

- An update to policies to meet second unit requirements of the Ontario Planning Act.
- Potential housing policy recommendations from Peel's Housing and Homelessness Plan.
- Responding to the housing needs of our residents to create healthy, vibrant and complete communities.
- Are Regional housing policies addressing housing needs in Peel?





# **Transportation**

# **Peel's Vision for Transportation**

"Peel Region will have a safe, convenient, efficient, multi-modal, sustainable and integrated transportation system that supports a vibrant economy, respects the natural environment, meets the diverse needs of residents and contributes to a higher quality of life."



Queen Elizabeth Way HOV Lanes, Mississauga

**Main Message** 

Moving People & Goods



Highway 401 & Winston Churchill Blvd. Interchange, Mississauga

## **Drivers**

- Integrating transit & land use
- Moving goods efficiently
- Focus on sustainable modes of transportation



Malton Go Train Station, Mississauga

- Metrolinx Investment Strategy
- Transportation Demand Management
   5 Year Plan Update
- Accessible Transportation Master Plan



Lake of Dreams - Bovaird Drive Trail, Brampton

# **Agriculture**

# **Protecting Agricultural Resources**

 The protection of agricultural resource areas and the viability of the sector ensures local food production and a healthy rural economy.









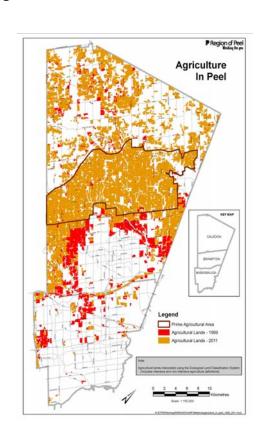


Support
Viable Food
& Farming
Systems

### **Drivers**

- Agriculture continues to adapt to market demand and opportunities.
- There are new opportunities for near urban agriculture as the Region has a growing and culturally diverse population.
- The Provincial Policy Statement provides direction for the protection of agricultural lands.
- The Golden Horseshoe Food & Farming Action Plan, 2021, co-ordinates planning and economic development to grow the sector.

- Identification of prime agricultural lands through a Land Evaluation and Area Review.
- Planning guidelines to mitigate the effect of urban and rural non-farm land uses on agriculture.
- Are policy revisions needed to support new agriculture and agri-food opportunities?
- What other agriculture policy improvements or initiatives are needed?



# **Climate Change**

# What is climate change?

Climate change is any change in climate over time, whether due to natural changes or as a result of human activity.

For Peel, this means that we will experience:

- Hotter summers
- Warmer winters
- More frequent and extreme weather events

The Region, the local municipalities and conservation authorities, are taking a proactive approach to address climate change by coordinating adaptation and mitigation efforts.

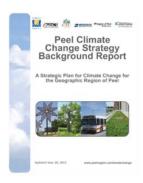
# **Mitigation**

Actions taken to reduce or prevent emission of greenhouse gases.

# **Adaptation**

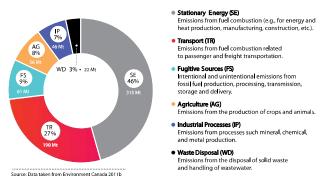
Actions taken to adjust to the impacts of climate change.

# What are the drivers for addressing climate change?





- Regional Council adopted the Peel Climate Change Strategy on June 23, 2011. It guides partners to adapt and mitigate against impacts of climate change.
- Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) –
   Ontario is reviewing the PPS to include climate change as a provincial interest.



Canada's GHG emissions by sector, 2009 (Source: National Roundtable on the Environment and Economy)

- How will climate change affect the following sectors?
  - Public Health
  - Transportation, infrastructure and built form
  - Agriculture
  - Natural heritage

- Water resource
- Energy
- Human Services
- How will climate change affect how Peel and its partners deliver programs and services?
- How can Peel and its partners work together to plan for resilient communities that can withstand the impacts of climate change?

# **Greenlands System Planning**

# **Protecting Peel Region's Natural Areas**

- The Region and its partners work together to protect, restore and enhance natural areas.
- The Greenlands System in Peel is comprised of features (e.g., rivers & forests) and the surrounding areas that link together and support them.
- This connected natural system provides natural services such as clean water and air, habitat for plants and animals, as well as cultural, recreational and health benefits.



Rattray Marsh, Mississauga

# **Supports** Healthy, **Sustainable Communities**

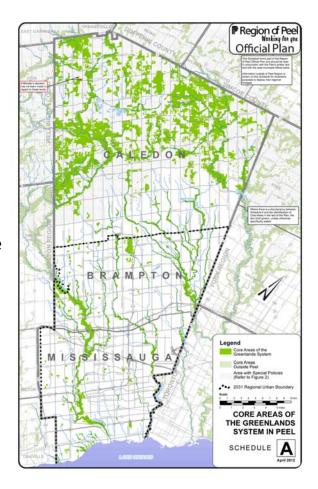
### **Drivers**

- The health and resilience of Peel's Greenlands System continues to be affected by growth and land use activities.
- The Provincial Policy Statement provides direction to municipalities in regards to the protection of natural heritage areas.

- Should the Region's policy direction for Natural Heritage Systems planning be improved?
- How should the Region identify an updated Greenlands System for Peel?
- What actions are needed to achieve the Region's natural heritage objectives?



Heart Lake Conservation Area, Brampton



# **Water Resources**

### **Watershed Connections**

# **Managing Water Resources**

- The Region of Peel and its partners protects, manages and conserves water resources at a Regional scale in order to ensure:
  - Clean drinking water for residents
  - Health and safety of the community
  - Environmental well-being
  - Management of stormwater
  - Water Conservation

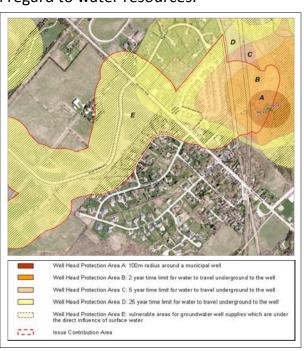


# Protect Drinking Water Sources

## **Drivers**

- Clean Water Act, 2006 helps to protect sources of drinking water through locally developed protection plans.
- Lake Simcoe Protection Act, 2008 allowed for the creation of a plan to protect and restore the health of Lake Simcoe.
- Great Lakes Protection Act, if enacted, will provide direction to municipalities to protect the watershed, wetlands and coastal areas of the great lakes.
- Provincial Policy Statement provides direction to municipalities in regard to water resources.

- Should the Region's stormwater management policies be stengthened?
- Are the region's current policies sufficient to protect water quality and quantity?
- Should policies be amended to protect vulnerable drinking water areas?



# Regional Official Plan Review

The Regional Official Plan is a long-term strategy to guide growth in Peel. It charts the future of our communities with respect to:

- Protecting the environment
- Development in urban and rural areas
- Future infrastructure and service needs
- Safe and healthy communities
- Natural and cultural heritage
- Economic sustainability

### The Official Plan Review Process

The Region undertakes a review of 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.

# Your input matters! Share your feedback at the following events:

### **Open Houses**

May 1, 2013, 7–9 p.m., Mississauga Central Library May 8, 2013, 5–8 p.m., Brampton City Hall May 8, 2013, 6–9 p.m., St. James Anglican Church, Caledon

### **Public Meeting**

May 23, 2013, 9:30 a.m., Council Chambers, Region of Peel Headquarters, Brampton

Thank you for contributing to the review of our Official Plan.

Your Feedback Considered for the ROP Review Workplan

### Fall 2013

Regional Staff to Prepare Workplan for Council Approval

### 2014 and 2015

Discussion Papers, Workshops, Prepare Draft Policies

# 2014 and 2015

Further Open Houses and Public Meetings on Draft Policies

### 2014 and 2015

Regional Council Adoption of Policies