Definitions – Substantive Changes

Grey highlighted strikethrough text = text to be deleted

Bolded text = text to be added

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

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

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