GREATER GOLDEN HORSESHOE (GGH) REGION LAND- USE PLANNING AND AGRICULTURE IN THE ONTARIO CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN



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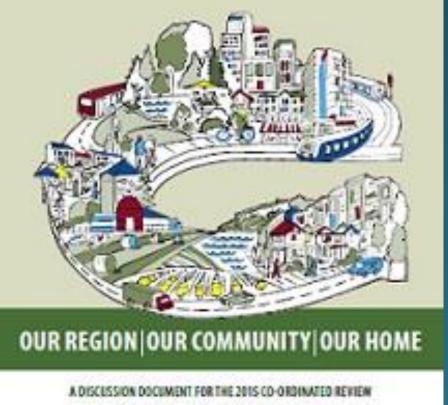


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Our goal is to build a legacy for our children -- one that includes.....

Protecting thousands of acres of prime farmland so farmers can prosper

- -Preserving our watersheds, rivers and forests to protect the water we drink and the air we breathe
- Promoting recreation, sports and tourism by establishing a trail system, open spaces and parklands"



- EVE CROWNER, IN FOR THE CREATER COLDER MORSESHOE.
- THE CHICAGOTT PLAN
- THE DAY ROCKS MORANG CONSERVATION PLAN
- THE RESEARCH IN ARPROPERTATION

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Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review

- GBP, NEP, ORMCP, Growth Plan
- 17 Town hall session between February 27 and May 28 2015
- Presentations to Advisory Panel by +50
 Stakeholder Groups
- +20,000 submissions and write-ins
- Numerous tours and site visits by Panel through Greenbelt region

What Were We Looking At?

- Protecting agricultural land, water and natural areas
- Keeping people and goods moving, and building-cost effective infrastructure
- > Fostering healthy, liveable and inclusive communities
- > Building communities that attract workers and create jobs/
- > Improving implementation and better aligning the plans
- Addressing climate change and building resilient communities

What Did We Hear(about climate and food)?

- Harmonize terms(language) across the plans and the PPS
- Align the plans and their implementation with other provincial initiatives (e.g., Big Move, Climate Change, Housing Strategy, OMB review and PPS, 2014)
- Re-evaluate (increase)the density and intensification targets in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
- Integrating land use and transportation planning to promote transit oriented development to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Protection of Rural and Agricultural Lands
 -require specific policies to meet challenges and realize opportunities

What Did We Hear con't.....

- Urban(Municipal GVTs, Development, Planning, OHBA)
 - Develop(task force) a standard land budget methodology
 - Facilitate a way for "complete communities" to exist consistently
 - Update building code allowing "greener" technology for new and old!
 - " JUST TELL US THE RULES"
 - Invest in "complete streets" (i.e., biking and walking networks) to minimize motor use
 - The need for connection between urban densities, transportation and transit oriented design and reducing greenhouse gas emissions

What Did We Hear con't.....

- Rural and Agriculture(Farm Community, Rural GVTs, Land Owners)
 - -Tighter protection of agricultural lands
 - Enhance rural infrastructure: high-speed internet, transit corridors to facilitate larger vehicles, increasing water line access, updating irrigation systems, natural gas access, 3 phase power
 - Enable opportunities for Agriculture "Complete Communities"
 - -recognizing the impact of ecosystem services, particularly on agricultural lands, toward climate change mitigation and adaptation goals (e.g., carbon sequestration, groundwater recharge, wildlife habitat, etc.)

Where to next?

- Government is in control!
 - legislation/regulation/policy
 - collaboration is key!!!
- Stakeholder engagement is important!
 - extensive public consultations did influence panel report
- Policies need to be "Living Policies"

Putting An Agricultural Lens On It

- > Consideration of Agriculture needs in decision making going forward.
- Agriculture Impact Assessment (AIA)
- Focus on maintaining/enhancing Agriculture Systems (Ag complete community)
- Need for public awareness/education
- > More Importantly.....

Be Bold!!!!

JUST BECAUSE
YOU'RE TRASH
DOESN'T MEAN
YOU CAN'T DO
GREAT THINGS.

IT IS CALLED GARBAGE CAN, NOT GARBAGE CANNOT.



Thank You!