

Definitions – Substantive Changes

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<p>Designated Greenfield Area: Lands within <i>settlement areas</i> 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>No changes from draft Amendment No. 1.</p>	<p>Staff supported this change through Amendment No. 1.</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>Innovation Hubs: Locations that support collaboration and interaction between the private, public and academic sectors to promote innovation.</p>	<p>Innovation Hubs: Locations that support collaboration and interaction between the private, public and academic sectors to promote innovation.</p> <p>Definition deleted in its entirety.</p>	<p>No changes from draft Amendment No. 1.</p>	<p>No comment.</p>
<p>Low Impact Development: An approach to stormwater management that seeks to manage rain and other precipitation as close as possible to where it falls to mitigate the impacts of increased runoff and stormwater pollution. It includes a set of site design strategies and distributed, small-scale structural practices to mimic the natural hydrology to the greatest extent possible through infiltration, evapotranspiration, harvesting,</p>	<p>Low Impact Development: An approach to stormwater management that seeks to manage rain and other precipitation as close as possible to where it falls to mitigate the impacts of increased runoff and stormwater pollution. It typically includes a set of site design strategies and distributed, small-scale structural practices to mimic the natural hydrology to the greatest extent possible through infiltration, evapotranspiration,</p>	<p>No changes from draft Amendment No. 1.</p>	<p>No comment.</p>

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<p>filtration, and detention of stormwater. <i>Low impact development</i> can include: bio-swales, permeable pavement, rain gardens, green roofs, and exfiltration systems. <i>Low impact development</i> often employs vegetation and soil in its design, however, that does not always have to be the case.</p>	<p>harvesting, filtration, and detention of stormwater. <i>Low impact development</i> can include, for example: bio-swales, vegetated areas at the edge of paved surfaces, permeable pavement, rain gardens, green roofs, and exfiltration systems. <i>Low impact development</i> often employs vegetation and soil in its design, however, that does not always have to be the case and the specific form may vary considering local conditions and community character.</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 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>No change from draft Amendment No. 1.</p>	<p>No comment.</p> <p>This definition change allows greater flexibility for municipalities in delineating the boundaries of the MTSAs.</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, and other</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</p>	<p>No change from draft Amendment No. 1.</p>	<p>Staff supported this change through Amendment No. 1.</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</p>

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<i>public service facilities</i> , and other mixed-use areas).	and recreational destinations, post-secondary institutions and other <i>public service facilities</i> , and other mixed-use areas).		MTSA density target.
Natural Heritage System: The system mapped and issued by the Province in accordance with this Plan, comprised 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)	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)	No changes from draft Amendment No. 1.	No comment. This change is a clarification only to remove the provincial mapping from the definition of natural heritage system.
N/A	Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan: The <i>natural heritage system</i> mapped and issued by the Province in accordance with this	Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan: The <i>natural heritage system</i> mapped and issued by the Province in accordance with this	No comment. Clarification only – see above.

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<p>Office Parks: <i>Employment areas</i> designated in an official plan where there are significant concentrations of offices with high employment densities.</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>Plan.</p> <p>Office Parks: Employment areas or areas where there are significant concentrations of offices with high employment densities.</p>	<p>Staff had concerns with this change in Amendment No. 1 because the definition removed 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 or one of the City's other nodes being classified as an office park. Staff noted that the definition should be amended to add the words "outside of the Urban Growth Centre". This recommendation was not taken. The definition was amended in the 2019 Growth Plan but still does not require an office park to be an <i>employment area</i>.</p>
<p>Prime Employment Area: Areas of employment within <i>settlement areas</i> that are designated in an official plan and protected over the long-term for uses that are land extensive or have low employment densities and require locations that are adjacent to or near <i>major goods movement facilities and corridors</i>. These uses include manufacturing, warehousing, and logistics, and appropriate associated uses and ancillary facilities.</p>	<p>Prime Employment Area: Areas of employment within settlement areas that are designated in an official plan and protected over the long-term for uses that are land extensive or have low employment densities and require locations that are adjacent to or near major goods movement facilities and corridors. These uses include manufacturing, warehousing, and logistics, and appropriate associated uses and ancillary facilities.</p> <p>Definition deleted in its entirety.</p>	<p>No change from draft Amendment No. 1.</p>	<p>See comments in employment areas policies.</p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Provincially Significant Employment Zones: Areas</p>	<p>See comments in employment section.</p>

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		<p>defined by the Minister in consultation with affected municipalities for the purpose of long-term planning for job creation and economic development. <i>Provincially significant employment zones</i> can consist of <i>employment areas</i> as well as mixed-use areas that contain a significant number of jobs.</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>New 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, and are subject to official plan policies that limit growth. 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>Staff supported this change through Amendment No. 1.</p> <p>This definition provides clarity in relation to the revised definition of Designated Greenfield Area above.</p>

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Subwatershed Plan: A plan that reflects and refines the goals, objectives, targets, and assessments of <i>watershed planning</i> for smaller drainage areas, is tailored to subwatershed needs and addresses local issues...	Subwatershed Plan: A plan that reflects and refines the goals, objectives, targets, and assessments of <i>watershed planning</i> , as available at the time a subwatershed plan is completed , for smaller drainage areas, is tailored to subwatershed needs and addresses local issues...	No changes from draft Amendment No. 1.	No comment.
	Undelineated Built-up Areas: Settlement areas for which the Minister has not delineated a built boundary pursuant to this Plan. Policy deleted in its entirety.	No changes from draft Amendment No. 1.	Staff supported this change through Amendment No. 1. The revision to the definition of Designated Greenfield Area has clarified the issue of the classification of Rural Settlement Areas.