

Definitions – Substantive Changes

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<p>Designated Greenfield Area: Lands within <i>settlement areas</i> (not including rural settlements) but outside of <i>delineated built-up areas</i> that have been designated in an official plan for development and are required to accommodate forecasted growth to the horizon of this Plan. <i>Designated greenfield areas</i> do not include <i>excess lands</i>.</p>	<p>Designated Greenfield Area: Lands within <i>settlement areas</i> (not including rural settlements) but outside of <i>delineated built-up areas</i> that have been designated in an official plan for development and are required to accommodate forecasted growth to the horizon of this Plan. <i>Designated greenfield areas</i> do not include <i>excess lands</i>.</p>	<p><u>Support</u></p> <p>This change provides clarity as to the classification of rural settlement areas and confirms that they are not included as part of the Designated Greenfield Area.</p>
<p>Major Transit Station Area: The area including and around any existing or planned <i>higher order transit</i> station or stop within a <i>settlement area</i>; or the area including and around a major bus depot in an urban core. <i>Major transit station areas</i> generally are defined as the area within an approximate 500 to 800 metre radius of a transit station, representing about a 10-minute walk.</p>	<p>Major Transit Station Area: The area including and around any existing or planned <i>higher order transit</i> station or stop within a <i>settlement area</i>; or the area including and around a major bus depot in an urban core. <i>Major transit station areas</i> generally are defined as the area within an approximate 500 to 800 metre radius of a transit station, representing about a 10-minute walk.</p>	<p><u>Neutral</u></p> <p>This definition change allows greater flexibility for municipalities in delineating the boundaries of the MTSA.</p>
<p>Major Trip Generators: Origins and destinations with high population densities or concentrated activities which generate many trips (e.g., <i>urban growth centres</i> and other downtowns, <i>major office</i> and <i>office parks</i>, <i>major retail</i>, <i>employment areas</i>, community hubs, large parks and recreational destinations, post-secondary institutions and other <i>public service facilities</i>, and other mixed-use areas).</p>	<p>Major Trip Generators: Origins and destinations with high population densities or concentrated activities which generate many trips (e.g., <i>urban growth centres</i> and other downtowns, <i>major office</i> and <i>office parks</i>, <i>major retail</i>, <i>employment areas</i>, community hubs, large parks and recreational destinations, post-secondary institutions and other <i>public service facilities</i>, and other mixed-use areas).</p>	<p><u>Support</u></p> <p>This change adds additional uses to the definition of major trip generator. This is important because the presence of a major trip generator within a MTSA boundary has been added as a justification for a reduced MTSA density target.</p>

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<p>Natural Heritage System: The A system mapped and issued by the Province in accordance with this Plan, comprised made up of <i>natural heritage features and areas</i>, and linkages intended to provide connectivity (at the regional or site level) and support natural processes which are necessary to maintain biological and geological diversity, natural functions, viable populations of indigenous species, and ecosystems. The system can include <i>key natural heritage features, key hydrologic features</i>, federal and provincial parks and conservation reserves, other <i>natural heritage features and areas</i>, lands that have been restored or have the potential to be restored to a natural state, associated areas that support <i>hydrologic functions</i>, and working landscapes that enable <i>ecological functions</i> to continue. (Based on PPS, 2014 and modified for this Plan)</p>	<p>Natural Heritage System: A system made up of <i>natural heritage features and areas</i>, and linkages intended to provide connectivity (at the regional or site level) and support natural processes which are necessary to maintain biological and geological diversity, natural functions, viable populations of indigenous species, and ecosystems. The system can include <i>key natural heritage features, key hydrologic features</i>, federal and provincial parks and conservation reserves, other <i>natural heritage features and areas</i>, lands that have been restored or have the potential to be restored to a natural state, associated areas that support <i>hydrologic functions</i>, and working landscapes that enable <i>ecological functions</i> to continue. (Based on PPS, 2014 and modified for this Plan)</p>	<p><u>Neutral</u></p> <p>This is a clarification only to remove the provincial mapping from the definition of natural heritage system.</p>
<p>Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan: The <i>natural heritage system</i> mapped and issued by the Province in accordance with this Plan.</p>	<p>Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan: The <i>natural heritage system</i> mapped and issued by the Province in accordance with this Plan.</p>	<p><u>Neutral</u></p> <p>Clarification only – see above.</p>
<p>Office Parks: Employment areas designated in an official plan Areas where there are significant concentrations of offices with high employment densities.</p>	<p>Office Parks: Areas where there are significant concentrations of offices with high employment densities.</p>	<p><u>Do not support</u></p> <p>The definition has been amended to remove the requirement that office parks are part of an Employment area designated in an Official Plan. The removal of this distinction could result in the Urban Growth Centre being classified as an office park. The definition should be amended to add the words “outside of the Urban Growth Centre”.</p>

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<p>Rural Settlements: Existing hamlets or similar existing small <i>settlement areas</i> that are long-established and identified in official plans. These communities are serviced by individual private on-site water and wastewater systems and contain a limited amount of undeveloped lands that are designated for development. All <i>settlement areas</i> that are identified as hamlets in the Greenbelt Plan, as rural settlements in the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, or as minor urban centres in the Niagara Escarpment Plan are considered <i>rural settlements</i> for the purposes of this Plan, including those that would not otherwise meet this definition.</p>	<p>Rural Settlements: Existing hamlets or similar existing small <i>settlement areas</i> that are long-established and identified in official plans. These communities are serviced by individual private on-site water and wastewater systems and contain a limited amount of undeveloped lands that are designated for development. All <i>settlement areas</i> that are identified as hamlets in the Greenbelt Plan, as rural settlements in the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, or as minor urban centres in the Niagara Escarpment Plan are considered <i>rural settlements</i> for the purposes of this Plan, including those that would not otherwise meet this definition.</p>	<p><u>Support</u></p> <p>This definition provides clarity in relation to the revised definition of Designated Greenfield Area above.</p>
<p>Undelineated Built-up Areas: <i>Settlement areas</i> for which the Minister has not delineated a built boundary pursuant to this Plan.</p>	<p>Definition deleted in entirety.</p>	<p><u>Support</u></p> <p>The revision to the definition of Designated Greenfield Area has clarified the issue of the classification of Rural Settlement Areas.</p>