



Towards Sustainable Communities

**New Communities Workshop
November 22, 2006**

Places to Grow: A Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe



- Compact, transit supportive densities
- 4 Regional Centres
- 40% Intensification by 2015
- “Transit First”
- 404 & 427 extensions
- Infrastructure investment
- 50 residents/jobs per hectare



2031 York Region Provincial Forecast Summary



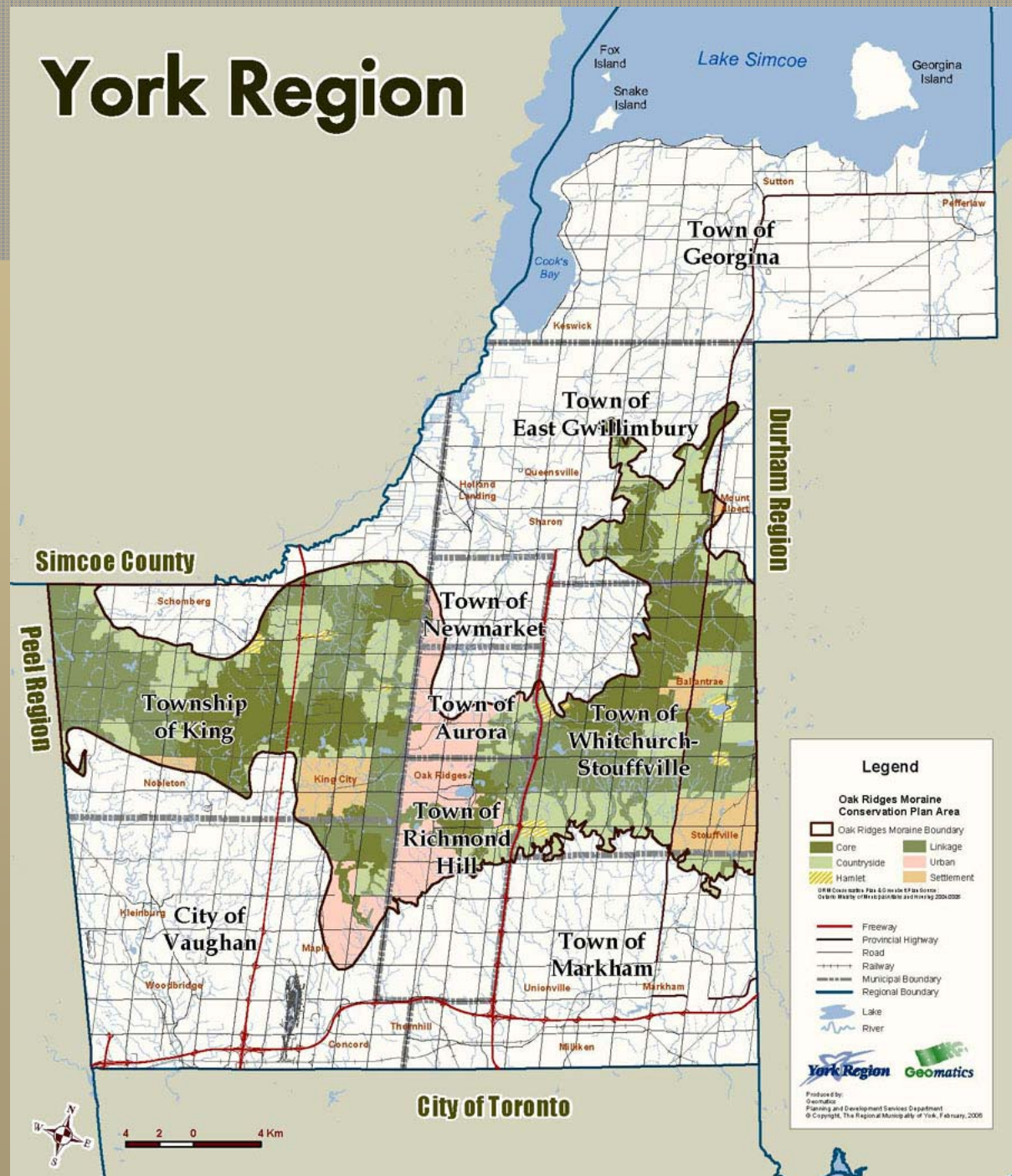
	2006 EXISTING	2031 FORECAST	2006-2031 INCREASE
POPULATION	943,500	1,500,000	556,500
EMPLOYMENT	450,000	780,000	330,000
HOUSING	281,300	500,000	218,700

Where Do We Grow From Here?



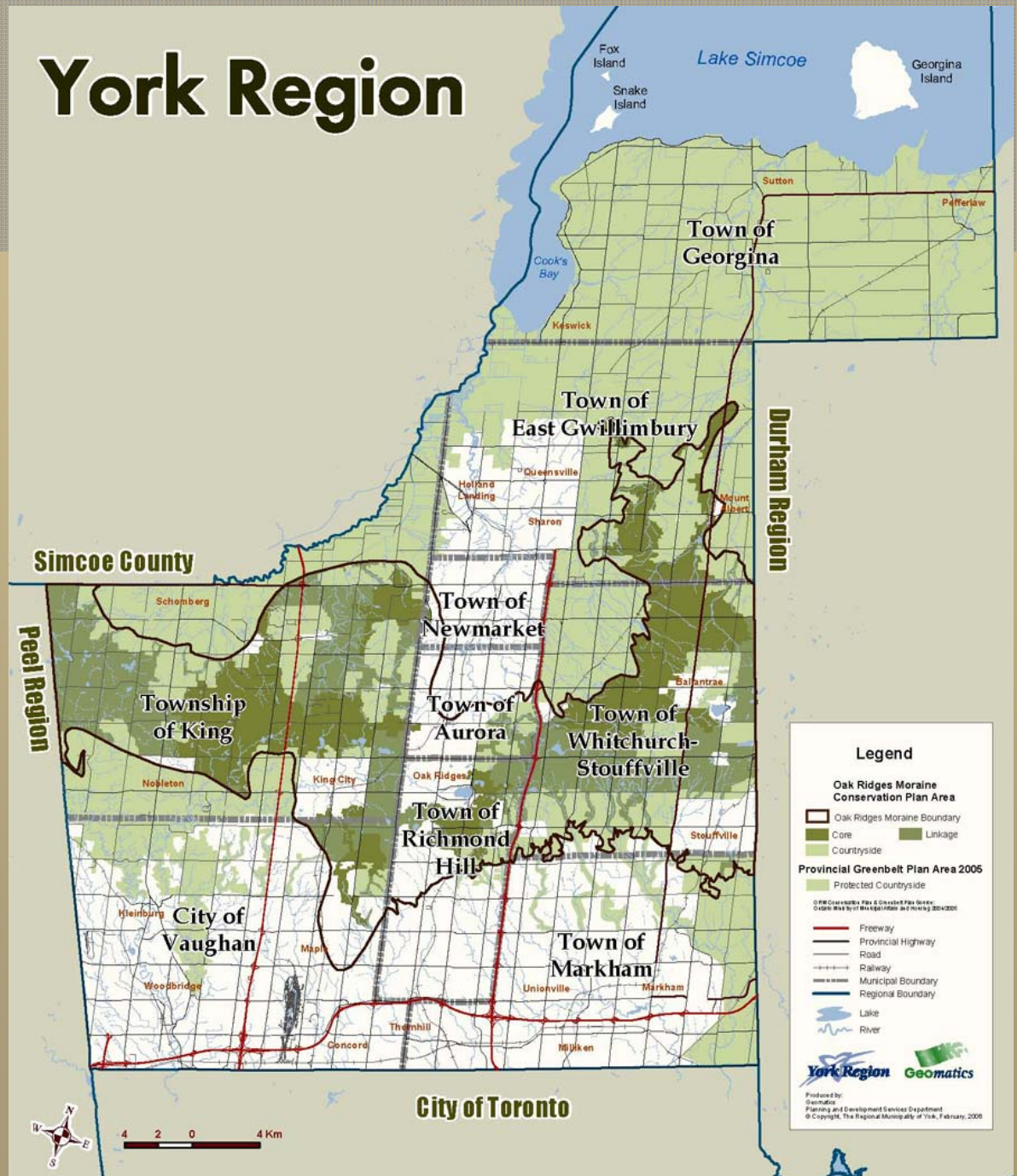
Oak Ridges Moraine Plan

- ORM covers 31% of the Region

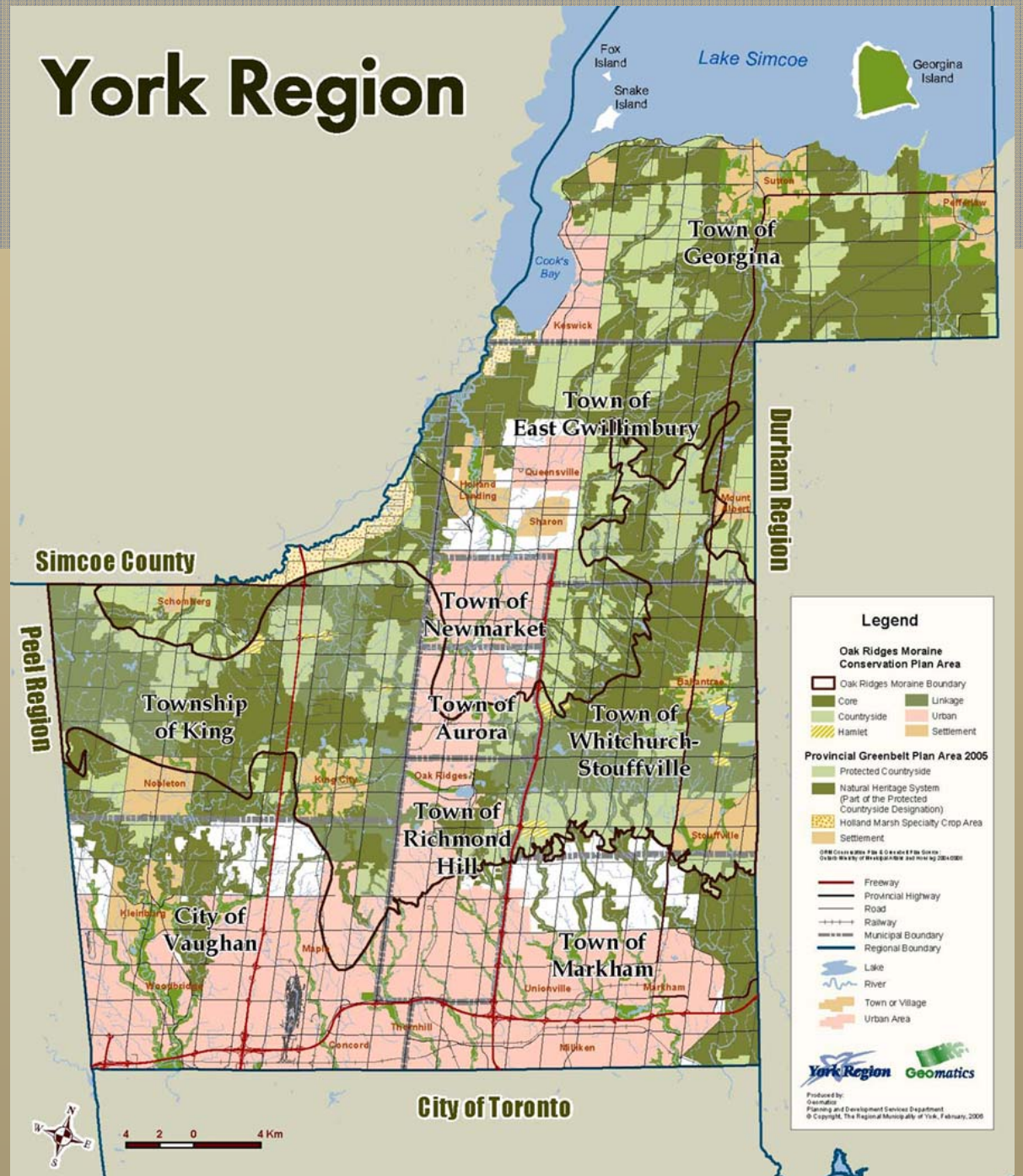


Oak Ridges Moraine plus Greenbelt

- Greenbelt/ORM covers 69% of the Region



Existing Settlement Areas

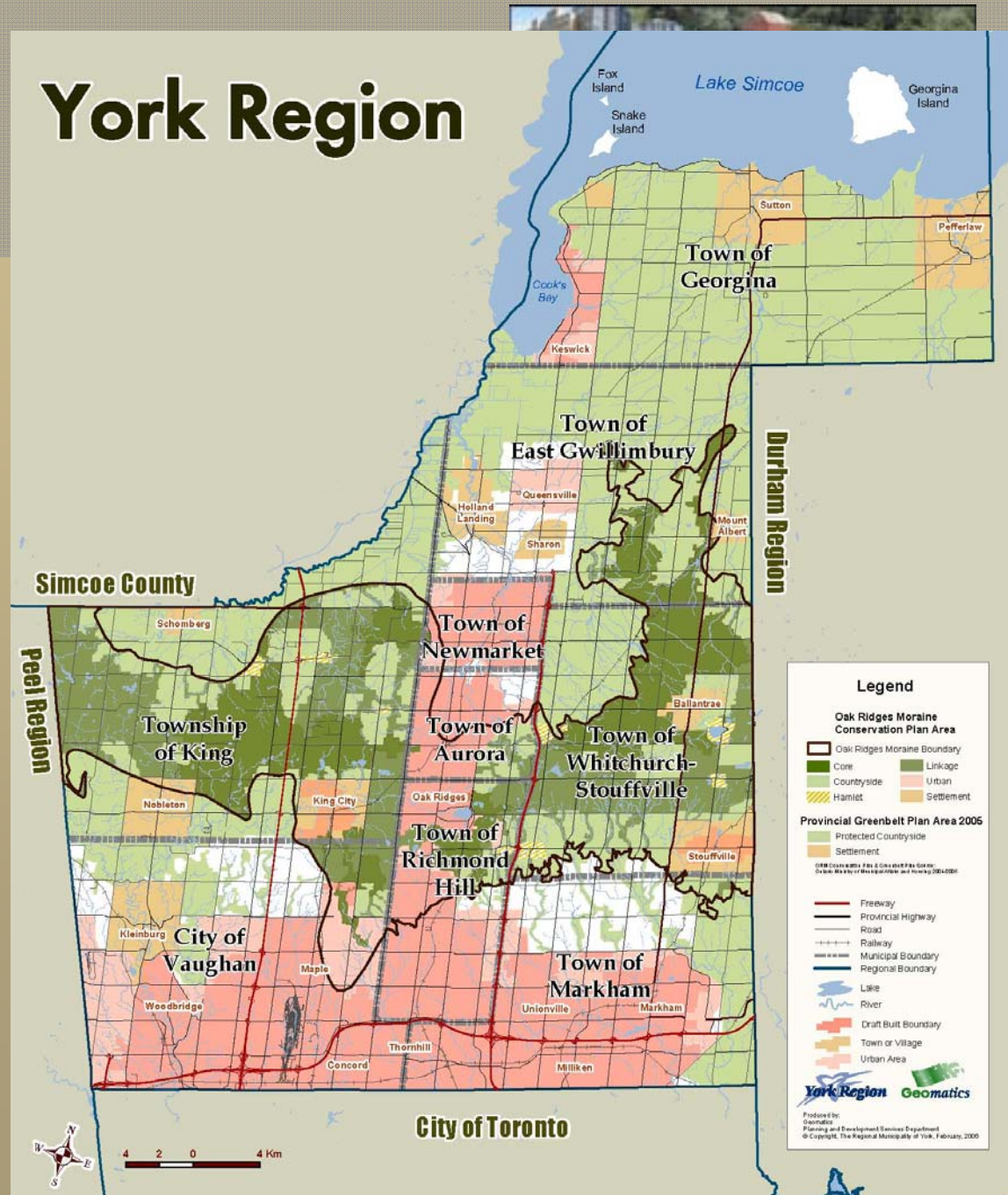


New Growth Areas

- Existing approved supply – residential (12.8 yrs), employment (18.5 yrs)

60 % Greenfield
(150,000 units)

40% intensification
Within Built
Boundary (81,000 units)

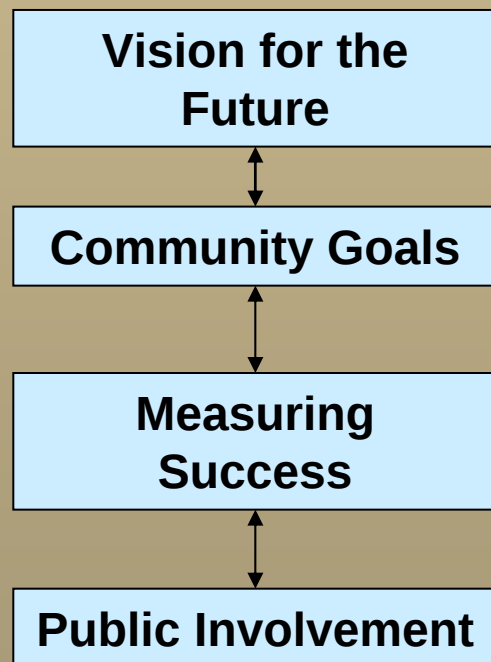
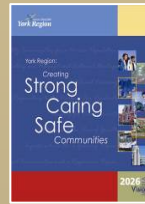


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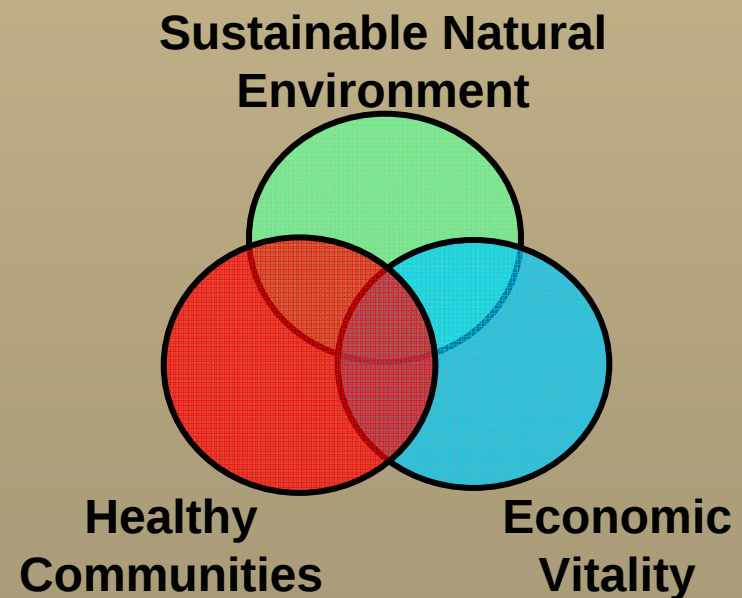
- Environment
- Growth
- Infrastructure
- Moving York (Goods & People)
- Economy
- Intensification
- Human Services, Quality of Life, Culture
- Quality of Place

A Sustainable York Region

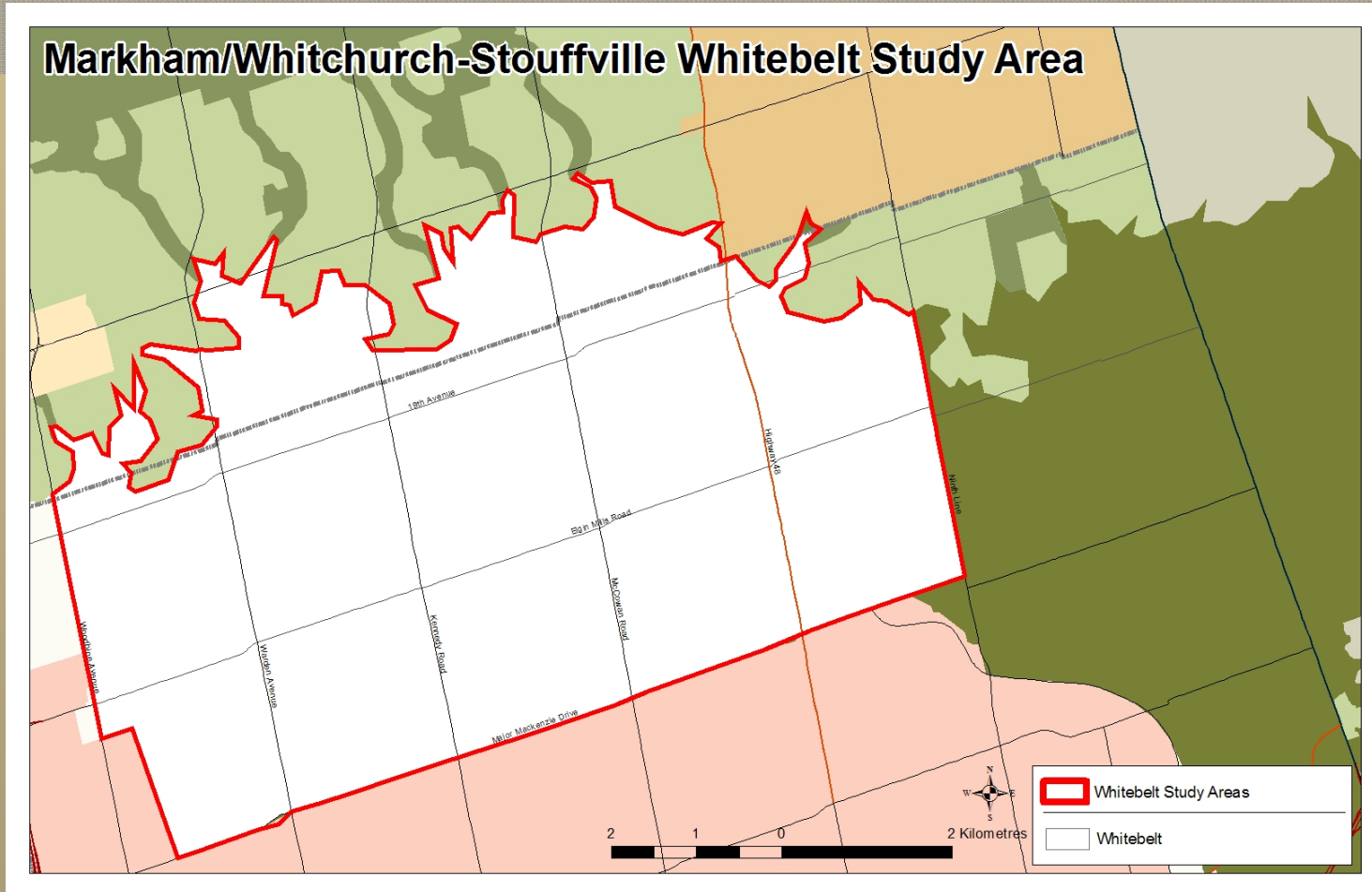
York Region Vision 2026



Regional Official Plan

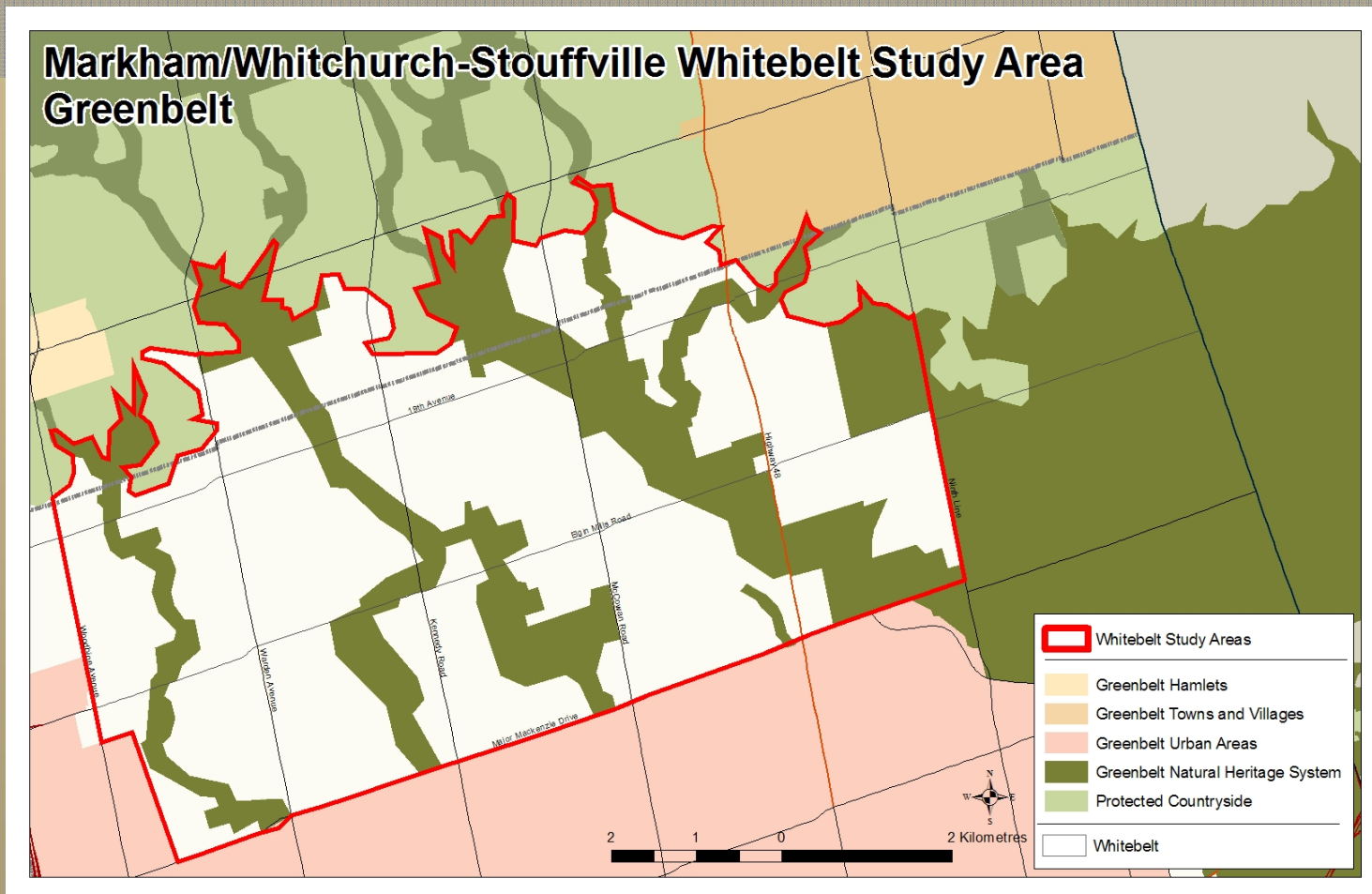


Markham/Whitchurch-Stouffville Whitebelt Area



5,165 ha (100%) of Area remains

Markham/Wh'ch-Stouffville Whitebelt Area Greenbelt Removed

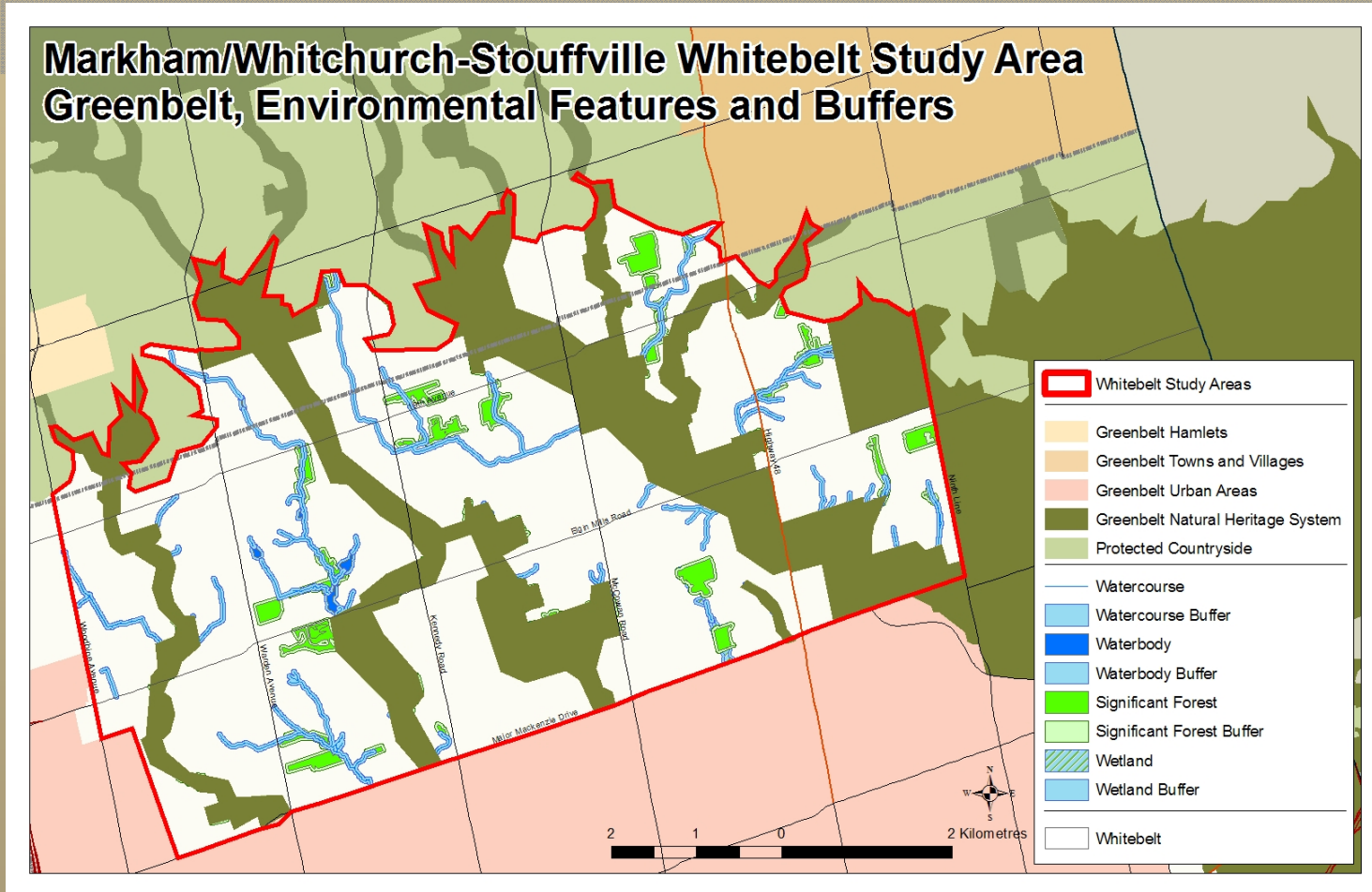


1,610 ha Greenbelt

3,555 ha (69%) of Area remains

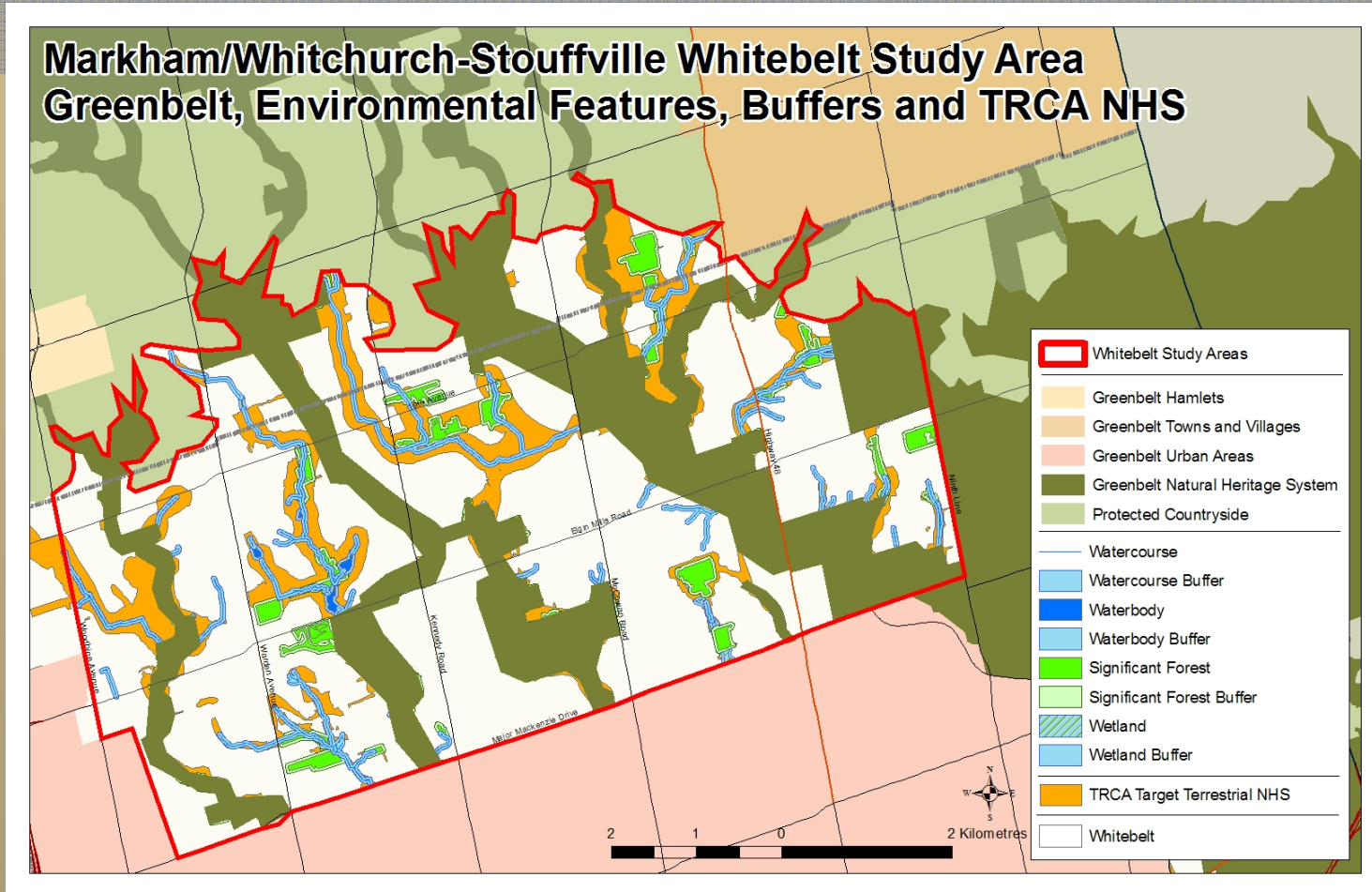


Markham/Wh'ch-Stouffville Whitebelt Area Greenbelt and Env'tal Features Removed



400 ha Environmental Features
3,155 ha (61%) of Area remains

Markham/Wh'ch-Stouffville Whitebelt Area Greenbelt, Env'tal Features and TRCA TNHS Removed



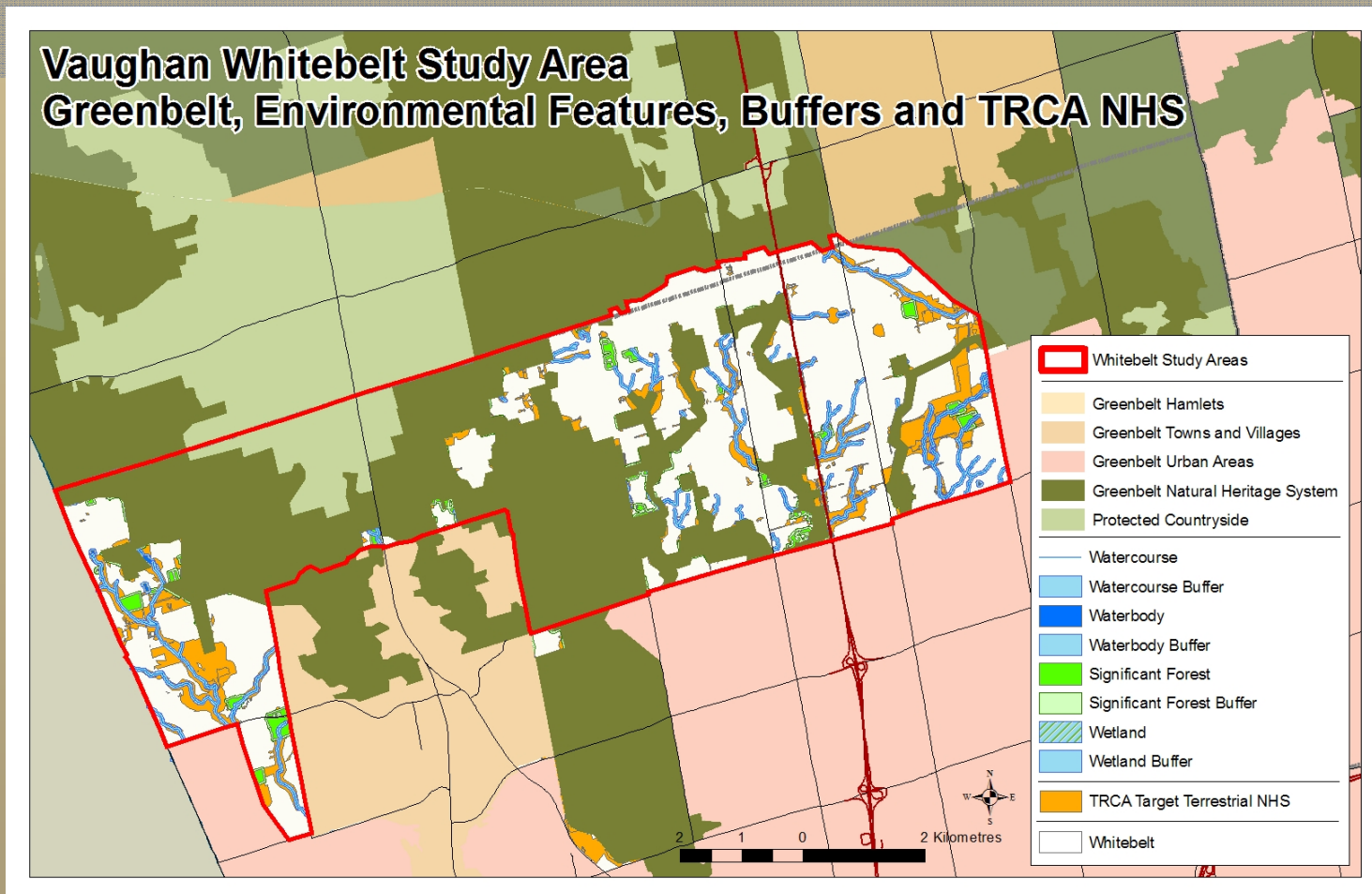
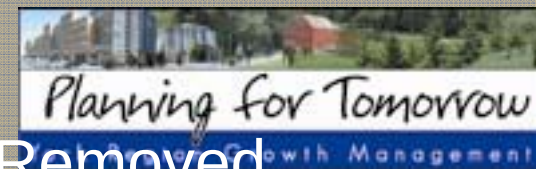
480 ha TRCA Target Terrestrial NHS



2,675 ha (52%) of Area remains

Vaughan Whitebelt Area

Greenbelt, Env'tal Features and TRCA TNHS Removed



3,555 ha removed

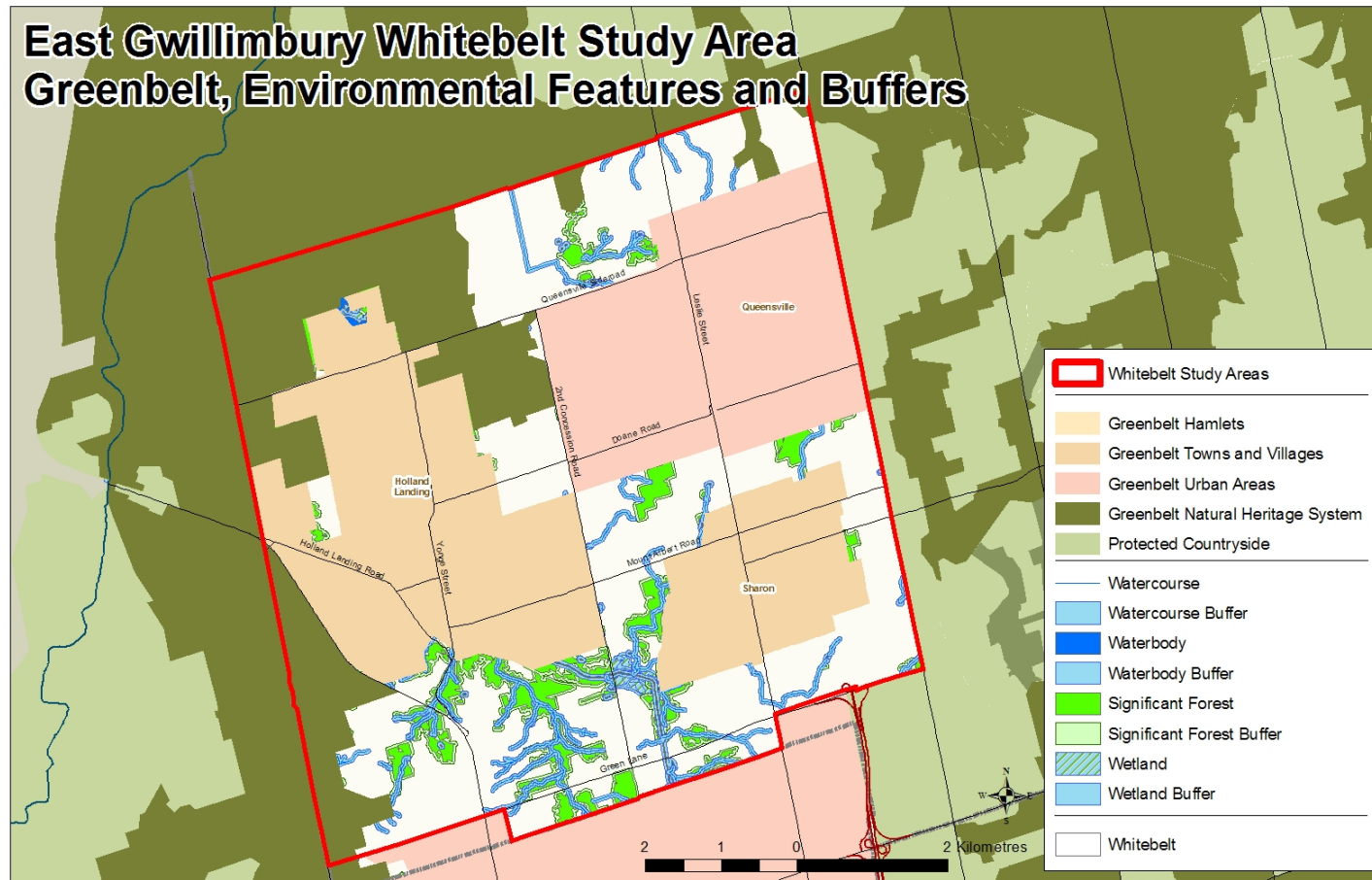


2,445 ha (41%) of Area remains

East Gwillimbury Whitebelt Area Greenbelt and Env'tal Features Removed



East Gwillimbury Whitebelt Study Area Greenbelt, Environmental Features and Buffers



1,640 ha removed



1,895 ha (54%) of Area remains

Challenges

- Communities:
 - Compact, walkable, transit supportive, green, live/work, affordable, energy efficient, quality of life
- Linked Natural Heritage System:
 - Flora/fauna functions, water quality/quantity, trails, passive recreational uses, Communal gardens, agriculture.
- Infrastructure
 - Roads, transit, pipes, walkways, utilities, energy

Communities of Tomorrow Questions?



- How do we restore Natural Heritage Areas?
 - Reforestation, trails, meadows, water quality features, agriculture, ownership, management, \$
- Quality Communities
 - Truly walkable communities, densities +50 workers + jobs/Ha, affordable housing, green communities
- Infrastructure
 - Stream crossing, dedicated transit, low impact construction, storm water

Next Steps



- Defining the Communities of Tomorrow
- Develop Growth Management Options
- Integrate Master Plan Updates
- Scenarios Spring 2007
- Regional Official Plan and Master Plans
Early 2008