

# **Peel2051**

Regional Official Plan Review and Municipal Comprehensive Review

**Update and Key Issues** 

Planning & Growth Management Committee
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#### **Overview of Presentation**

- Overview of Peel 2051 Regional Official Plan Review
- Environmental and Resources Related Focus Areas
- Growth Management Related Focus Areas
  - Lands Needs Assessment Results
  - Settlement Area Boundary Expansion (SABE)
- Other Focus Areas
- Next Steps

#### Official Plan Review & Municipal Comprehensive Review

#### What is a Regional Official Plan?

A Regional Official Plan is a long-term plan that provides a policy framework for making land use planning decisions (setting a structure for managing growth, protecting the environment, and managing resources).

#### What is a Municipal Comprehensive Review?

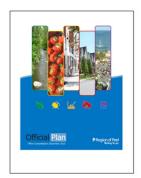
A Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) is a process required by the Province.

An MCR results in a new official plan or official plan amendments requiring Provincial approval based on various policies (see diagram).



# **Land Use Planning Policy Framework**







The Province

The Region



The Local Municipalities

- ➤ Planning Act
- > Provincial Policy Statement
- ➤ Growth Plan
- ➤ Greenbelt Plan
- > Oak Ridges Moraine Plan
- > Niagara Escarpment Plan

- Regional Official Plan
- Official Plan Review and Amendments
- Regional Planning Studies
- Settlement Boundary Expansion
- Major Transit Station Area Planning
- Environmental Studies
- Resource Studies
- •Employment Areas

- ➤ Strategic Plans
- ➤ Area Municipal Official Plans
- ➤ Land Use Approvals
- ➤ Secondary Plans
- ➤ Block Plans
- Zoning By-laws
- ➤ Plans of Subdivision
- ➤ Site Plans
- ➤ Other Planning Act Tools

# Regional & Local Role

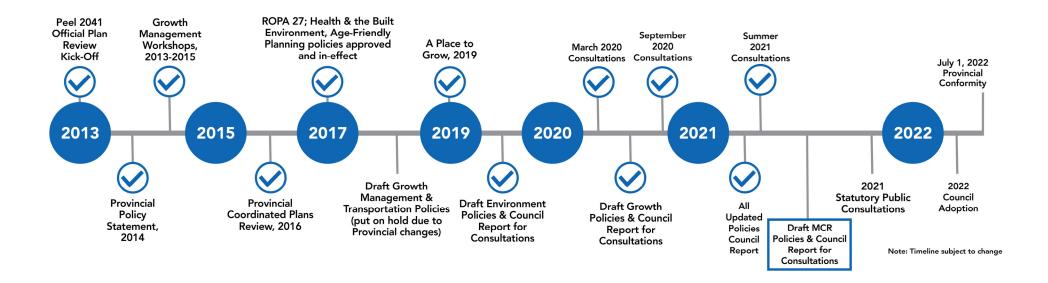
#### **Regional Role**

- Setting densities for Growth Plan Policy areas (Urban Growth Centres, Major Transit Station Areas, Designated Greenfield Areas)
- Identifying and protecting employment significant employment lands
- Participating in local Official Plan Amendments (LOPA) for conformity to Regional Official Plan (ROP)
  - Approval authority is delegated by the Region to Local Council, provided the amendment conforms to the Regional Official Plan

#### **Local Municipal Role**

Undertake detailed planning (LOPA, Secondary Plans and Community Plans)
 that reflect the local context, however must conform with Regional policies

#### **Process**



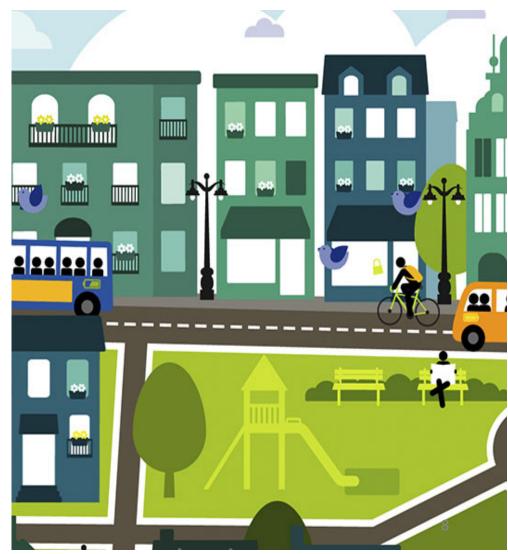
#### What We Heard

- Need to manage growth in a sustainable manner
- Protection of environment and resources especially agricultural lands
- Climate change concerns and need for more transit-oriented development and active transportation
- Need for high-density mixed-use development including more affordable housing and employment opportunities
- Complete communities where people can live, work, shop and access services in close proximity to their home



# **Key Policy Themes**

- Action against climate change and protecting and enhancing the Region's natural heritage, and agricultural and rural landscapes
- Fiscally sustainable growth
- Healthy, complete development of communities
- Increase affordable housing
- Changing economy and encourage job growth
- Encourage active transportation



#### **Environment and Resources**

#### **Related Focus Areas**



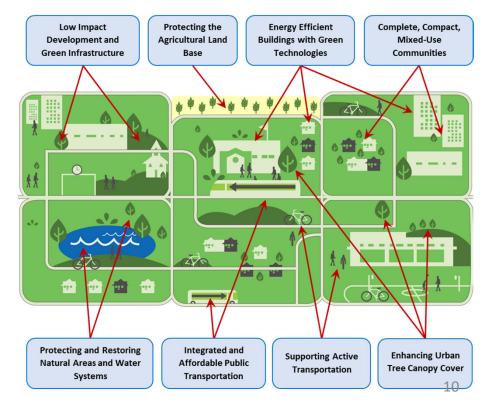
Environment and resources sections of the Plan emphasize systems approach and integrate new policy addressing climate change across themes including growth management, transportation and infrastructure.

<sup>\*</sup> Aggregates focus area proceeding separately as a staged policy review and ROPA.

# **Climate Change**

- New section with policies for collaborative climate change planning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce vulnerability, and increase resilience and adaptation to a changing climate
- Climate change policies embedded throughout key theme areas of the Official Plan

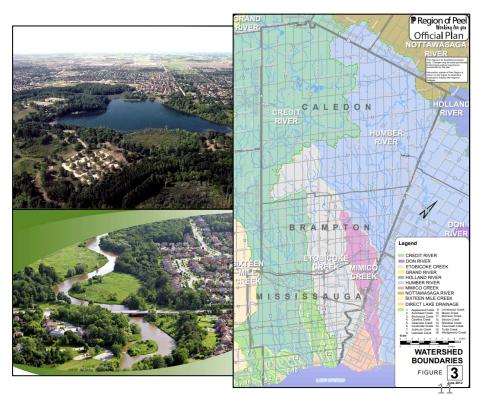




#### **Water Resources**

- Updated Water Resource System policy section to identify, protect, improve or restore vulnerable and sensitive surface and ground water
- Policies protect sources of drinking water by managing surrounding land uses and integrate watershed planning information in planning decisions
- New requirements for stormwater master plans and management plans
- Mapping of Water Resource System features and areas





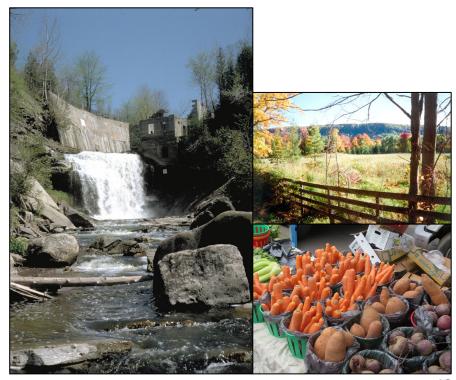
- **Greenlands Systems**
- Transition from feature-based to systembased natural heritage system planning to ensure that the natural environment is protected, restored and enhanced
- Ensure natural areas will be planned to adapt to a changing climate and provide residents with clean air, water and recreational opportunities
- Mapping updates include:
  - Provincial Plan NHS System designations
  - Core Areas of the Greenlands System mapping layers





#### **Provincial Greenbelt Plans**

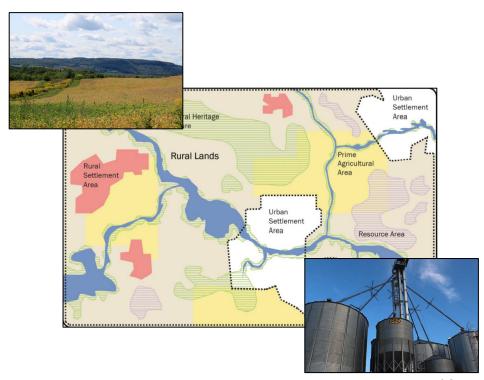
- Policy revisions incorporate recent updates to the Niagara Escarpment Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and Greenbelt Plan
- Recognize the requirements and policies of the Provincial Greenbelt
   Plans and apply them to the Regional and local context



# **Agriculture and Rural Systems**



- Incorporate an agricultural system approach to protect Prime Agricultural Areas and support agriculture
- Identify a Rural System and designate Rural Settlement Areas, Rural Lands and Prime Agricultural Areas
- Provide policy direction respecting rural servicing, lot creation and cemeteries
- Mapping of Prime Agricultural Area designations



### **Aggregate Resources and Excess Soil**

#### (proceeding as a separate ROPA)

- Update policies to reflect current best practice and align with new Provincial direction regarding aggregates conservation, recycling and rehabilitation
- Update mapping of High Potential Mineral Aggregate Resource Areas





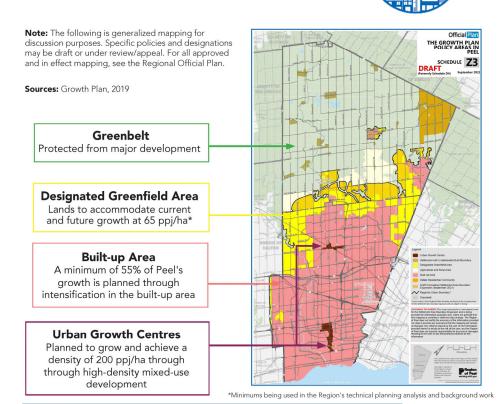
# **Growth Management**

#### **Related Focus Areas**



Growth management and related sections of the Plan emphasize managing growth in a fiscally sustainable manner, providing affordable housing, responding to a changing economy, encouraging job growth, active transportation and ensuring the healthy development of our communities.

- **Growth Management**
- Set the framework to guide how Peel will accommodate new population and employment growth to 2051 to achieve a fiscally sustainable complete community
- Direct new growth to areas with increased mobility
- Respond to the changing nature of employment
- Designate Regional employment areas



# Housing

- Strengthen and support established housing objectives including a range and mix of housing options, density and tenure and increasing the supply of housing, particularly affordable housing
- Set strong needs-based targets to measure progress
- Implement new tools and mechanisms to encourage and support the creation of affordable housing



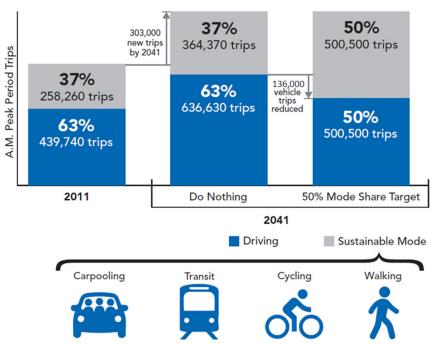


# **Transportation**

- Manage growth through a balanced approach that shifts 50 percent of travel to sustainable modes such as walking, cycling, public transit, and carpooling
- Maximize the use of existing transportation infrastructure to ensure financial feasibility while keeping people and goods moving safely and efficiently







# **Major Transit Station Areas (MTSA)**



- Identify and delineate MTSA boundaries
- Establish minimum density targets
- Guide implementation planning by the local municipalities to support context appropriate development
- Protect MTSAs for planned transitoriented development



# **Municipal Growth Allocation**



Municipal Growth Allocation									
	2021 E	stimate	2051						
Municipality	Population	Employment	Population	Employment					
Caledon	81,000	27,000	300,000	125,000					
Brampton	698,000	209,000	985,000	355,000					
Mississauga	799,000	500,000	995,000	590,000					
Peel	1,578,000	736,000	2,280,000	1,070,000					

#### **Land Needs Assessment Results**



Note: The following is generalized mapping for discussion purposes. Specific policies and designations may be draft or under review/appeal. For all approved and in effect mapping, see the Regional Official Plan.

Sources: Growth Plan, 2019

#### Greenbelt

Protected from major development

#### **Designated Greenfield Area**

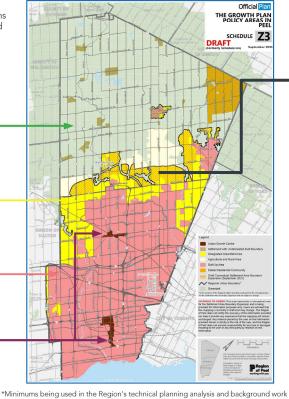
Lands to accommodate current and future growth at 65 ppj/ha\*

#### **Built-up Area**

A minimum of 55% of Peel's growth is planned through intensification in the built-up area

#### **Urban Growth Centres**

Planned to grow and achieve a density of 200 ppj/ha through through high-density mixed-use development



#### \*\*Draft Conceptual Settlement Area **Boundary Expansion (SABE) - Additional land** need

3,000ha of Community Area Land Need 1,400ha of Employment Area Land Need

#### **Community Area Need**

700,000 Additional People 271.000 Additional Units 75% of additional people to be accommodated within existing areas

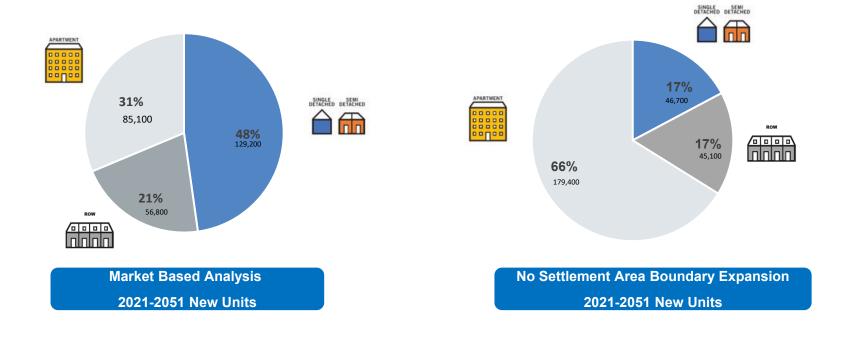
#### **Employment Area Need**

335,000 Additional Jobs 80% of additional jobs to be accommodated within existing areas

Existing areas are comprised of land within the delineated built-up-area and designated greenfield areas

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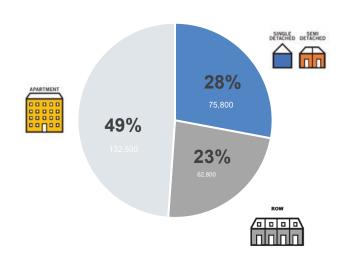
# **Housing Assessment**



#### **Land Needs Assessment Results**

# **Balanced Approach**

New Growth by Unit Type (%) 2021-2051 in Peel



#### **Key Considerations:**

- Existing Land Supply
- Exceeding minimum intensification target
- Local municipal planning and visioning
- Leveraging transit investment in Strategic Growth Area
- Climate Change and compact built forms

#### **Urban Growth Centres**

238 ppj/ha (2021)

397 ppj/ha (2051)

Mississauga

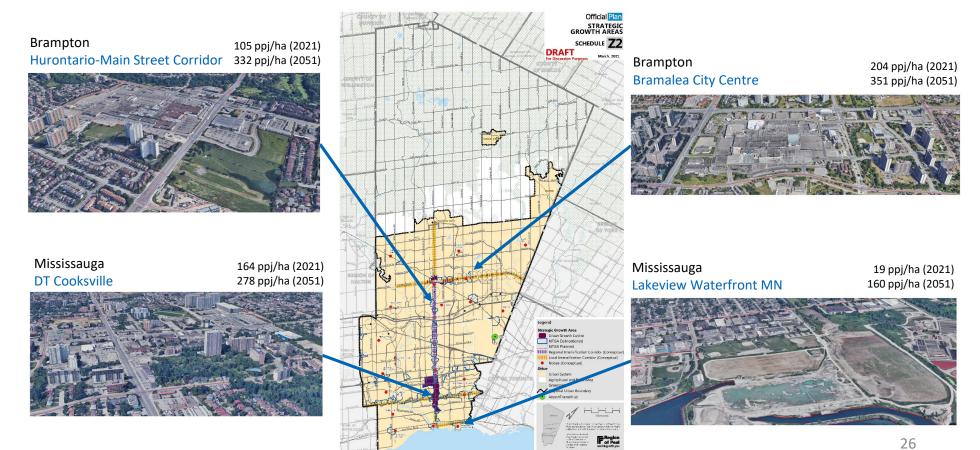
**Urban Growth Centre** 

THE GROWTH PLAN POLICY AREAS IN PEEL SCHEDULE Z3
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Brampton 84 ppj/ha (2021) Urban Growth Centre 313 ppj/ha (2051)



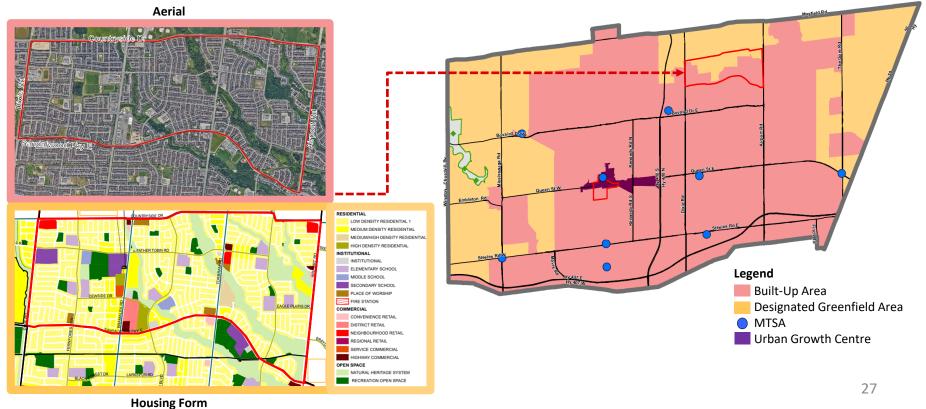
# **Strategic Growth Areas**



# **Visualizing Density – Brampton**

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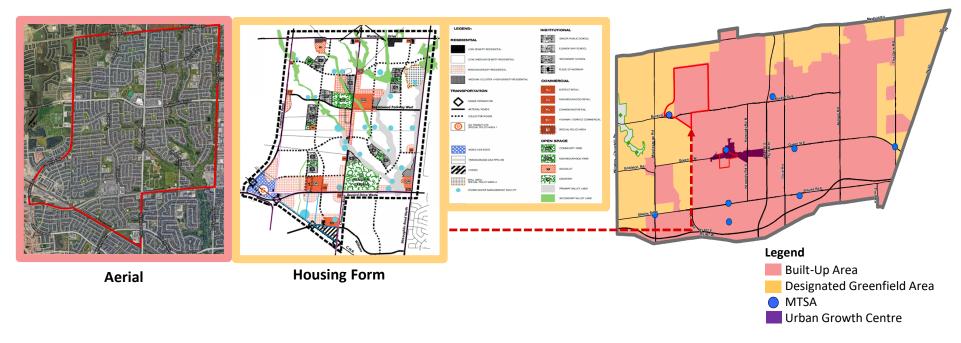
65 ppj/ha (existing net)



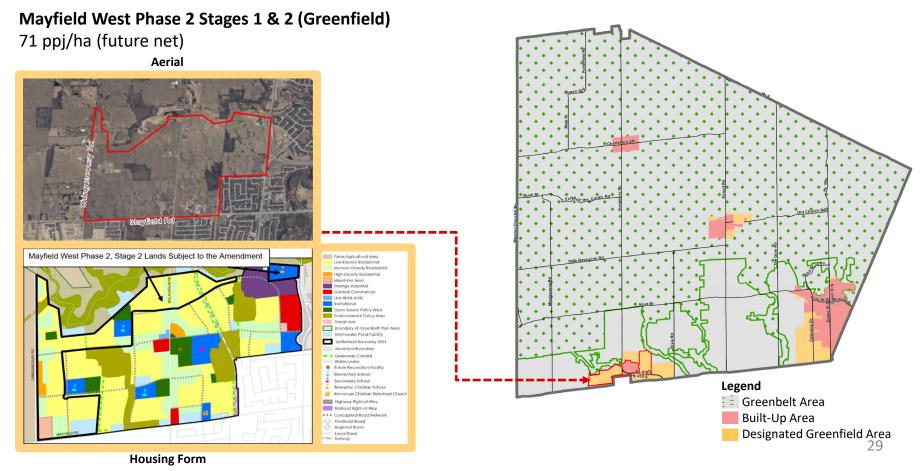
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#### Fletchers Meadow, Brampton

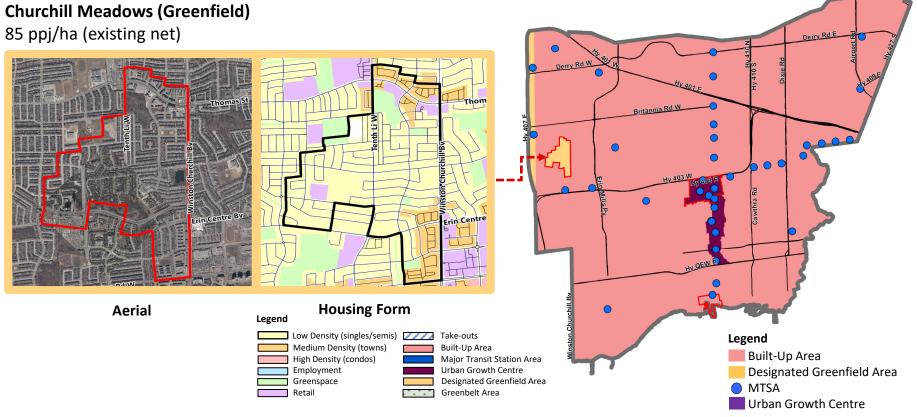
76 ppj/ha (existing net)



# **Visualizing Density – Caledon**



# Visualizing Density – Mississauga



### **Settlement Area Boundary Expansion (SABE)**

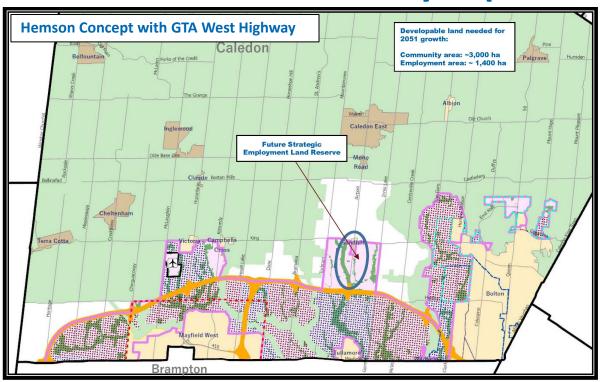


- Policies support the findings of the SABE technical studies and address:
  - the staging and sequencing of development, efficient provision of infrastructure, and financial sustainability with a strong Regional role
  - direction to ensure future community and employment areas reduce resource consumption, energy use, and carbon footprint of the built environment
  - mitigation of impact to agricultural areas
  - a structure and approach for the provision of transit and sufficient east west roads and goods movement capacity to support the future development to 2051



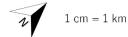


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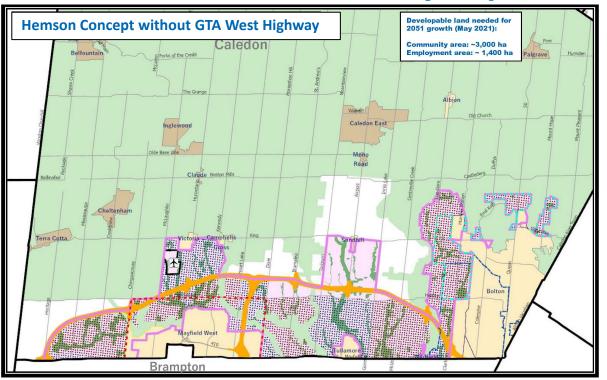


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1 cm = 1 km

# **Settlement Area Boundary Expansion (SABE)**



#### **Growth Scenario Assumptions**

#	Description	Inten. (%)	Density (PPJ)	Community Area (ha)	Employment Area (ha)
0	LNA Base (Dec 2020)	55	65	3,000	1,200
1	New LNA Base	55	65	3,000	1,400
2	High DGA Density	55	75	2,500	1,400
3	Low DGA Density	55	55	3,200	1,400
4	Minimum Intensification	50	65	4,200	1,600
5	No GTA West	55	65	3,000	1,400

### **Settlement Area Boundary Expansion (SABE)**



#### **Estimated Infrastructure Costs by Scenario (000's)**

Infrastructure	0 LNA Base	1 New LNA Base	2 High DGA	3 Low DGA	4 Min Int	5 No GTA West
Water	321,437	355,252	318,878	379,230	428,385	*n/a
Wastewater	398,000	514,000	483,000	546,000	576,000	*n/a
Roads	380,791	270,588	403,328	436,344	458,881	597,563
Total	1,100,228	1,139,840	1,205,206	1,361,574	1,463,266	

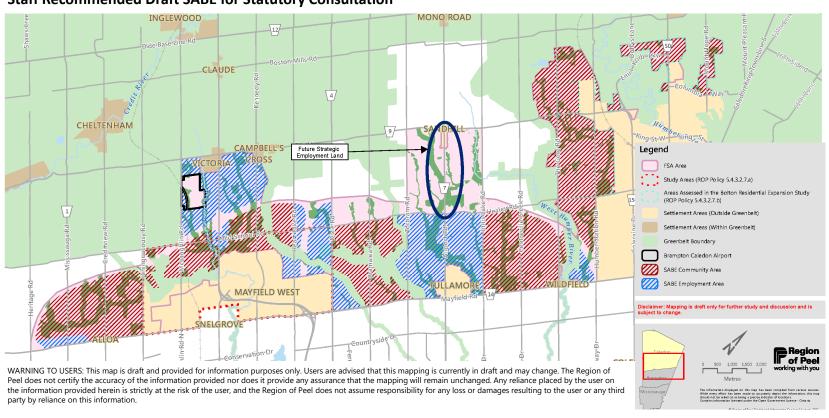
Note: Represents costs beyond those included in Infrastructure Master Plans to 2041

<sup>\*</sup>Infrastructure Costs for Water and Wastewater in Scenario 5 are similar to Scenario 1

# **Settlement Area Boundary Expansion (SABE)**



**Staff Recommended Draft SABE for Statutory Consultation** 



#### **Settlement Area Boundary Expansion (SABE)**

#### Agriculture and Natural Heritage System Planning in the SABE

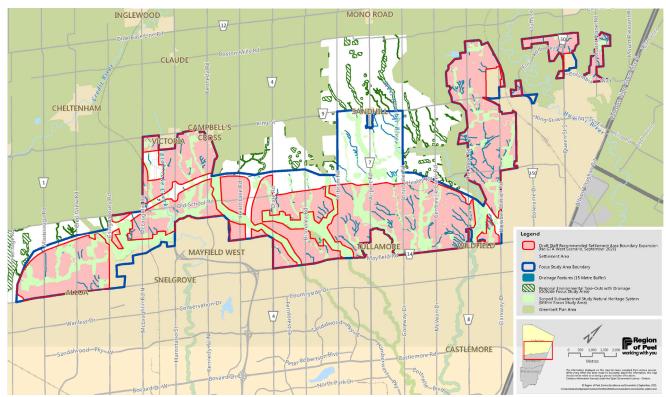


- An Agricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) and Scoped Subwatershed Study (Scoped SWS) specifically address planning requirements for agriculture and natural heritage system planning
- The technical studies ensure that:
  - SABE Study is informed by watershed planning
  - Negative impacts on watershed conditions have been avoided, minimized and mitigated
  - Natural heritage and water resource systems are identified
  - Alternative locations for settlement expansion have been evaluated based on avoiding, minimizing and mitigating impacts on the Agricultural System, including consideration of alternatives that:
    - o avoid prime agricultural areas;
    - o consider lower priority agricultural lands when avoidance is not possible; and
    - o compliance with Minimum Distance Setbacks (MDS) for livestock.

#### **Settlement Area Boundary Expansion (SABE)**

#### **Natural Heritage System (NHS) Identification**

- Preliminary NHS identified with linkages and targets for enhancement
- No net loss of key features recommended
- Requires refinement and implementation through detailed subwatershed studies at local level
- Provides basis for identifying "take outs" for the SABE and sufficient lands for growth and natural heritage planning and protection



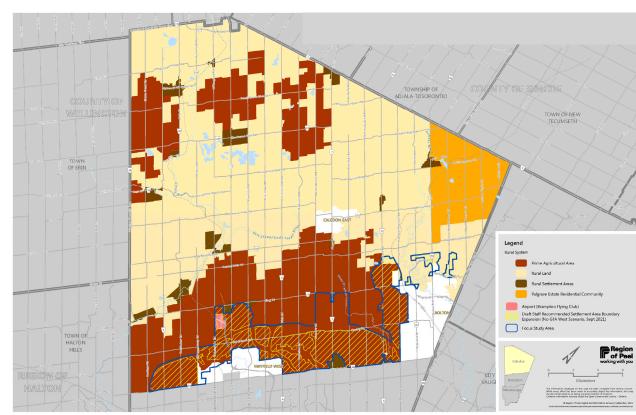


#### **Settlement Area Boundary Expansion (SABE)**

Agricultural System (includes Prime Agricultural Areas and Rural Lands) Identification

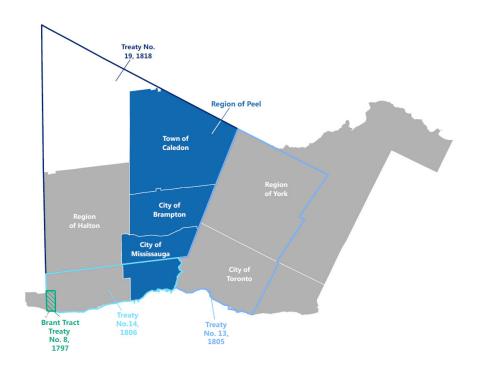


- Key recommendations of the SABE Study and AIA considered:
  - minimizing loss of prime agricultural areas
  - providing logical extensions of existing settlement areas
  - avoiding extending settlement area boundaries that further fragment remaining agricultural land base
  - avoiding higher priority lands in prime agricultural areas where possible
  - retaining contiguous land base for agriculture outside SABE

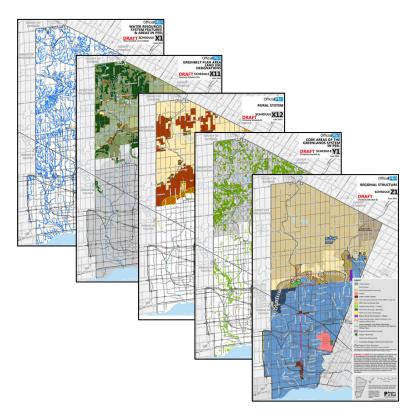


### **Cultural Heritage and Indigenous Engagement**

- Update cultural heritage policies in the Regional Official Plan
- Improve linkages in policies between cultural heritage and Indigenous engagement
- Help support a sense of place, community character, and Peel's environmental sustainability goals
- Improve recognition of Indigenous communities in the Regional Official Plan



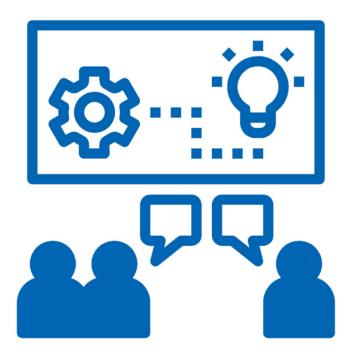
# **New and Updated Schedules and Figures**





### **Workshop Objectives**

- Provide additional details on new Peel 2051 deliverables (Land Needs Assessment, SABE mapping etc.)
- Provide an opportunity for Council to ask questions on the draft ROPA in advance of the statutory consultation and the ROPA being brought before Council requesting adoption



#### **Next Steps**

- October 21, 2021 Council Workshop
- Week of October 25, 2021 Open Houses
- November 4, 2021 Public Meeting
- Winter 2022 Final Peel 2051 MCR ROPA Adoption
- July 1, 2022 Provincial Conformity