Agriculture and Rural Areas

March 19 and 20, 2025

















Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the City of Pickering resides on land within the Treaty and traditional territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Williams Treaties signatories of the Mississauga and Chippewa Nations. Pickering is also home to many Indigenous persons and communities who represent other diverse, distinct, and autonomous Indigenous nations. This acknowledgement reminds us of our responsibilities to our relationships with the First Peoples of Canada, and to the ancestral lands on which we learn, share, work, and live.

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- 2. Allow one person to speak at a time.
- 3. Verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- 4. Please mute your electronic devices.

Introductions



Agenda

- Introductions
- Orientation
- Presentation
- Table discussion



What is the Official Plan?

- Where we grow
- How we grow
- When we grow
- What we protect

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Pickering Official Plan Edition 9



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2024

2025

2026

Phase One
Background and Research

Phase TwoPolicy Drafting

Phase ThreePolicy Recommendations

Phase Four Approval

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➤ To identify the key elements that make up the agricultural and rural area in Pickering

Purpose of Presentation and Discussion

- ➤ Identify existing policies that are in place to protect and enhance agricultural resources; and
- ➤ To identify potential impacts of anticipated urban growth on agricultural uses and rural settlement areas

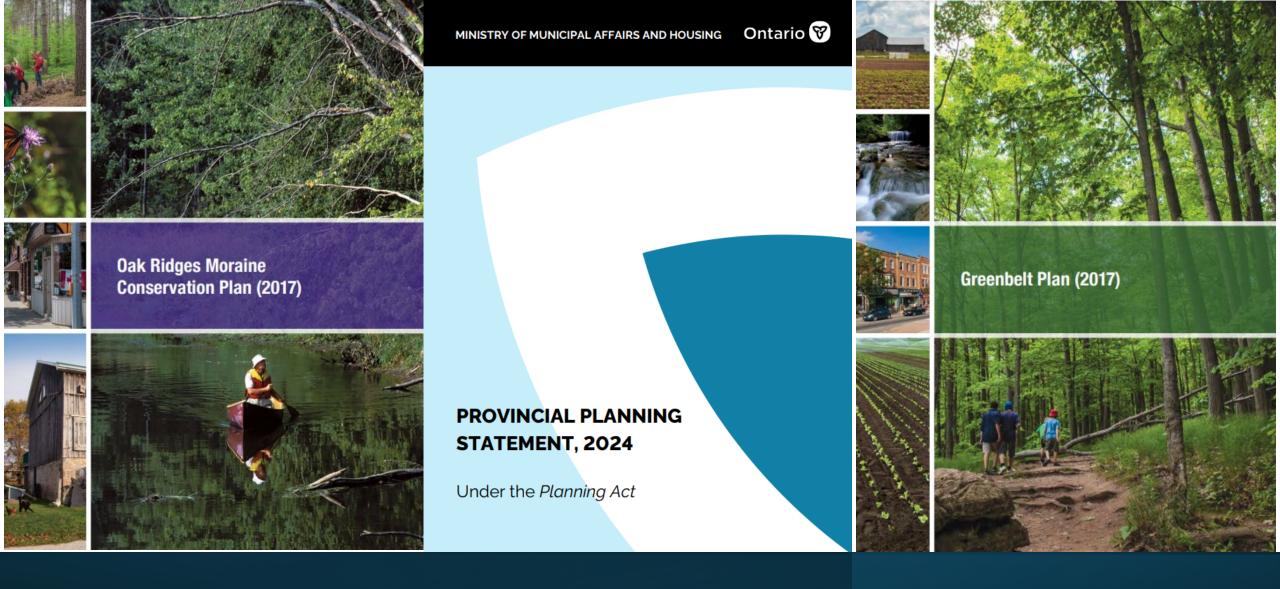
Pickering's Rural Area

Agricultural Lands

Rural Settlements

 The Open Space System

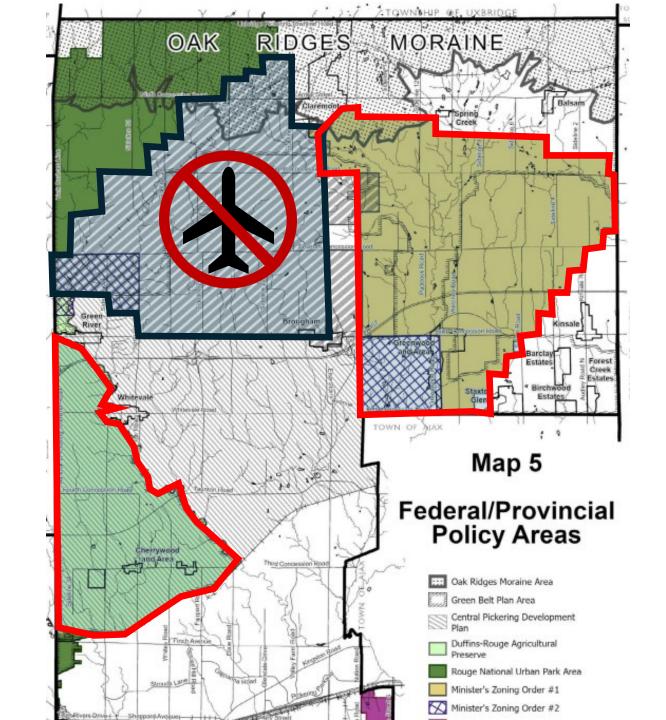




Provincial Priorities and Plans

Additional Regulations

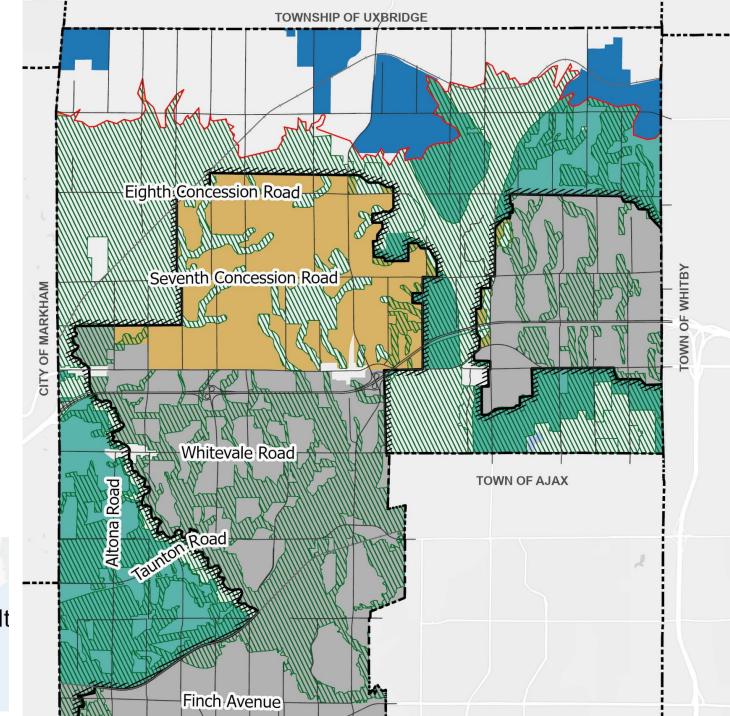
- Federal Airport Lands
- Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve



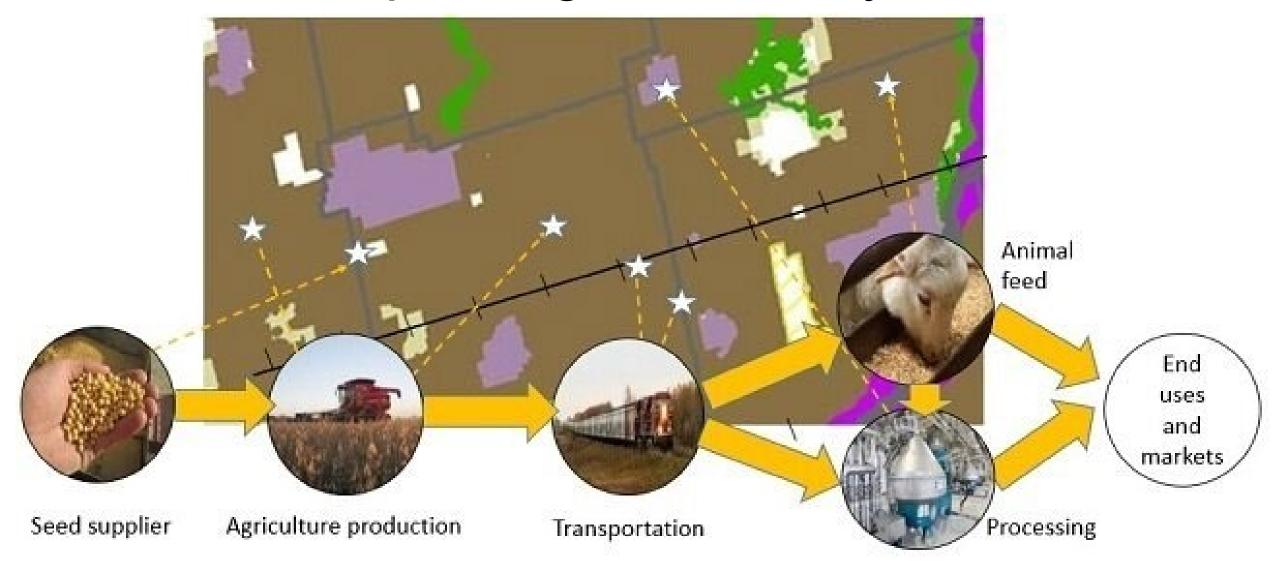
Prime Agricultural Areas

Legend

- Oak Ridges Moraine Boundary
- Greenbelt Boundary
- //// Greenbelt Boundary (Polygon)
- Urban Areas
- Prime Agricultural Area within the Greenbelt
- Prime Agricultural Area outside the Greenbelt
- ORM Prime Agricultural Area
- Major Open Space



Compete Agricultural System



On-Farm
Diversified Uses

Located on an active farm

 Secondary to the principal farm use

• Limited in area

 Compatible with surrounding farm operations



Agricultural Related Uses

- Compatible with, surrounding farm operations.
- Directly related to farm operations in the area.
- Provides products and/or services to farm operations.
- Can be the primary use of the property.







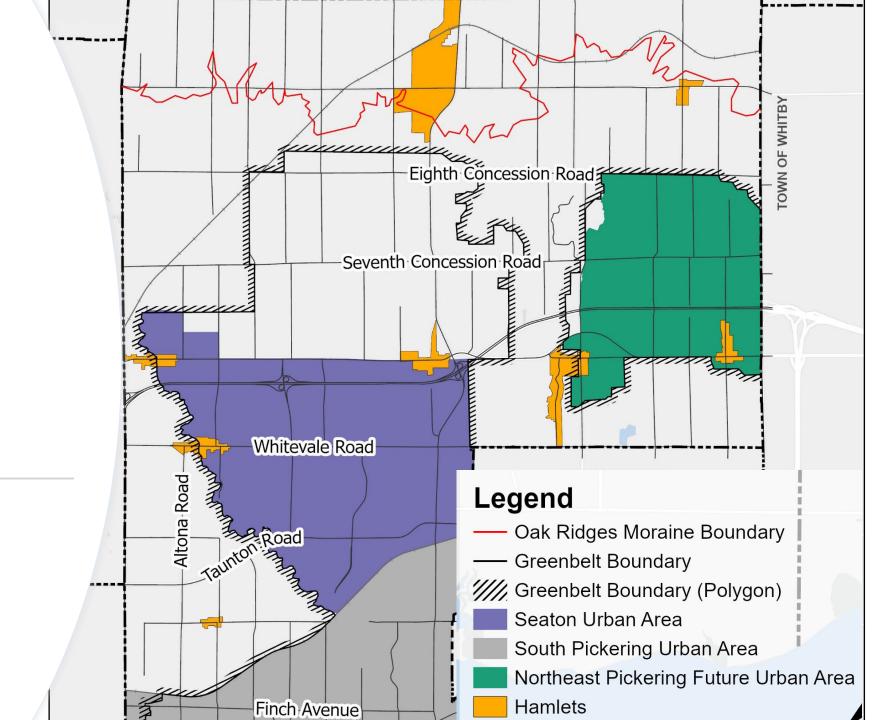


Agri-Food Network

Conflicts Between Urban and Rural Uses



Rural Settlement Areas



Northeast Pickering Secondary Plan Process

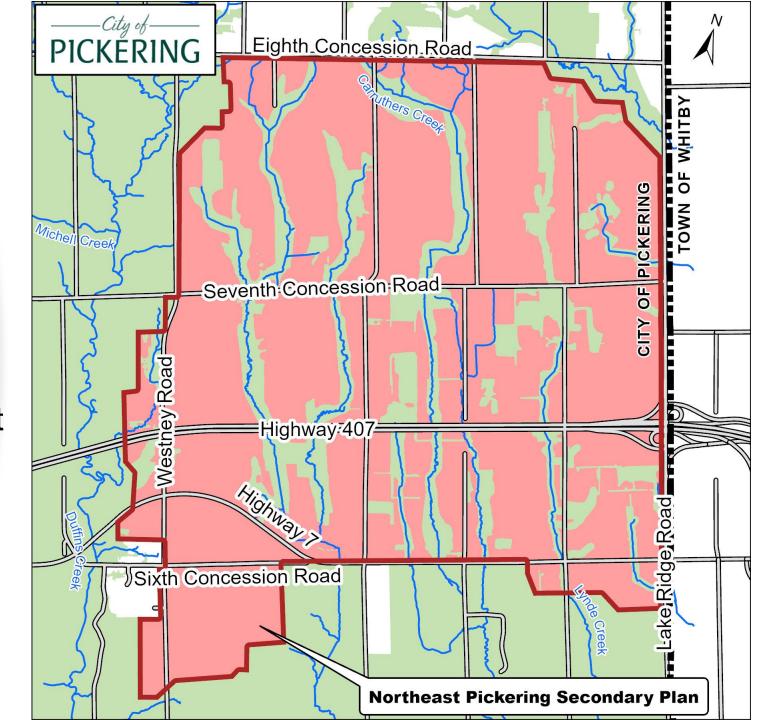
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How can you provide input?

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Attend events



Complete surveys
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Next Steps

Agricultural and Rural Areas

- Survey closes March 28, 2025
- What We Heard Report

Community Elements (May 6 and 7, 2025)

- Discussion Paper
- Public Information Centre

