



**TOWN OF
GEORGINA**

Town of Georgina Official Plan Review

Public Workshop #2

**Policy Review and
Direction**



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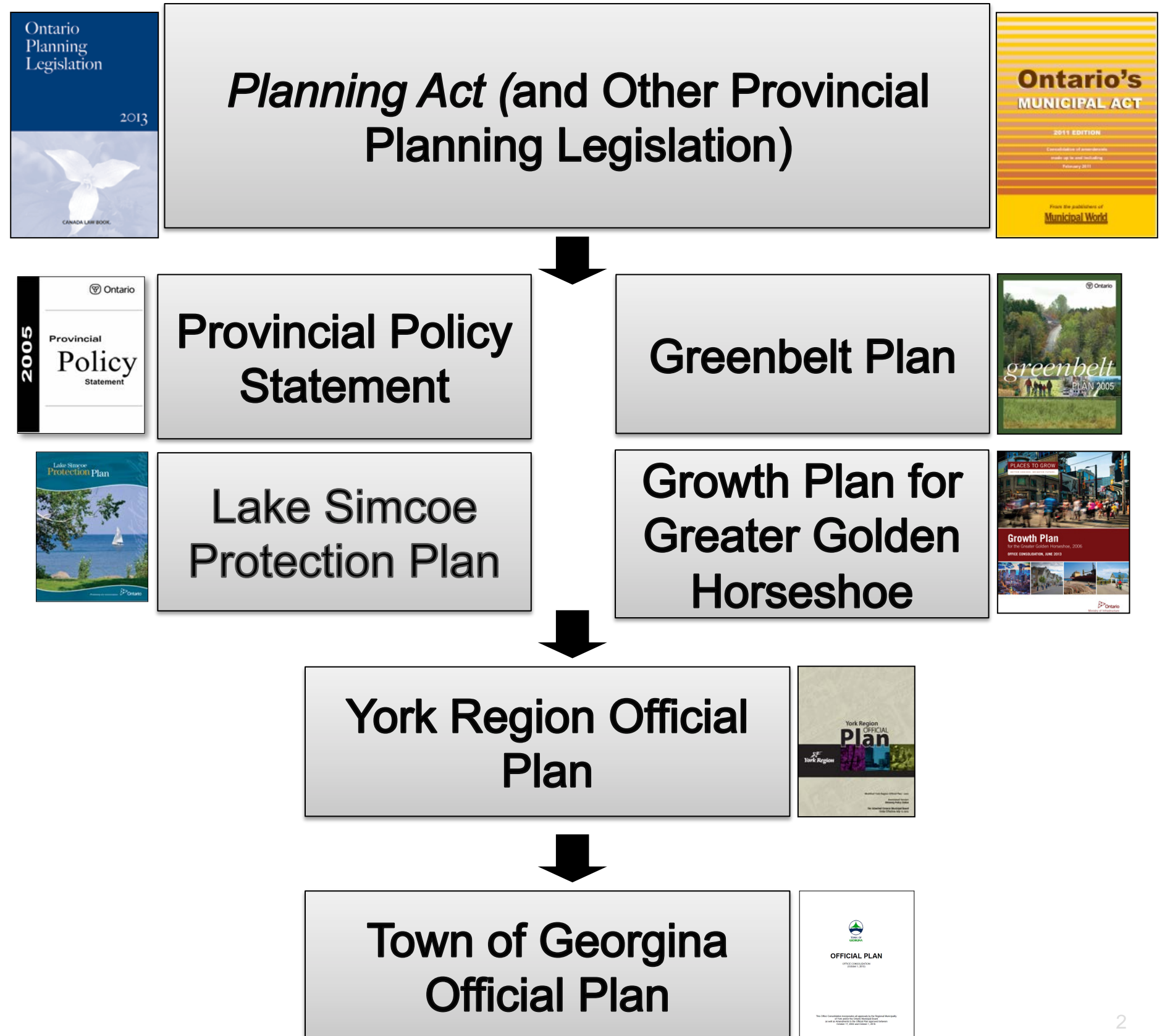
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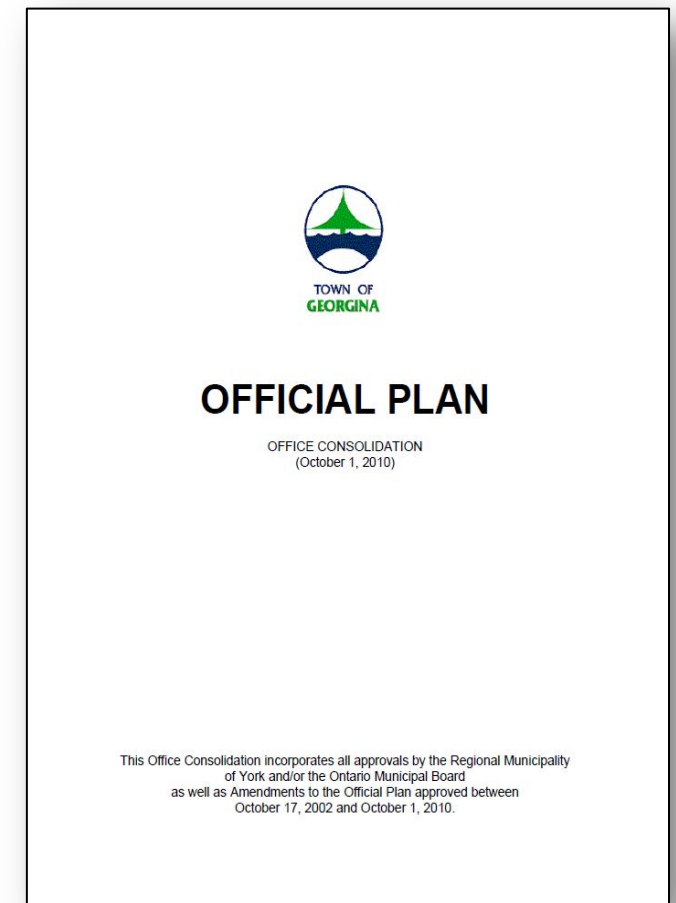
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Current Official Plan

1. Introduction
2. Guiding Principles and Objectives
3. Land Use Policies
4. Healthy Communities
5. Servicing and Infrastructure
6. Development Review
7. Implementation
8. Interpretation
9. Secondary Plans
10. Schedules

Direction:

- Good format
- Many applicable and current policies
- Updates required but not complete replacement



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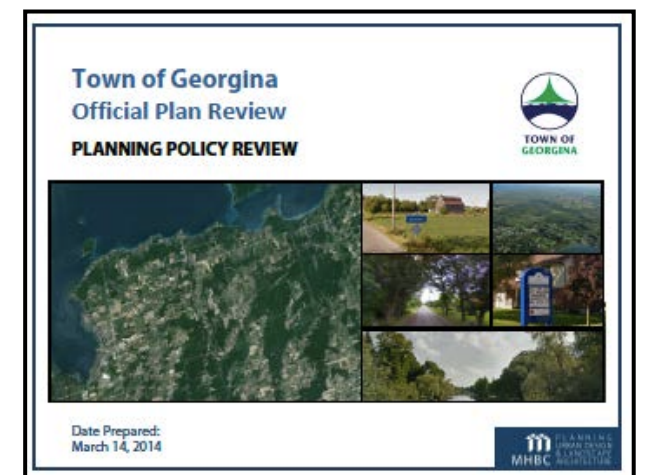
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Review Process

- Workshop #1 – Foundations
 - Goals, Guiding Principles, Objectives
 - Vision
- Analysis of Provincial Policy and Plans
- Analysis of Regional Official Plan
- Hamlet Open House Events
- Technical Advisory Committee and Steering Committee Meetings
- Planning Policy Review Report



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Public Comments Workshop #1

FOUNDATIONS

- Complete Community
- Agriculture and Rural Character
- Environment
- Employment and Tourism
- Sustainability

COMPLETE COMMUNITY

- Work, Live and Play in Georgina
- Balance between Environmental Protection and Growth
- Strong complete community
- Place to work, play and live
- Nature/outdoors
- Supportive of the needs of the community
- Opportunities for individuals and families
- Employment and recreation
- Working and playing in my home area (community)
- Balance
- Family community that has a balance of agricultural/business and community strength
- Balanced lifestyle
- Things happening/yet tranquil/Buzz
- Community that personifies the perfect lifestyles – Balance
- Local jobs/tourism/retraining character
- Living in Georgina is like having your cake and eating too
- Community
- Opportunity
- Meaningful community centred
- Vibrant

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Basis / Vision

Residents, members of the business community, elected officials and public servants have an obligation to understand and to accept their responsibility as “stewards” of this unique community which will be passed on to future generations.

Citizen action is the foundation upon which the community is built, as demonstrated by the many community organizations working together to maintain the high quality of life enjoyed by the community.

The community maintains and builds upon its rural heritage and natural assets to offer a high quality of life in a healthy, safe and liveable environment.

From Workshop #1

To become a well-balanced and vibrant community that preserves and protects our natural environment and rural character, while providing for growth and economic development in a sustainable manner.

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Vision

- 1. To become a well-balanced and vibrant community that preserves and protects our natural environment and rural character, while providing for growth and economic development in a sustainable manner.**
- 2. To maintain a high quality of life in a healthy, safe and liveable environment.**
- 3. To accept our responsibility as stewards of this unique community which will be passed on to future generations.**

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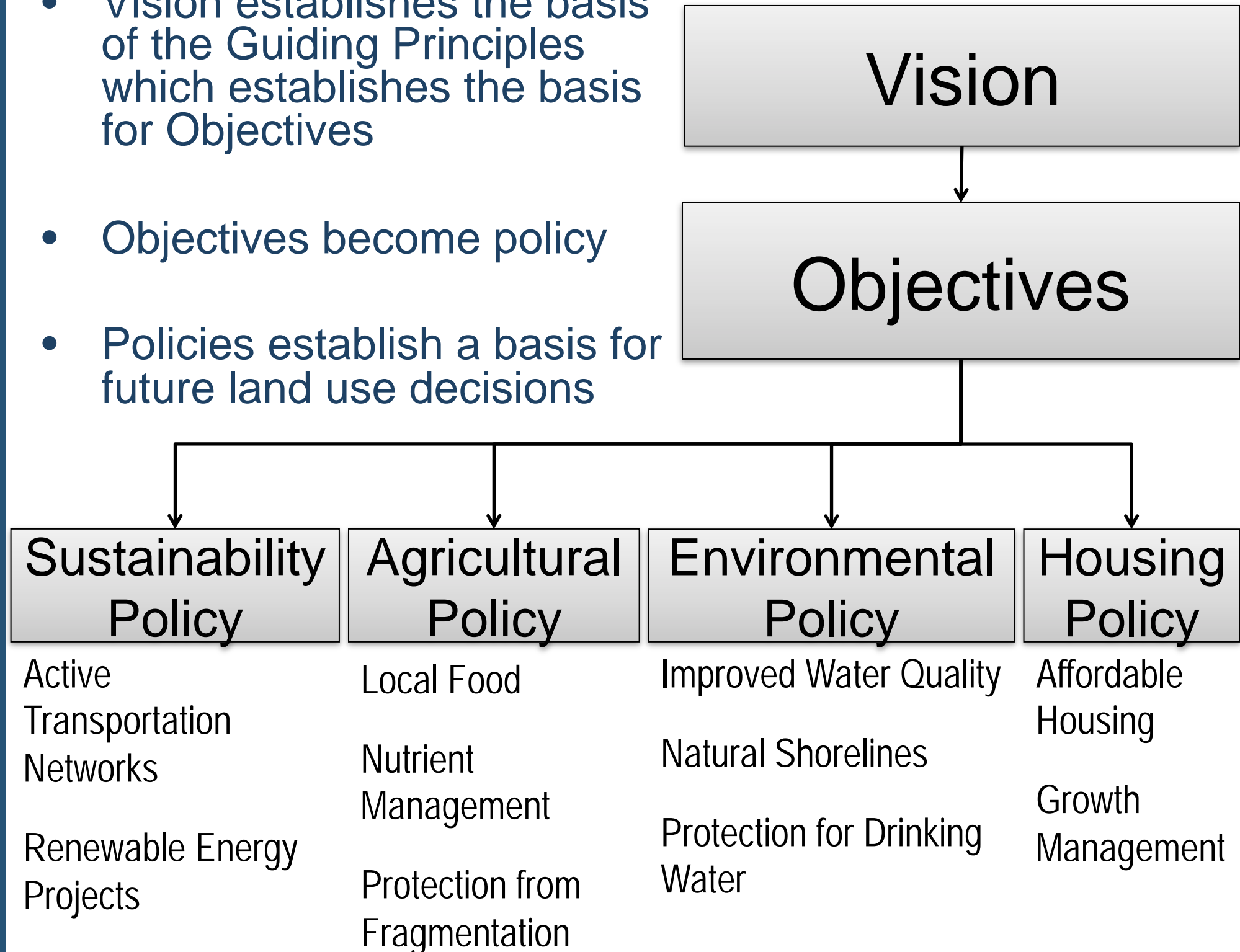
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Guiding Principles and Objectives

- Vision establishes the basis of the Guiding Principles which establishes the basis for Objectives
- Objectives become policy
- Policies establish a basis for future land use decisions



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Guiding Principles and Objectives

- Lake Simcoe **Protection Plan**
 - To protect, improve or restore the elements that contribute to the ecological health of the *Lake Simcoe watershed*, including, water quality, hydrology, key natural heritage features and their functions, and key hydrologic features and their functions.
- Growth Management
 - To plan for the Town to grow to a population of about 70,300 by 2031.
 - To plan for one new job opportunity for every two new residents by 2013.
- Rural and Agricultural Areas
 - To maintain the open landscape character of rural and agricultural areas.
 - To provide opportunities to diversify the rural economy by supporting agriculture and agriculturally related goods and products.

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- **Healthy Communities**
 - To support healthy lifestyles and sustainable communities where people can live, work and play in their community.
- **Economic Development**
 - To recognize the importance of tourism to the local economy
 - To ensure that there are sufficient Employment Lands designated to provide a wide range of employment opportunities.
- **Sustainability**
 - To consider the impact on the social, environmental and economic well being of the Town in all land use decisions.
 - To support green energy and value added agricultural industries.

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Policy Review Land Use Policies

- Sustainability
- Environment
- Growth
- Settlement Areas
- Agricultural and Rural Areas
- Accessibility
- Healthy Communities
 - Housing, Recreation and Open Space, Community Design, Cultural Heritage
- Transportation

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Sustainability

- Plan for complete communities where people can live, work and play.
- Provide for alternatives to the automobile including transit, cycling and trails.
- Promote low impact design for new development.
- Encourage energy efficient buildings.
- Plan for sustainable infrastructure.
- Protect source water.
- Promote local sourcing of goods and services.
- Consider impacts of development on climate.



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Environment

- Simplified policies
- **Establish a Greenlands System that implements the Greenbelt Plan and Regional Official Plan**
 - Also reflect the required Study Areas around Key Natural Heritage features and Linkages between features
- Create a single Environmental Protection designation that consists of;
 - Key Natural Heritage features
 - Key Hydrologic features
 - Associated vegetative buffers
- Key Hydrologic Features – Separate Schedule
- Source Water Protection Areas – Separate Schedule

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Environment Natural Heritage Features

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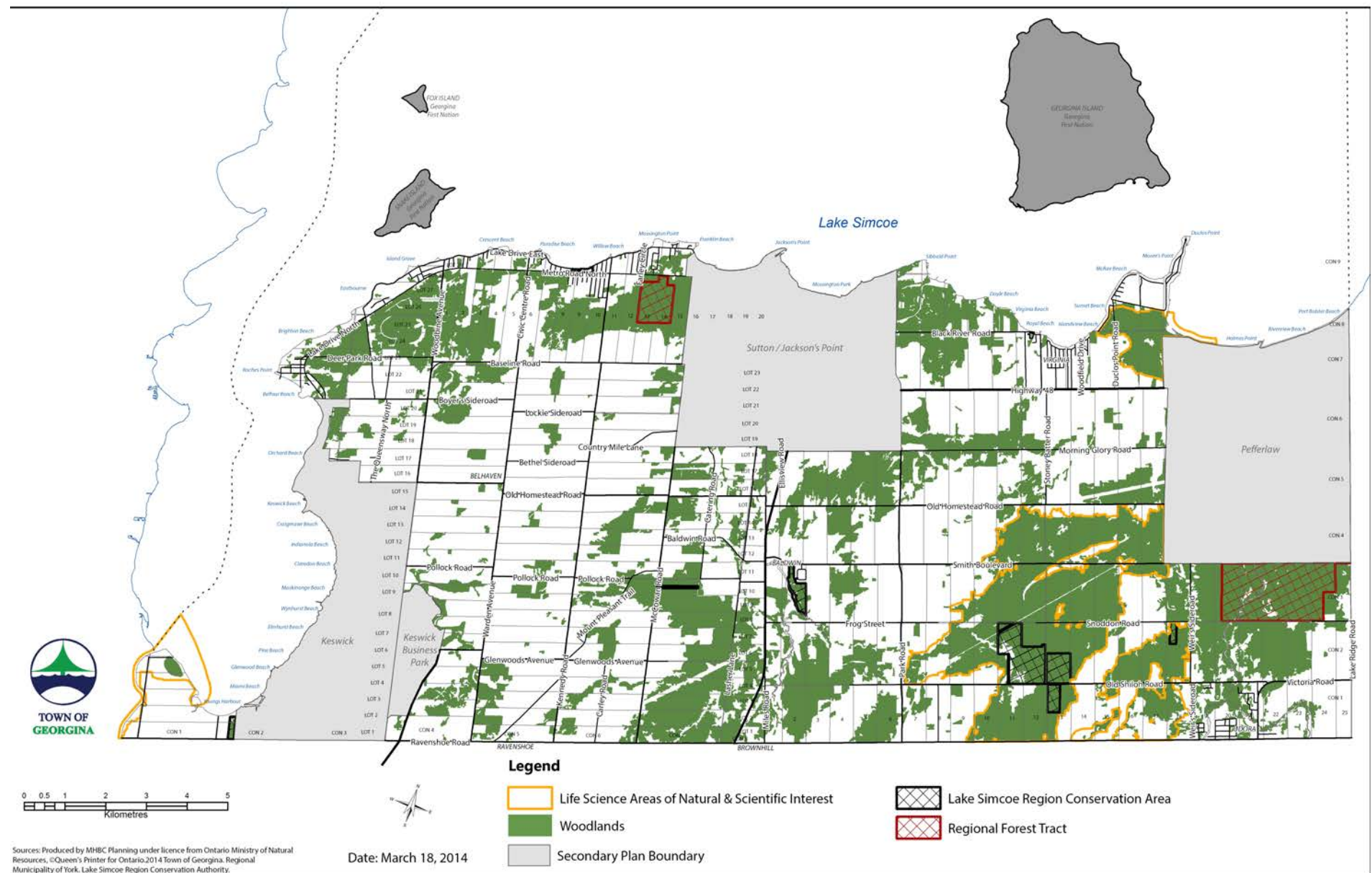
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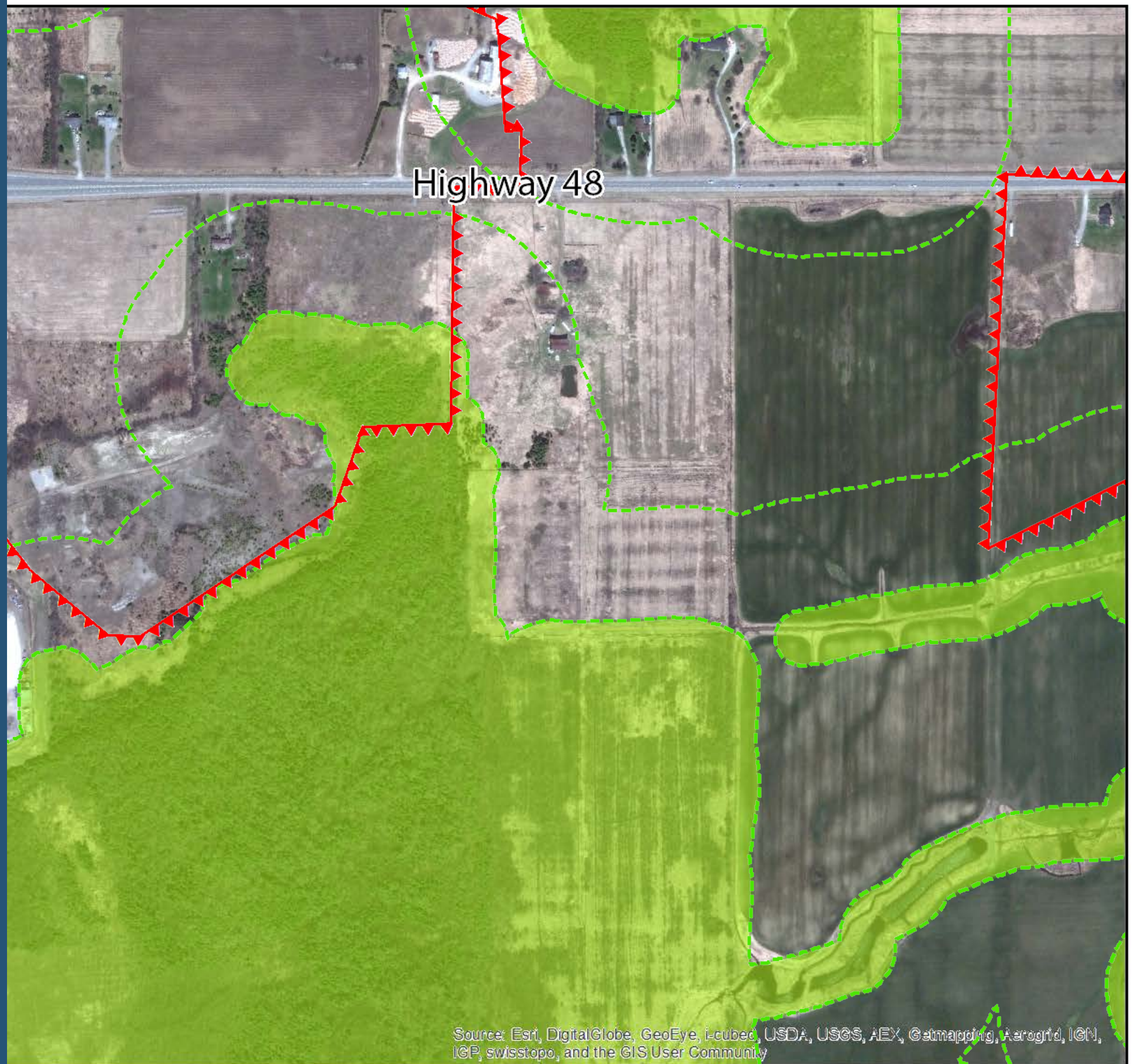
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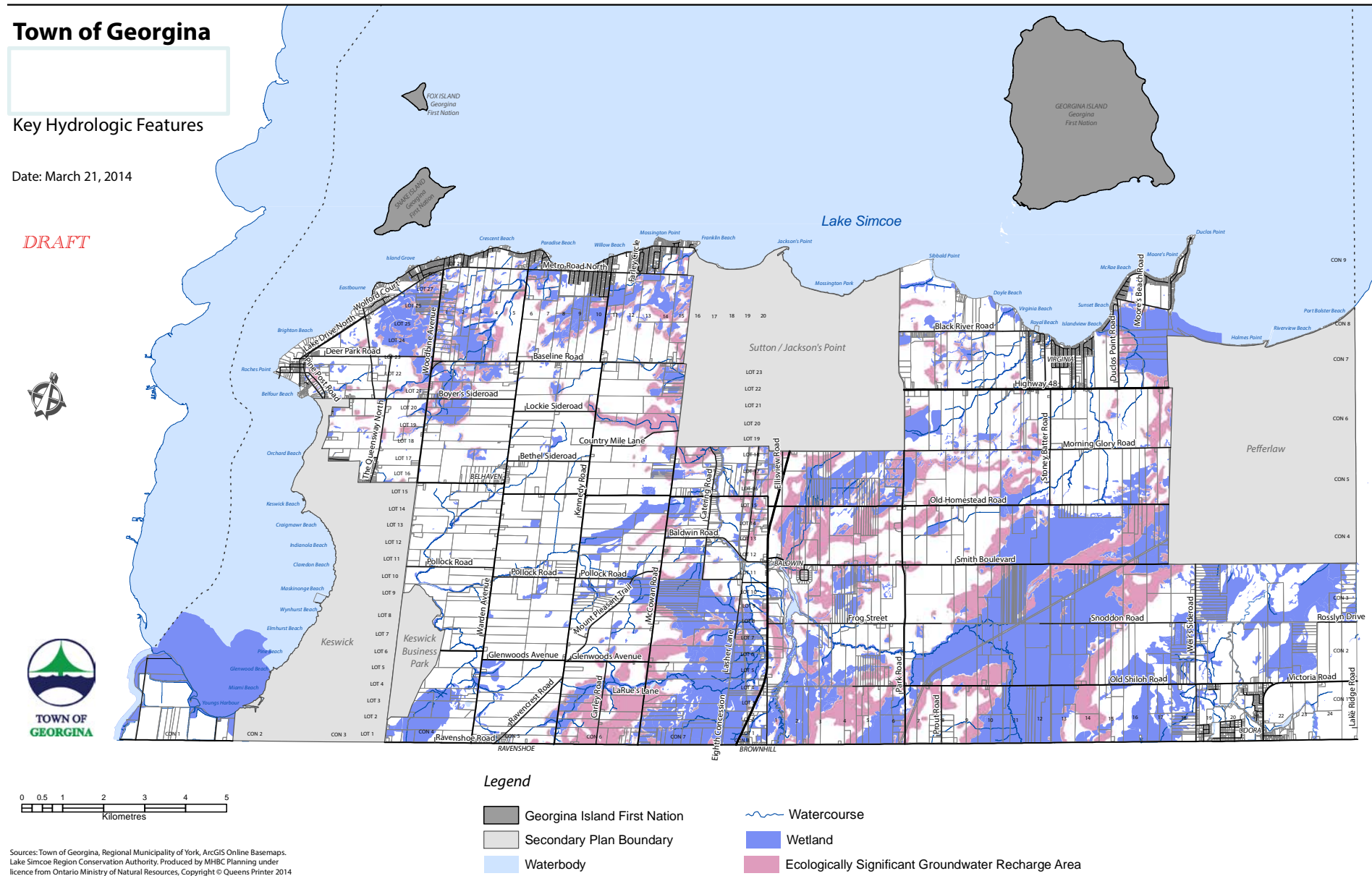
Environment Key Hydrologic Features

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Key Hydrologic Features

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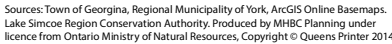


Environment Source Water Protection

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Growth Management

Year	Population	Employment
2006	44,600	8,000
2016	52,800	11,000
2021	57,900	13,900
2026	63,900	17,400
2031	70,300	21,200

- Population and Employment Growth directed primarily to the Urban Settlement Areas
- Conversion of Employment Lands to require comprehensive review
- Municipal approval for all Settlement Areas expansions

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Settlement Areas

- Lakeshore Residential Areas to be identified as ‘built up’ areas but not settlement areas – limited growth, more environmental protection
- Hamlet Open House sessions held in January 2014
 - *Some support for minor infill and minor rounding out in some communities*
 - *Specific policies for Virginia to recognize expansive land area but limited development potential*
 - *Limited infill development subject to sustainable servicing*
- Few changes required to policies or mapping

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Rural and Agricultural Areas

- Mapping to reflect Regional Official Plan Rural and Agricultural lands.
- Farm retirement lots to be discontinued
- Existing Rural Commercial and Rural Industrial uses to be reviewed
- Support for farm related economic activities and value added products
- Identify area south of Cook Bay as a Special Agricultural Area and recognize flood hazard

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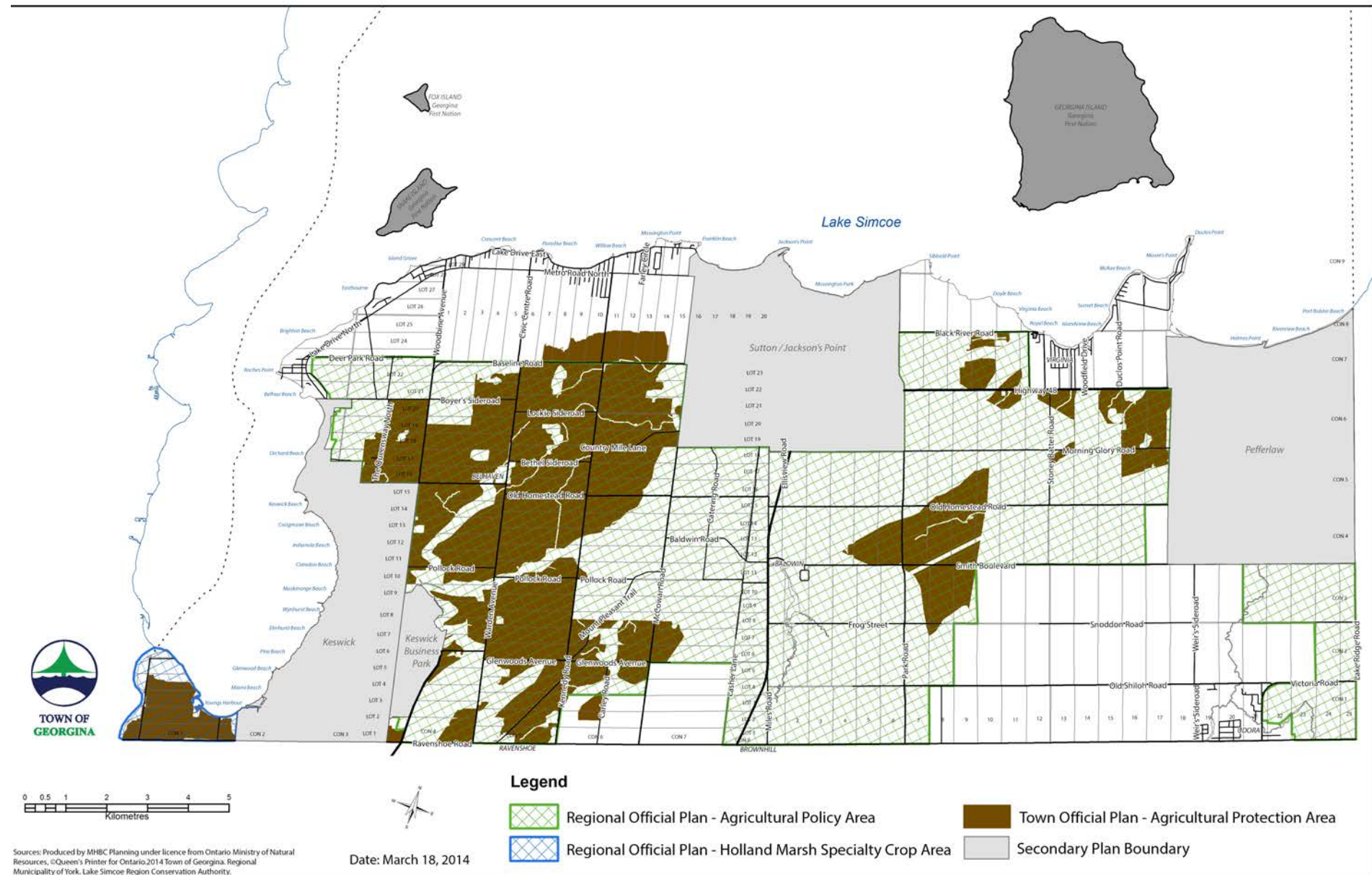
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Agricultural Areas



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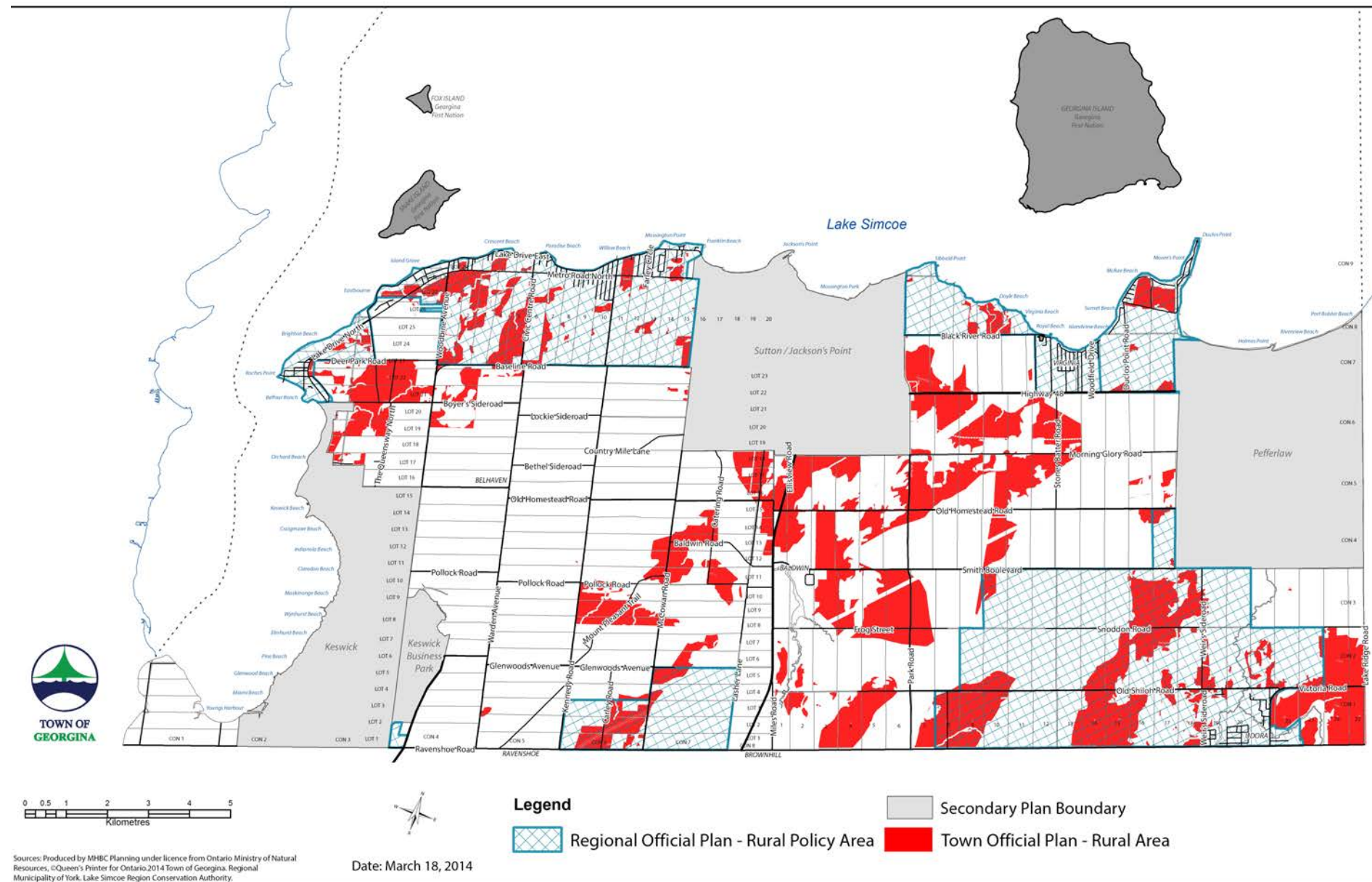
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Rural Areas



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Healthy Communities **and** **Sustainability**

- **Housing**
 - Include target for affordable housing
 - General policies for Special Needs Housing
- **Recreation and Open Space**
 - Reflect Trails and Active Transportation Master Plan Study
- **Heritage Conservation and Archeological Preservation**
 - Include policies on First Nation consultation
 - Detailed policies on required studies
- **Community Design**
 - Refer to low impact design, light trespass and minimizing climate change
- **Sustainability**
 - To be considered in all decisions regarding land use and public works

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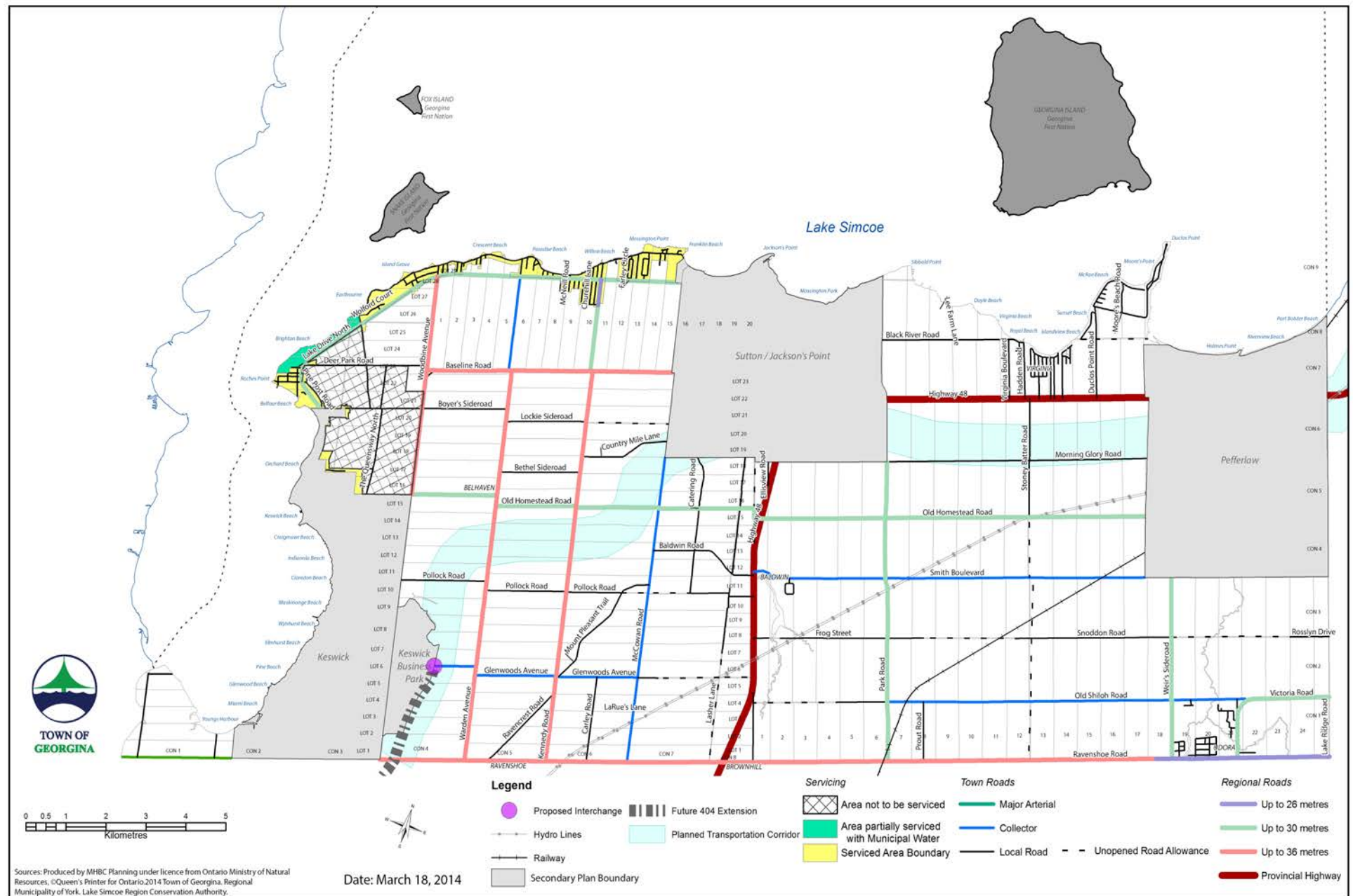
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Transportation



- Show desire to extend Hwy 404 to Glenwoods Avenue
- Show 404 Extension as a 'Protected Corridor'
- Show Trails on a separate Schedule to the Plan

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Break-out Group Questions

Groups:

- Lake Simcoe
- Rural and Agricultural
- Healthy Communities and Sustainability
- Growth Management
- Economic Development
- Natural Environment

Comments on the Vision

Something missing or need to be adjusted ?

Comments on the Guiding Principles/Objectives/
Policy Direction

- Is there something missing ?
- Is there something that should not be included?

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Town of Georgina - Official Plan Review Project Timing														
TASKS	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
BACKGROUND RESEARCH AND POLICY REVIEW														
1 Start-up TAC Meeting #1														
2 Prepare Base Maps														
3 Upper Tier Policy Review														
4 Growth and Development														
5 Natural Features Mapping														
6 Start-up Steering Committee Mtg #1 & TAC Mtg #2														
7 Initial Discussions with Agricultural, Environmental & Heritage Committees														
8 Public Workshop #1 Vision /Guiding Principles/Objectives														
9 Sec.26 (3) Special Public Meeting of Council/Report														
10 Hamlet Open Houses														
11 Planning Policy Review (Draft Report)														
12 TAC Mtg #3 and Steering Committee Mtg #2														
POLICY DEVELOPMENT														
13 Public Workshop #2														
14 Economic Development, Agricultural, Environmental & Heritage Committees														
15 Site Specific Designation Review														
16 Update Report to Council/Planning Policy Review (Final Report)														
17 Environmental/Natural Heritage Features														
18 Shoreline Development														
19 Agriculture and Rural Resources														
20 Rural Settlements and Pefferlaw SP Boundary Review														
21 Draft Policy Direction Report														
22 Steering Committee Mtg #3														
23 Final Policy Direction Report														
OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT PREPARATION														
24 Guiding Principles and Objectives														
25 Official Plan Schedules/Land Use Policies														
26 First Draft of OP Amendment														
27 Steering Committee Mtg #4 and TAC Mtg #4														
28 Agricultural, Environmental & Heritage Advisory Com. Review														
29 Second Draft of OP Amendment														
30 Report to Council to Approve Release of Draft OPA														
31 Agency Circulation														
32 Sec.17(16) Open House														
33 TAC Mtg #5														
34 Prepare Third Draft of OP Amendment														
35 Sec. 17(15) Statutory Public Meeting														
36 Steering Committee Meeting #5														
37 Prepare Final Amendment														
38 Council Meeting to Adopt Final Amendment														
39 Submit Final Documents to Approval Authority														

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