

2021 DRAFT YORK REGION OFFICIAL PLAN

Live Public Open House #2

May 12, 2022



Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the land we are meeting on today is the traditional territory of many First Nations, including the Chippewas of Georgina Island and the Mississaugas of the Credit. These lands are now home to many diverse Indigenous peoples.

We also acknowledge that York Region falls under Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Williams Treaties with several Mississauga and Chippewas First Nations.

Meeting Objectives

- Introduce the York Region Project Team
- Share information on the York Region Official Plan process including:
 - The process to gather feedback on the draft Region Official Plan
 - The feedback heard during the engagement timeframe
 - The changes proposed for the draft Region Official Plan
- Answer questions
- Share next steps and opportunities to stay involved

Agenda

- 2021 Draft Official Plan – Recap
- Process of Public Engagement
- What We Heard
- Proposed Changes to the 2021 Draft Official Plan
- What's Next?
- Questions and Comments

Tips for Virtual Engagement



Participants will be muted during the presentation.



Use the chat feature to ask questions.



Type your questions in the chat. If you are calling in, enter *9 to raise your hand. The host will call on you when it's your time to speak.



Turning on your camera is optional during the Q&A.



Audio Issues? Use your cell-phone audio by calling +1 647 558 0588 and enter meeting ID 883 0370 2279. Press *6 to toggle mute/unmute or *9 to raise your hand.



This meeting is being recorded and will be posted on york.ca/haveyoursay.

Who's here?

Meet the Team



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Meet the Team



Sean Hertel
Sean Hertel +
Associates
Urban Planning



Nadia Galati
Principal,
PROCESS

Zoom Poll

A little about you!



2021 Draft Official Plan - Recap

We have been receiving feedback on the draft ROP released in Nov 2021

- The Region's 2010 Official Plan (ROP) is being updated with new information and to align with Provincial plans
- A draft of the Region Official Plan was released in November 2021 for public comment
- A live virtual Open House was held in January 2022
 - See the Engagement Report Summary

Process of Public Engagement

Here's how we engaged for feedback

- Held 2 Open Houses to engage with the public:
 - Virtual live Open House
 - Online Open House
- Listened to attendees lived experiences at focus groups
- Gathered insights for policy direction through a survey
- Scheduled 1:1 meetings with local municipal staff, landowners and consultants to discuss specific issues
- Accepted feedback through email, mail and ask a planner form on the Have Your Say website



We used these communication methods

- Posted events and opportunities for engagement on York Region's social media channels
- Sent e-newsletter to keep subscribers up to date
- Used our website to help communicate the process and upcoming events
- Created a video to overview the update process
- Published article in York Region Matters
- Advertised statutory meetings in local newspapers
- Local radio advertisement



What We Heard

We have engaged with many participants and received a lot of feedback

 **157** **OPEN HOUSE**
PARTICIPANTS
JANUARY 25, 2022

 **280** **SURVEY**
RESPONSES
DECEMBER 2021 to MARCH 2022

 **41** **MEETINGS**
INCLUDING COMMITTEES of COUNCIL, BILD, LOCAL
MUNICIPALITIES, CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES,
AGRICULTURE REPRESENTATIVES, COMMUNITY
MEMBERS, LANDOWNERS and CONSULTANTS


 **enewsletters**
7 newsletters and 89 new sign-ups

 **1,112**
COMMENTS
FROM 139 SUBMISSIONS

5 **FOCUS**
GROUPS
MARCH 2022
4 INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS

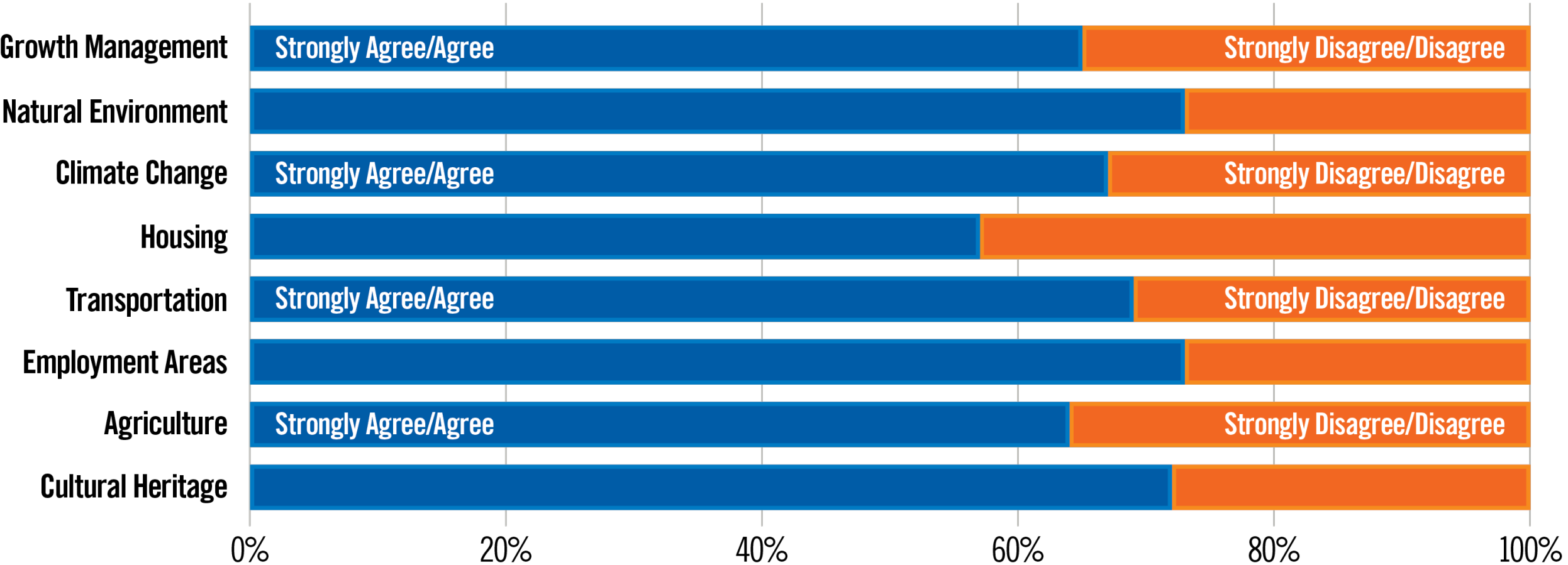
 **socialmedia**
OVER 53,000 views, 1,000 survey clicks

 **578** Official Plan
VIDEO
YouTube VIEWS

 **PAGEVIEWS**
york.ca/haveyoursay
2,404 campaign page views
2,296 interactive map views

Draft Official Plan Survey Results

We provided policy direction for 8 topics in the draft ROP and asked if we are headed in the right direction



Key Areas of Interest - Public

- Need **affordable housing** options including rental
- Where growth will be accommodated and the balance between **intensification and urban expansion**
- Concern about proposed Provincial highways
- Continued **protection** of natural and agricultural lands
- **Climate change** actions



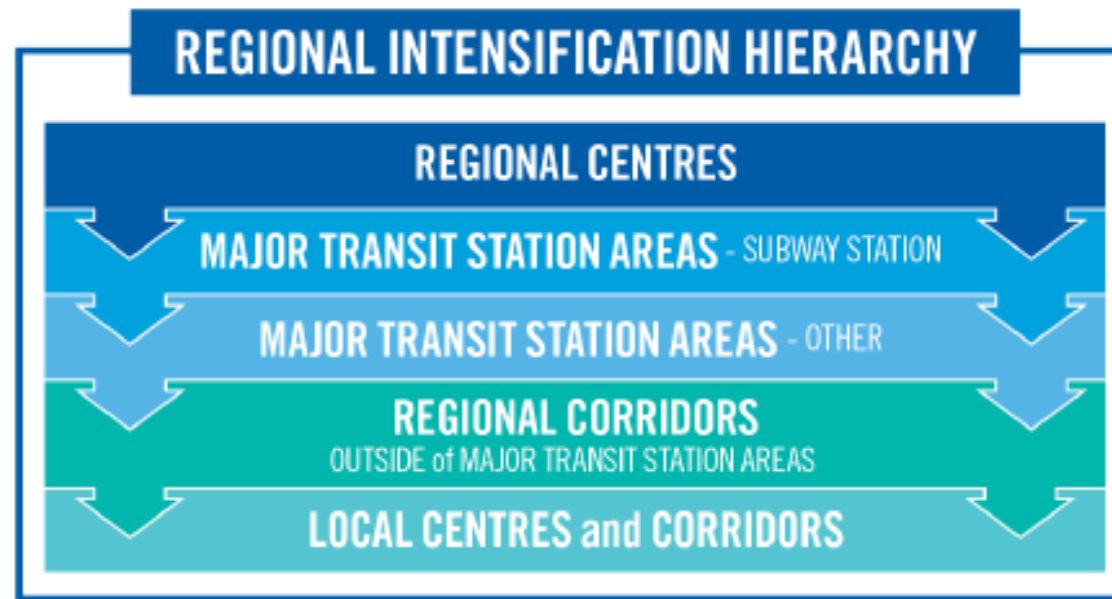
Key Areas of Interest — Focus Groups

- Increase access to affordable housing
- Availability of public transit in locations with affordable housing for those who need it most
- Equitable engagement processes and relationship building to promote participation in Regional processes
- Concerns around the natural environment and climate change



Key Areas of Interest — Local Municipalities

- Support approach of **leveraging existing infrastructure** and integration with infrastructure master plans
- Ensure effective implementation of **phasing** policies
- Clarify the **Intensification Hierarchy** for local contexts
- Assistance to reach **affordable housing** and purpose-built rental targets



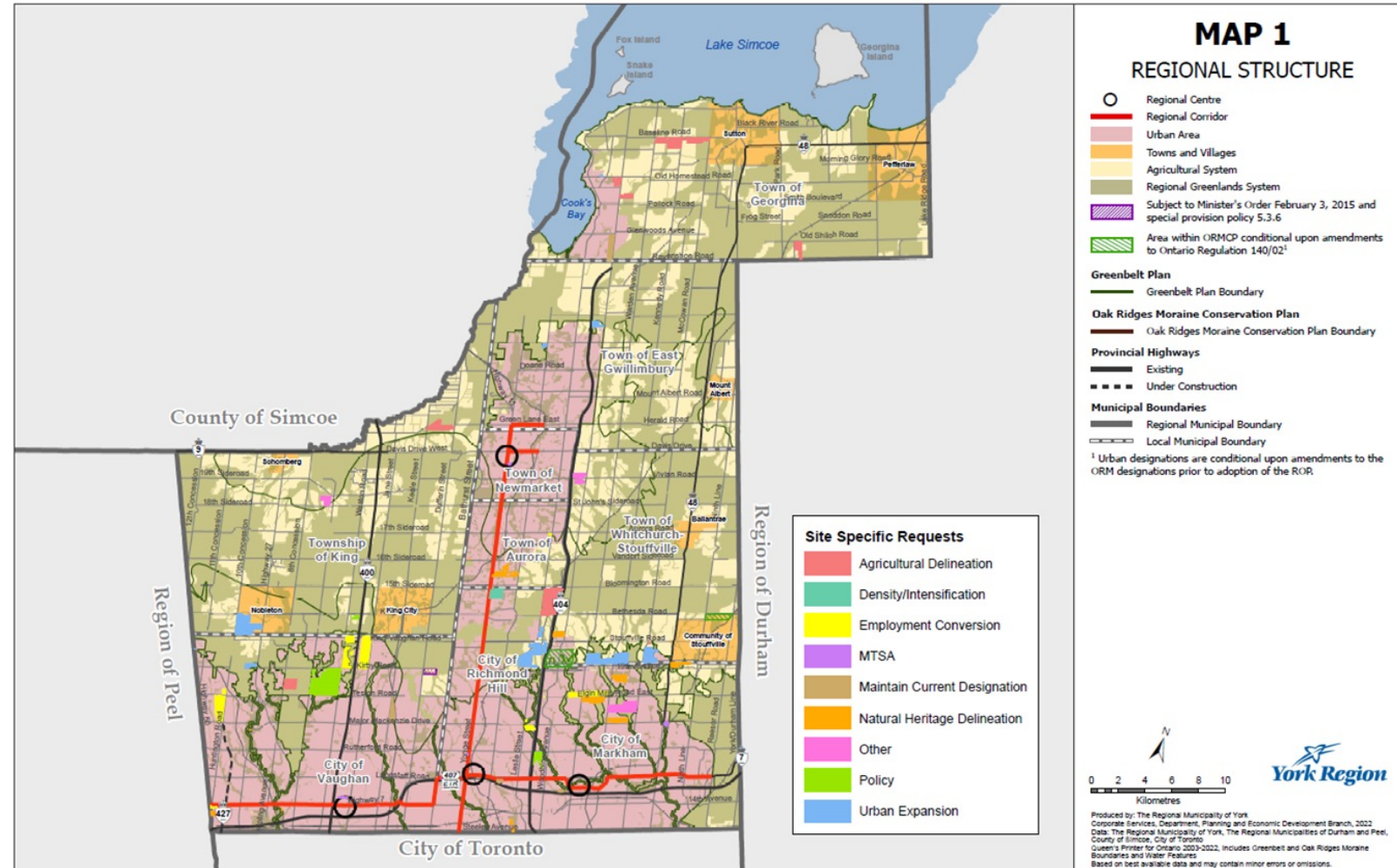
Key Areas of Interest - Indigenous Communities

- **Protect** archaeological and cultural heritage resources
- Develop long-term **relationships**
- Land Acknowledgement revisions
- Protect the **natural environment**
- Impact of **climate change**
- Recognize the **sacredness** of water



Site Specific Landowner Requests

- Requests for designation change:
 - To Urban Area
 - Agricultural to Rural
 - Employment to Community
- Include in Major Transit Station Area
- Modify natural feature or system overlays



Public Consultation Participant Quotes

On housing:

"Affordable housing must be targeted for ownership and rental options."

On growth management:

"Too much intensification in areas that have transit/infrastructure."

On transportation:

"Get the Bradford by-pass built." and "I disapprove of York Region's support for both the Bradford Bypass and Hwy 413"

On employment areas:

"Making employment areas accessible and spread across the area municipalities should be a prime objective of the OP."

What are the proposed changes to the draft Official Plan?

How we analyzed what we heard on the 2021 Draft Region Official Plan



IMPROVED
CLARITY AND
IMPLEMENTATION



SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION



CONSISTENCY
WITH COUNCIL
DIRECTION



PROVINCIAL
CONFORMITY
CONSTRAINT



Change Recommended



Change Not Recommended

Key changes: Managing Population and Employment Growth

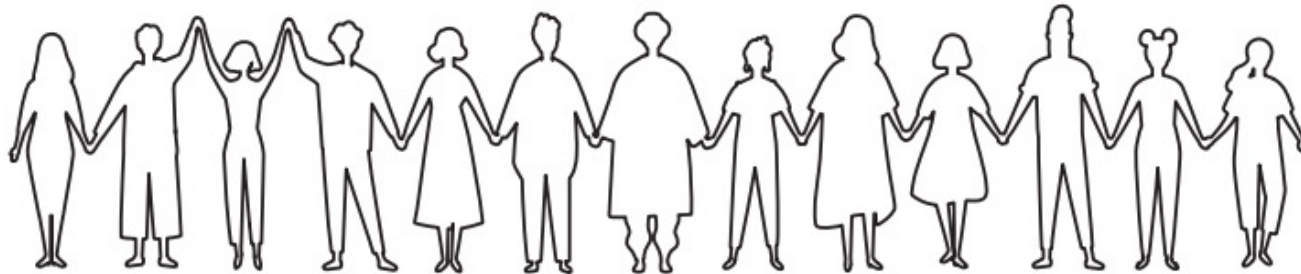
- Local municipal target to inform the phasing of growth vs. Regional targets and thresholds
- Recognition of inclusionary zoning, different unit sizes and tenures to support affordable housing
- Strong support to have as many MTSAs as possible 'protected'
- Local context considerations when applying intensification hierarchy
- Clarify employment planning responsibilities

Key changes: Protecting Natural & Agricultural Systems

- Enhanced natural areas and cultural heritage protection
- Conservation Authorities role in natural systems planning
- Expanded policies for edge planning between agricultural and urban areas
- Rural areas as a component of the agricultural system
- Broader use of Agricultural Impact Assessments

Key changes: Enhancing Inclusion

- Revisions to policies to recognize our diverse communities through focus group comments
- Update to the Land Acknowledgement
- Emphasize the role of Indigenous communities in the planning process



Some feedback did not result in changes to the 2021 Region Official Plan

- Comments received that did not result in changes:
- Conflicted with Provincial plans
- Inconsistent with Council direction
- Out of scope for the Region Official Plan
- Relevant to post MCR work

Key changes: Mapping



LOCAL MUNICIPAL
REQUESTS

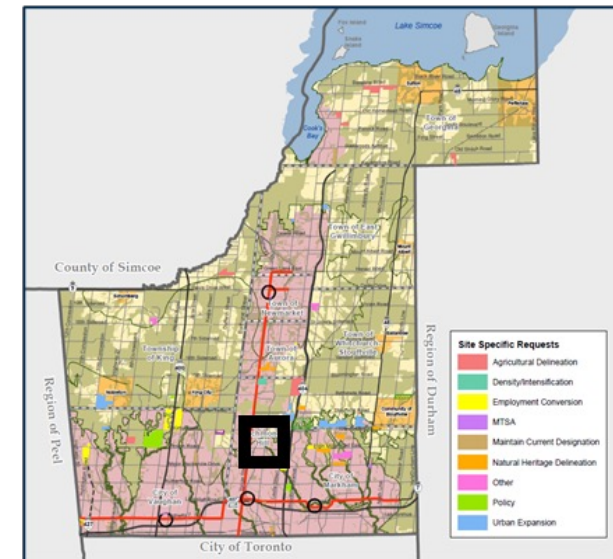
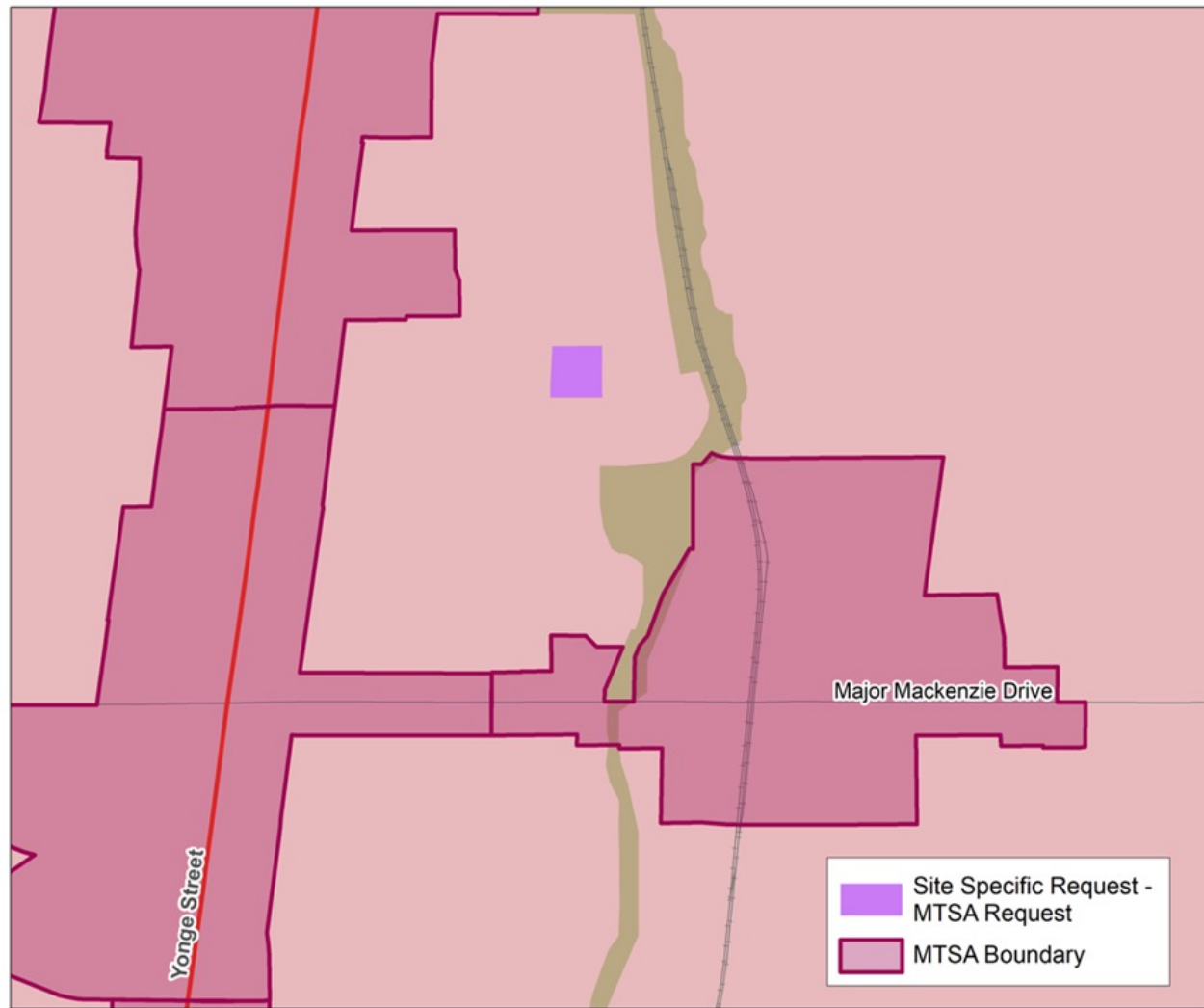


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ORDER

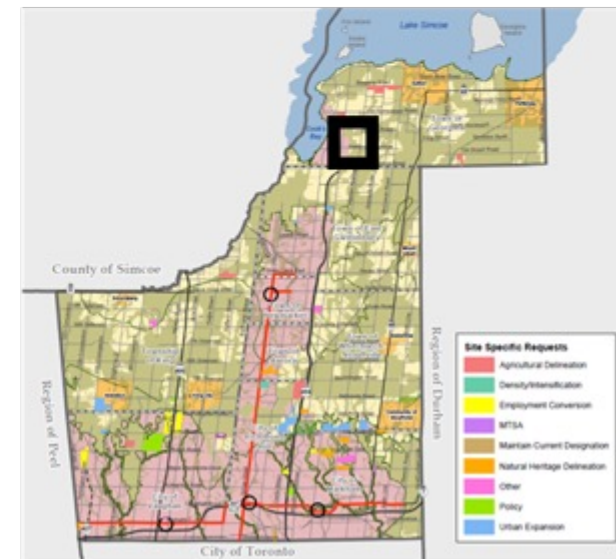
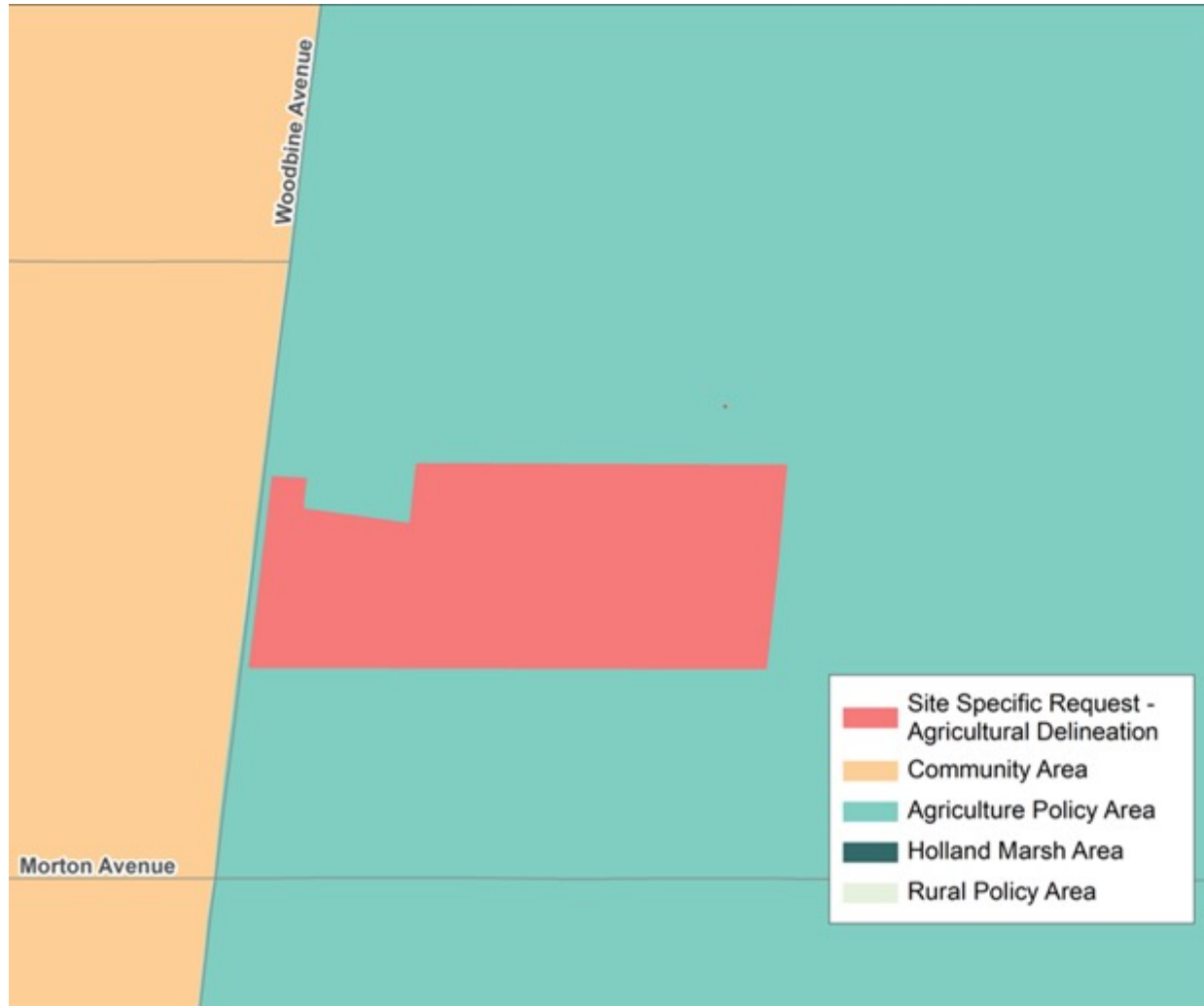


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CORRECTIONS

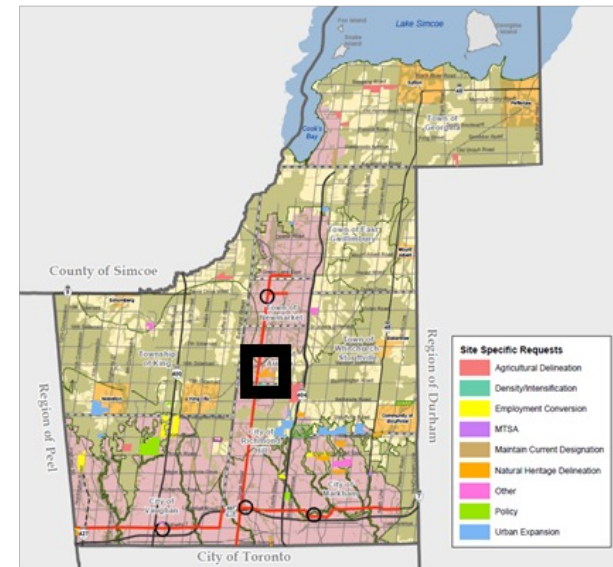
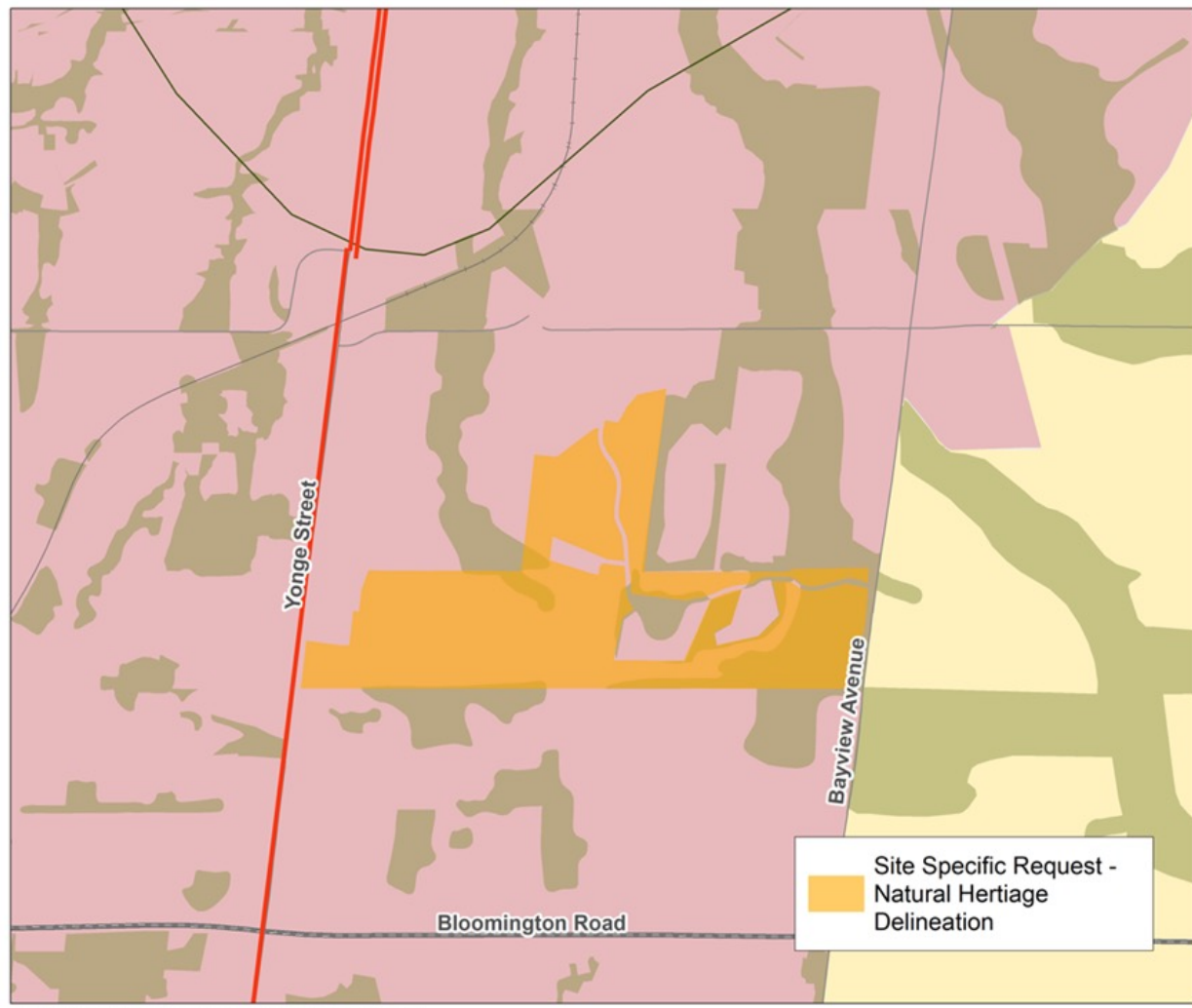
Site Specific Requests - Major Transit Station Area



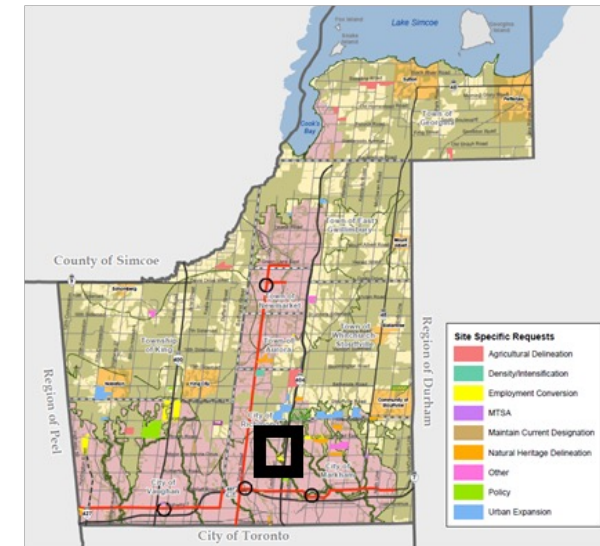
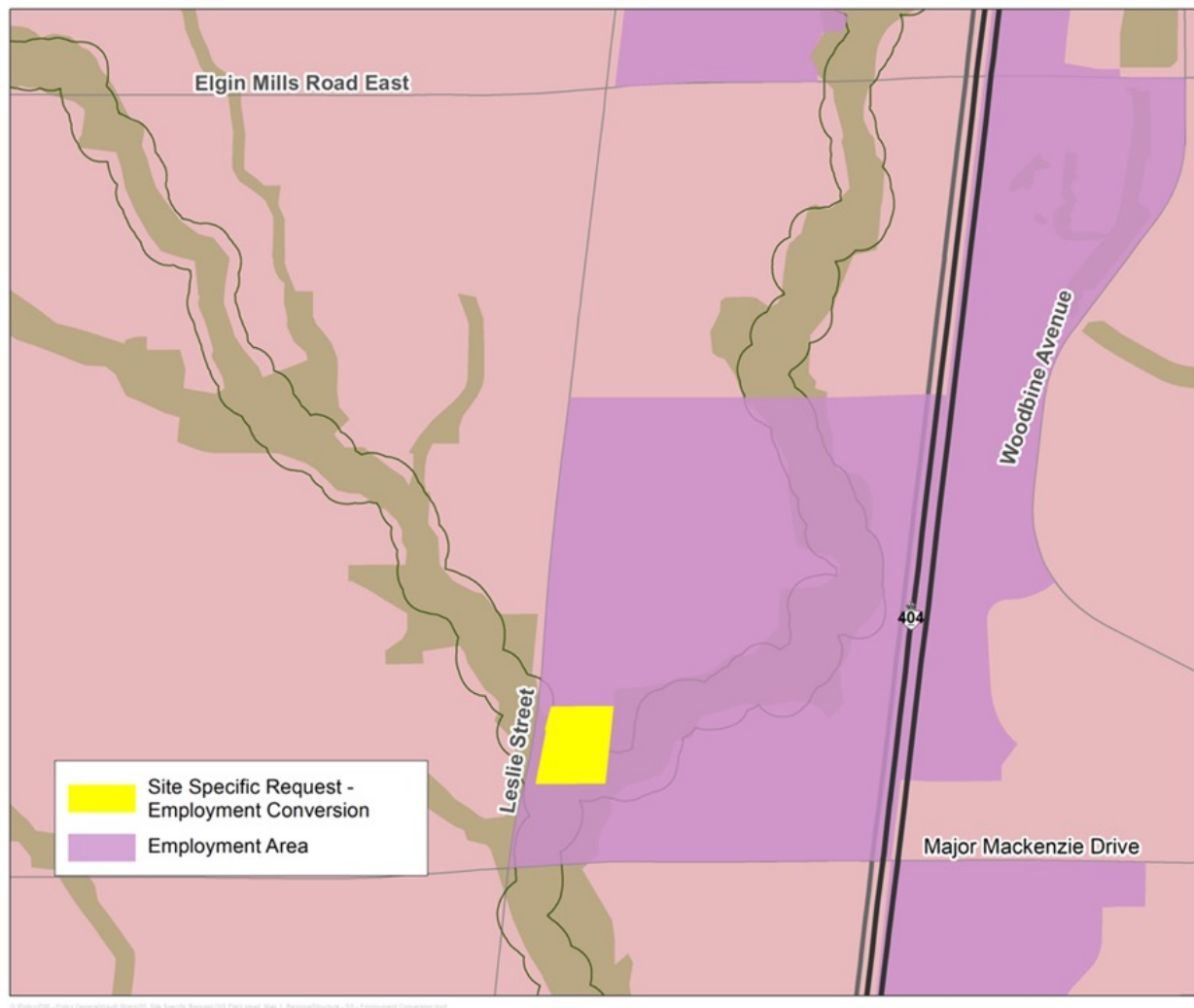
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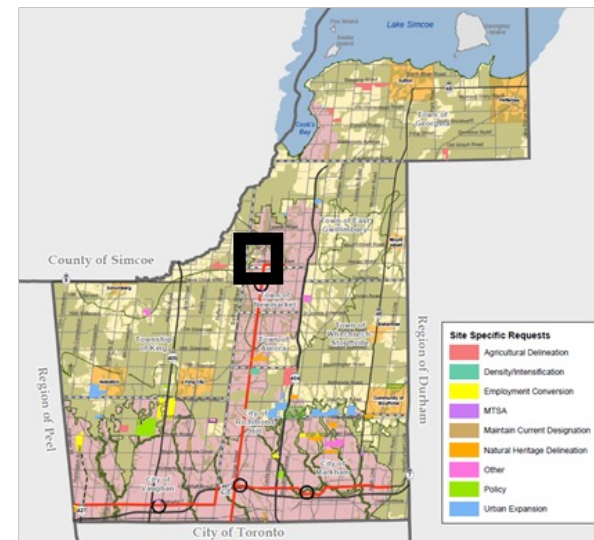
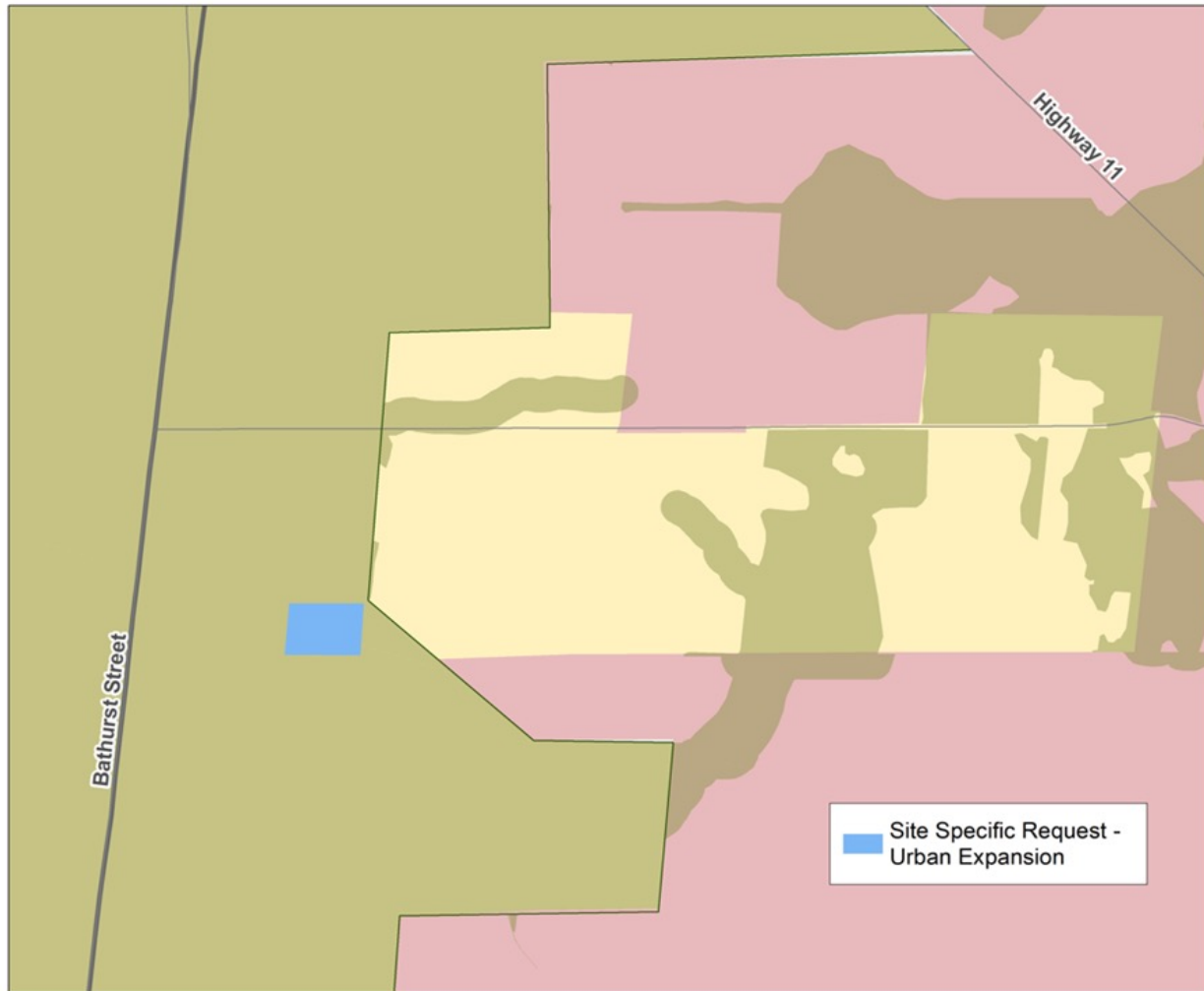
Site Specific Requests - Natural Heritage Area Delineation



Site Specific Requests - Employment Conversion

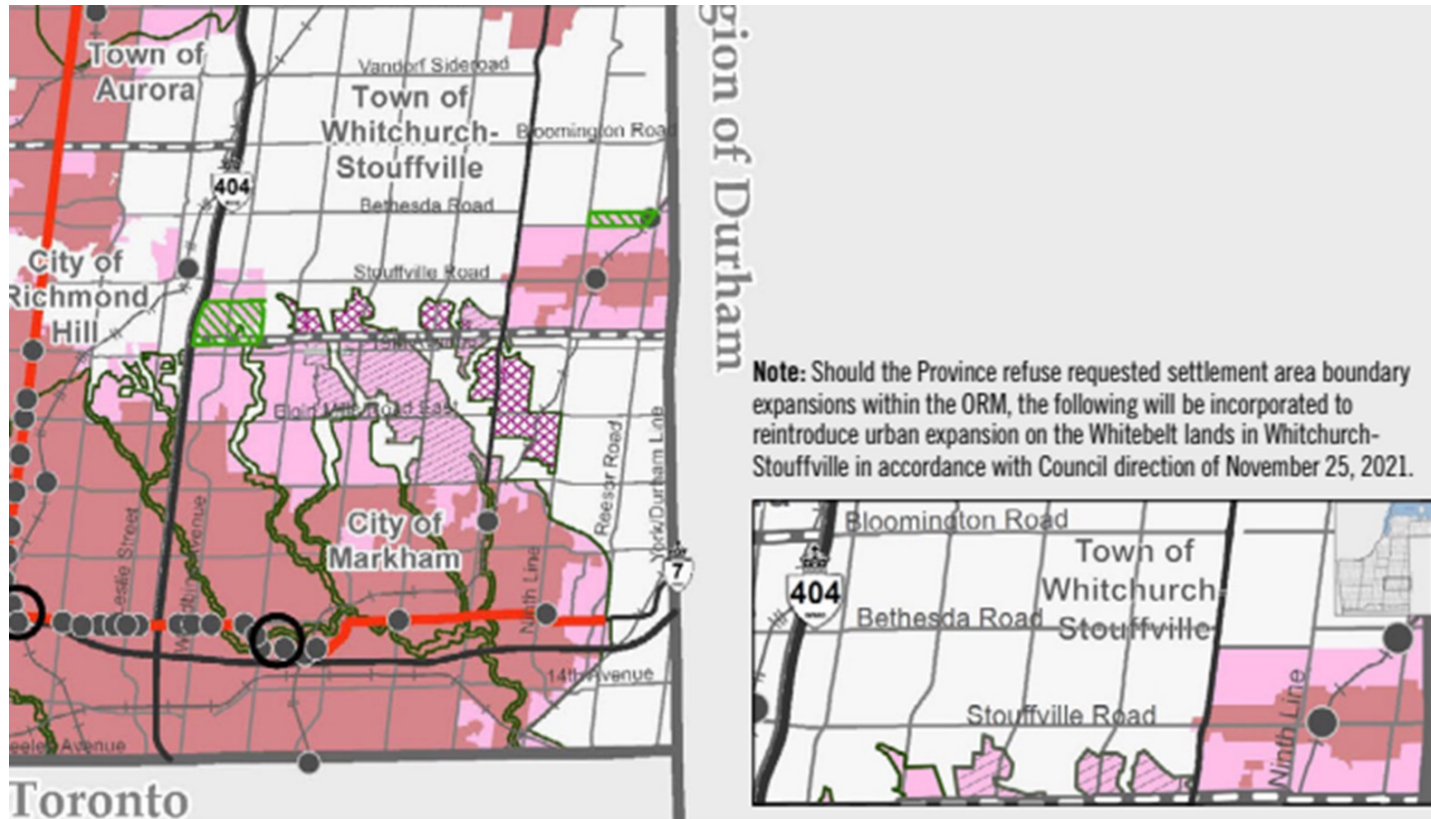


Site Specific Requests - Urban Expansion



Provincial action required to finalize urban boundary

- If no Provincial response prior to Council adoption, the Province will issue decision through approval of the adopted ROP



Transit Oriented Communities (TOCs) and Yonge North Subway

- Enhanced Minister's Zoning Order (EMZO) for Transit Oriented Communities in Richmond Hill/Markham
- Confirmation of Royal Orchard subway station along Yonge North Subway extension

www.ontario.ca/page/transit-oriented-communities

This is not your last chance to be involved in York Region projects!

- Planning projects that will continue beyond the Region Official Plan:
 - Affordable Housing Implementation Plan (AHIP)
 - Local Official Plan reviews
 - Climate Change Action Plan and Energy Plan
 - Archeological Management Plan update
- Region Official Plan implementation and monitoring



What's Next?

Next Steps



Stay Involved

Website: www.york.ca/haveyoursay

- Open House #1 video, presentation slides and engagement summary with Q&A
- Sign up for the e-newsletter for updates



Statutory public meeting livestream on Thursday May 19: york.ca/live

Email us at: futureyork@york.ca



QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS