

### AGENDA COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Monday, June 21, 2021, 2:30 pm

VIA Zoom Meeting

#### OPENING OF THE COUNCIL WORKSHOP

This workshop to be convened in accordance with Section 6 of the Town of Halton Hills Procedure By-law No. 2021-0020, for the purpose of discussing the Provincial Growth Plan which requires Halton Region to plan for 1.1 million people and 500,000 jobs by 2051. The Region has developed 5 different Growth Concepts for population and job growth distribution for the 4 municipalities – including Halton Hills. This workshop will in no way materially advance the business or decision-making of the Council. Members of Council may issue directions to staff, however, no decisions or motions may be made and discussion must confine itself to the subject(s) of the workshop.

#### 2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

#### 3. PRESENTATIONS

a. SGL Planning & Design Inc. and Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

Presentation to Council regarding the Region Official Plan Review by Paul Lowes, Principal, SGL Planning & Design Inc.; Jamie Cook, Managing Partner, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.; Andrew Grunda, Principal, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. and Sean-Michael Stephen, Manager, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

- 4. RECESS
- 5. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS
  - a. Megan Suddergaard, Silver Creek Neighbourhood Association
  - b. Chantal Garneau, Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources
- 6. STAFF DIRECTIONS
- 7. ADJOURNMENT



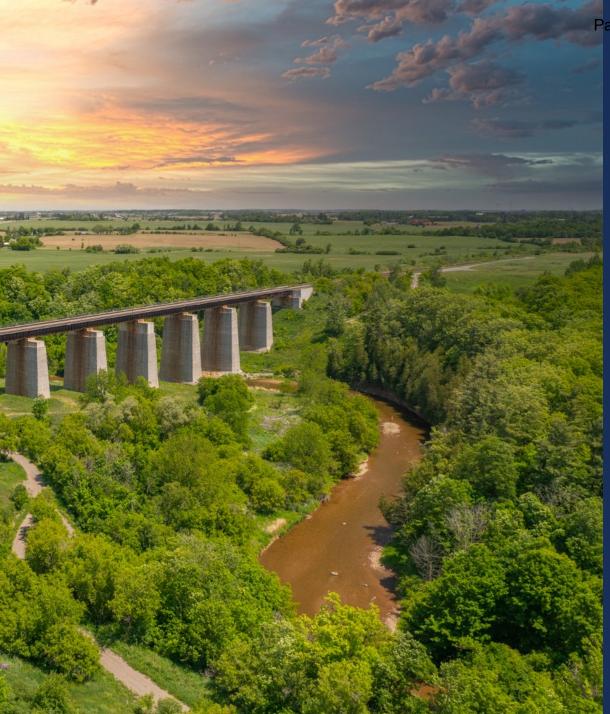


# Presentation **Outline**



- IGMS Overview
- What is Sprawl?
- Farmland in Halton Hills
- Intensification Implications
- Densification Implications
- Employment Implications
- Community Facility Implications
- Financial Implications
- Key Takeaways





## IGMS Overview

### **IGMS** Overview

Concept 1: 60%
Densification/ Moderate
Greenfield Expansion

- •50% densification to 2031 then 60% densification\* to 2051
- Lower share of employment growth in Employment Areas relative to Concept 4

10% DGA Densification in apartments

Concept 2: 70%

Densification / Limited

Greenfield Expansion

- One-half the amount of new community DGA of Concept 1
- 70% densification\* (2031-51)
- Share of employment growth in Employment Areas midway between Concepts 1 and 3

17% DGA Densification in apartments

Concept 3: 80%
Densification /
Employment Area Only
Greenfield Expansion

- Build out of existing DGA only
- About 80% densification\* (2031-51)
- Least share of employment growth in Employment Areas
- Concept 3B: No Employment Expansion

24% DGA Densification in apartments

Concept 4: 50%
Intensification / Greatest
Amount of Greenfield
Expansion

- 50% intensification in BUA (2021-51)
- Greatest share of employment growth in Employment Areas

2.5% DGA Densification in apartments

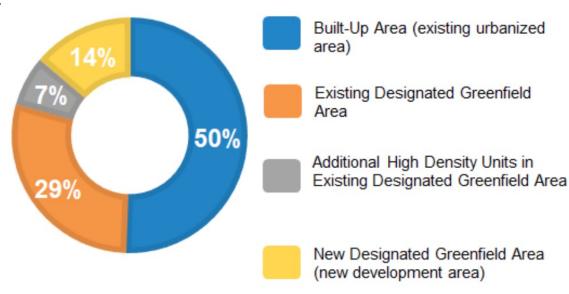


- Min. 50% of all new housing inside built boundary
- 10% densification 2031-2051
- DGA at 65 persons & jobs per ha
- 95,600 Apartments
- 78,300 Ground-related
- Emissions per new population 6.23

#### **Employment**

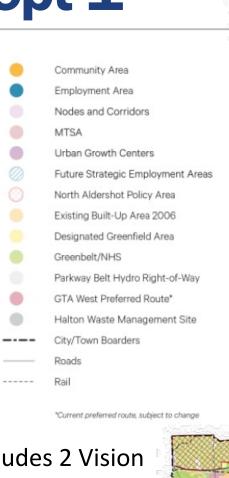
- Total Est. Regional DGA 1170 ha
- Halton Hills Est. DGA 680 ha

#### CONCEPT 1: LOCATION OF HALTON'S HOUSING GROWTH 2021-2051

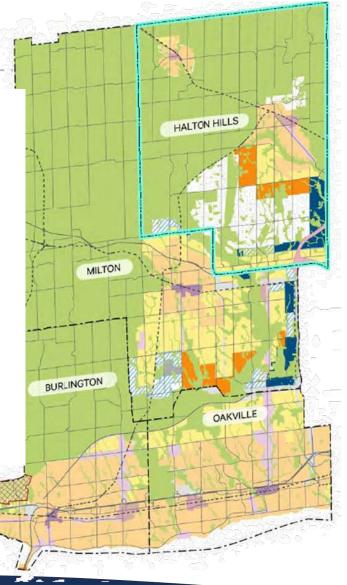


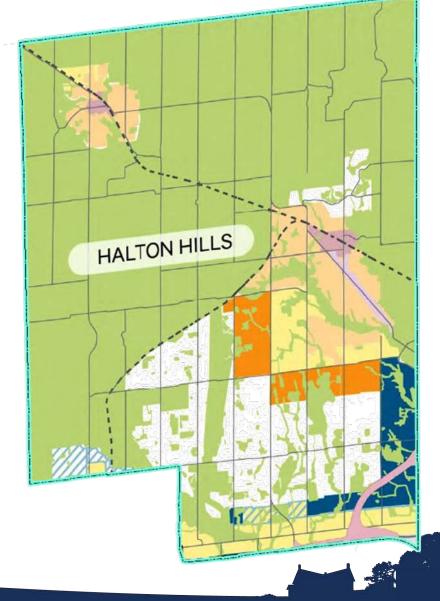
- Total Est. Regional DGA 1460 ha
- Halton Hills Est. DGA 740 ha





 Includes 2 Vision Georgetowns



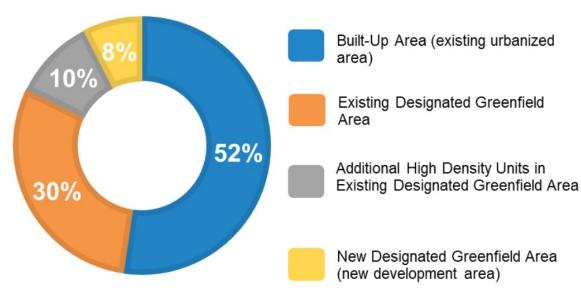


- Min. 50% all new housing inside built boundary
- 20% densification 2031-2051
- DGA at 65 persons & jobs per ha
- 106,700 Apartments
- 68,000 Ground-related
- Emissions per new population 6.16

#### **Employment**

- Total Est. Regional DGA 1,100 ha
- Halton Hills Est. DGA 500 ha

#### CONCEPT 2: LOCATION OF HALTON'S HOUSING GROWTH 2021-2051

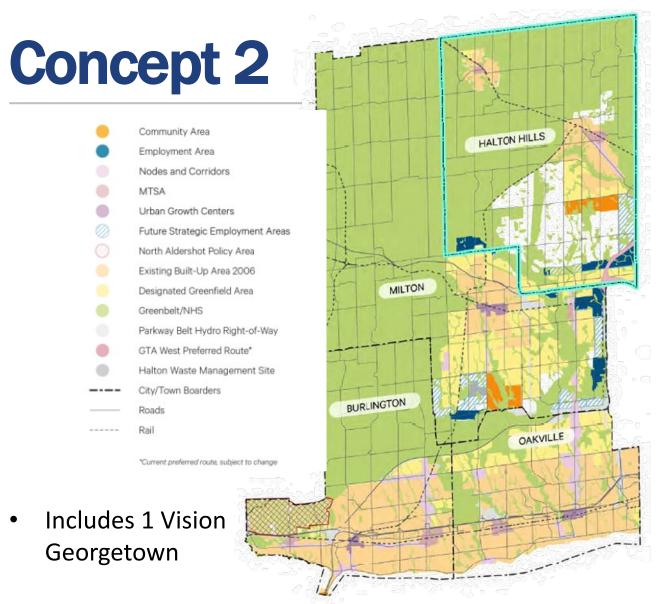


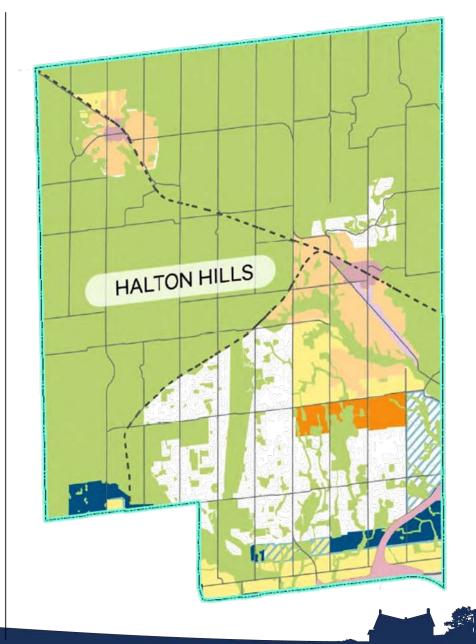
- Total Est. Regional DGA 730 ha
- Halton Hills Est. DGA 330 ha

#### Household Unit Growth, 2021-2051

Concept 2





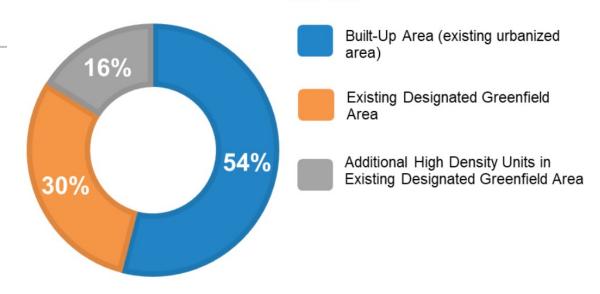


- Min. 50% all new housing inside built boundary
- 30% densification 2031-2051
- 118,200 Apartments
- 56,000 Ground-related
- Emissions per new population 6.08

#### **Employment**

- Total Est. Regional DGA 980 ha
- Halton Hills Est. DGA 450 ha

#### CONCEPT 3: LOCATION OF HALTON'S HOUSING GROWTH 2021-2051

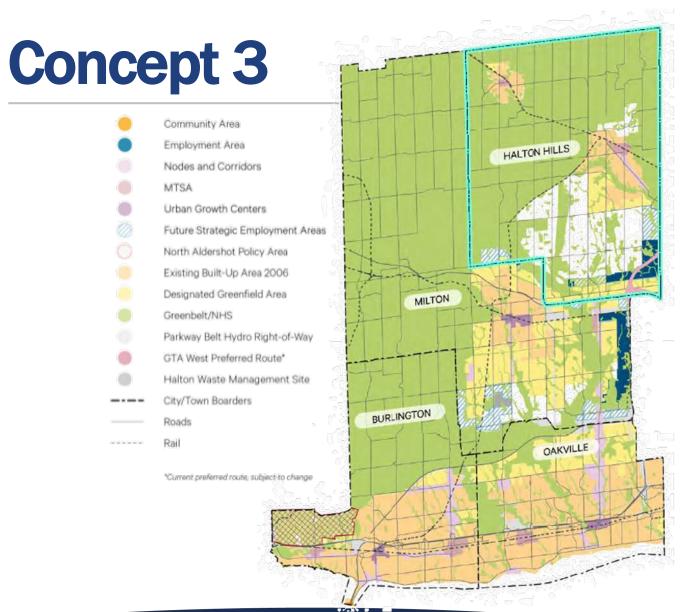


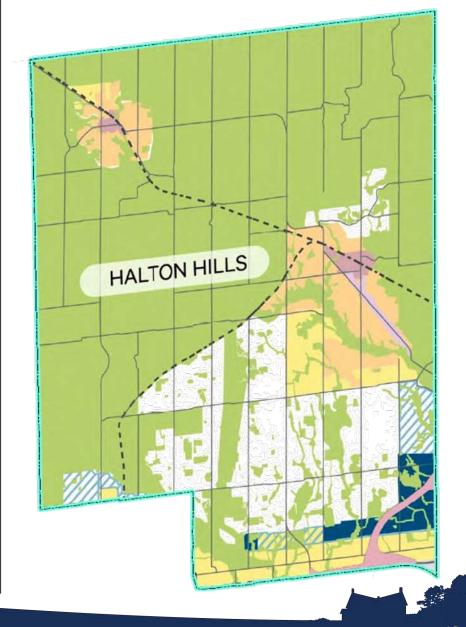
- Total Est. Regional DGA 0 ha
- Halton Hills Est. DGA 0 ha

#### Household Unit Growth, 2021-2051

Concept 3







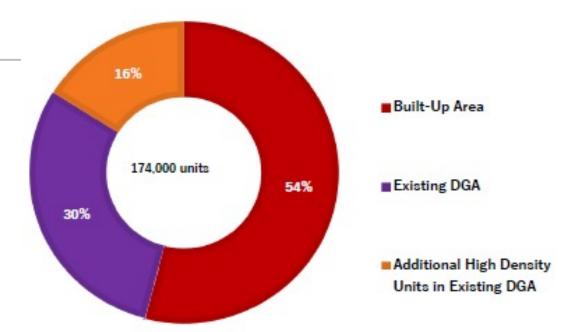
### Concept 3 B

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- 30% densification 2031-1051
- 111,800 Apartments
- 56,000 Ground-related
- Emissions per new population 6.08

#### **Employment**

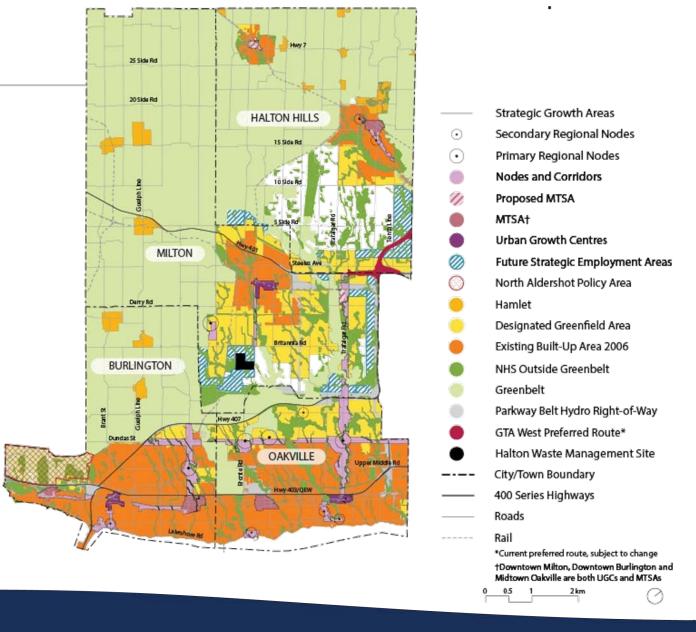
- Total Est. Regional DGA 0 ha
- Halton Hills Est. DGA 0 ha

Concept 3: Location of Halton's Housing Growth 2021-2051



- Total Est. Regional DGA 0 ha
- Halton Hills Est. DGA 0 ha

## Concept 3 B

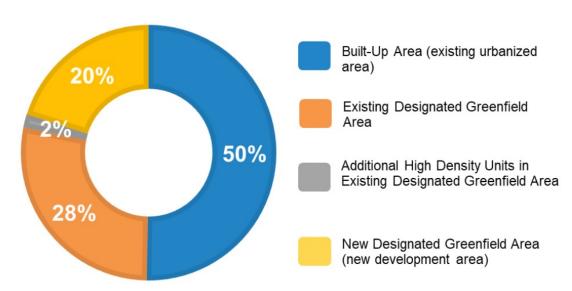


- Min. 50% all new housing inside built boundary
- DGA at 65 persons & jobs per ha
- 84,000 Apartments
- 89,200 Ground-related
- Emissions per new population 6.29

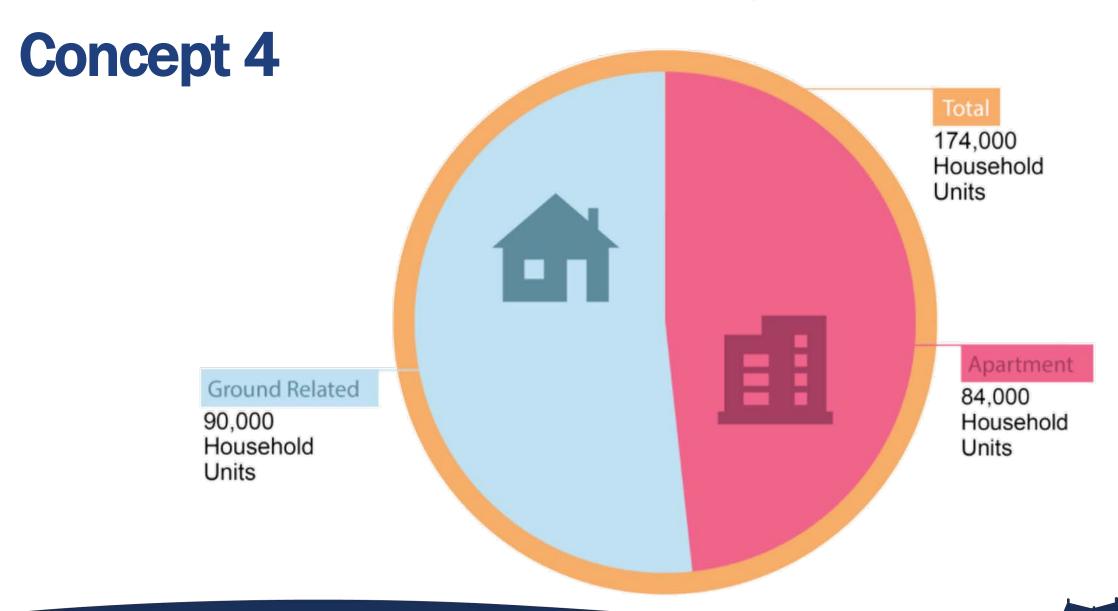
#### **Employment**

- Total Est. Regional DGA 1220 ha
- Halton Hills Est. DGA 670 ha

#### CONCEPT 4: LOCATION OF HALTON'S HOUSING GROWTH 2021-2051

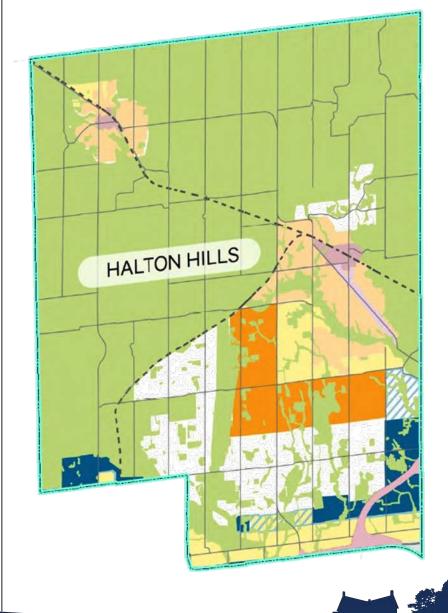


- Total Est. Regional DGA 2080 ha
- Halton Hills Est. DGA 1360 ha



#### Concept 4 Community Area Employment Area HALTON HILLS Nodes and Corridors MTSA Urban Growth Centers Future Strategic Employment Areas North Aldershot Policy Area Existing Built-Up Area 2006 MILTON Designated Greenfield Area Greenbelt/NHS Parkway Belt Hydro Right-of-Way GTA West Preferred Route\* Halton Waste Management Site City/Town Boarders BURLINGTON OAKVILLE \*Current preferred route, subject to change Includes 3-4 Vision

Georgetowns



#### Population Forecast Halton Hills

- 2031 Population lower than in Sustainable Halton 94,600
- Borrowing from 2021-2031 and moving 11,500 population to 2031-2051
- Concept 3 lowest population but 16,300 people need to be accommodated in existing urban area through apartments

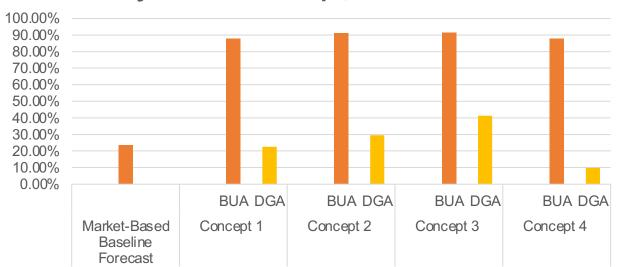
#### Total Population and Household Growth by Municipality and Concept

Halton Hills Total Population Growth, 2031 - 2051								
Concept	2021 Population	2031 Population	2051 Population					
Concept 1	64,900	83,030	150,490					
Concept 2	64,900	83,030	134,370					
Concept 3	64,900	83,030	110,930					
Concept 4	64,900	83,030	175,720					

#### **Apartment Unit Forecast**

- Market based housing predominantly ground related
- Requires significant shift in market for apartment units to achieve Growth Plan requirement of 50% intensification
- Additional shift required in Concept 2 and 3
- Significant shift in DGA apartments in Concepts 1, 2 and 3

#### Percent of Apartment Growth Within Built Up Areas and Designated Greenfield Areas, by Growth Concept, 2021 to 2051



#### Housing Mix by Policy Area for Each Growth Concept and the Market-Based Baseline Forecast

Region of Halton Mix of 2021 to 2051 Housing Growth by Policy Area for Each Growth Concept and the Market-Based Baseline Forecast							
Growth Concept and Policy Area	Ground Related Units	Apartment Building Units	Total Units				
Market-Based Baseline Forecast							
Total Housing Growth	76.4%	23.6%	100%				
Concept 1							
Rural	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%				
Intensification	12.2%	87.8%	100.0%				
Designated Greenfield Area	77.5%	22.5%	100.0%				
Mix of Total Housing Growth	45.0%	55.0%	100.0%				
Concept 2	-/-						
Rust	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%				
Intensification	8.7%	91.3%	0.0%				
Designated Greenfield Area	70.5%	29.5%	100.0%				
Mix of Total Housing Growth	38.7%	61.3%	0.0%				
Concept 3							
Red	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%				
Intensification	8.5%	91.5%	0.0%				
Designated Greenfield Area	58.7%	41.3%	100.0%				
Mix of Total Housing Growth	32.1%	67.9%	0.0%				
Concept 4							
Rust	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%				
Intensification	12.2%	87.8%	0.0%				
Designated Greenfield Area	90.1%	9.9%	100.0%				
Mix of Total Housing Growth	51.2%	48.8%	0.0%				

Source: Hemson Consulting Ltd.

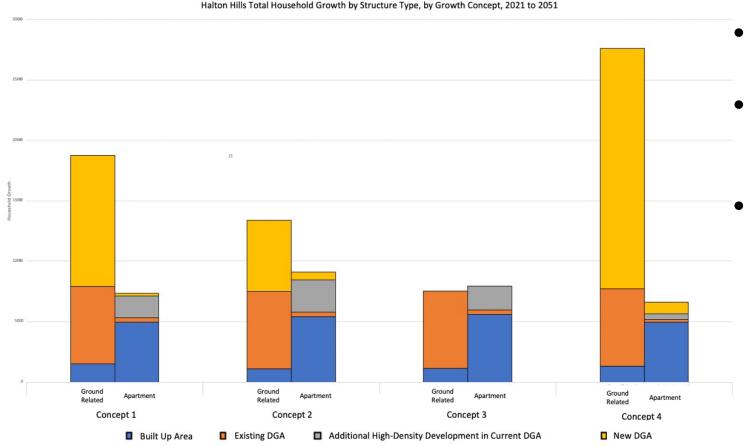
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Total Household Growth by Structure Type, 2031-2051									
	Town of Halton Hills								
Company	Grou	und Related	Ар	partment	Total Units				
Concept	Households	Share of Region	Households	Share of Region	Households	Share of Region			
Concept 1	13960	28.8%	7330	10.3%	21290	17.8%			
Concept 2	8560	22.8%	8110	9.9%	16670	13.9%			
Concept 3	2700	10.3%	6930	7.4%	9630	8.1%			
Concept 4	22790	38.4%	5690	9.5%	28480	23.8%			

#### **Ground Related and Apartment Households**



## Location of Halton Hills Housing Growth by Structure Type, by Growth Concept, 2031-2051



Total Household Growth by by Land Use Area, 2021 - 2051 Town of Halton Hills Built-Up Area				Total Household Growth by by Land Use Area, 2021 - 2051 Town of Halton Hills Existing DGA											
									Ground Related	Apartment	Total		Ground Related	Apartment	Total
								Concept 1	1,510	4,960	6,470	Concept 1	6,390	370	6,760
Concept 2	1,100	5,400	6,500	Concept 2	6,390	370	6,760								
Concept 3	1,130	5,610	6,740	Concept 3	6,390	370	6,760								
Concept 4	1,330	4,960	6,290	Concept 4	6,390	230	6,620								

Total Household Growth by by Land Use Area, 2021 - 2051 Town of Halton Hills Additional High Density Development in Current DGA				Total Household Growth by by Land Use Area, 2021 - 2051 Town of Halton Hills New DGA											
									Ground Related	Apartment	Total		Ground Related	Apartment	Total
								Concept 1	0	1,790	1,790	Concept 1	10,880	250	11,130
Concept 2	0	2,690	2,690	Concept 2	5,880	650	6,530								
Concept 3	0	1,950	1,950	Concept 3	0	0	0								
Concept 4	0	450	450	Concept 4	19,890	950	20,840								

- Ground related in New DGA ranges from 0 to 19,890 units
- Apartments in BUA range from 4,960 in Concept 4 to 5,610 in Concept 3
- Apartments in existing DGA change from 450 in Concept 4 to 2,690 in Concept 2



## What is **Sprawl?**



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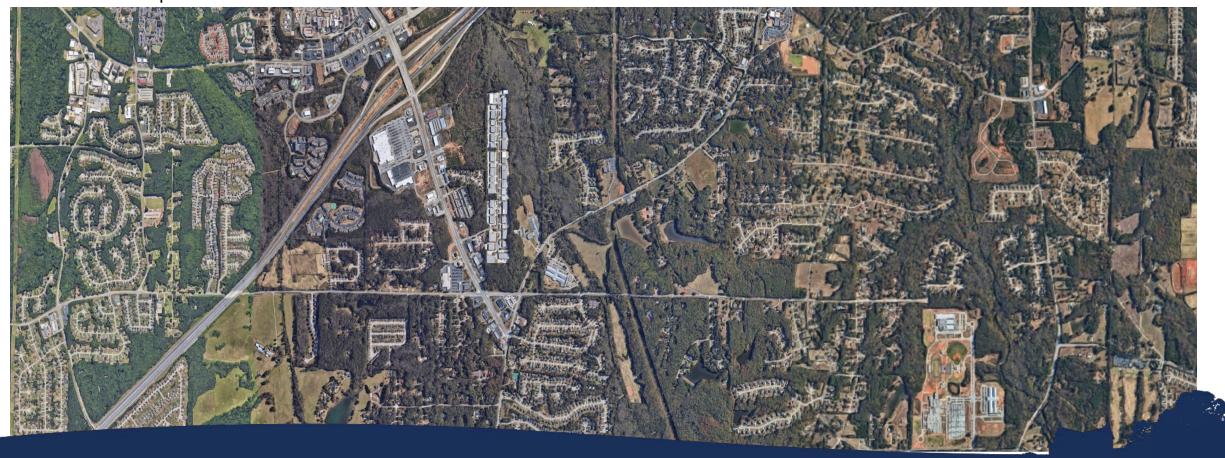
• Where development is haphazard, at very low densities, intermixed with rural lands and largely unplanned.

## Understanding Urban Sprawl?



#### Atlanta, Georgia, USA:

- No delineation between land uses
- Less than 15 persons/ha

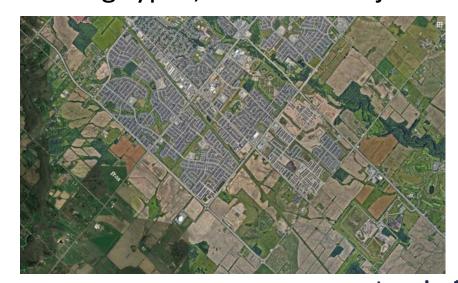




#### What isn't Sprawl?



• Where land is planned as a complete community with compact, walkable neighbourhoods containing a range of housing types, services and jobs.



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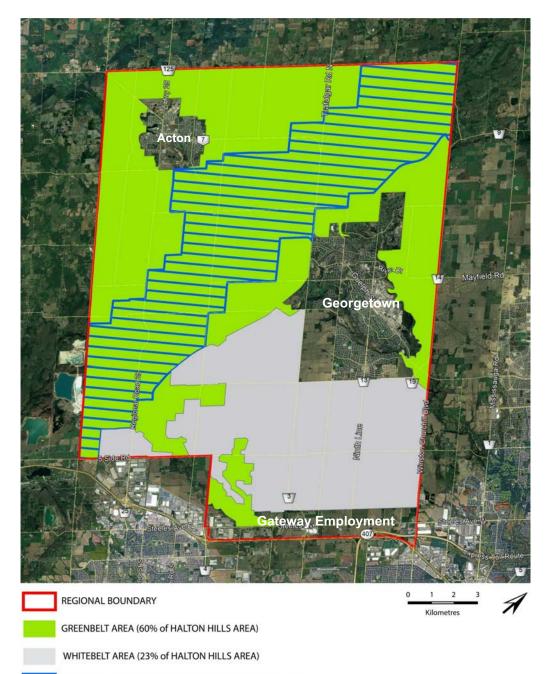
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## **15 Minute**Neighbourhoods

- Compact community
- Ability to walk to daily needs, services and jobs
- Addresses climate change



# Farmland in Halton Hills



## **Farmland**

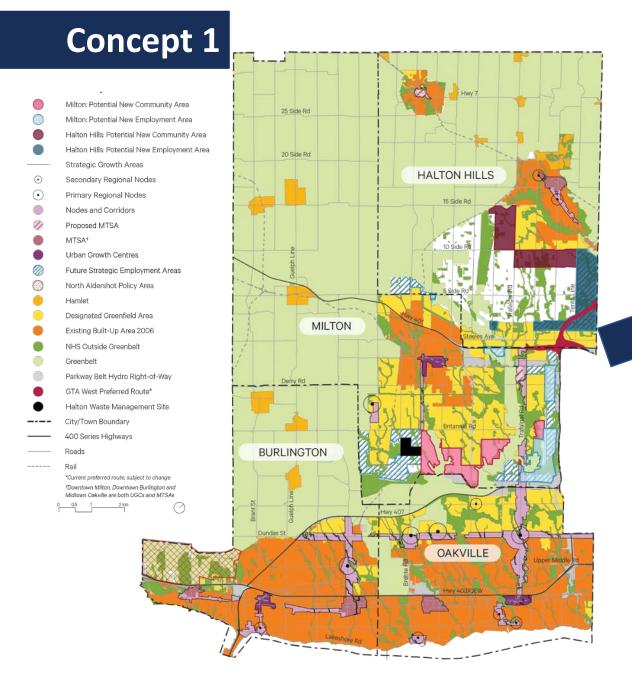
#### in Halton Hills

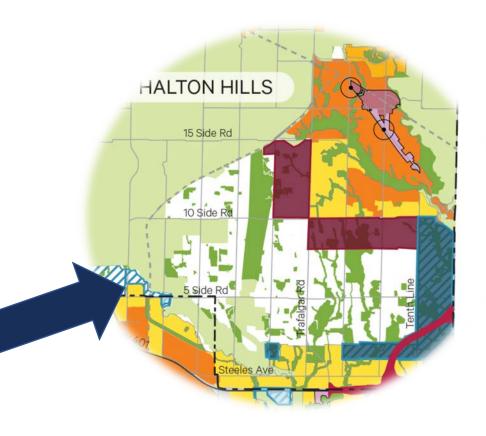


- 180 farms in 2016
  - (up by 7% between 2011-2016)
- 60% Greenbelt Area
  - 29% is Niagara Escarpment
- 23% White belt Area
- 83% Total Rural Area
- 2% Glen Williams
- 15% Urban Area

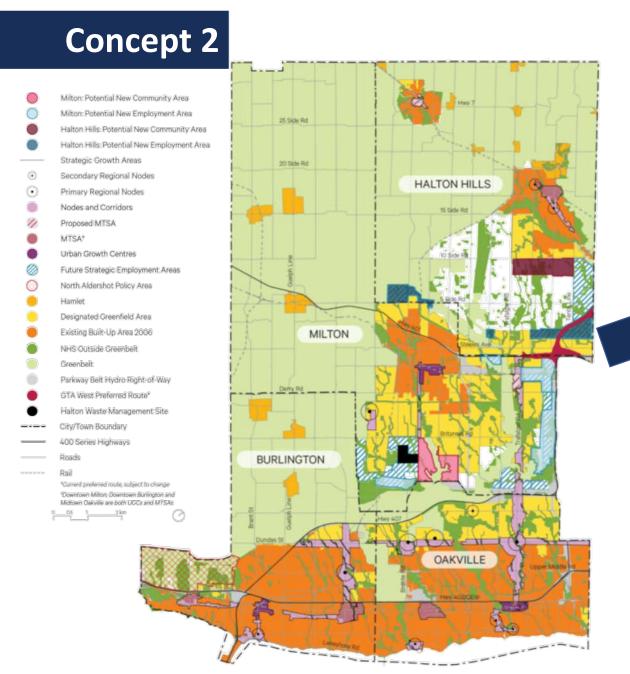
# Farmland in Halton Hills

	Whitebelt Total	Concept 1	Concept 2	Concept 3	Concept 3B	Concept 4
Area	6,400 ha	1,420 ha	830 ha	450 ha	0ha	2,030 ha
% of Whitebelt Area remaining		78%	87%	93%	100%	68%
% of Halton Hills occupied by Concepts		5.1%	2.9%	1.6%	0%	7.3%



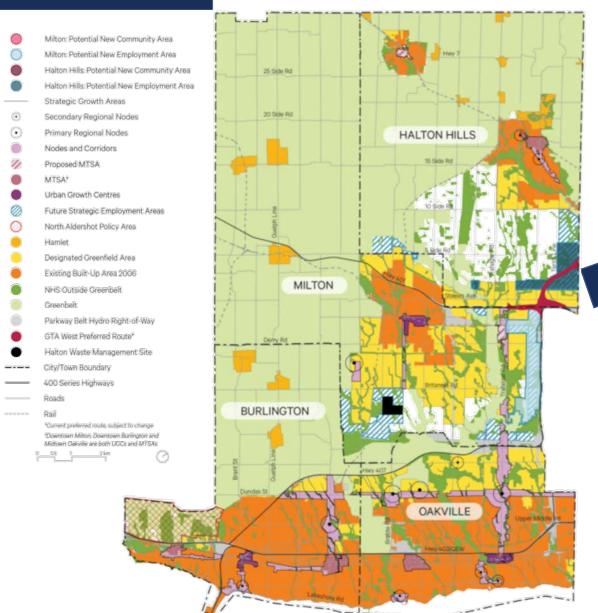


- Halton Hills Est. DGA 680 ha
   Employment
- Halton Hills Est. DGA 740 ha



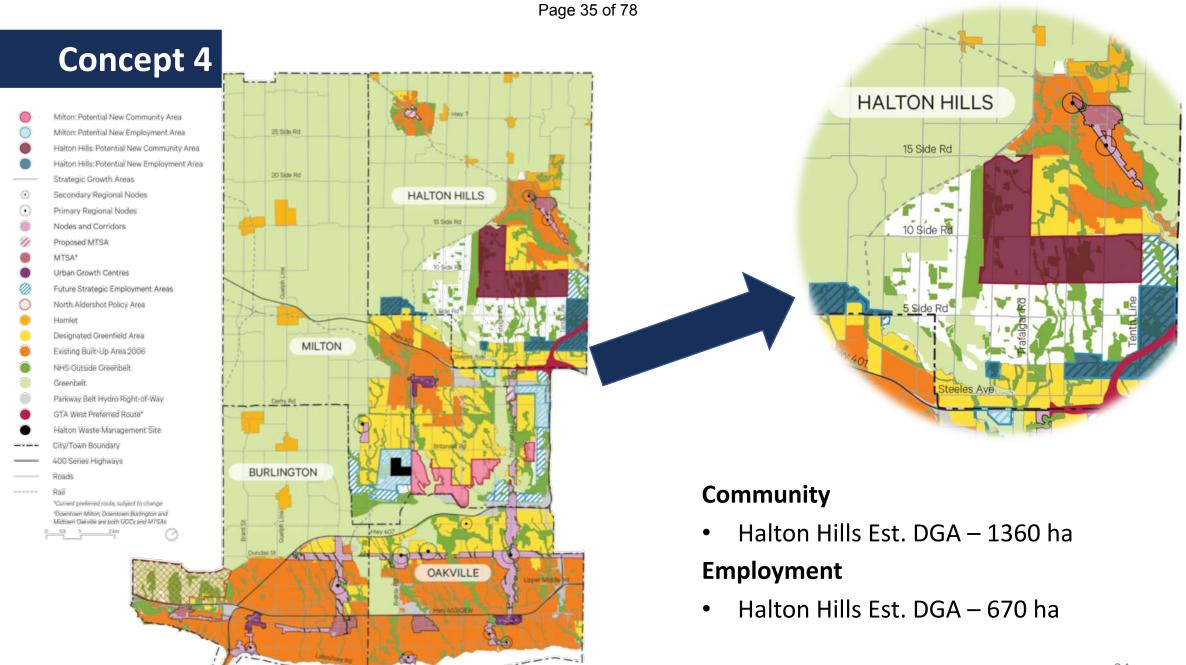


- Halton Hills Est. DGA 330 ha
   Employment
- Halton Hills Est. DGA 500 ha





- Halton Hills Est. DGA 0 ha
   Employment
- Halton Hills Est. DGA 450 ha





## Intensification Implications

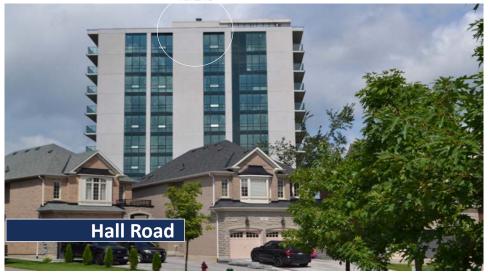
### Past & Future Rates of Intensification

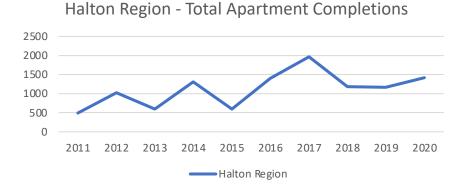
#### **Hemson Market Assessment, 2019**

- Intensification 2016-2021 100 units per year
- OP target of 5,100 units by 2031 unlikely to be achieved **Hemson IGMS, 2021**
- 50% intensification target will require more intense development
- 210 to 225 units per year after 2021
- Will require a shift in pattern of housing choice



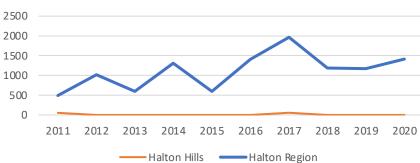








#### Total Apartment Completions

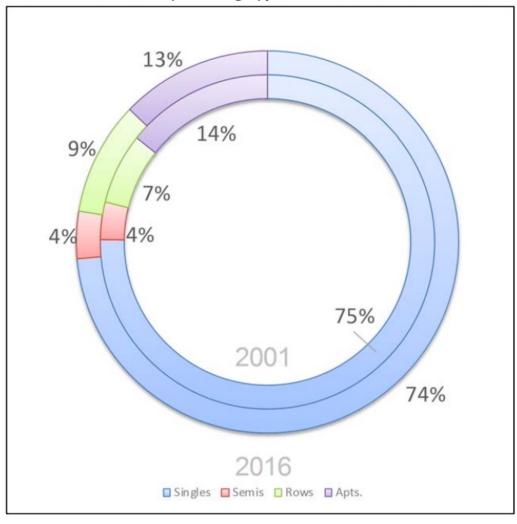


## Apartment **Completions**

- Only 109 units completed since 2011 in Halton Hills (average 11 per year)
- Compared to requirement of 220 to 300 apartment units **per year** 2021 to 2051



Exhibit 1 Households by Housing Type, Halton Hills, 2001 & 2016



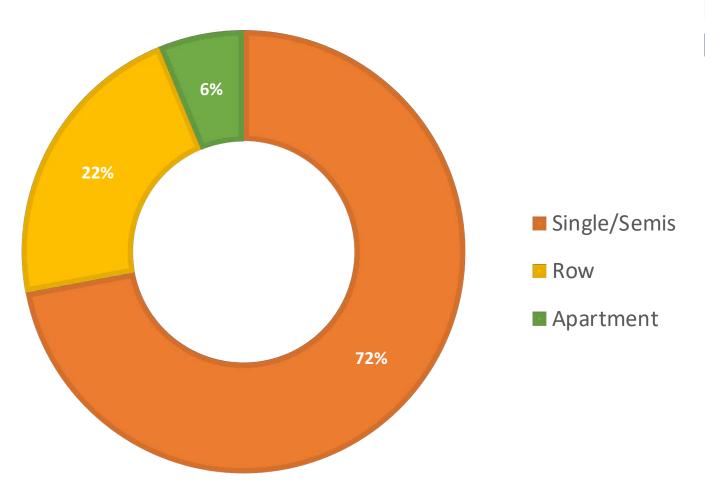
#### **Housing Implications**

Past Housing Choice

- Halton Hills historically predominantly groundoriented units occupied by large households1
- Dominated by families attracted to Halton Hills for affordable ground-oriented housing<sup>1</sup>

1. Hemson Market Assessment for Halton Hills (2019)

#### HOUSING COMPLETIONS IN HALTON HILLS BY UNIT TYPE 2011 TO 2019



### Housing Implications Past Housing Choice

Housing Completions by Unit Type and Area Town of Halton Hills, 2011-2019						
	2011-2016		2016-2019 (April)		Under Construction	
A	Number of	Share by	Number of	Share by	Number of	Share by
Area	Units	Unit Type	Units	Unit Type	Units	Unit Type
Halton Hills		i i				ľ
Single/Semi	616	69%	557	74%	88	82%
Row	221	25%	140	19%	19	18%
Apartment	53	6%	56	7%	0	0%
Halton Hills Total	890	100%	753	100%	107	100%

Source: CMHC.

- Housing patterns have remained relatively constant for past 20 years
- But with slightly declining apartment share

### Housing Implications Future Housing Mix

- Halton Hills housing growth 2021-2051
- Significant shift in housing choice will need to be made

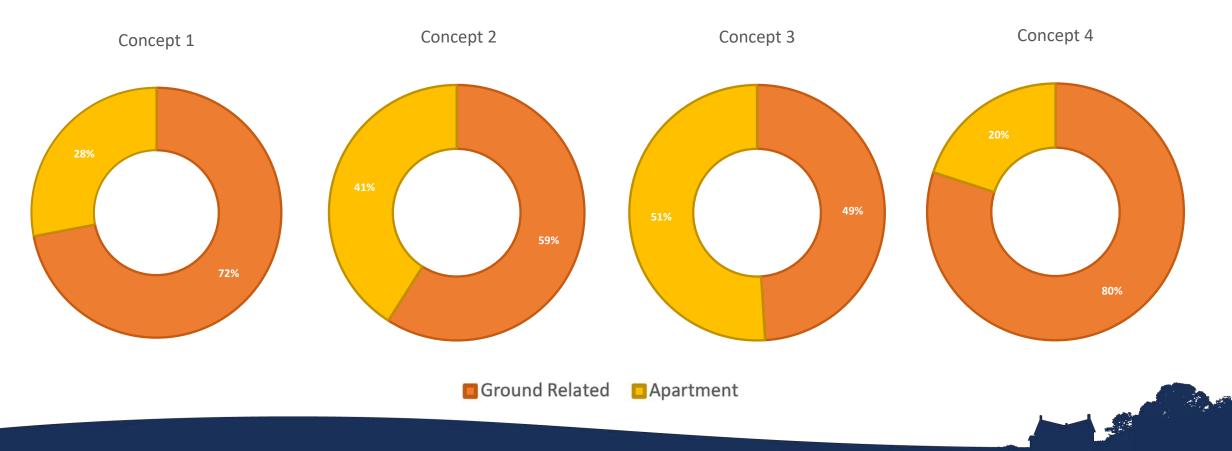


Exhibit 4 Households Occupying Apartments, Halton Region, 2016

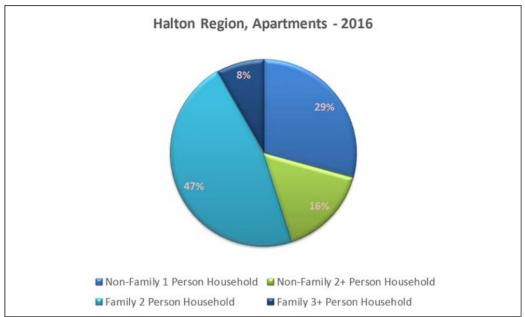
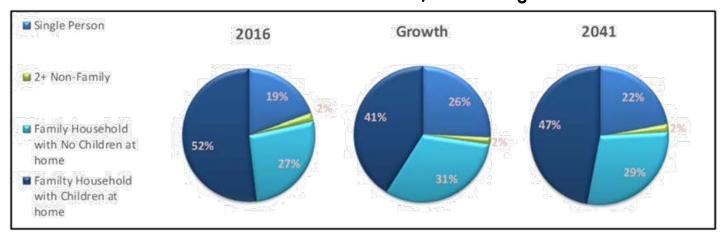


Exhibit 5 Current and Forecast Total Households, Halton Region



#### Present Intensification Implications –

Requires Shift in Housing Market Demand

- Families with children occupy only 8
   % of apartments
- 41% of household growth will be in families with children
- Greater portion of families will need to choose to live in apartments



### Present Intensification Implications

### **Housing Costs**



- 2000 sqft.1
- Cost: \$380/sqft.1
- Selling Cost \$760,000<sup>1</sup>

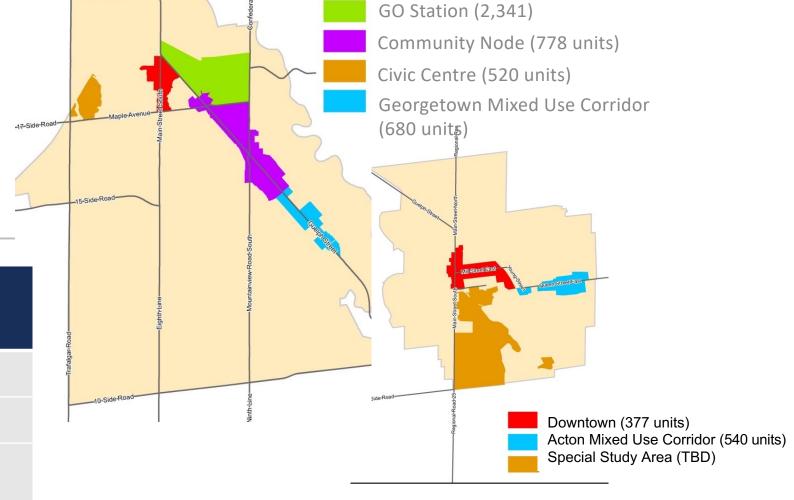
1. Hemson Market Assessment, 2019



- 1,300 sqft. 1
- Cost: \$580/sqft. 1
- Selling Cost \$760,000 1

# Intensification Inventory

Intensification Area	2015-2021 Target (Units)	Remaining	2015-2019 Processed Building Permits
Georgetown TOTAL	3,200	2,015	581
Acton TOTAL	1,790	1,655	38
Built Boundary TOTAL	5,100	3,670	619



Downtown (1,185 units)

# Present Intensification Implications

INTENSIFICATION TARGETS		NOTES
<b>Current OP (2015-2031)</b>	<b>5,100</b> units	
Staff Intensification Supply	<b>5,170</b> to <b>7,575</b> units	Assumes not all sites will redevelop.
Halton IGMS Concepts <sup>1</sup>		
Concept 1	<b>6,470</b> units of which 4,960 apartment	77%
Concept 2	<b>6,500</b> units of which 5,400 apartment	84%
Concept 3	<b>6,740</b> units of which 5,610 apartment	83%
Concept 4	<b>6,290</b> units of which 4,960 apartment	79%

• The IGMS intensification rates will require aggressive redevelopment of sites and changes in housing preferences

<sup>1.</sup> Hemson Land Needs Assessment and Municipal Allocation, Table 44, February 2021

# **Challenges for Intensification Supply**

- Hemson Market Assessment concluded multiple factors need to align to achieve intensification:
  - Designation and Pre-zoning sites for higher density
  - Landowners want to redevelop
    - As long as a commercial site is profitable, little incentive to change
  - infrastructure capacity
  - Availability of community facilities especially parkland
  - Physical characteristics of the site size, depth, access, land assembly
  - Require a surplus of sites
- Redevelopment can be a very slow and unpredictable process

#### **Mountainview + Guelph**





### Densification Implications

### What is **Densification?**

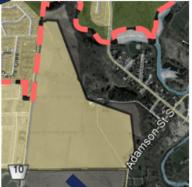


• **Densification** refers to the increasing density and additional apartment development in Designated Greenfield Areas (DGA) in addition to intensification in the Built-up Area (BUA)

# **Georgetown** DGA









Stewarttown

Southeast Georgetown

Vision Georgetown

Environmental & Open Space Areas

Urban Areas

Urban Boundary

Waterbody

Watercourse

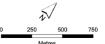
Employment

South Acton Special Study Area

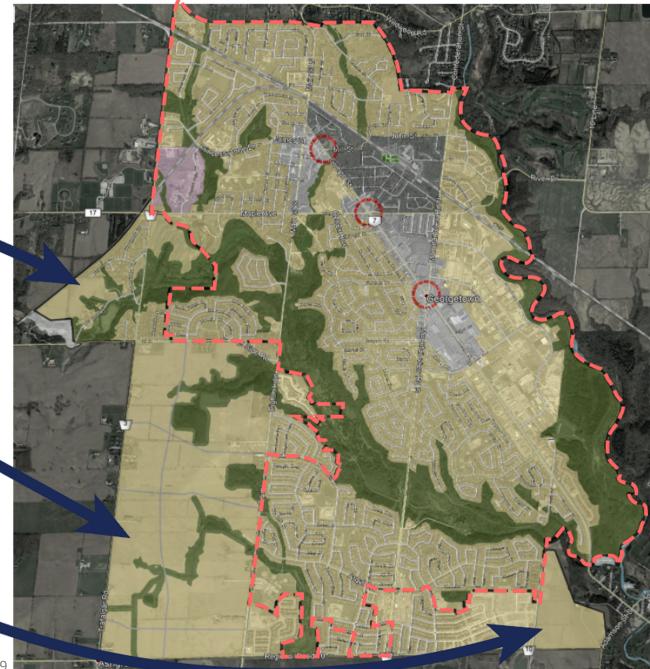
Downtown Area

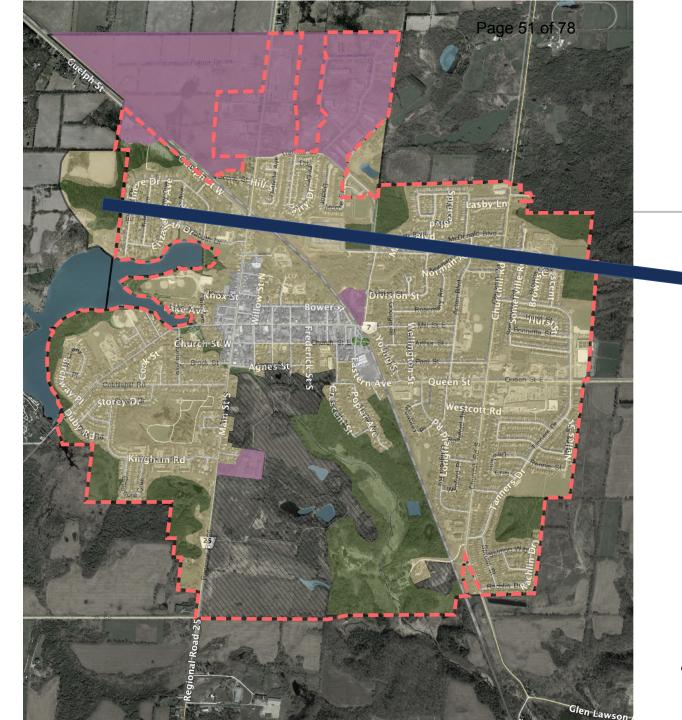
Major Transit Station





SCHEDULE AG-1
ACTON BUILT BOUNDARY AND
INTENSIFICATION AREAS





# **Acton** DGA



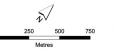


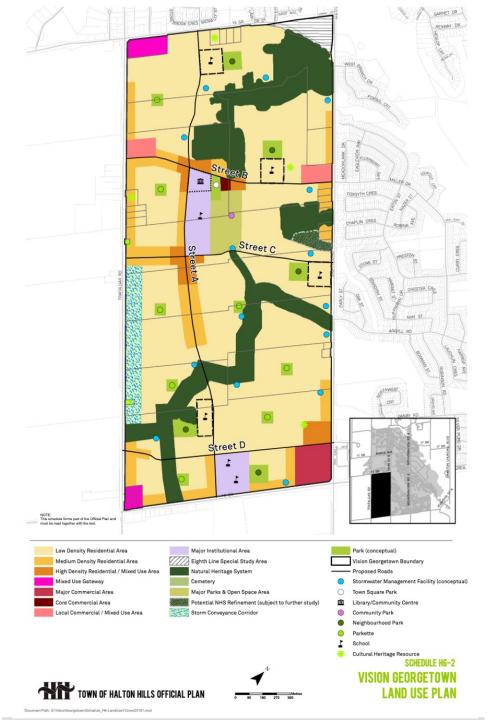
#### Goose Properties



DECEMBER 31,2020 CONSOLIDATION







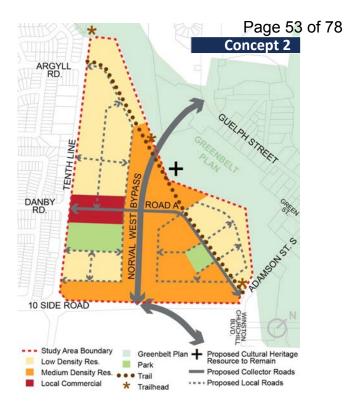
#### Vision Georgetown



- 17,950 people
- 6,650 units
- 1,850 jobs
- 60.6 residents and jobs/ha
- At OLT

	Units	Population
Low Density	2,925	9,519
Medium Density	2,705	6,669
High Density	1,016	1,759
Total	6,646	17,946





DEVELOPA			
CONCEPT 1	AREA	ANTICIPATED UNITS	ANTICIPATED POPULATION
Low Density Residential	23.2ha	600	1,950
Medium Density Residential	7.45ha	450	1,110
Total Units		1,050	3,060
CONCEPT 2			
Low Density Residential	18 ha	470	1,525
Medium Density Residential	14 ha	840	2,075
Total Units		1310	3,595
TOTAL LAND AREA OF S/E GEORGETOWN	53 ha		

#### Southeast Georgetown



- Planned at 60+ residents and jobs/ha
- Anticipated units
  - = 1,050 1,310
- Anticipated Population
  - = 3,060 3595

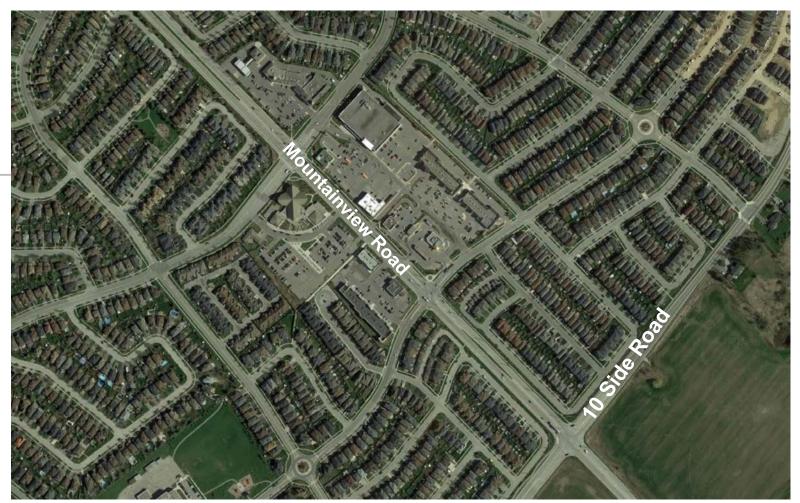
#### **Household Growth** in the DGA 2021-2051

• IGMS requires 450 to 2690 additional high density apartment units in the DGA

Concepts	Additional Apartments
Concept 1	1,790
Concept 2	2,690
Concept 3	1,950
Concept 4	450

### Densification **Implications**

- Limited opportunities for increased apartments in the DGA
- Existing commercial plaza in DGA only opportunity



#### **Mountainview + Danby**

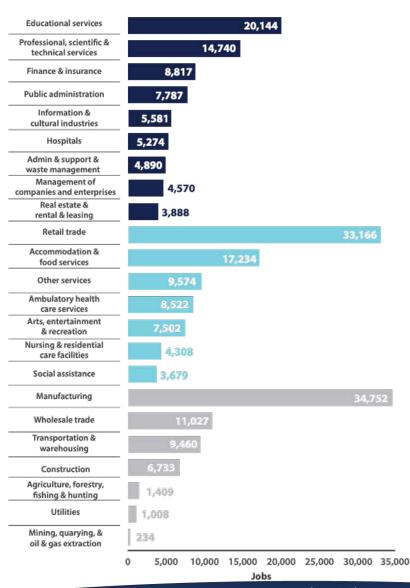
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# **Employment Implications**



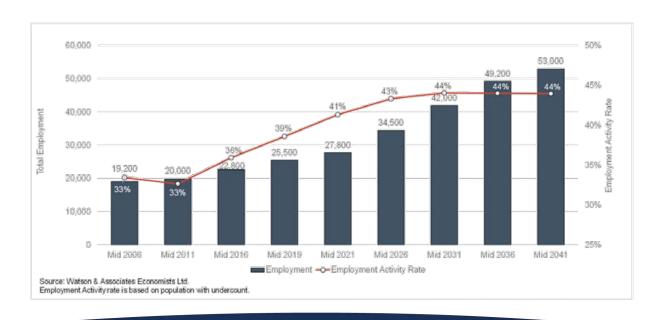
### Employment in Halton Hills

- Manufacturing + Retail have been most significant industries
- Employment land demand driven by manufacturing & logistics.
  - North Halton is best suited to accommodate this sector.
- Knowledge-based or "Creative class" economies are also in demand
  - South Halton is best suited to accommodate major office development.

### Employment

#### Market

- 53,000 new jobs forecasted to 2041 (Watson 2020)
- Activity rate forecast to increase from 39 to 44%

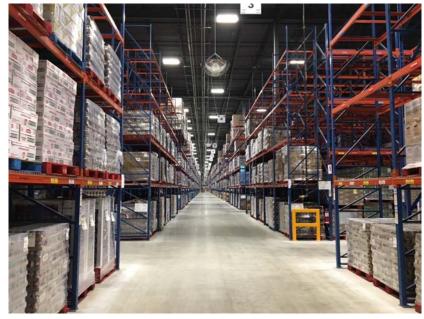






### Employment Market

- 2011-2019 period Halton Region accommodated 1/5<sup>th</sup> of GTA industrial development
- Employment lands provide opportunity to accommodate export-base employment
  - Can't be accommodated elsewhere in Town
- Advanced manufacturing requires integrated operations on large campus-style settings
  - Increasing need for integrated multi-purpose facilities
    - Combine processing, research, training and warehousing









### Employment **Market**

- Logistics/Goods movement is evolving as ecommerce is growing
  - Need for larger regionally located logistics facilities
  - Requires large tracks of land
  - 401 location is desired
- Foreign Direct Investment Strategy and Economic Development and Tourism Strategy attracting high density employment users
- Limited opportunity to increase intensification of employment lands

#### **Office Market**

- 8.7 million sq. ft of major office in Halton 97% in South Halton along QEW corridor
- Demand for major office has shifted to downtown Toronto over past decade
- Majority of new office space in past decade accommodated in Employment Areas – low and mid-rise office and flex buildings
- Most office demand will continue to be within the Employment Areas through multi-unit and multi-purpose facilities encompassing office and non-office uses
- MTSA's provide opportunities to accommodate some office development but limited
- Mixed-use, transit-supportive areas will likely be increasingly attractive for office space





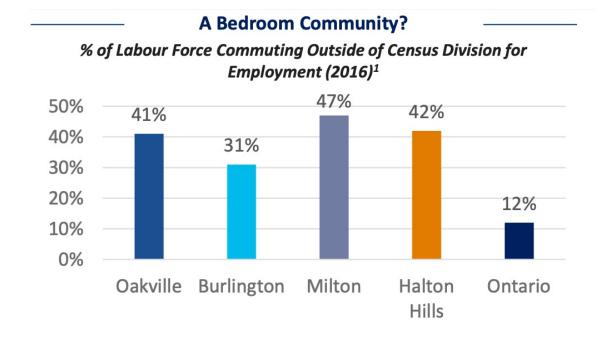
### Employment Land Need

- Watson concluded:
- Lack of employment lands to accommodate new investment
  - 470 gross ha designated and vacant (2019)
  - 89% of that is located Premier Gateway Employment Area
  - Only 101 gross ha shovel ready
  - Demand for employment lands over the next 22 years (2019-2041) exceeds the supply.
  - Additional 445 gross ha. required to 2051.
- Compares to IGMS options to 2051:
  - Concept 1: 680 ha
  - Concept 2: 500 ha
  - Concept 3: 450 ha
  - Concept 3b: 0 ha
  - Concept 4: 670 ha

## Present Employment Area Implications of the IGMS Concepts



- 42% of Labour Force in Halton Hills commuting compared to Ontario's 12%
- Increased employment lands provides live work opportunity
- Reduced commuting reduces climate change



### Community Facility

### **Implications**

- Future community facility needs
  - Community Centres, hospitals, schools, parks etc.
  - Difficulty and cost of finding sites in already developed areas
  - New hospital may need to be located outside current urban boundary







# Community Facility Implications

- Town desiring a new Town wide park of similar size as Trafalgar Sports Park by 2031
  - no lands of suitable size available inside Georgetown and Acton Urban Areas.
  - Will need additional parks for post 2031 growth
  - Apartments create even greater need for park space

#### Facility Needs to 2031



# Community Facility Implications

#### • Not focus on:

- Brownfields: due to likely cost for rehabilitation, limited parcels of significant size, conflict with other intensification goals
- Employment lands: due conflict with commercial/industrial priorities for development
- Green Belt Protected Countryside: due to land use policy restrictions.
- NEC rural lands until Prime Agricultural overlay is completed.
- Town wide parks will need to be located outside current urban boundary





# Fiscal Impact Implications

### Fiscal Impact Assessment Growth Scenarios

#### **Growth Scenario 1: (Derived from Halton IGMS Concept 3)**

- Residential Intensification Focus
- No Further Greenfield Area Expansion

#### **Growth Scenario 2: (Derived from Halton IGMS Concept 2)**

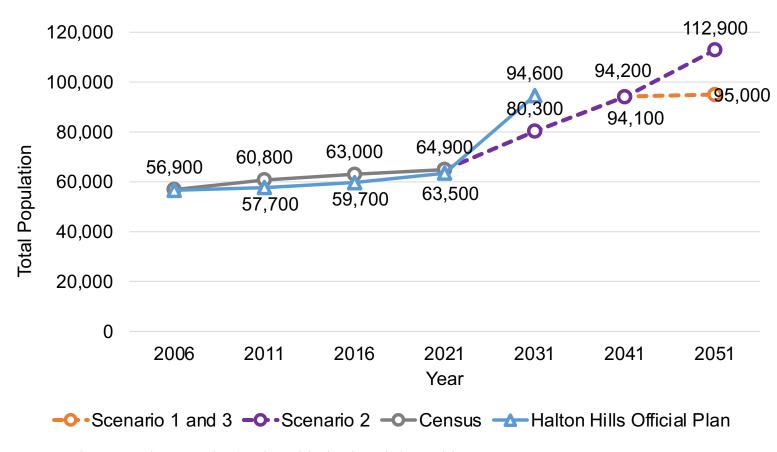
- Residential Intensification Focus
- Limited Greenfield Community Area Expansion in Georgetown
- Employment Area Expansion within Premier Gateway Employment Area, Expansion of Mansewood Industrial Area

#### **Growth Scenario 3:(Hybrid of Scenarios 1 and 2)**

- Residential Intensification Focus, No Community Area Urban Expansion
- Employment Area Expansion consistent with Scenario 2



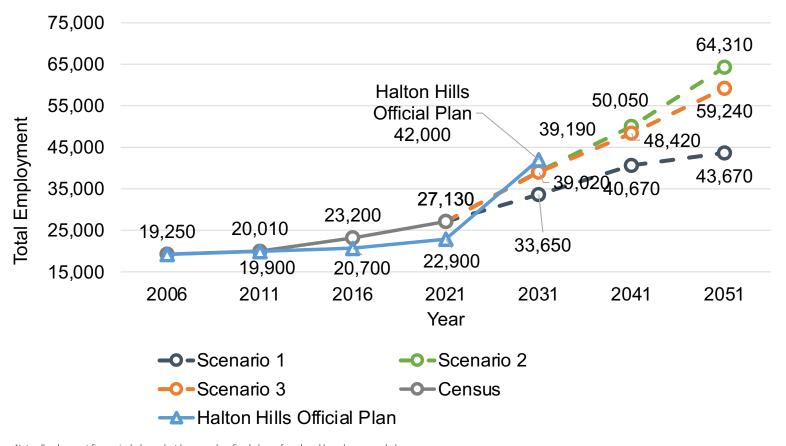
### Fiscal Impact Assessment Population Forecast Growth Scenarios



Note: Census undercount estimated at approximately 3.0%. Population including the undercount has been rounded.

Source: Historical 2006 to 2016 data derived from Statistics Canada Table: 17-10-0140-01, Scenario 1 through 3 derived from Region of Halton Integrated Growth Management Study (2018), Regional Official Plan Amendment 38 (2011) forecast for the Town of Halton Hills and discussions with municipal staff regarding servicing and land supply by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., 2021. Halton Hills Official Plan numbers derived from Best Planning Estimates from Regional Municipality of Halton Best Planning Estimates of Population, Occupied Dwelling Units, and Employment, 2011-2031, June 2011 adjusted for net Census undercount.

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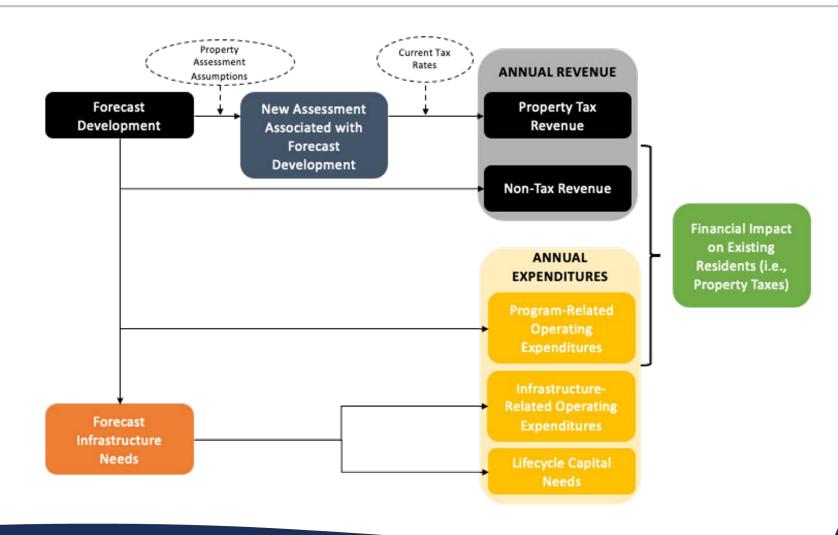


Note: Employment figures include work at home and no fixed place of work and have been rounded.

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### Fiscal Impact Assessment Growth



#### Fiscal Impact Assessment

- Fiscal impacts of growth scenarios measured against current tax rates and state of good repair of existing assets (SOGR) funding needs
  - Funding the estimated current SOGR with no further development would increase current tax rates by 29%
  - Forecast development would place downward pressure on required tax increases to meet current SOGR funding needs
    - Positive fiscal impacts are most notable for Scenarios 2 and 3 due to employment area expansion and associated property tax assessment growth

Impacts on Current Tax Rates (Net of Inflation)

	Cumulative
Scenario	Change
2021 (State of Good Repair of Existing Assets)	1 29%
Scenario 1	
No Residential Greenfield Expansion	<b>1</b> 25%
No Employment Area Expansion	23/0
Scenario 2	
Limited Residential Greenfield Expansion	1 40/
Expansion to Future strategic Employment Areas	<b>■</b> 470
Scenario 3	
No Residential Greenfield Expansion	6%
Expansion to Future strategic Employment Areas	₽ 0%



#### Housing

- Housing in Halton Hills has predominantly been family oriented
- Apartment Growth in Halton Hills has been very limited in last 10 years average 11 per year
- Greater apartment demand will require a significant shift in housing preferences of families
- Cost per square foot does not favour apartments over ground related housing.
- Past rates of intensification have largely ground related future predominantly apartments
- Supply of intensification sites does not lead to intensification happening
  - Many factors need to align supply side and market
- Densification increases apartment absorption to 220 to 300 per year
- Densification of DGA will be a challenge as limited land availability
- New communities can be designed as 15 minute neighbourhoods to reduce the impacts on climate change

#### **Employment**

- Strong demand for lands for manufacturing, logistics, hospitality and recreational facilities
- Don't have supply to meet demand shovel ready sites are limited
- 401 location is desirable
- Limited opportunities to intensify existing employment lands
- Some limited office opportunities in the MTSA
- Most office demand in Halton Hills in multi-unit and multi-purpose buildings in employment areas.
- Both Watson and Hemson have identified a need for additional employment lands by 2041 and 2051.

#### **Community Facilities**

- Difficulty finding sites for large community facilities in already developed areas.
- New Town wide park needed by 2031 and additional parks post 2031

#### **Fiscal Impact**

- Increased tax rates required over the period to 2051 to maintain a state of good repair of existing assets
- Future growth within current residential and employment boundaries (i.e. scenario 1) has a minimal effect on mitigating tax increases
- Expanding residential and employment boundaries in scenarios 2 and 3 provide fiscal benefits that offset all or most of the tax increases required to maintain a state of good repair of existing assets
  - Positive fiscal impacts in scenarios 2 and 3 are driven by expansions to employment areas and the associated assessment growth with increased employment



### Thank You

