

Comparison between the City's and the Province's LEAR Methodology

Hamilton			Province		
FACTOR	DETAILS	WEIGHT	FACTOR	DETAILS	WEIGHT
LE (soil)		60%	LE (soil)		60%
Class 1 to 7	Class 1 = 1 Class 7 = 0 (many site visits to confirm class)		Class 1 = 1 Class 7 = 0 (no site visits to confirm class)		
AR (factors that affect agriculture)		40% - all factors equal value	AR (factors that affect agriculture)		40% - different factors; different weighting (see below)
- agriculture within 1 km of property	96.29% > = 1 57.42% < = 0.1	13.33%	- percentage of land within agriculture within 750 m of property	(ha. in agriculture production/256 ha) x 100	30%
- conflicting land use within 1 km	7 properties < = 1.0 72 properties > = 0.1	13.33%	- conflicting land use within 1 km	Did not evaluate	0%
- land fragmentation	9 properties < = 1.0 29 properties > = 0.1	13.33%	- land fragmentation	Number of properties within the centre of 256 ha	10%
EVALUATION UNIT			EVALUATION UNIT		
	Individual parcels			1 hectare	
EXCLUSIONS			EXCLUSIONS		
	- Lake Ontario - Urban Areas		- Lake Ontario - Settlement Areas		
THRESHOLD			THRESHOLD		
	Maximum score - 200	120 – high No ranking below 120	Maximum score - 100		68 (high) 60-67 – medium <60 - low