

**Proposed Amendment
50
to the
Official Plan
for the
Regional Municipality
of York**

**AMENDMENT 50
TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN
FOR
THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK**

PART A – THE PREAMBLE

1. **Purpose of the Amendment:**

The purpose of the Amendment is to replace the “Agricultural Policy Area” designation with a “Rural Policy Area” designation in the Town of Richmond Hill.

2. **Location:**

There are two areas that are subject to this amendment. Area 1 involves the lands south of King Road and north of Jefferson Road, and bounded by Yonge Street to the east and Bathurst Street to the west. (See Figure 2)

Area 2 lands are bounded by Bloomington Road to the north, Highway 404 to the east, the northern boundary of the North Leslie Secondary Plan to the south and Bayview Avenue to the west. (See Figure 2)

3. **Basis:**

The Council of the Town of Richmond Hill has requested that the Region amend the Regional Official Plan by changing all their lands currently designated “Agricultural Policy Area” to “Rural Policy Area”.

The lands subject to this request are within the Oak Ridges Moraine and subject to the land use and environmental policies of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.

The amendment does not permit additional uses, nor less stringent environmental provisions than those provided by the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.

The permitted uses in the “Rural Policy Area” designation are more consistent with the uses permitted by the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan designations.

The Province has advised that there are no Provincially significant agricultural areas within the Town of Richmond Hill. The subject lands are also fragmented by ownership and the majority of lots are less than 100 acres in size. There are also numerous non-farming uses located on the properties, such as: golf courses, aggregate operations, a compositing facility, pockets of rural residential, a railway corridor, a hydro corridor and natural features traversing the site that cannot be farmed on.

PART B – THE AMENDMENT

All of the Amendment entitled PART B – THE AMENDMENT, consisting of the attached map changes and shown on Figure 1 constitutes Amendment 50 to the Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of York.

The Official Plan for the Regional Municipality of York is hereby amended as follows:

1. Map 6 – Agriculture and Rural Area is amended by redesignating the lands shown as Area 1 and Area 2 on Figure 1 from “Agriculture Policy Area” to “Rural Policy Area”.

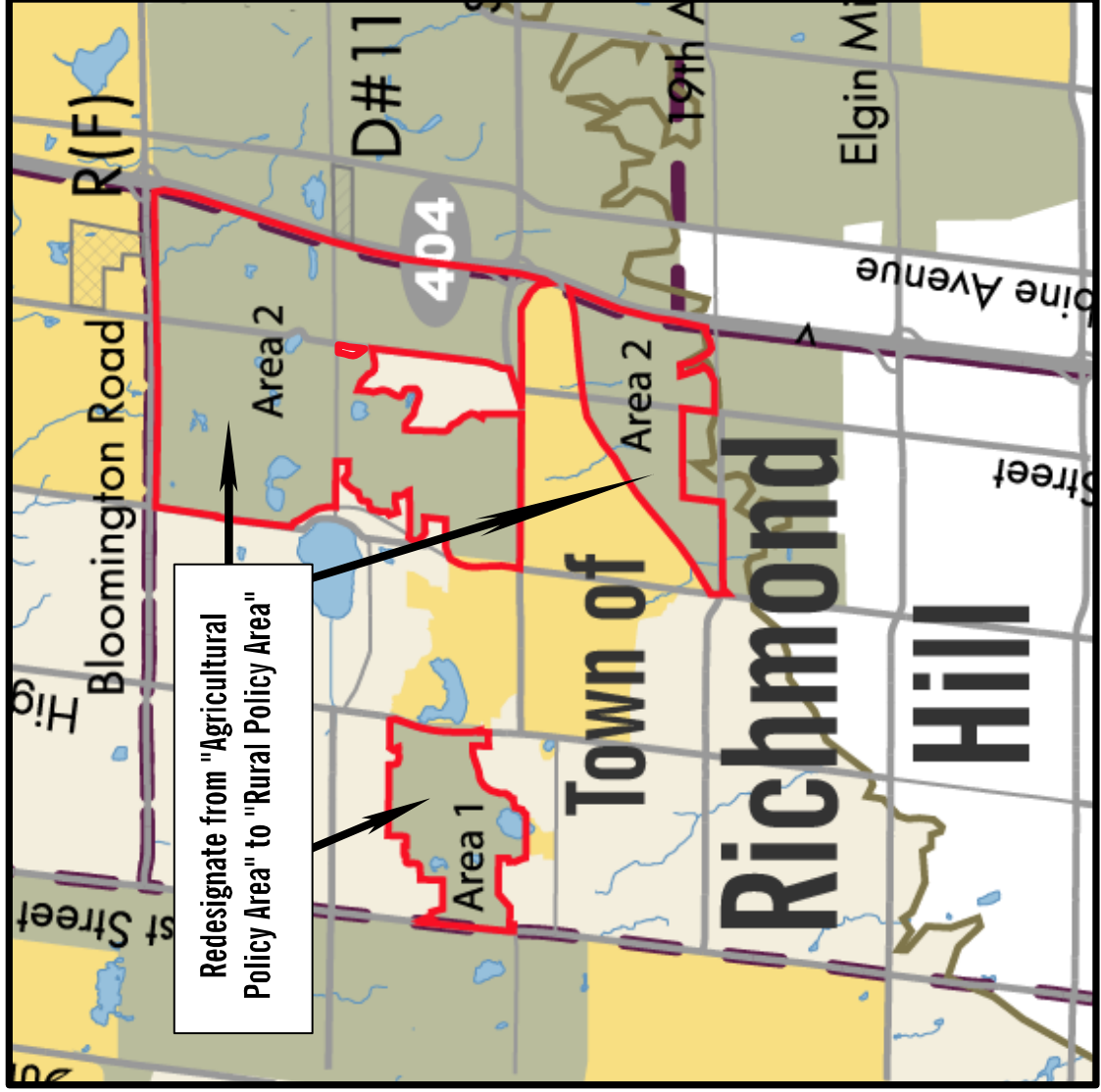


Figure 1

Agricultural Policy Area

Rural Policy Area

Oak Ridges Moraine
Conservation Plan Area -
Refer to Section 2.5 and all
other applicable sections of
this Plan as it relates to the
Oak Ridges Moraine, including
the Oak Ridges Moraine
Conservation Plan itself



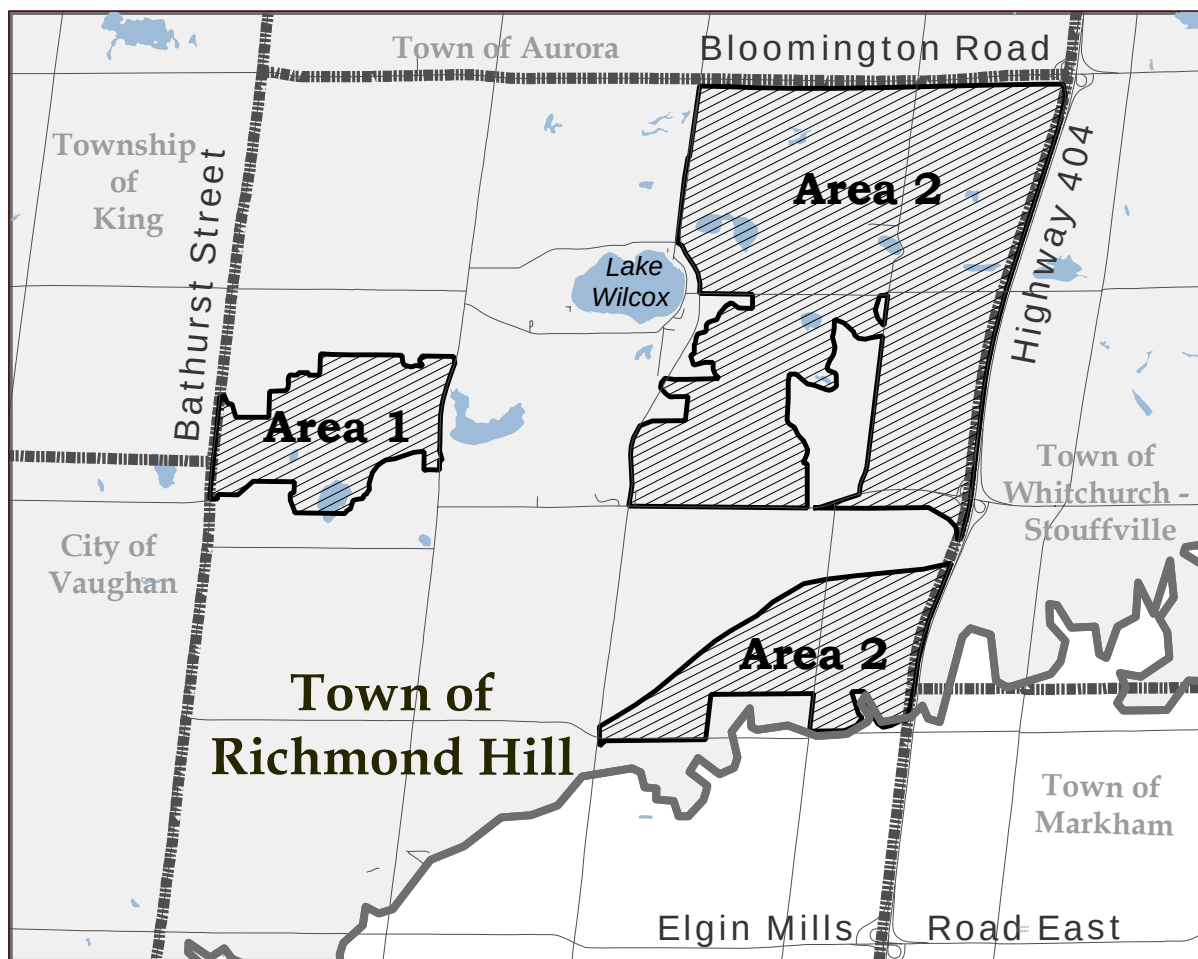


Figure 2

Locational Map

