

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.

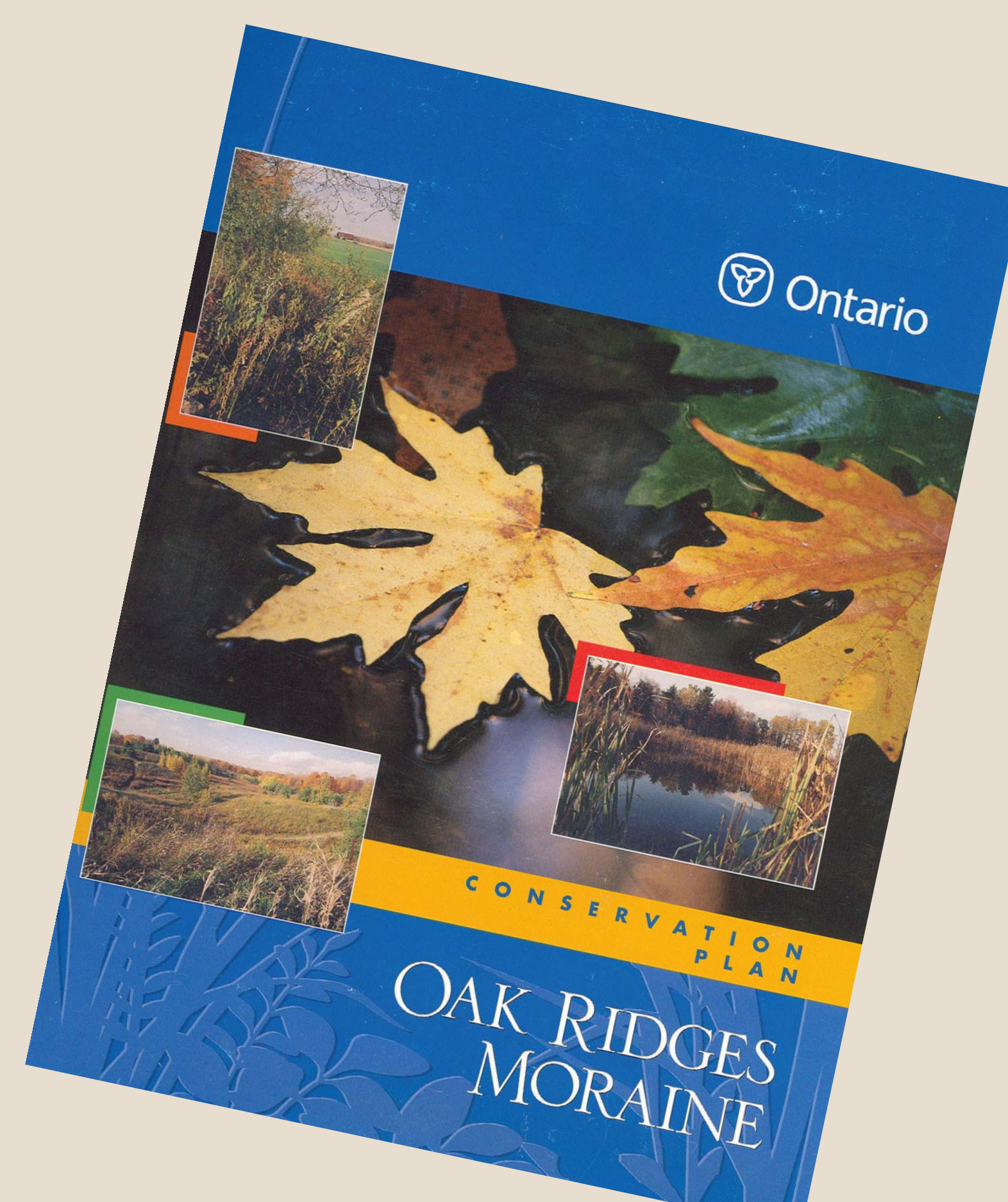
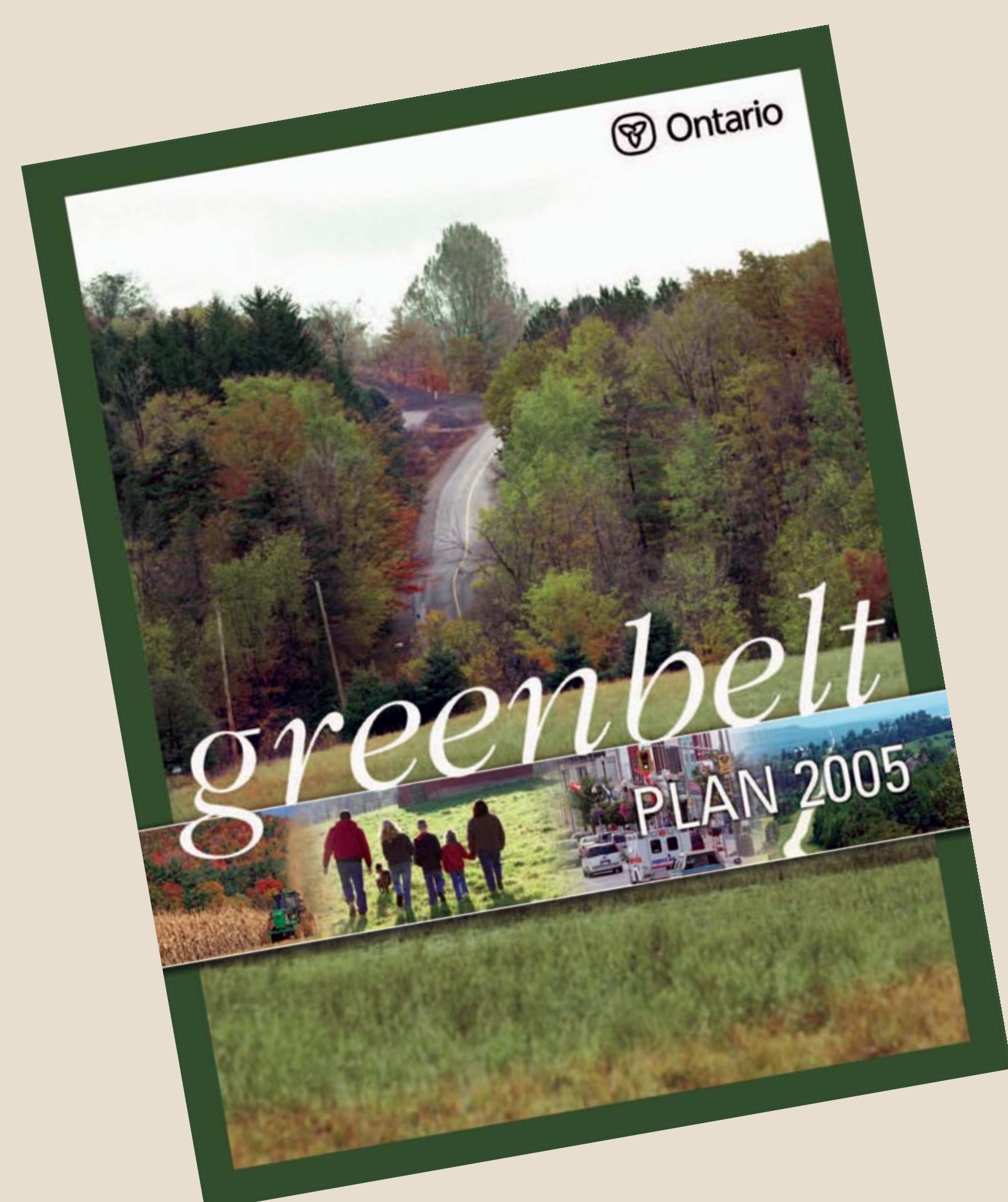
These include:

- 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
- Lake Simcoe Act and Protection Plan, 2009

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 of the Plans restrict development to existing settlement areas and limit the types of uses that can be located in the balance of the land use designations.



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 780,000 jobs by 2031
- Compact, transit supportive densities in our new communities – minimum 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 90,700 units in the Region's built-up area
- Remaining 60% of development to occur in Designated Settlement and Whitebelt areas – approximately 150,000 units

