

Provincial Context

Starting in 2001, The Province enacted a series of Statutes and Plans that have changed the way planning is done in the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

These include:

- The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, 2001
- The Greenbelt Plan, 2005
- The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe - *Places to Grow*, 2006
- Provincial Population and Employment Forecasts, 2006
- MetroLinx Transportation Plan, 2008
- Proposed Lake Simcoe Act and Plan, 2008

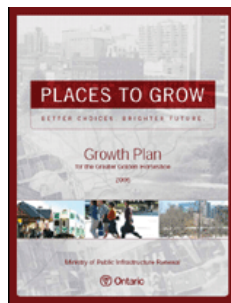
The impact of these initiatives will shape where and how York Region grows.

Oak Ridges Moraine and Greenbelt

69% of York Region lies within the Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plans.

Both the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Greenbelt Plan restrict development to existing settlement areas and limit the types of uses that can be located in the balance of the land use designations.

The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan was incorporated into the Regional Official Plan in 2004 and the Greenbelt Plan will be incorporated into the Regional Official Plan as part of the growth management implementation.



Places to Grow Plan

The Provincial Growth Plan: Places to Grow requires the Region to plan for:

- A population of 1.5 million people and approximately 800,000 jobs by 2031
- Compact, transit supportive densities in our new communities – 50 people and jobs per hectare
- Densities of 200 people and jobs per hectare in the four Regional Centres, located in Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, and Vaughan
- 40% intensification by 2015 and each year thereafter – a total of 87,000 units in the Region's built-up area
- Remaining 60% of development to occur in Designated Settlement and Whitebelt areas – approximately 150,000 units