



## Township of Puslinch

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October 10, 2017

TO: Ontario Municipalities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe Area

RE: Provincial Growth Plan – Comments on Draft Natural Heritage System  
Provincial Growth Plan – Comments on Draft Prime Agricultural System  
Our File: L11MIN

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Council for the Township of Puslinch at its meeting held on October 4, 2017 passed the enclosed resolutions regarding its concerns with the proposed changes to the Provincial Growth Plan – Draft Natural Heritage System and to the Provincial Growth Plan – Draft Prime Agricultural System.

Council for the Township of Puslinch requests the support of your municipal Council.

Please forward resolutions of support to Nina Lecic, Deputy Clerk at [nlecic@puslinch.ca](mailto:nlecic@puslinch.ca).

Sincerely,

Karen M. Landry  
CAO/Clerk

Attach.



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RESOLUTION  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH

2017-

Date: October 4, 2017

Moved by:  Seconded by: 

Whereas the Township of Puslinch recognizes the importance of protecting its key natural environmental features while maintaining a balanced approach to sustainable growth and economic development; and

Whereas the Township currently has limited opportunities for growth and economic development; and

Whereas Highway 401 is a major goods movement corridor and connects the Greater Toronto area, southwestern Ontario and USA and is a corridor for trade and economic development; and

Whereas the Province has emphasized the importance of residential and employment corridors next to transportation and transit corridors;

Whereas the proposed Natural Heritage System outside the Greenbelt abuts approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Highway 401 corridor and should be reduced in areas located adjacent to and near to Highway 401 and Highway 6 in light of the critical role of the Highway 401 Corridor in meeting the needs for goods movement and transit in the Province and the long term importance of the Highway 401 corridor for economic development in the Township and the County of Wellington; and

| RECORDED VOTE       | YES | NO | CONFLICT | ABSENT |
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| Councillor Roth     |     |    |          |        |
| Mayor Lever         |     |    |          |        |
| Councillor Sepulis  |     |    |          |        |
| Councillor Fielding |     |    |          |        |
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Date: October 4, 2017

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Seconded by:

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Whereas there should be a transitional core area to provide a transition in the non-Greenbelt part of the Township from the 500 ha core areas in the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System to the 100 ha core areas in the remainder of the County;

Whereas lands with existing Recreational and Country Residential Official Plan Designations are requested to be excluded from the proposed Natural Heritage System, in similar fashion to Urban Centre and Hamlet settlement areas that are already excluded; and

Whereas the Province has emphasized the importance of residential and employment corridors next to transportation and transit corridors; and

Whereas the proposed policy changes negate the Township's ability for strategically planned balanced growth and economic development; and

Whereas Schedule A7 – Puslinch of the County of Wellington Official Plan and draft Growth Plan Natural Heritage System map is attached as part of this resolution to reference and illustrate the impact;

Now therefore the Council for the Township of Puslinch hereby requests that the Minister extend the EBR commenting period to allow staff the opportunity to continue to

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work with the Provincial ministry to address concerns prior to approval regarding a transitional core area to provide a transition in the non-Greenbelt part of the Township from the 500 ha core areas in the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System to the 100 ha core areas in the remainder of the County; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County of Wellington and MPP, Ted Arnott requesting support.

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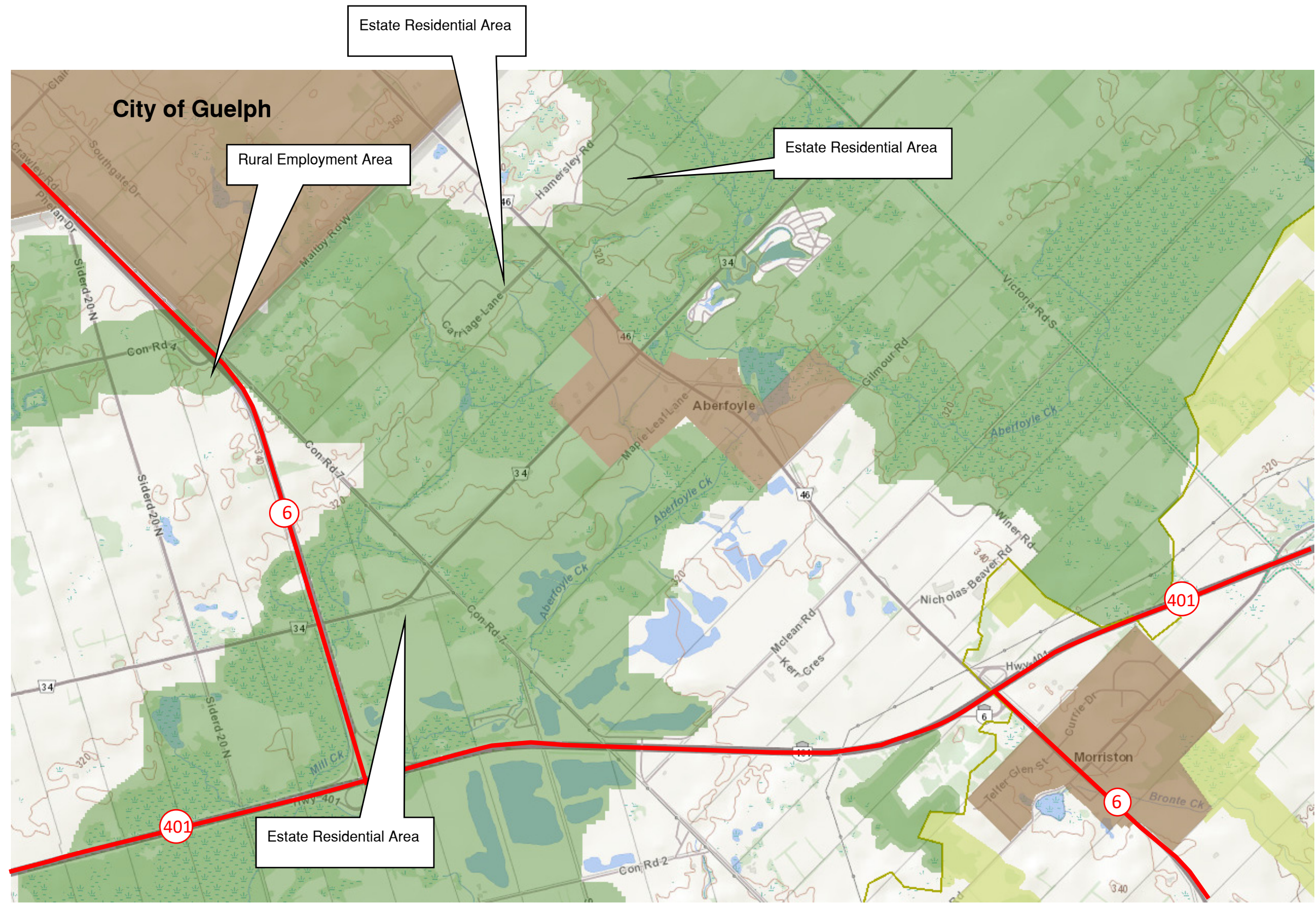
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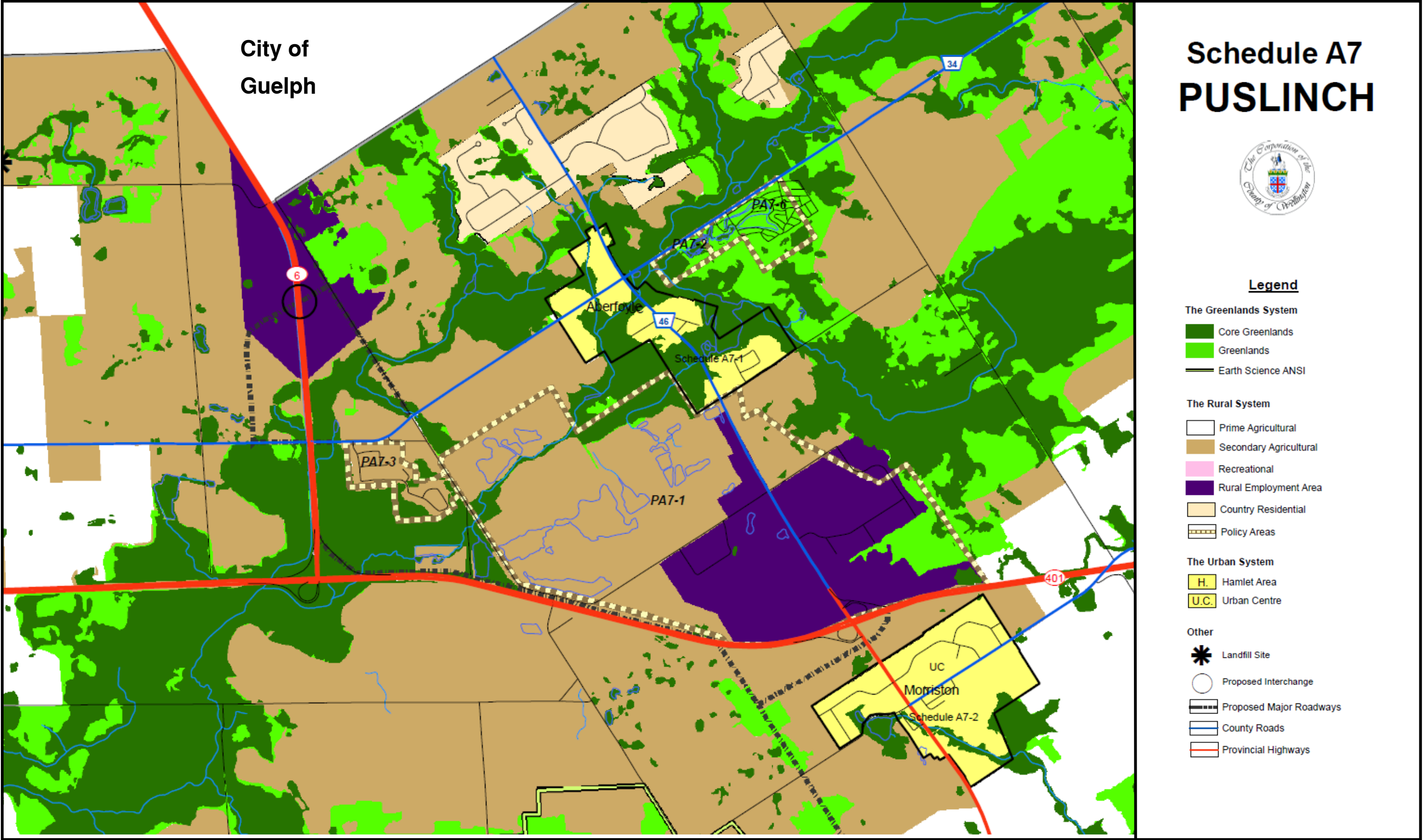
DRAFT GROWTH PLAN  
NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM



LEGEND:

- Proposed Growth Plan Natural Heritage System
- Existing Greenbelt Plan Area Natural Heritage System
- OP Settlement Designations





# Schedule A7 PUSLINCH



**Legend**

- The Greenlands System**
- Core Greenlands
  - Greenlands
  - Earth Science ANSI
- The Rural System**
- Prime Agricultural
  - Secondary Agricultural
  - Recreational
  - Rural Employment Area
  - Country Residential
  - Policy Areas
- The Urban System**
- H. Hamlet Area
  - U.C. Urban Centre
- Other**
- Landfill Site
  - Proposed Interchange
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  - County Roads
  - Provincial Highways



**RESOLUTION  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH**

2017-

Date: October 4, 2017

Moved by: *Susan Fielding* Seconded by: *[Signature]*

Whereas the Township of Puslinch recognizes the importance of protecting prime agriculture lands while maintaining a balanced approach to sustainable growth and economic development; and

Whereas the Township currently has limited opportunities for growth and economic development; and

Whereas Highway 401 is a major goods movement corridor and connects the Greater Toronto area, southwestern Ontario and USA, and is a corridor for trade and economic development; and

Whereas the Province has emphasized the importance of residential and employment corridors next to transportation and transit corridors;

Whereas the Township has identified rural employment areas located adjacent to or near Highway 401 and Highway 6; and

Whereas lands currently identified as rural employment areas adjacent to Highway 401 and Highway 6 should continue to be recognized and protected as future rural employment areas; and

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Moved by:

*Susan Fielding*

Seconded by:

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Whereas lands currently not identified as rural employment areas adjacent to or near Highway 401 and Highway 6 should be appropriately designated to permit future employment uses over the long-term to optimize and ensure the long-term viability of economic development for the Township of Puslinch, the County of Wellington and the Province of Ontario; and

Whereas the proposed Provincial Growth Plan – Draft Agricultural Land Base jeopardizes long-term economic viability and prosperity of the Highway 401 and Highway 6 corridor; and

Whereas the Township supported a policy change in the County 5-Year Review Official Plan Amendment, approved by the province and subsequently the OMB in 2014, that increased the potential for residential severances on lands designated Secondary Agricultural Area. The extensive redesignation of Secondary Agricultural Areas to Prime Agricultural Areas would largely reverse this policy direction and would therefore be unfair to landowners and would pose a significant constraint to the Township's ability to meet its growth allocation pursuant to Places to Grow and the County Official Plan; and

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Whereas lands currently identified as Secondary Agricultural, which contain existing aggregate operations below the water table that cannot be rehabilitated to agricultural, continue to be recognized as secondary agricultural lands; and

Whereas the proposed Agricultural Land Base negates the Township's ability for strategically planned balanced residential growth and economic development; and

Whereas Council understands that the Prime Agricultural Areas in Erin and Minto shown on the Ministry's web portal were revised after the staff report was prepared, Council remains concerned about the removal of Secondary Agricultural areas and maintains its position that an extension to the EBR commenting period is necessary to allow staff the opportunity to continue working with the Provincial ministries to address these concerns; and

Whereas Schedule A7 – Puslinch of the County of Wellington Official Plan and draft Growth Plan Agricultural Land Base map is attached as part of this resolution to reference and illustrate the impact;

Now therefore the Council for the Township of Puslinch hereby requests that the Minister extend the EBR commenting period to allow staff the opportunity to continue to work with the Provincial ministry to address concerns prior to approval regarding:

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- the removal of Secondary Agricultural areas and impact of the extensive Prime Agricultural Area on residential severances, recreational lands and the Township's Rural Employment Area designations;
- mapping and coarse scale land classification methodology as it relates to small scale landscape changes in the Township; and

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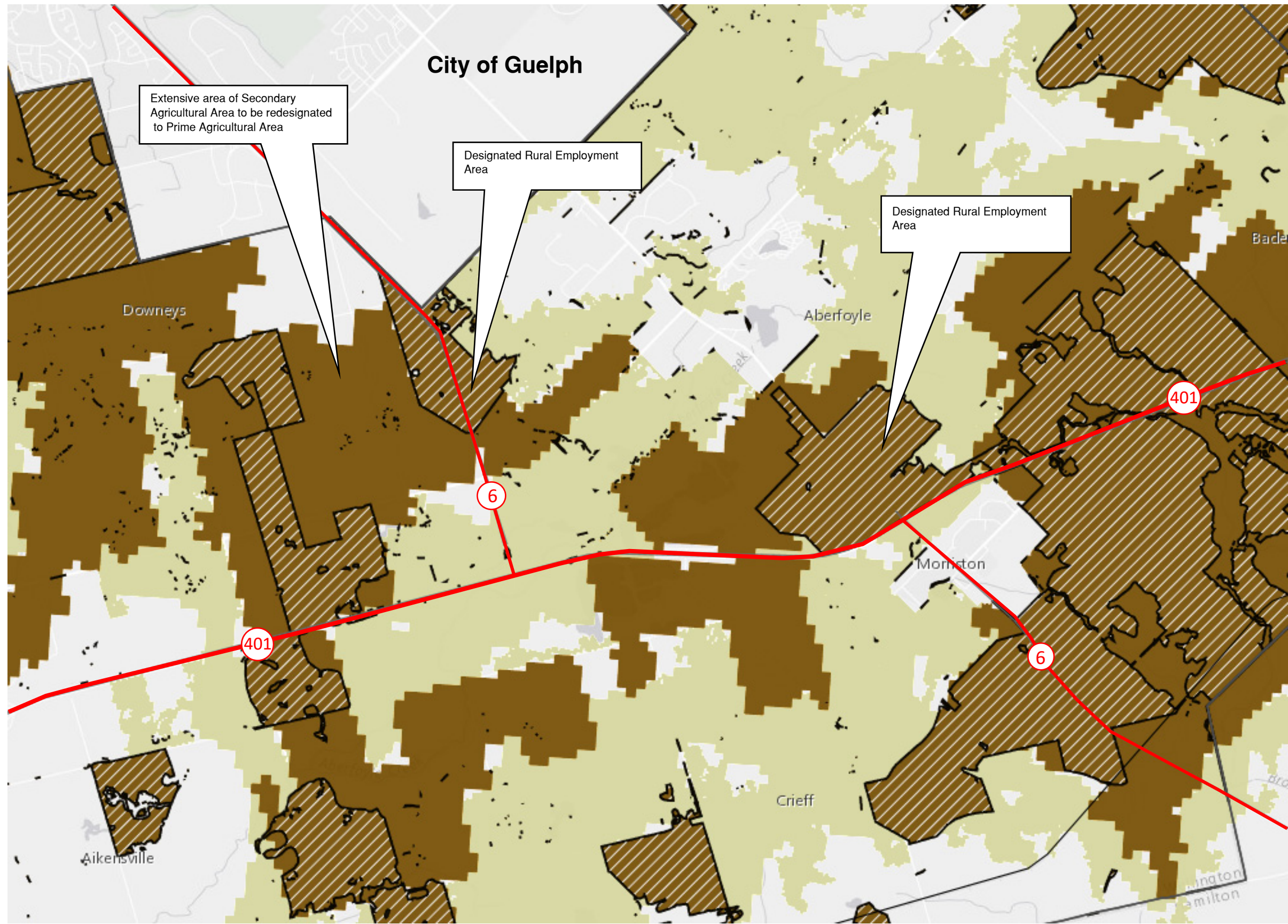
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


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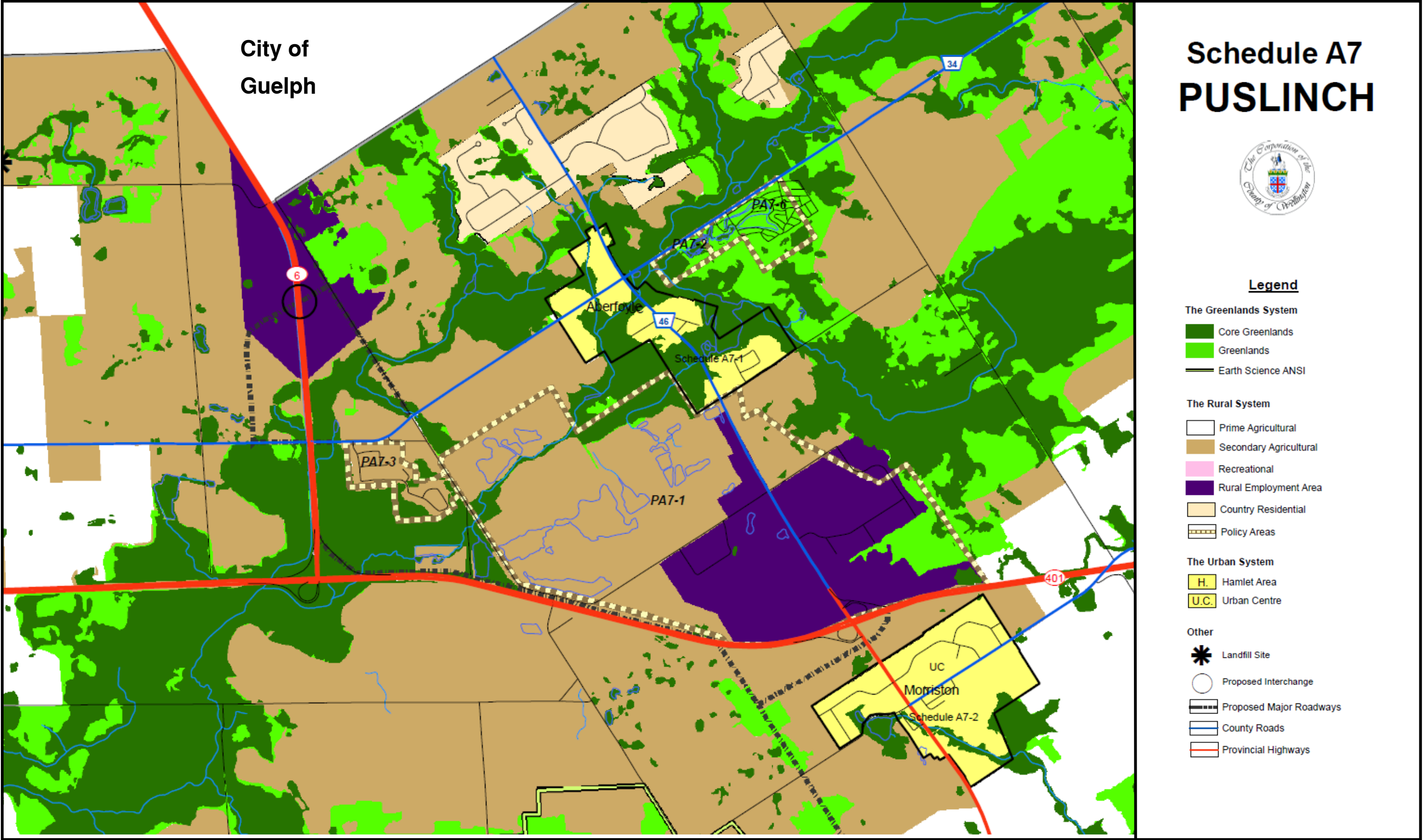


DRAFT GROWTH PLAN  
AGRICULTURAL LAND BASE



- LEGEND:**
-  Candidate areas to be considered
  -  Areas to be redesignated to Prime Agricultural Area
  -  OMAFRA depiction of Official Plan Prime Agricultural Areas





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