

Greening Securement Program

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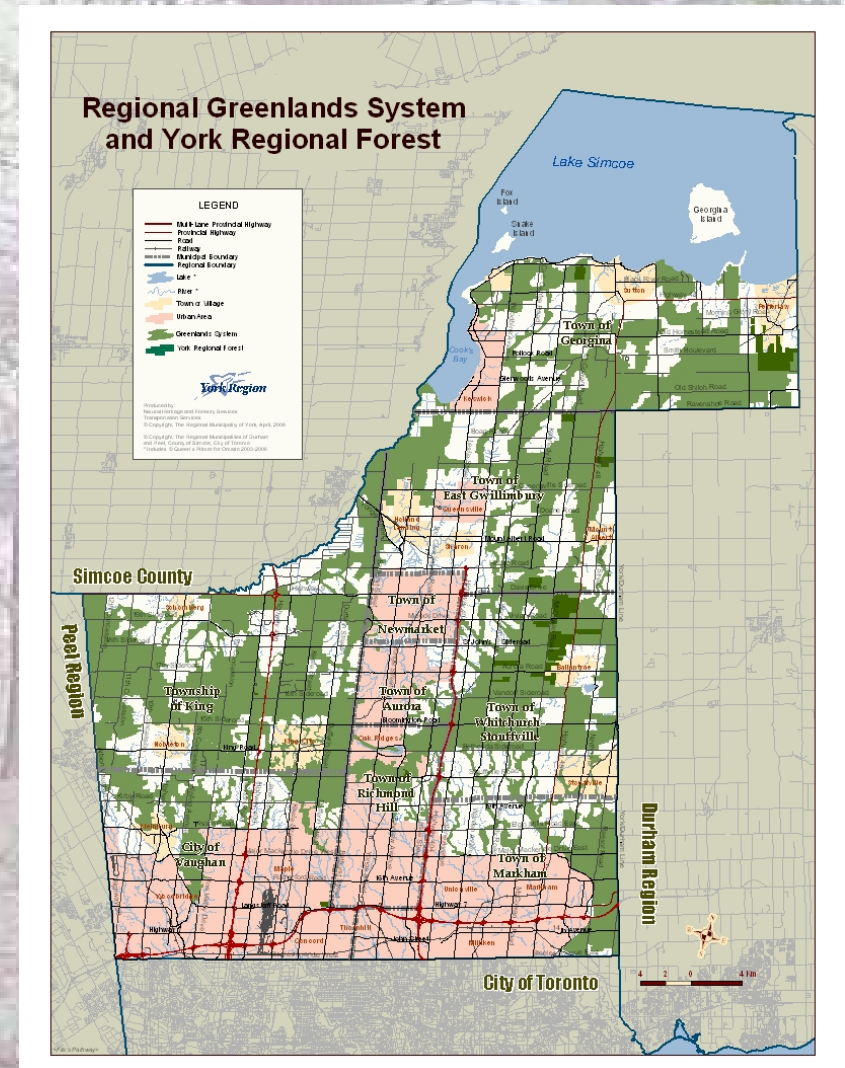
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York Region Securement – 2001-2007 targeted & opportunistic approach

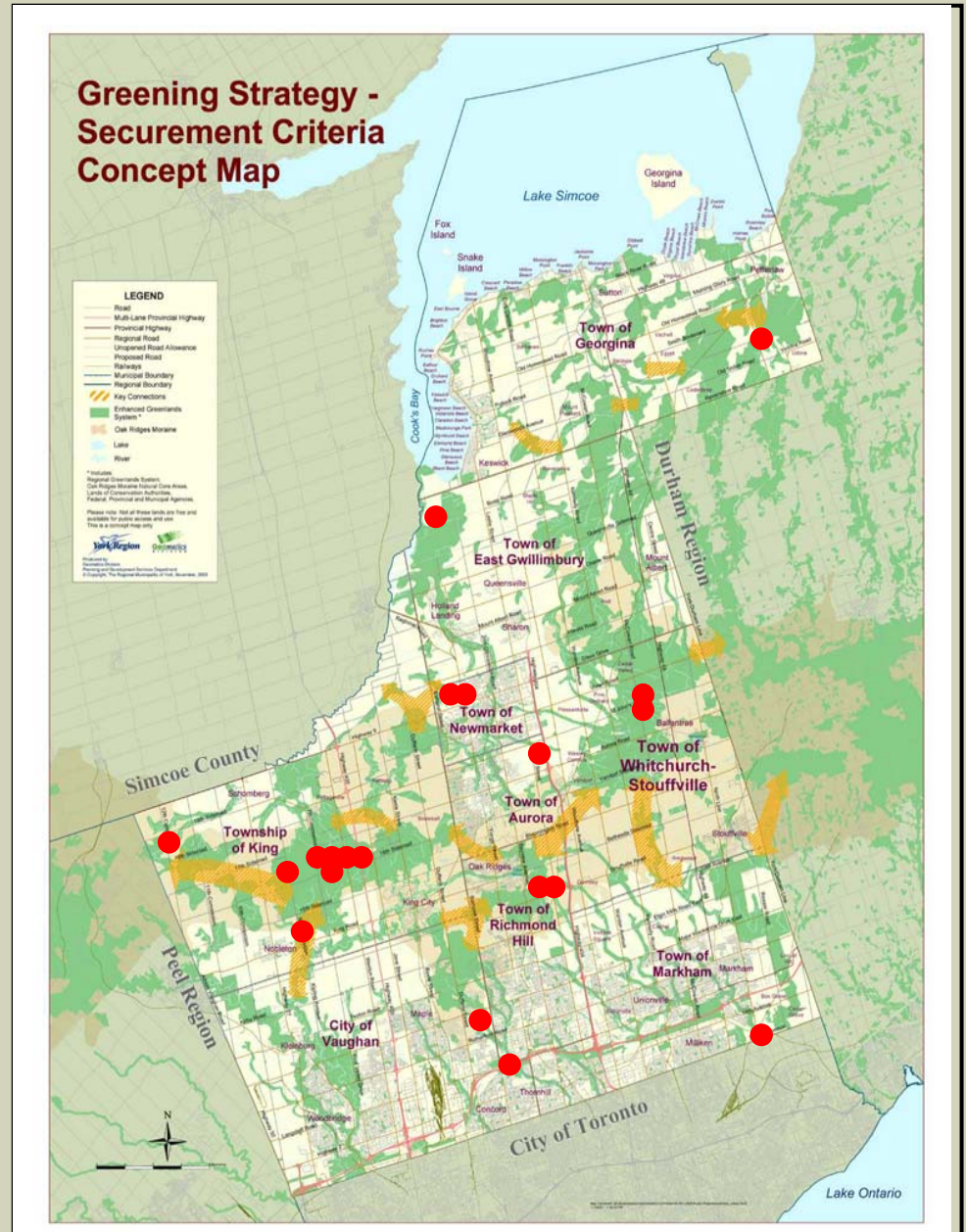
- **2001 Securement Strategy** adopted by Council:
 - **Priorities** included Regional Forest, ORM, recognition of partnership delivery
 - **Criteria** – Focus on OP Greenlands System securement, variety of implementation tools
 - Note: fee simple acquisition - least favourable option
- **2004 Securement Strategy**
Criteria and review process updated to reflect a Greenlands systems approach



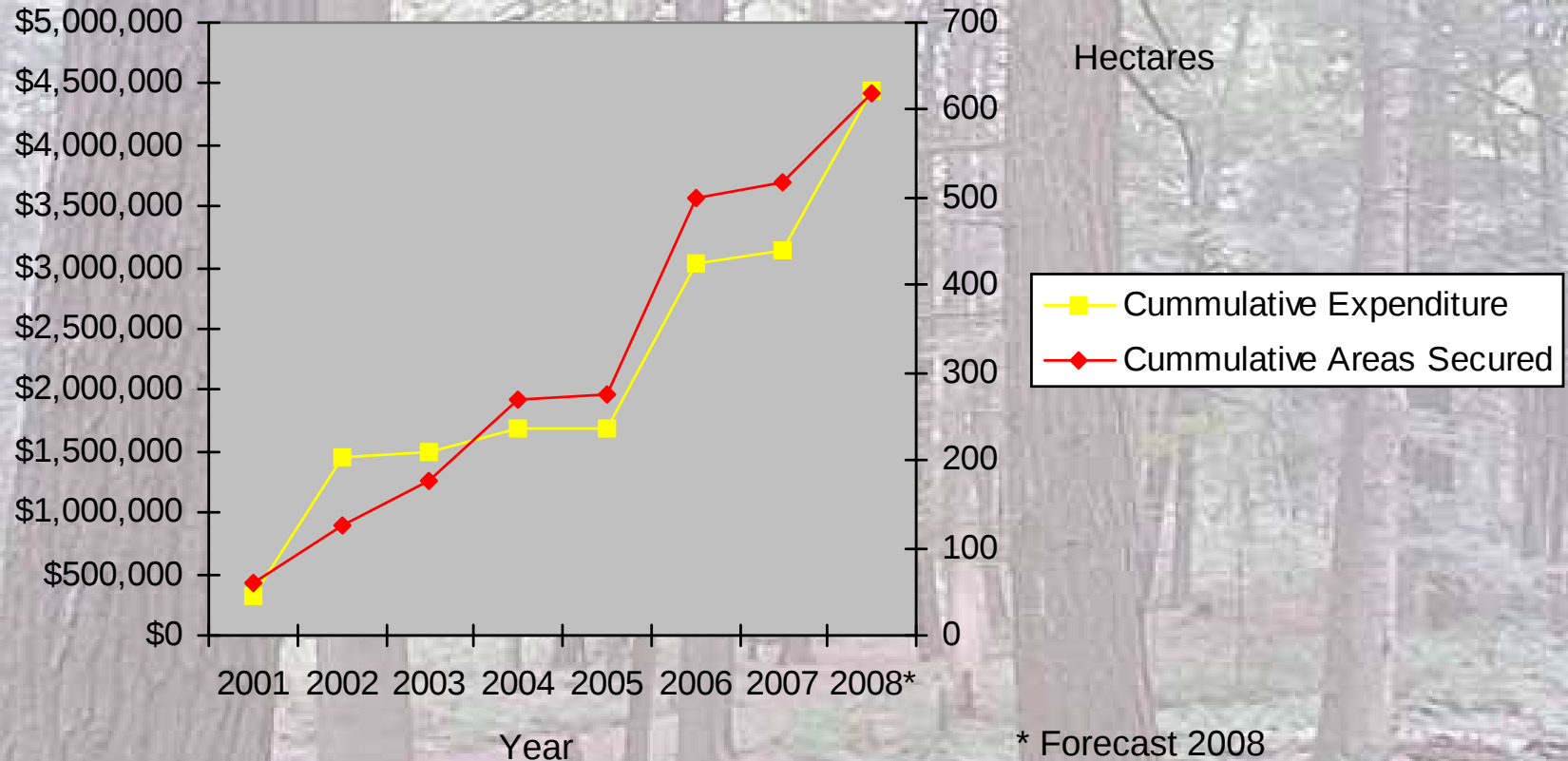
Land Securement 2001 - 2007

SUCCESSES TO DATE:

- ✓ 20 Properties Secured 528 ha (1306 ac)
- ✓ Total Regional contribution of \$3,737,900
- ✓ Total Property Value of \$32,288,650
- ✓ Leverage 8:1 avg.



Expenditures and Lands Secured



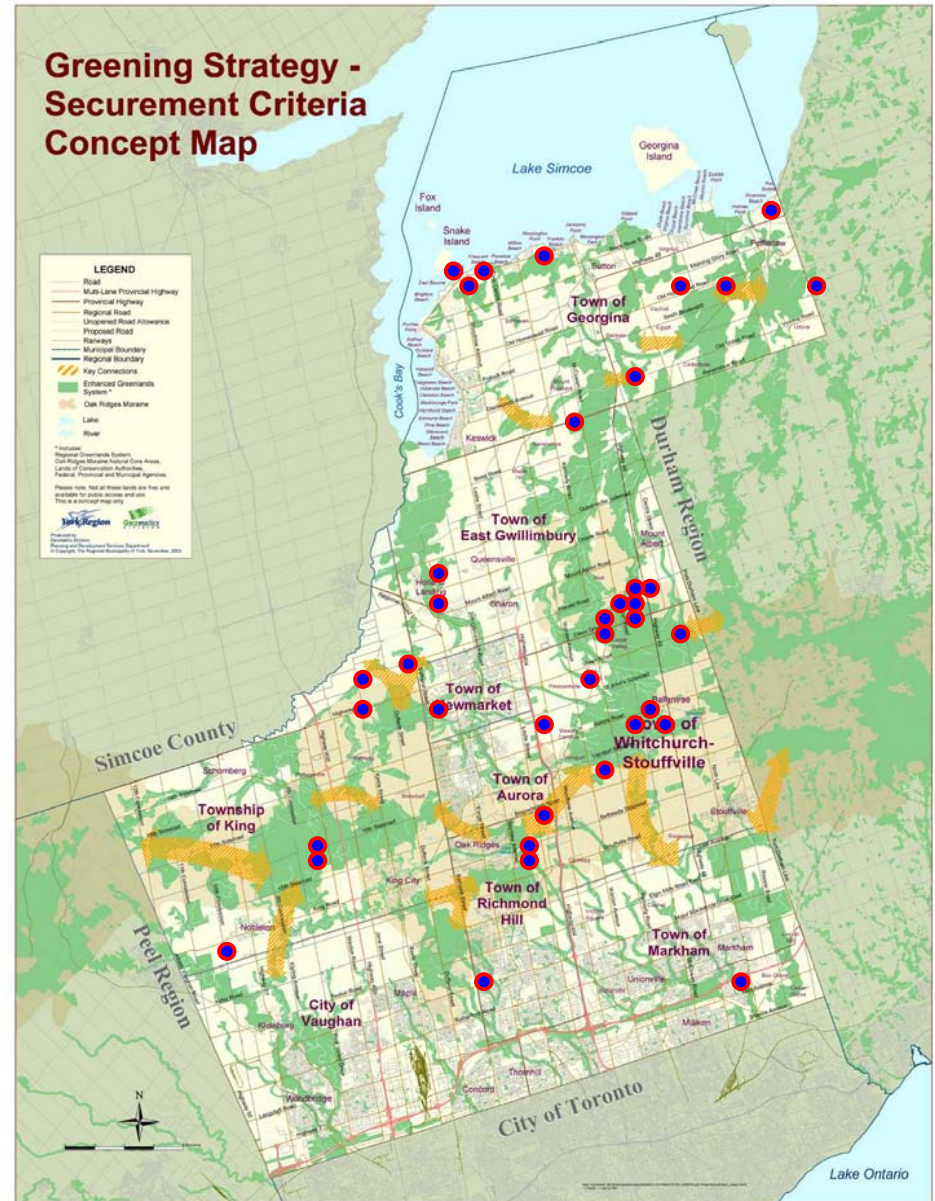
Note: little correlation between monies spent and land area acquired

- reflects 'opportunistic' nature of program ('organic' process)
- recognizes building capacity with partners

Land Securement 2001 - 2007

CURRENT 'ACTIVE' PROPERTIES:

- ✓ 41 Properties in discussion with York Region or Partners
- ✓ Total area being considered is est. 3000 acres
- ✓ Total property value of approx. \$100 M



Securement Partners

1. Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
2. Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation
3. Regional Municipality of Peel
4. Regional Municipality of Halton
5. Regional Municipality of Durham
6. Ontario Heritage Trust
7. Rouge Park Alliance
8. Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
9. Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust*
10. Oak Ridges Trail Association
11. Nature Conservancy of Canada*
12. Ministry of Natural Resources
13. Ducks Unlimited
14. Credit Valley Conservation
15. Town of Markham
16. Town of Richmond Hill
17. Town of Georgina
18. Town of East Gwillimbury
19. Town of Newmarket
20. Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
21. Township of King
22. Town of Aurora
23. City of Vaughan

* Council approved multi year agreements in place (NCC \$100K/yr, ORMLT \$40K/yr)

Securement Program — Targeted and Opportunistic

What we have learned:

- Past successes have been significant
- Many strategic opportunities exist
- Region can't do it all & can't do it alone
- Ownership is not necessarily the most effective means of restoring lands/meeting ecological objectives
- Being focused — targeted approach with Priority Areas enhances reporting and accountability
- Further public input will better inform the Securement Program

Next Steps:

- Proceed with current successful targeted and opportunistic approach, and
- provide input to the Regional Sustainability initiative and Natural Heritage Strategy Actions to further refine approach.

