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February 20, 2013

Dear Clerk:

**Re: Growing the Greenbelt - Glenorchy Lands (Oakville) and Urban River Valleys
Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Greenbelt Plan and Greenbelt Area
boundary regulation (O.Reg. 6/13)**

I am pleased to announce the approval of the first amendment to the Greenbelt Plan and Greenbelt area boundary regulation.

The addition of the Glenorchy lands increases the size of the Greenbelt to nearly two million acres of protected agricultural and environmentally sensitive land across the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The Urban River Valley designation will allow urban municipalities to consider making proposals to add land to the Greenbelt and permanently protect sensitive lands.

The government consulted on the proposal from November 20, 2012 to January 4, 2013. Input received from public meetings and from written submissions through the Ministry's website, e-mail, mail, fax and the Ontario Environmental Bill of Rights Registry posting informed the decision-making process.

Please find attached Amendment No. 1 to the Greenbelt Plan, Map A to Amendment No. 1 (Glenorchy lands) and the amendment to the Greenbelt area boundary regulation (O. Reg. 6/13) to add the Glenorchy lands.

This information can also be accessed on the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing website at: <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page187.aspx> or by calling 416-585-6014 or 1-877-711-8208.

Sincerely,

Janet Mason
Assistant Deputy Minister

Attachments:

Greenbelt Plan Amendment No.1
Map A to Amendment No. 1 (Glenorchy Lands)
Ontario Regulation 6/13

**GREENBELT PLAN
AMENDMENT NO. 1**

THE AMENDMENT

The following is the text which constitutes Amendment No. 1 to the Greenbelt Plan:

1. Section **1.1 Context** is amended by adding the following new paragraph after the 8th paragraph of that section:

“The Greenbelt Plan is structured to provide for the inclusion of publicly owned lands in urban river valleys that were not in the Greenbelt at the time the Plan was approved in 2005. These lands, while not part of the Protected Countryside, are part of the Greenbelt and these areas assist in recognizing the importance of connections to Lake Ontario and other areas in Southern Ontario.”

2. Section **1.2.2 Goals** is amended by adding the words “**Protected Countryside**” before the word “**Goals**” in the title of the section.
3. The following new section **1.2.3 Urban River Valley Goals** is added after the end of amended section **1.2.2 Protected Countryside Goals**:

“1.2.3 Urban River Valley Goals

To integrate the Greenbelt into urban areas which were not in the Greenbelt at the time it was approved in 2005, by promoting the following matters within the Urban River Valley designation:

- Protection of natural and open space lands along river valleys in urban areas which will assist in connecting the rest of the Greenbelt Area to the Great Lakes and other inland lakes;
- Protection of natural heritage and hydrologic features and functions along urban river valleys;
- Provision of a gateway to the rural landscape of the Greenbelt; and
- Provision of a range of natural settings on publicly owned lands for recreational, cultural and tourism uses including parkland, open space land and trails.”

4. Section **1.4.2 Structure of the Plan** is amended by deleting the paragraph titled **"Section 2.0 – Greenbelt Plan"** and replacing with the following:

"Section 2.0 – Greenbelt Plan: Describes the lands governed by the Greenbelt Plan, which include the NEP Area, the Oak Ridges Moraine Area, the Parkway Belt West Plan Area, lands designated as Urban River Valley and lands designated Protected Countryside in this Plan. It describes how lands in the three existing provincial plans and lands designated as Urban River Valley are affected by this Plan, and that lands designated as Protected Countryside within the Greenbelt Area are subject to the entire Greenbelt Plan except section 6.0."

5. Section **1.4.2 Structure of the Plan** is amended by adding after the paragraph titled **"Section 5.0 – Implementation"**, the following new paragraph:

"Section 6.0 – Urban River Valley Policies: Sets out policies for the Urban River Valley designation that applies to publicly owned urban river valley lands brought into the Greenbelt by amendment after approval of the Plan in 2005."

6. Section **1.4.3 How to Read this Plan** is amended by adding the following new paragraph after the first paragraph of item 1:

"Determine if the lands are located within the Urban River Valley designation on Schedule 1. If so, the specific policies set out in section 6.0 for the designation apply."

7. Section **2.0 GREENBELT PLAN** is amended by adding the words "and as Urban River Valley" after the words "Protected Countryside" in the first paragraph.

8. Section **2.4 Lands within the Protected Countryside Area** is amended by adding the text ", except section 6.0" after the words "Greenbelt Plan".

9. The following new section **2.5 Lands within the Urban River Valley Area** is added after the end of amended section **2.4 Lands within the Protected Countryside Area**:

“2.5 Lands within the Urban River Valley Area

Lands within the Urban River Valley designation, as shown on Schedule 1, are subject to the policies of section 6.0 and the Protected Countryside polices do not apply except as set out in that section.”

10. Section **5.5.3 Schedules and Appendices** is amended by adding the text “, the Urban River Valley Area” after the words “Oak Ridges Moraine Area” in number 1.
11. The following new section **6.0 URBAN RIVER VALLEY POLICIES** is added after the end of section **5.0 IMPLEMENTATION**:

“6.0 URBAN RIVER VALLEY POLICIES

Key river valleys in urban areas adjacent to the Greenbelt provide opportunities for additional connections to help expand and integrate the Greenbelt and its systems into the broader Southern Ontario landscape. The Urban River Valley designation provides direction to those areas where the Greenbelt occupies river valleys in an urban context. These urban river valleys may be the setting for a network of uses and facilities including recreational, cultural and tourist amenities and infrastructure, which are needed to support urban areas.

6.1 Description

The Urban River Valley designation as shown on Schedule 1 applies to publicly owned lands within the main corridors of river valleys connecting the rest of the Greenbelt to the Great Lakes and inland lakes. The lands in this designation comprise river valleys and associated lands and are generally characterized by being:

- Lands containing natural and hydrologic features; and/or
- Lands designated in municipal official plans for uses such as parks, open space, recreation, conservation and environmental protection.

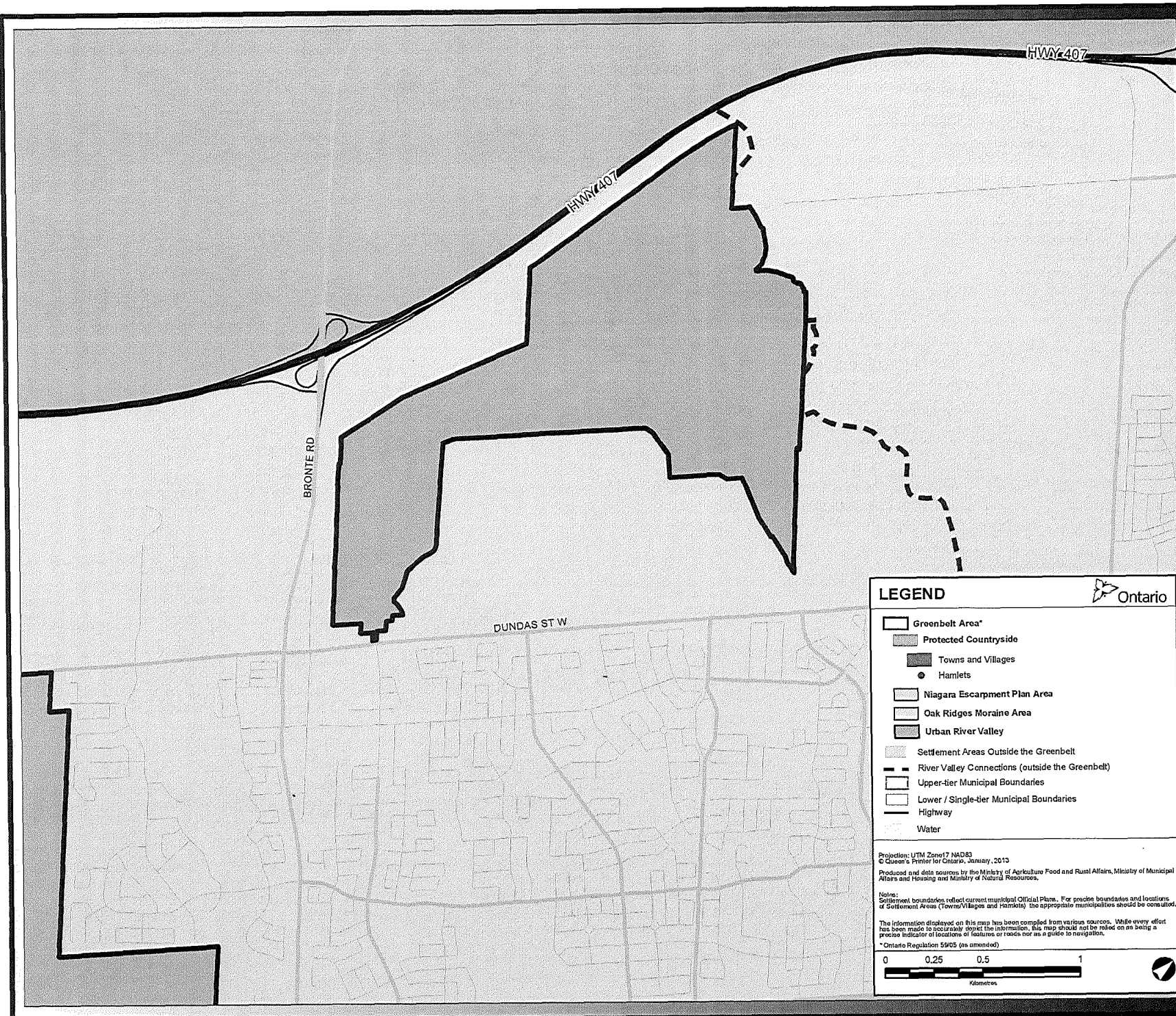
6.2 Policies


- 6.2.1 The lands are governed by the applicable municipal official plan policies provided they have regard to the objectives of the Greenbelt Plan.
- 6.2.2 All existing, expanded or new infrastructure which is subject to and approved under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, or which receives a














similar approval, is permitted provided it supports the needs of adjacent urban areas or serves the significant growth and economic development expected in southern Ontario and supports the goals and objectives of the Greenbelt Plan.

- 6.2.3 The Protected Countryside policies do not apply except for:
- (a) The external connections policies of section 3.2.5; and
 - (b) The parkland, open space and trails policies of section 3.3.”

12. Schedule 1 of the Greenbelt Plan is amended consistent with the attached Map A by designating the lands described in paragraph 4 of Ontario Regulation 59/05, as amended, as Urban River Valley, showing those lands within the Greenbelt Area and making necessary modifications to the legend.
13. Schedule 4 of the Greenbelt Plan is amended consistent with the attached Map A by showing the lands described in paragraph 4 of Ontario Regulation 59/05, as amended, as being designated as Urban River Valley and within the Greenbelt Area, and making necessary modifications to the legend.
14. Appendix I of the Greenbelt Plan is amended consistent with the attached Map A by showing the lands described in paragraph 4 of Ontario Regulation 59/05, as amended, as being designated as Urban River Valley and within the Greenbelt Area, and making necessary modifications to the legend.
15. Appendix II of the Greenbelt Plan is amended consistent with the attached Map A by showing the lands described in paragraph 4 of Ontario Regulation 59/05, as amended, as being designated as Urban River Valley and within the Greenbelt Area, and making necessary modifications to the legend.
16. The Table of Contents is amended by deleting the title “**1.2.2 Goals**” and replacing with “**1.2.2 Protected Countryside Goals**”, and by adding the new section titles of “**1.2.3 Urban River Valley Goals**”, “**2.5 Lands within the Urban River Valley Area**” and “**6.0 URBAN RIVER VALLEY POLICIES**” in the appropriate places.



LEGEND 


-  Greenbelt Area*
-  Protected Countryside
-  Towns and Villages
-  Hamlets
-  Niagara Escarpment Plan Area
-  Oak Ridges Moraine Area
-  Urban River Valley
-  Settlement Areas Outside the Greenbelt
-  River Valley Connections (outside the Greenbelt)
-  Upper-tier Municipal Boundaries
-  Lower / Single-tier Municipal Boundaries
-  Highway
-  Water

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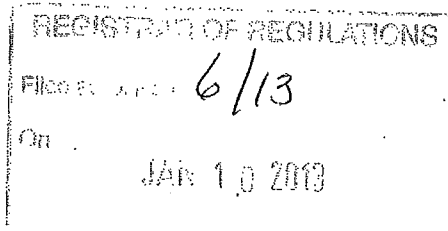
Note:
 Settlement boundaries reflect current municipal Official Plans. For precise boundaries and locations of Settlement Areas (Towns/Villages and Hamlets) the appropriate municipalities should be consulted.

The information displayed on this map has been compiled from various sources. While every effort has been made to accurately depict the information, this map should not be relied on as being a precise indicator of locations of features or roads nor as a guide to navigation.

* Ontario Regulation 5905 (as amended)

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Amendment 1: Map A
Urban River Valley Designation
greenbelt
PLAN 2005



ONTARIO REGULATION

made under the

GREENBELT ACT, 2005

Amending O. Reg. 59/05

(DESIGNATION OF GREENBELT AREA)

Note: Ontario Regulation 59/05 has not previously been amended.

1. (1) Subsection 1 (1) of Ontario Regulation 59/05 is amended by adding the following paragraph:

4. The area of land designated as Part 1 on a plan entitled "Plan of the Boundary of the Glenorchy Addition", dated January 4, 2013 and filed on that date with the Office of the Surveyor General of Ontario in the Ministry of Natural Resources.

(2) Subsection 1 (2) of the Regulation is amended by striking out "the plan referred to in paragraph 3" in the portion before paragraph 1 and substituting "the plans referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4".

2. The Regulation is amended by adding the following French version:

DÉSIGNATION DE LA ZONE DE LA CEINTURE DE VERDURE

Désignation

1. (1) Pour l'application de l'article 2 de la Loi, les zones suivantes sont désignées comme zone de la ceinture de verdure :

1. Le territoire de la moraine d'Oak Ridges, lequel se compose de la zone désignée en application du paragraphe 1 (1) du Règlement de l'Ontario 1/02 (Designation of Oak Ridges Moraine Area) pris en vertu de la *Loi de 2001 sur la conservation de la moraine d'Oak Ridges*.

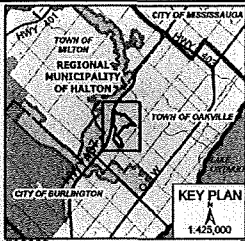
2. La zone visée par le *Plan d'aménagement de l'escarpement du Niagara* indiquée sur les cartes 1 à 9 du Plan signées et datées par Mark Frawley, directeur de la Commission de l'escarpement du Niagara, le 22 février 2005 et déposées dans les bureaux de la Commission situés au 232, rue Guelph, Georgetown (Ontario), ainsi que les biens-fonds ajoutés au *Plan d'aménagement de l'escarpement du Niagara* en application du paragraphe 19 (1) de la *Loi sur la planification et l'aménagement de l'escarpement du Niagara*.
3. La zone formant les parties 1 à 36, inclusivement, sur un plan intitulé *Plan of the Boundary of the Protected Countryside* daté du 23 février 2005 et déposé à cette date au Bureau de l'arpenteur général de l'Ontario au ministère des Richesses naturelles.
4. La zone formant la partie 1 sur un plan intitulé *Plan of the Boundary of the Glenorchy Addition* daté du 4 janvier 2013 et déposé à cette date au Bureau de l'arpenteur général de l'Ontario au ministère des Richesses naturelles.

(2) Le public peut consulter les plans mentionnés aux dispositions 3 et 4 du paragraphe (1) aux endroits suivants :

1. Les bureaux du ministère des Affaires municipales et du Logement situés au 777, rue Bay, Toronto (Ontario).
2. Les bureaux de la Commission de l'escarpement du Niagara situés au 232, rue Guelph, Georgetown (Ontario).
3. Les bureaux du ministère des Richesses naturelles situés au 300, rue Water, Peterborough (Ontario).

Commencement

3. **This Regulation comes into force on the day it is filed.**



PLAN OF THE BOUNDARY OF THE GLENORCHY ADDITION

IN THE GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF TRAFALGAR
IN THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE,
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON

Legend

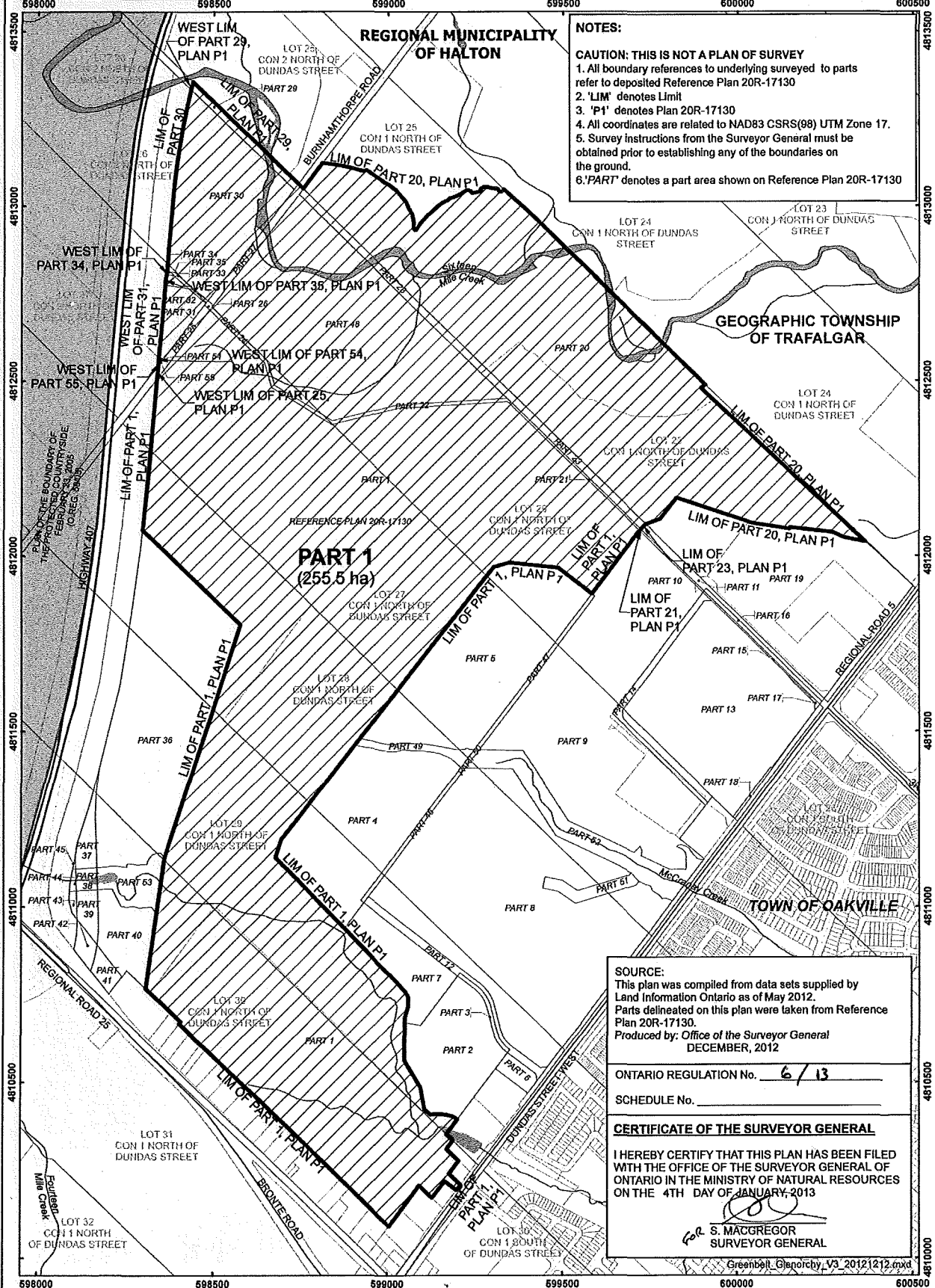
- Freeway
- Highway
- Local Street
- Rivers
- ▣ Protected Countryside
- ▣ Water Bodies
- ▣ Glenorchy Addition

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NOTES:

CAUTION: THIS IS NOT A PLAN OF SURVEY

1. All boundary references to underlying surveyed to parts refer to deposited Reference Plan 20R-17130
2. 'LIM' denotes Limit
3. 'P1' denotes Plan 20R-17130
4. All coordinates are related to NAD83 CSRS(98) UTM Zone 17.
5. Survey instructions from the Surveyor General must be obtained prior to establishing any of the boundaries on the ground.
6. 'PART' denotes a part area shown on Reference Plan 20R-17130

**PART 1
(255.5 ha)**

SOURCE:
This plan was compiled from data sets supplied by Land Information Ontario as of May 2012.
Parts delineated on this plan were taken from Reference Plan 20R-17130.
Produced by: Office of the Surveyor General
DECEMBER, 2012

ONTARIO REGULATION No. 6/13
SCHEDULE No. _____

CERTIFICATE OF THE SURVEYOR GENERAL

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE OFFICE OF THE SURVEYOR GENERAL OF ONTARIO IN THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES ON THE 4TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2013

S. MacGregor
SURVEYOR GENERAL