

Growing the Greenbelt 2021

REGIONAL RESILIENCE

7 p.m. Wednesday April 14th

Host: Save the Oak Ridges Moraine

Adding Moraines to the Greenbelt

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Regional Resilience

Safeguarding the region's long-term ecological integrity, social wellbeing, and economic prosperity.

A once-in-a-generation opportunity to extend the Greenbelt into the broader Greater Golden Horseshoe.

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As we embrace the goal of regional resilience, it is important to acknowledge the history and cultural inheritance of the Greenbelt and the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

The whole of this area is inhabited by treaty people: to say that another way - we are all treaty people. This embraces the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, the Huron-Wendat, Anishinabe, the Haudenosaunee, early French & English settlers, and all Canadians today.

We are bound together by treaties and friendship, forged in the wealth of our lands and waters. We hope that our efforts to obtain a more resilient region include the sprits of truth and reconciliation.

Growing the size of the Greenbelt

PROVINCIAL PROCESS

**ERO OPEN UNTIL APRIL
19TH, 2021**

**SIX QUESTIONS – WHERE
TO GROW?**

Environmental Policy Framework

Policy that needs to be amended to prioritize the public interest and protect environmental health:

- Meaningful Climate Change Plan
- Environmental Assessment Act
- Environmental Commissioner
- Restore Conservation Authorities
- PPS, MZOs
- Fix the Growth Plan..
 - ✓ update growth forecasts
 - ✓ increase intensification
 - ✓ transit stations in cities

Ground rules for growing the Greenbelt

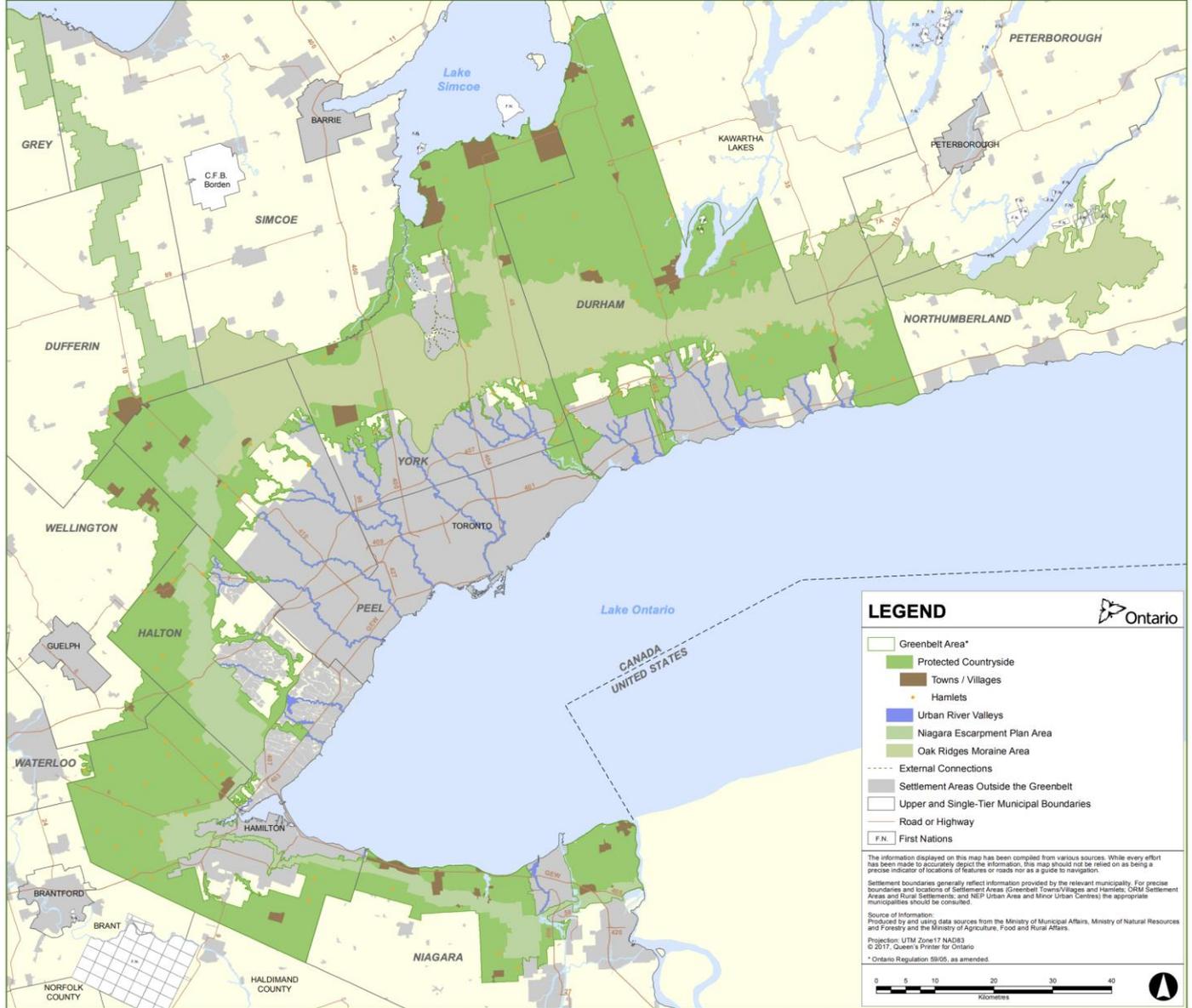
- Retain all lands currently protected within the Greenbelt
- Build on the science and public consultation carried out during the recent boundary expansion review
- Simultaneously address public health, local food security, water security, climate resilience, biodiversity conservation and economic prosperity
- Acknowledge that there is more than enough land available to both expand the Greenbelt and to house people and support jobs within cities and towns
- Consult meaningfully with Indigenous communities

What is the Greenbelt?

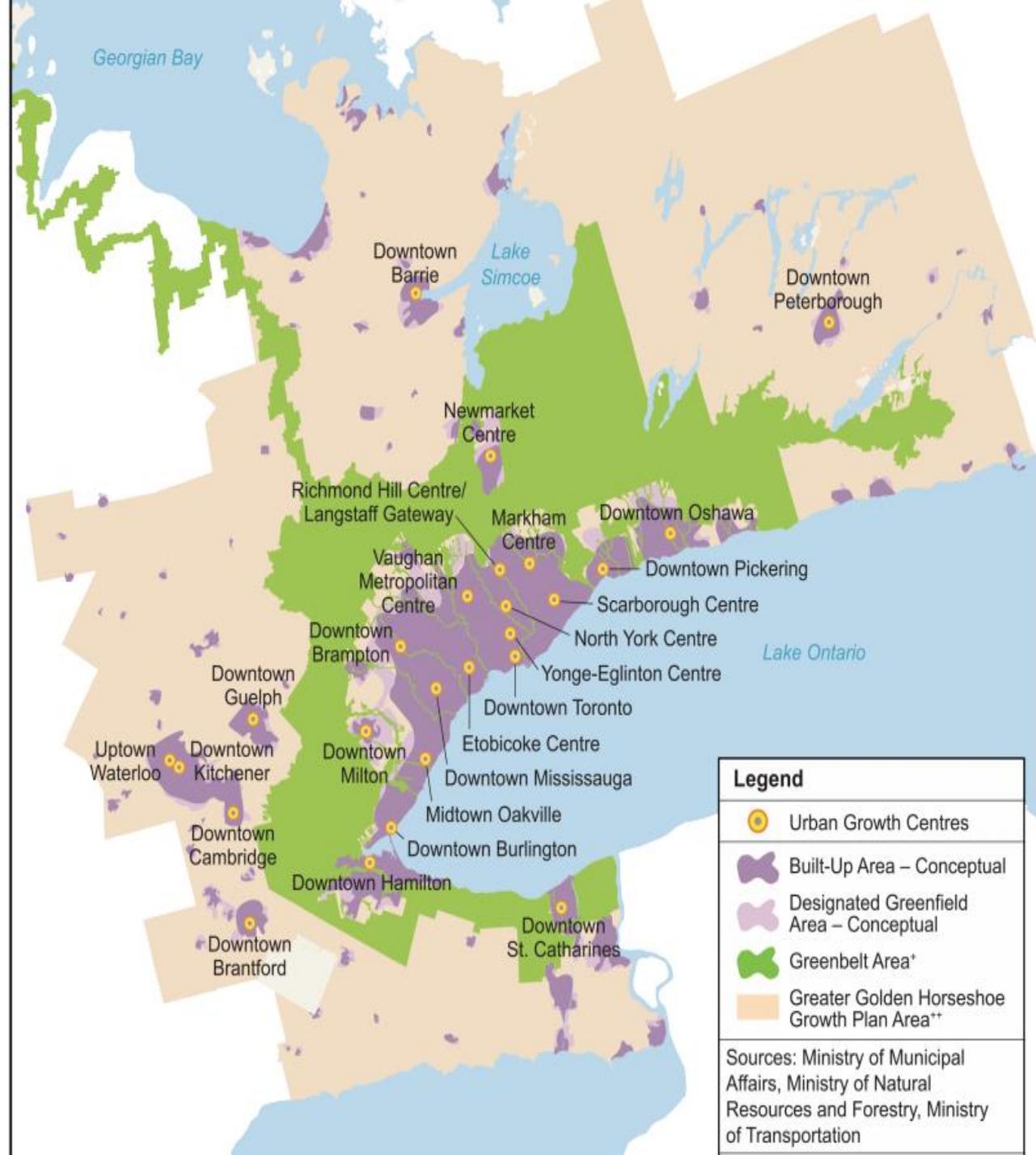
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PLAN 2017

Schedule 1: Greenbelt Area



Growth Planning in the Greater Golden Horseshoe



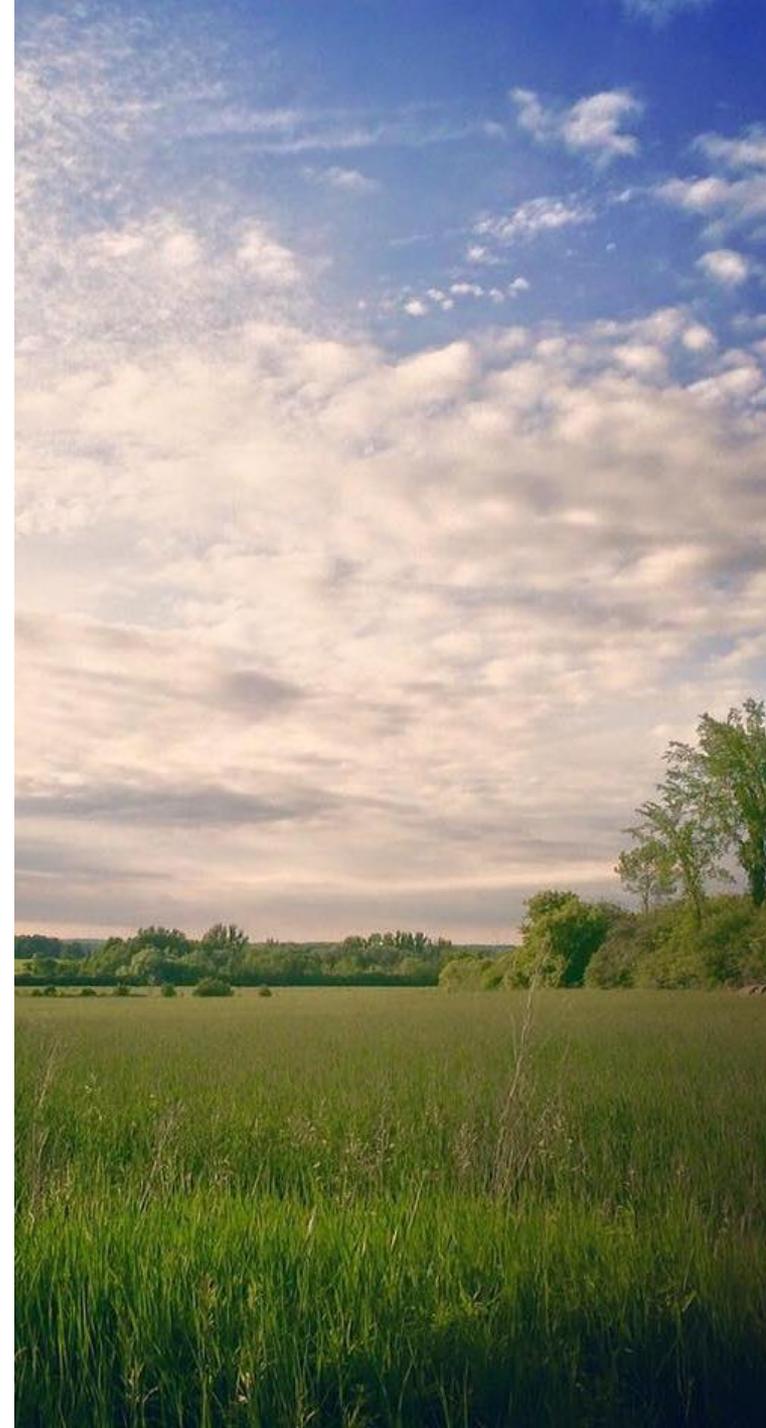
Why Grow the Greenbelt?

- Greenbelt is known, loved – most popular public policy
- Stops sprawl, reduces leapfrog development
- Protects farmland, agricultural system
- Consistent, connected natural systems



Benefits to growing the Greenbelt

- Connectivity between Natural Heritage System features
- Retaining agricultural lands
- Settlement areas outside of the Greenbelt are not permitted to expand into the GB or ORM stops sprawl.



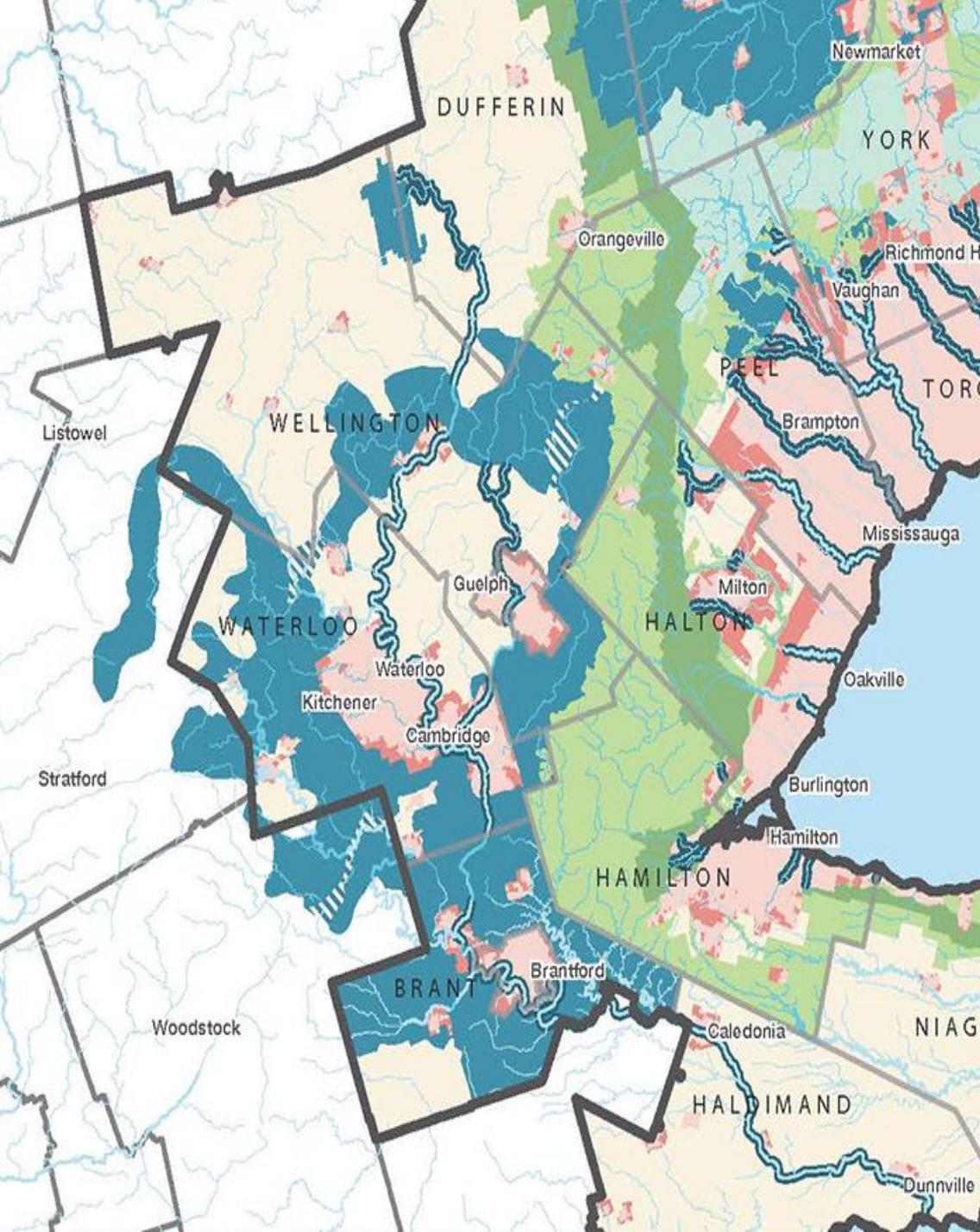
Threats to the Greenbelt today

- Infrastructure – pipes, highways, transit stations
- Incremental urbanization
- Aggregates
- Upper tier during Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) may allow expansion of urban boundaries for GB settlements.
- Compliance issues





Where to Grow the Greenbelt

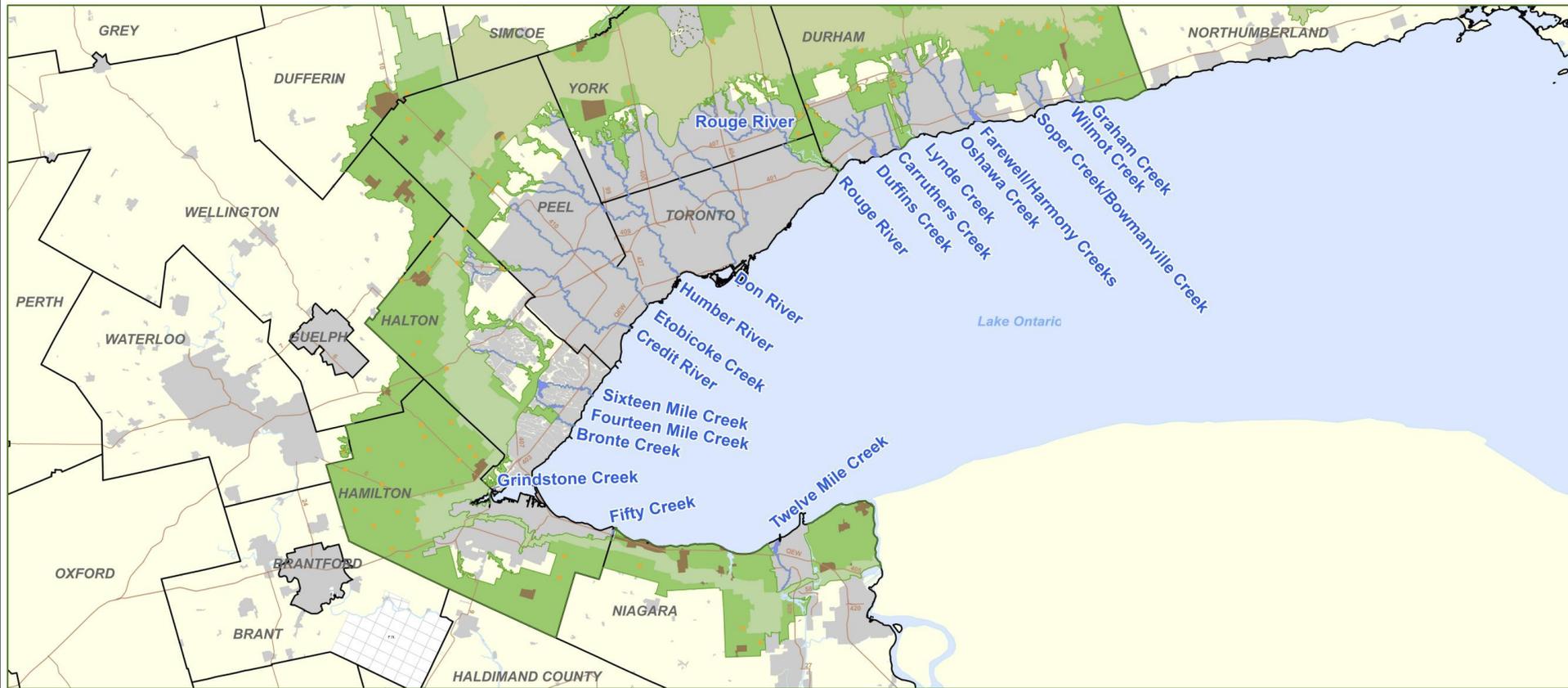


Paris Galt Moraine

Orangeville Moraine

Waterloo Moraine

Greenbelt Area – Urban River Valleys



LEGEND

Greenbelt Area (O.Reg 59/05, as amended)	GGH Settlement Areas Outside the Greenbelt (incl. Brantford/Brant Annexation)
Protected Countryside	External Connections
Towns / Villages	Municipal Boundary
Hamlets	Major Road or Highway
Urban River Valleys	Water
Niagara Escarpment Plan Area	First Nations
Oak Ridges Moraine Area	

This map is for illustrative purposes only to seek ideas for adding, expanding and further protecting Urban River Valleys.

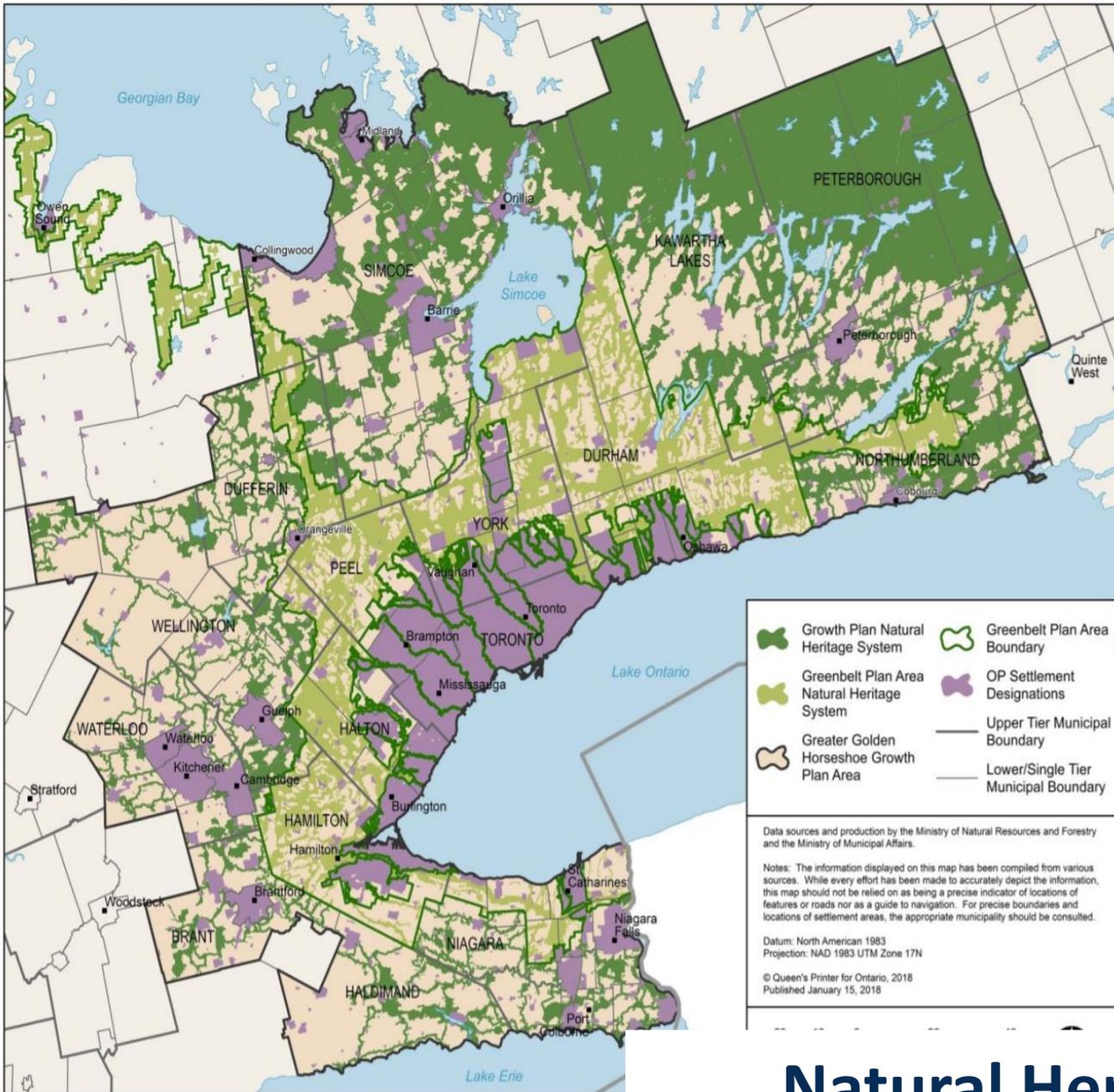
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Urban River Valleys



PLACES TO GROW

GROWTH PLAN FOR THE GREATER GOLDEN HORSESHOE, 2017

Regional Natural Heritage System

- Growth Plan Natural Heritage System
- Greenbelt Plan Area Natural Heritage System
- Greater Golden Horseshoe Growth Plan Area
- Greenbelt Plan Area Boundary
- OP Settlement Designations
- Upper Tier Municipal Boundary
- Lower/Single Tier Municipal Boundary

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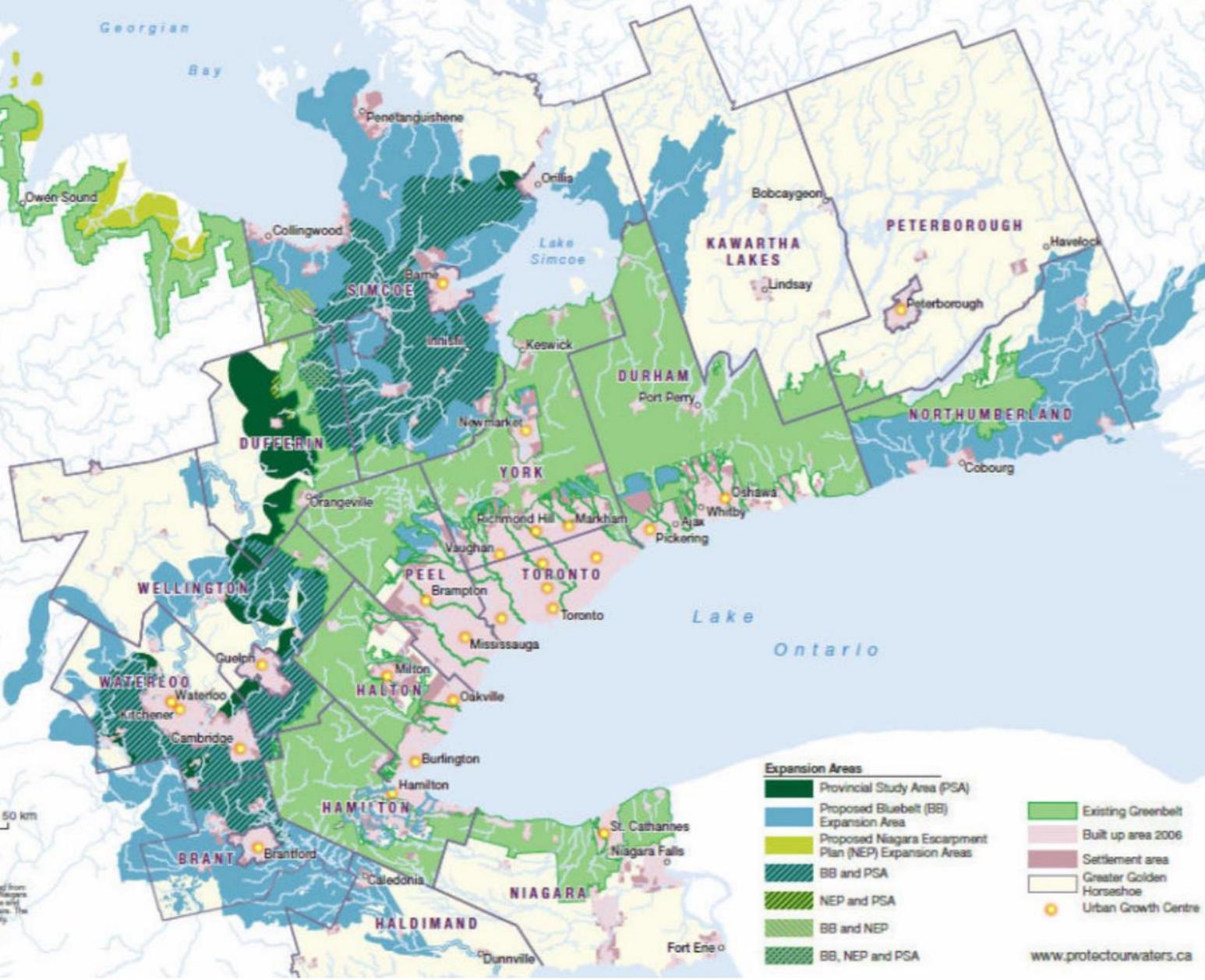
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Natural Heritage System

GREENBELT EXPANSION

Lake Huron
Georgian Bay



Expansion Areas

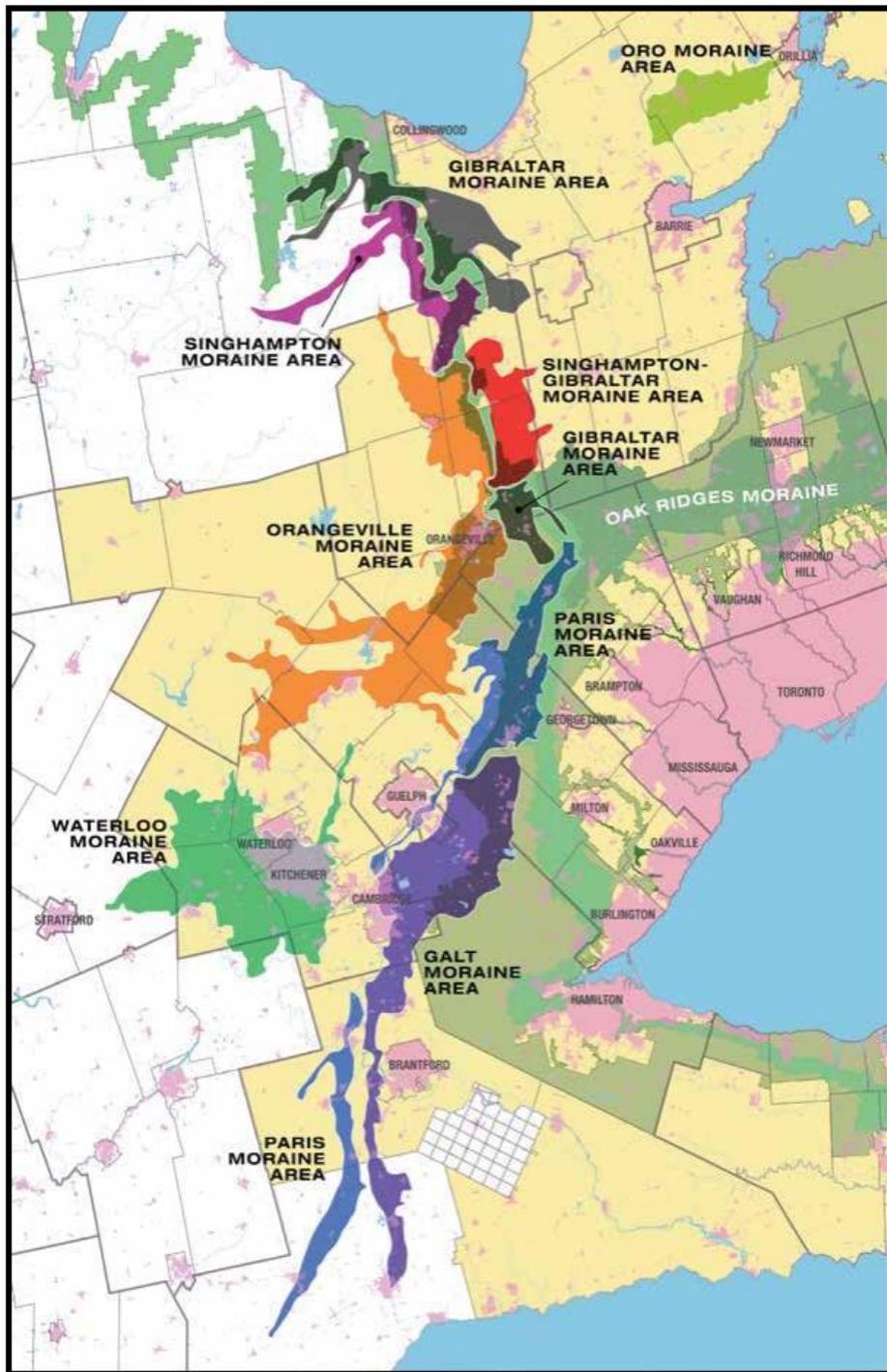
- Provincial Study Area (PSA)
- Proposed Bluebelt (BB) Expansion Area
- Proposed Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) Expansion Areas
- BB and PSA
- NEP and PSA
- BB and NEP
- BB, NEP and PSA
- Existing Greenbelt
- Built up area 2006
- Settlement area
- Greater Golden Horseshoe
- Urban Growth Centre

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Cartography by the Green Belt Cartography

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Moraines of the GGH

Report by Debbe Crandall

- Eight moraines support important groundwater sources for communities
- Groundwater sources and recharge areas need protection

A RECAP...

Question 1: Incorporate the Paris Galt Moraine and headwater areas

Question 2: To define the PGM boundary: use a science-based approach protecting hydrologic features, engage Indigenous Peoples, conduct in-person consultations, and use clear and easy-to-implement options for property outside the boundary.

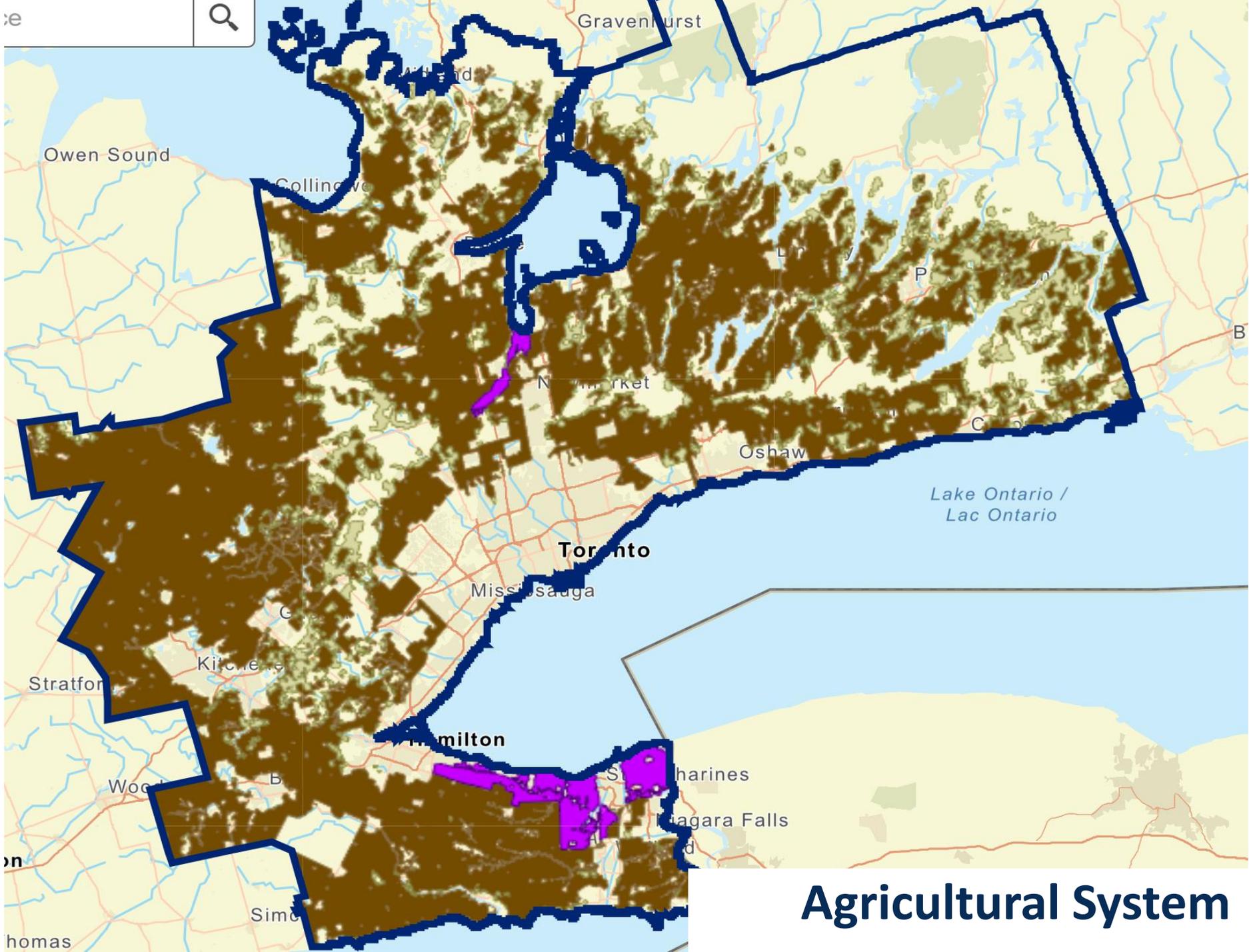
Question 3: Expand URVs to connect Paris Galt Moraine, Lake Simcoe recharge areas, Lake Iroquois shoreline areas and, the Nottawasaga watershed.

Question 4: Add the GGH Natural Heritage System to the Greenbelt

Question 5:

How should we balance or prioritize any potential Greenbelt expansion with the other provincial priorities mentioned above?

- Growth Management –
Fix the Growth Plan
- Infrastructure & Transportation –
Cancel Greenbelt Highways
- Natural Heritage System –
Grow the Greenbelt (prioritize municipal policies which are most protective)
- Agriculture –
Grow the Greenbelt



Agricultural System

Question 6:

Are there other priorities that should be considered?

- Health & Well-being –
A cost-effective way to address mental and physical health
- Climate Change & Biodiversity –
Builds regional resilience needed to mitigate the changing climate
- Regional resilience –
Supports ecological integrity, social vitality, and sustainable prosperity
- Aggregates –
Prohibit new aggregate extraction throughout the NHS

Recommendations for Growing the Greenbelt

- The Paris-Galt Moraine
- Urban River Valleys and headwaters of all URVs
- Natural Heritage System across the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH)
- Agricultural System in the GGH
- Lands in the Bluebelt and Moraines in the 2021 report from STORM
- Key headwater areas



Safeguard regional resilience by extending the Greenbelt across the Greater Golden Horseshoe

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where ...

Your participation is encouraged by April 19, 2021

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Thank you!

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