

Update: New Official Plan Project

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Background



- New OP has been under development since 2018
- WSP consulted with the public in 2018 and 2019
- County Staff have produced all of the mapping, project management and education/consultation with Council, provincial ministries and the public

Background



Phase 3 - Draft Version of the Official Plan

(Fall 2022/Winter 2023)

Engaging technical committees and stakeholder groups to provide input into the draft policies and maps.

Editing the drafted policy text document and including inclusive, accessible language and formatting.

Double checking proposed mapping updates for agriculture areas, natural environment areas and settlements.

Preparing the proposed growth areas for discussion with Councils and Committees.

Policy Text in first Draft of the New OP



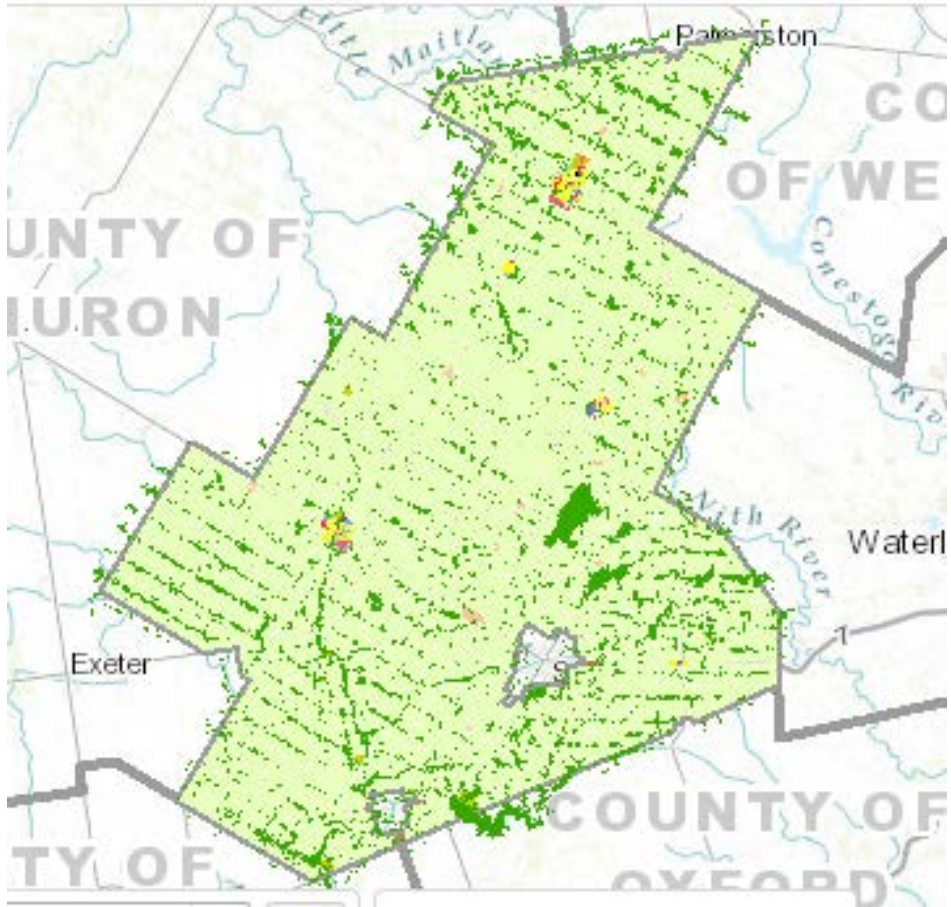
- Policy text edited by Planning staff and sent to WSP
- Updates to the Draft OP due to Bill 23 and Bill 109



Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

Bill 109, More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022

Mapping in first Draft of the New OP



- All special policies, OPAs, and urban fringe designations have been reviewed
- Aggregate land use designation currently being updated
- MDS has been calculated and mapped
- Next priorities: public engagement materials, natural environment mapping

Growth Planning



- Projections Memo – Council received October 2022
- Land Needs Memo – staff review/questions with Watson this week
 - Review with Watson and MMAH
 - Report to Council
- Final report anticipated in Spring 2023

Natural Environment Public Consultation

Perth County Natural Environment Consultation

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Welcome!

On this website you can find instructions for the [Proposed Natural Environment Map](#). By accessing the site, you will be able to view your property and the proposed changes to the Natural Environment features on your property.

The map displays large amounts of data and loading time may vary depending on network speed. As you zoom into the site more data will appear. Click the square icons below for more information.



- Inquiries from over 350 landowners
- 200 hard copy maps sent out
- 135 site visit requests
- 20 site visits conducted
- Ecologist contracted by end of February

Committees and Stakeholder Focus Group



- Draft OP is being split up into theme areas
- Committee and SFG meetings will be used as the foundation to edit draft OP and build public consultation tools
- Starting in late March until May

Next Steps

- Land Needs Memorandum - Report to Council
 - Finalize Proposed Growth Plan
- Preparation for Committee and SFG meetings
- Ongoing Natural Environment Public Consultation
- Public consultation preparation; consultation is estimated to start in June
- Website Updates

AWARENESS
OP First Draft under review by County Staff

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT
Preparation for OP First draft Review with Steering Committee, Technical Committee, Housing Committee, and Stakeholder Group

SECOND DRAFT EDITS
OP First Draft Review with Committees and Group. OP Second draft edits based on Committee and Group feedback

PUBLIC CONSULTATION
OP Final Draft published and Public Consultation starts

FINAL EDITS
OP Final Draft edits based on Public Consultation. OP Final Draft brought to County Council for final public meeting with hopeful adoption

NEW OFFICIAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

FALL 2022

WINTER 2023

SPRING 2023

SUMMER 2023

FALL 2023

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT GROUND TRUTHING AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION

AWARENESS
Natural Environment Ground Truthing Public Consultation Started. Letters to landowner sent out. 20 initial site visits conducted

PAUSE
Site visits on hold until Spring

SITE VISITS
Initial site visits resume. Ecologist Site Visits begin.

SITE VISITS
Initial site visits finish. Ecologist site visits continue until the end of summer.

UPDATES
Any updates to the Natural Environment Mapping to be included into the OP Final Draft.