

Provincial Greenbelt Plans



What are the provincial greenbelt plans?

The Greenbelt Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and Niagara Escarpment Plan were introduced to minimize the encroachment of urban development and ensure the protection of the agricultural lands as well as the natural environment surrounding the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

What is the Region doing?

- Supporting agricultural systems planning to strengthening the agricultural sector
- Supporting natural heritage and water resource systems planning
- Integrating infrastructure and land use planning, including stormwater management
- Recognizing the role of the natural environment in mitigating climate change
- Revising and introducing new mapping to reflect updates to the provincial plans

Why are provincial greenbelt plans important?

- The Greater Golden Horseshoe contains some of the most ecologically and hydrologically significant natural environments and scenic landscapes, including the Oak Ridges Moraine and the Niagara Escarpment
- These areas provide Peel and the surrounding area with drinking water, habitat for many species of animals and plants, recreational opportunities, and fertile soil for productive farmland

Regional Official Plan policies will...

- Conform and implement the Provincial policy direction within the three Provincial Greenbelt Plans
- Provide direction to the local municipalities to protect agricultural lands, enhance natural features and areas, preserve cultural heritage and support recreation



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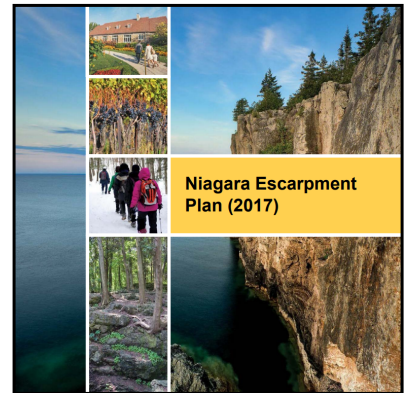
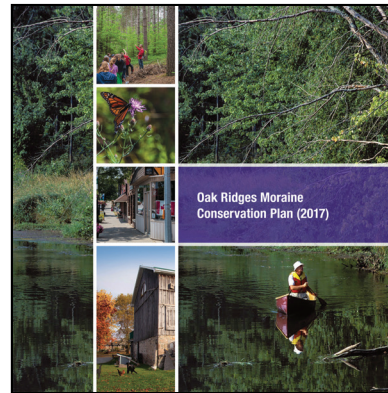


How are provincial greenbelt plan policies formed?

In 2017, all three of the Provincial Greenbelt Plans were updated and are being reviewed to ensure continued Regional Official Plan conformity.

A Place to Grow, together with the Greenbelt Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, and the Niagara Escarpment Plan, are Provincial land use plans which provide detailed and geographically-specific policies, including Peel Region, to meet certain objectives, such as managing growth, and protecting agricultural lands and the natural environment.

Changes to Provincial Greenbelt Plans mapping is being updated in accordance with the updated Provincial plans.



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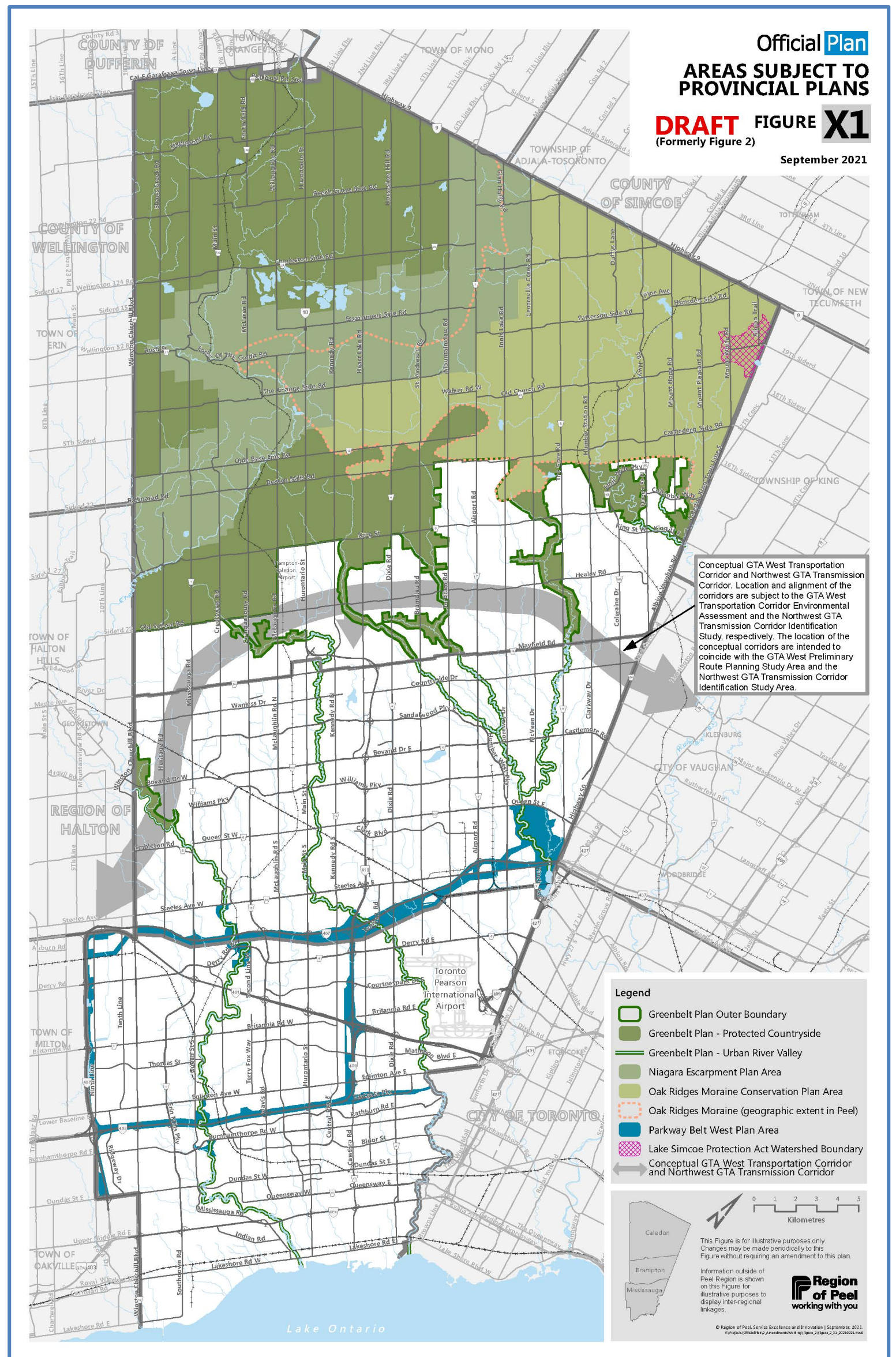
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Plans to minimize the encroachment of urban development and protect agricultural lands and the natural environment.

Key proposed policies and mapping

- The Provincial Greenbelt Plans including the Greenbelt Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and Niagara Escarpment Plan ensure protection of the agricultural land base, as well as the significant landscapes, ecological and hydrological features and functions within the Greater Golden Horseshoe.
- The Oak Ridges Moraine and the Niagara Escarpment provide drinking water, habitat for many species of animals and plants, recreational opportunities, and fertile soil for productive farmland.
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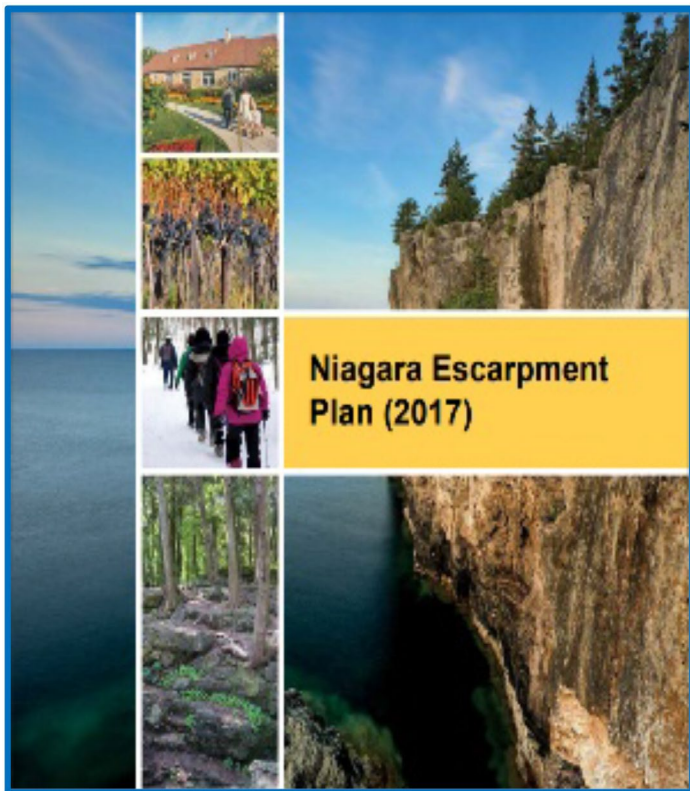


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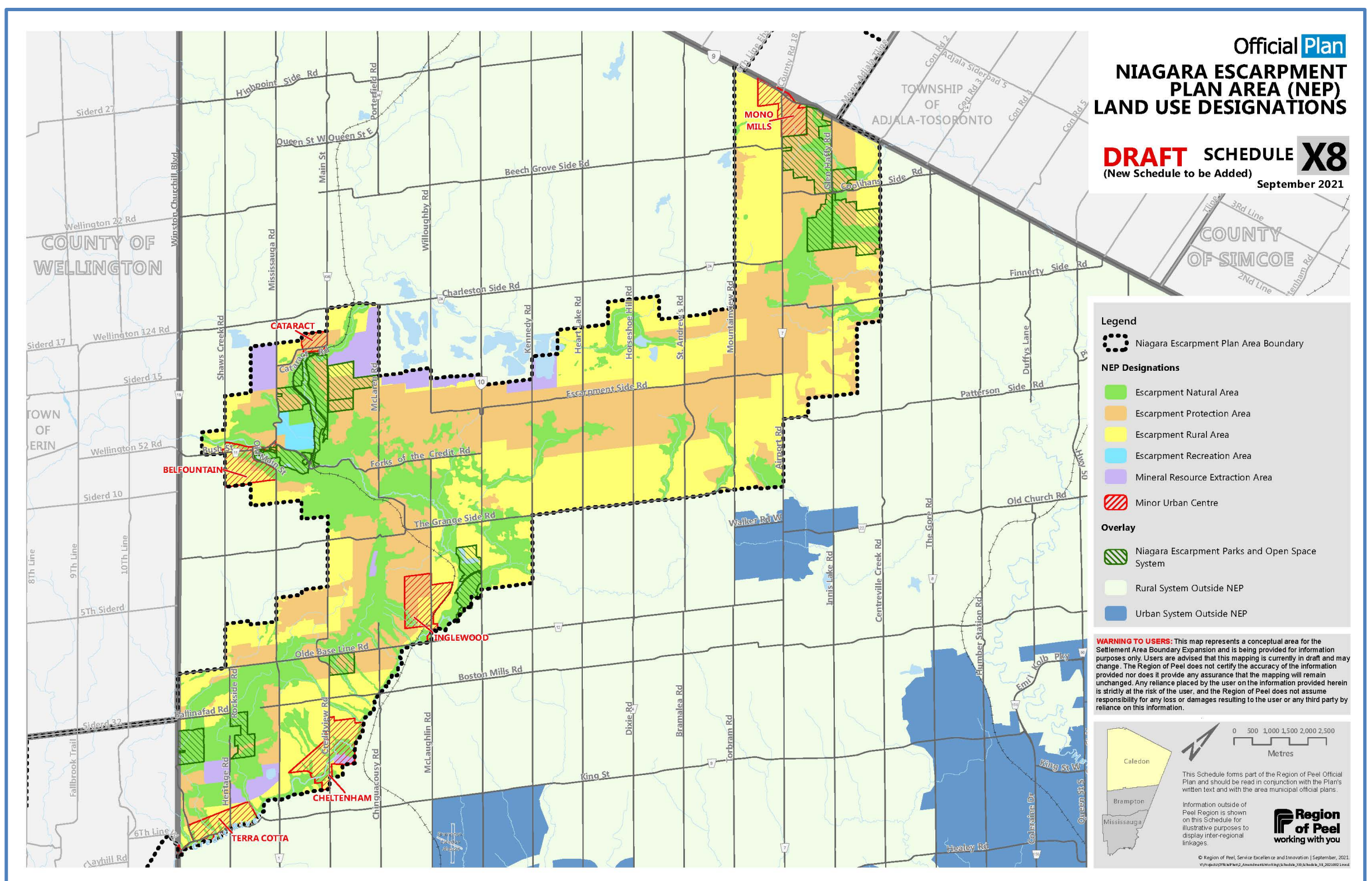


Niagara Escarpment Plan

Key proposed policies and mapping



- Recognize the Niagara Escarpment Parks and Open Space System and support the objectives and development criteria for each designation.
- Update existing policies to include policy direction for environmental protection, development, and tourism and recreation within the Escarpment area.
- Insert new policy to identify the minor urban centres in Peel and restrict the expansion of the minor urban centre boundaries without an amendment to the Niagara Escarpment Plan.
- Insert mapping of the Niagara Escarpment Plan land use designations in the Regional Official Plan.

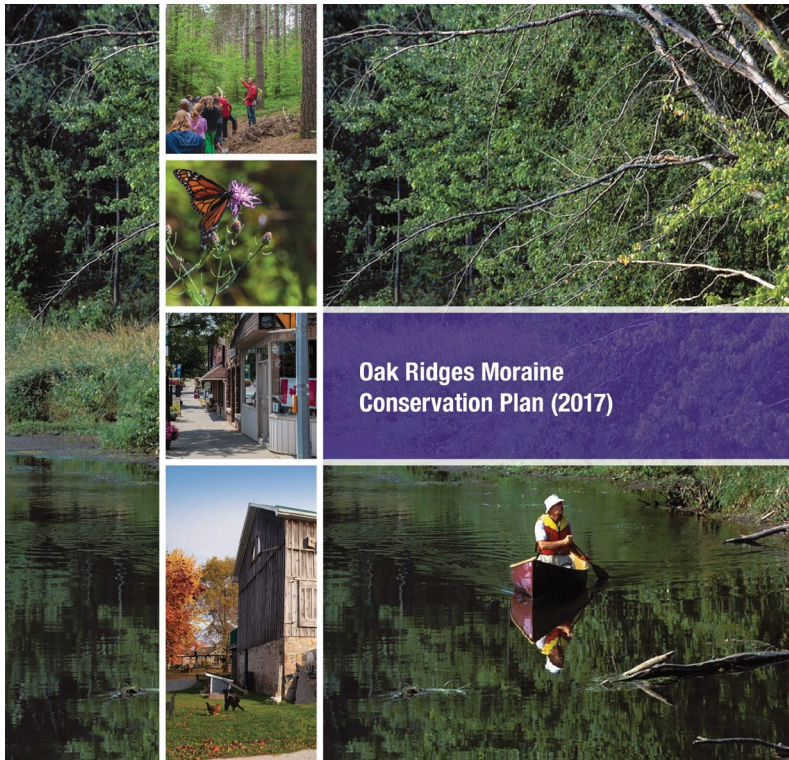


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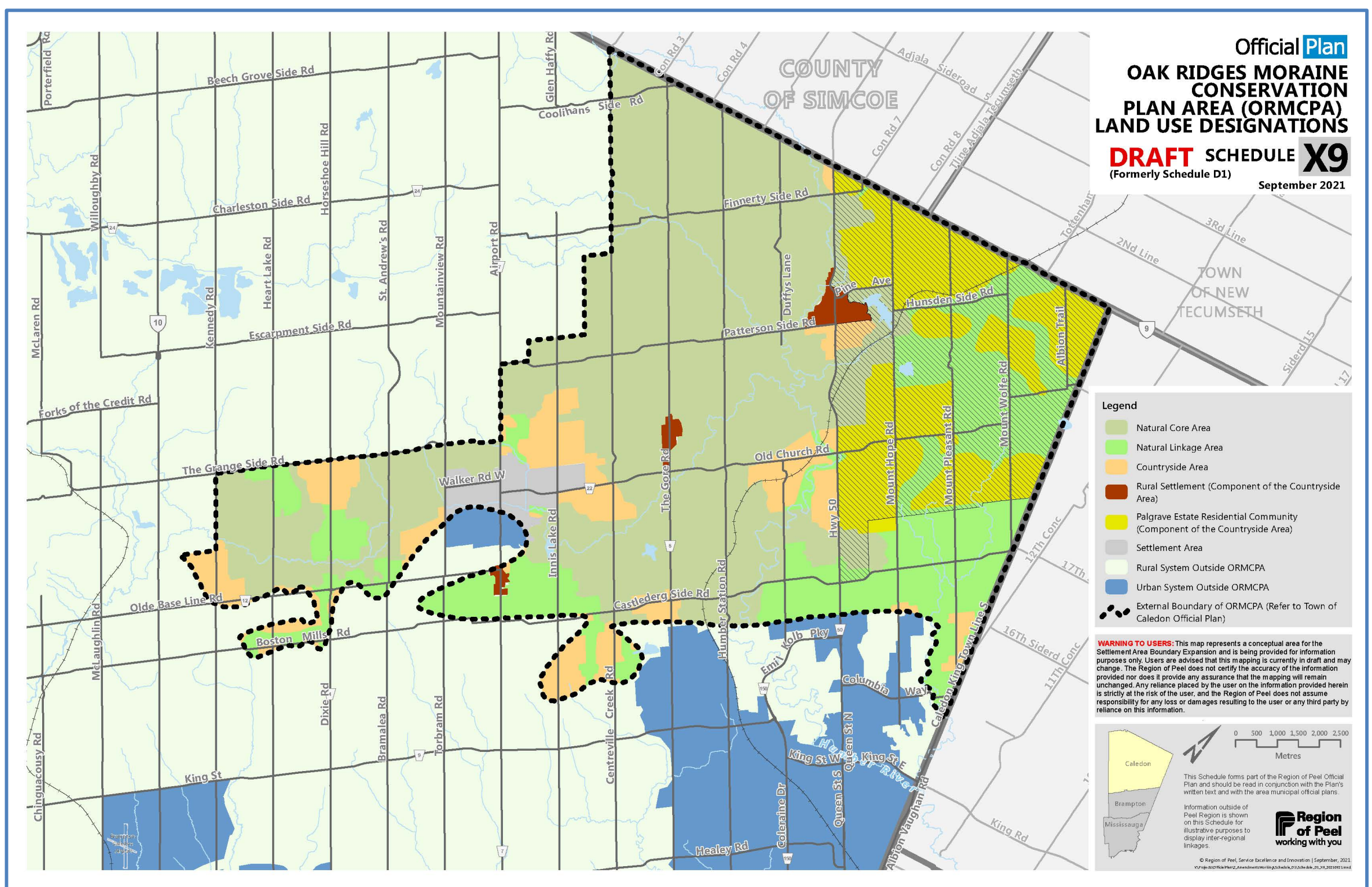


Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan

Key proposed policies and mapping



- Recognize the role of the Oak Ridges Moraine in mitigating climate change.
- Support agricultural systems planning, including providing more flexibility and permitting a broader range of agriculture and on-farm diversified uses.
- Integrate infrastructure and land use planning, including stormwater management.
- Update the mapping of the Oak Ridges Moraine Plan Area land use designations, wellhead protection areas, areas of high aquifer vulnerability, landform conservation areas, and partial services areas.



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Key proposed policies and mapping

- Support agricultural systems planning including recognizing the agricultural land base and agri-food network to strengthen the agricultural sector.
- Clarify permissions for agricultural, agriculture-related and on-farm diversified uses.
- Support natural heritage and water resource systems planning.
- Align policies related to Settlement Areas and Infrastructure with the Growth Plan.
- Introduce the Urban River Valley (URV) designation and policies along with mapping and the revised boundary for the Greenbelt Plan Area to include the URV designation.

