

The Greenbelt Draft Plan



**Planning and Economic
Development Committee
November 3, 2004**

The Greenbelt Draft Plan in York Region



Protected Countryside



Oak Ridges Moraine



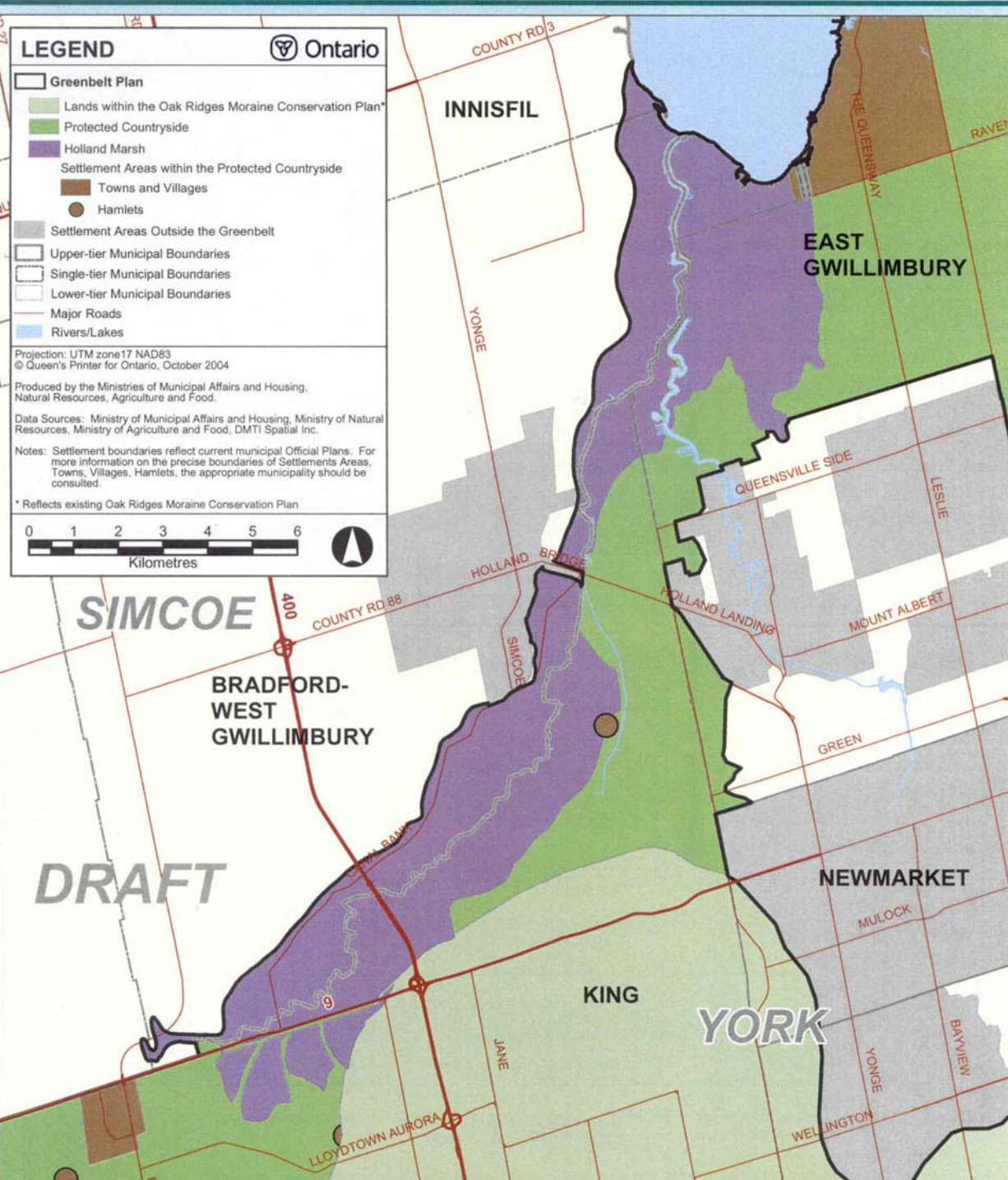
Towns, Villages
and Hamlets
within Protected
Countryside



Settlement
Areas outside
the Greenbelt



Approx York
Region
boundary



The Holland Marsh Speciality Crop Area



Holland Marsh

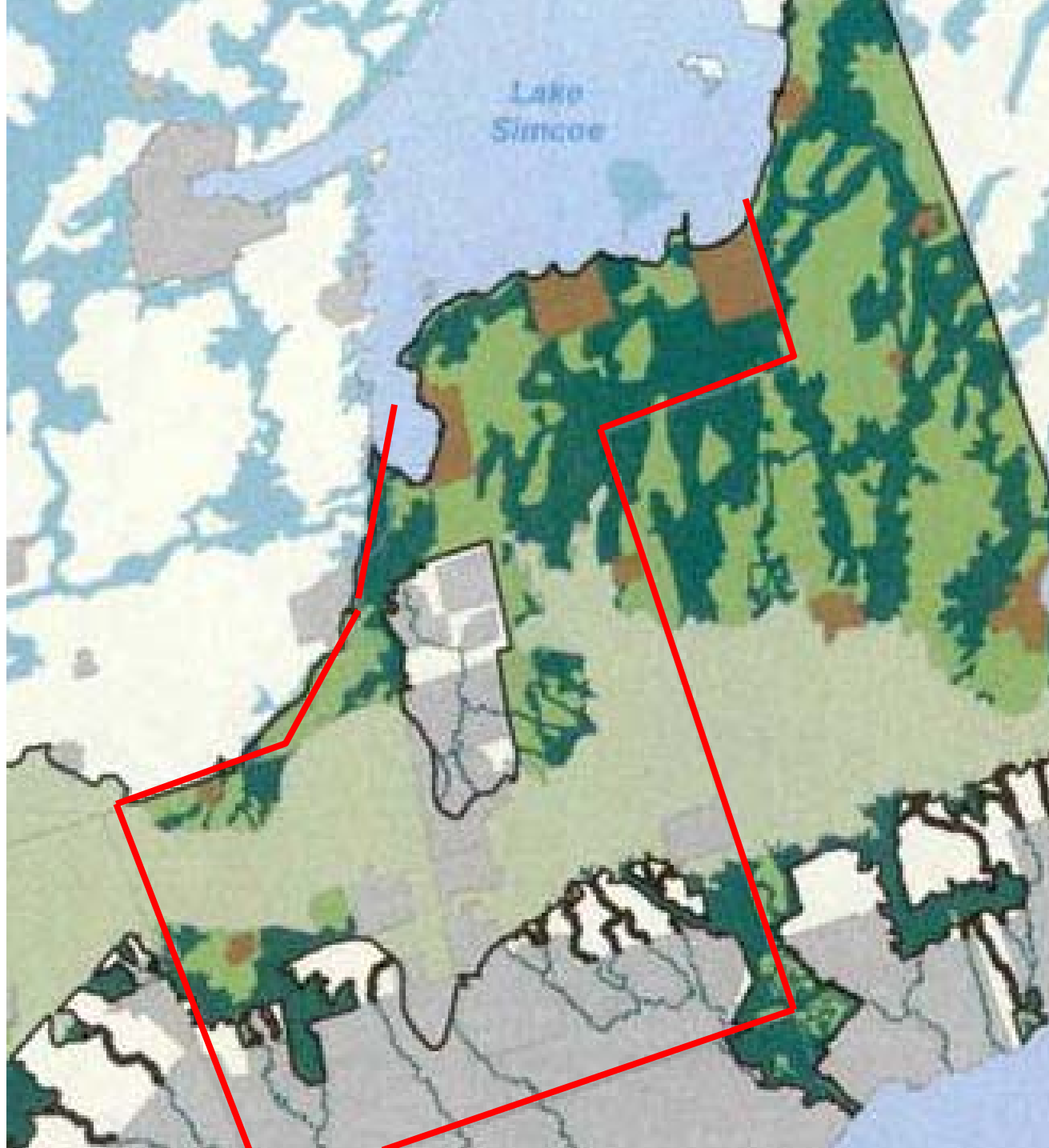


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The Natural Heritage System in York Region



Protected
Countryside



Natural Heritage
System inside
Greenbelt



Approx York
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Greenbelt Act, 2004

- **Introduced in Legislature, October 28, 2004 for first reading – last date for comments November 27, 2004**
- **Transition provisions similar to ORMCP, including prescribed provisions that must be addressed for those applications under consideration – no prescribed provisions available yet**
- **Anticipates that Regional and Local OP's will be brought into conformity as part of the 5-year review process and normal OPA process including appeal to the OMB.**



Issue	Recommendation to Province
Accommodation of existing and proposed Provincial and Regional Growth Projections	• Coordinate Places to Grow and Greenbelt Plan before approval of either. • Determine Capacity of urban areas and non-greenbelt areas to accommodate existing population and employment projections and then determine if additional capacity is available for new and higher Provincial projections before approval of Greenbelt Plan and new Provincial Growth Plan • Exclusion of additional lands in East Gwillimbury from Greenbelt Area may imply accelerated growth but further growth would be subject to local, Regional and Provincial Growth Management Policy and servicing constraints that exist. • Recognize the Keswick Study Area in accordance with OPA 93 as Keswick area requires ability to provide additional employment lands adjacent to proposed Highway 404 right-of way • Lands in East Markham within Protected Countryside largely within natural heritage designation, must coordinate Greenbelt Plan with Federal and Town plans.

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Exclusion of South Simcoe lands from planning controls counter - productive to achievement of Growth Management system in <i>Places to Grow</i>	● Place planning controls on lands outside of Greenbelt to enable achievement of Provincial growth Management Plan and prevent leap-frogging over Greenbelt
Legislation	● <i>Act</i> contemplates inclusion through 5-year review and subject to normal OPA process with potential OMB hearings – not acceptable to Region ● Request change to <i>Greenbelt Act</i> to have Ministerial approval of official plan amendments with no appeal to OMB ● Recommend that a deadline of approximately 3 years be established for conformity amendment adoption

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Infrastructure	● Greenbelt Plan should recognize existing commitments to future servicing and infrastructure upstream of existing urban areas ● Change Greenbelt Plan to clearly state that Great Lakes based systems approved and proposed to service “Settlement Areas outside Greenbelt” (King City and Stouffville and Kleinburg) are permitted. For King City and Stouffville, servicing would be subject to ORMCP. ● Clarify in Section 4.2 that infrastructure to service existing and expanding communities will be required and built through the Greenbelt and through Greenbelt components, including the Rouge Park and Rouge North Management Plan area. ● Change Plan to provide ability for public authorities to service settlement areas in Protected Countryside from Great Lakes based systems if there are matters of public health and safety.



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Mapping and Policy Consistency	● Mapping Inconsistencies need to be corrected, e.g. Sutton, Nobleton, Kleinburg, Maple Leaf Estates, Ballantrae, Richmond Hill Urban Area and several hamlets ● Plan should provide for modest growth to create more complete communities as envisioned in <i>Places to Grow</i> without need amend Greenbelt Plan ● Designation of Greenbelt lands: – designation of Protected Countryside in Vaughan requires further clarification and consideration to determine if designations correct given infrastructure investments – incorrect representation of Rouge River tributaries in Markham and Richmond Hill ● Require clarification of policies relating to: – Amendments to Plan not having the effect of reducing the total land area of Greenbelt (Section 5.6)– impractical in York Region as north of the Moraine all lands have been included in either Greenbelt – Clarification and application of natural heritage policies within Rouge NMP area to be assessed to determine consistency with RNMP



Next Steps

- **Legislation –**
 - **Comments due by November 27, 2004**
 - **Authorize staff to request changes to Bill 135 identified in this report**
 - **Region has asked to appear if Standing Committee holds hearings on the legislation**
- **Stakeholder meetings to discuss the Plan**
 - **November 8, 2004 in Markham 7:00pm to 10:00 pm
Markville Secondary School**
- **Comments on Greenbelt Draft Plan due by December 12, 2004**
- **Recommend authorization of Staff to advise and discuss issues identified in this presentation.**
- **Further report to Committee and Council in December to confirm our input to the Plan**

