



Interoffice Memorandum

Date: December 19, 2022

To: Members of Regional Council

From: Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Subject: Greenbelt Removals, Report [#2022-P-31](#), Durham Region's Response to the Provincial Consultation on Proposed Amendment to the Greenbelt Plan and Ontario Regulation [567/22](#) made under the Greenbelt Act, 2005

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At its meeting of December 14, 2022, Committee of the Whole passed the following resolution (Item 3 of the Committee of the Whole – Report to Council of this Council Agenda):

Durham Region's Response to the Provincial Consultation on Proposed Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan, ERO Postings #019-6216 and #-019-6238, File D12-01 (2022-COW-31):

- A. *That the letter contained in Attachment #2 to Report #2022-COW-31 of the Chief Administrative Officer be endorsed as the Region's formal comments on the proposed amendments to the Greenbelt Plan, ERO postings #019- 6216 and #019-6238;*
- B. *That a copy of Report #2022-COW-31 be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the area municipalities and the MPPs in Durham;*
- C. *Council ask that the province return environmental and Greenbelt protections to the Duffins Rouge Agriculture Preserve; and*
- D. *That Council ask that the province return environmental and Greenbelt protections to all of the areas being removed.*

On December 15, 2022, the province published Regulation 567/22 on e-Laws providing notice that a change to the Greenbelt Act, 2005 was being enacted that included the 2022 Protected Countryside Removals and the 2022 Urban River Valley Additions. A related Regulation (568/22) was also posted on the same date related to the 2022

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Greenbelt Removals that are located on the Oak Ridges Moraine (not within Durham).

The effect of these Regulations removes approximately 3,000 hectares (7,400 acres) of land across the Greater Golden Horseshoe from the Greenbelt Area, while adding approximately 3,800 ha (9,400 acres) of land to the Greenbelt in the Paris Galt Moraine in Wellington County. The Regulation also includes the addition of 13 Urban River Valleys across the GGH. Expansions implemented through this Regulation in Durham include Urban River Valleys for Oshawa Creek, Harmony Creek, Bowmanville Creek, Soper Creek, and Wilmot Creek. The 2017 update to the Greenbelt Plan included Urban River Valley designations for Duffins Creek, Carruthers Creek, Lynde Creek, Oshawa Creek, Farewell Creek, and Graham Creek.

In Durham Region, approximately 1,820 hectares (4,500 acres) of land in three locations has now been removed from the Greenbelt Plan Area:

- a) In the City of Pickering – lands located south of Highway 407, west of West Duffins Creek and north of the CP Belleville rail line, and east of York-Durham Line, known as the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve (1,736 ha/4,289 ac);
- b) In the Town of Ajax – lands located on the south side of Kingston Road East, north of Highway 401 and west of Lake Ridge Road, at 765 and 775 Kingston Road East (52 ha/128 ac); and
- c) In the Municipality of Clarington – lands located at the northeast corner of Nash Road and Hancock Road, west of Highway 418 (35 ha/86 ac).

Attached is a copy of the Regulation and the maps from the original consultation.

The lands that have been removed from Greenbelt protection are to be developed quickly yet, have no Regional servicing plans. Additional details regarding Minister's Zoning Orders for these areas has not yet been released by the province.

Regional staff will keep Council apprised as discussions continue with the province, landowners and impacted municipalities regarding the planning, servicing, financing and development of the Greenbelt Removal Areas.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Brian Bridgeman, MCIP RPP
Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

Encl.

ONTARIO REGULATION 567/22

made under the

GREENBELT ACT, 2005

Made: December 14, 2022

Filed: December 14, 2022

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AMENDING O. REG. 59/05

(DESIGNATION OF GREENBELT AREA)

1. (1) Paragraph 3 of subsection 1 (1) of Ontario Regulation 59/05 is revoked and the following substituted:

3. The area of land designated as Parts 1 to 36, both inclusive, on a plan entitled "Plan of the Boundary of the Protected Countryside" dated February 23, 2005 and filed on that date with the Office of the Surveyor General of Ontario in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the area of land designated as Parts 1 to 5, both inclusive, on a plan entitled "Plan of the Boundary of the 2017 Protected Countryside Additions" dated May 4, 2017 and filed on that date with the Office of the Surveyor General of Ontario in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the area of land designated as Part 1 on a plan entitled "Plan of the Boundary of the 2022 Protected Countryside Additions" dated December 12, 2022 and filed on that date with the Office of the Surveyor General of Ontario in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, but not the area of land designated as Parts 1 to 34, both inclusive, on a plan entitled "Plan of the Boundary of the 2017 Protected Countryside Removals" dated May 4, 2017 and filed on that date with the Office of the Surveyor General of Ontario in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the area of land designated as Parts 1 to 20, both inclusive, on a plan entitled "Plan of the Boundary of the 2022 Protected Countryside Removals" dated December 12, 2022 and filed on that date with the Office of the Surveyor General of Ontario in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

(2) Subsection 1 (1) of the Regulation is amended by adding the following paragraph:

6. The area of land designated as Parts 1 to 12, both inclusive, on a plan entitled "Plan of the Boundary of the 2022 Urban River Valley Area Additions" dated December 12, 2022 and filed on that date with the Office of the Surveyor General of Ontario in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

(3) Paragraph 2 of subsection 1 (2) of the Regulation is amended by striking out "paragraphs 3 to 5" and substituting "paragraphs 3 to 6".

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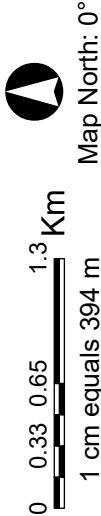
2. This Regulation comes into force on the day it is filed.

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- Road or Highway

- Proposed Modifications
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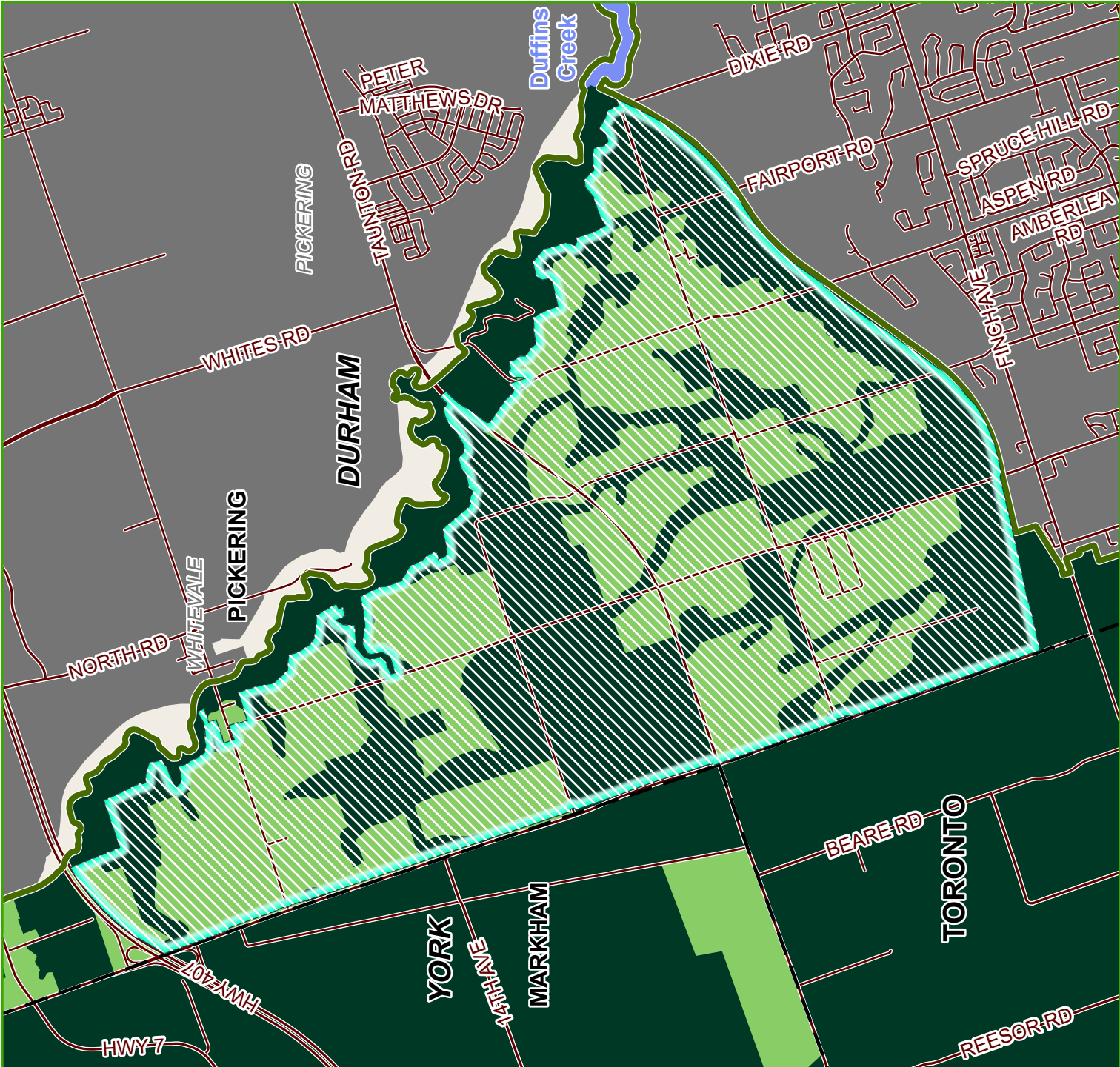


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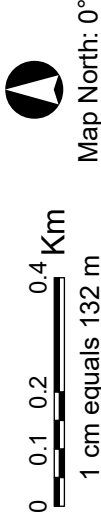


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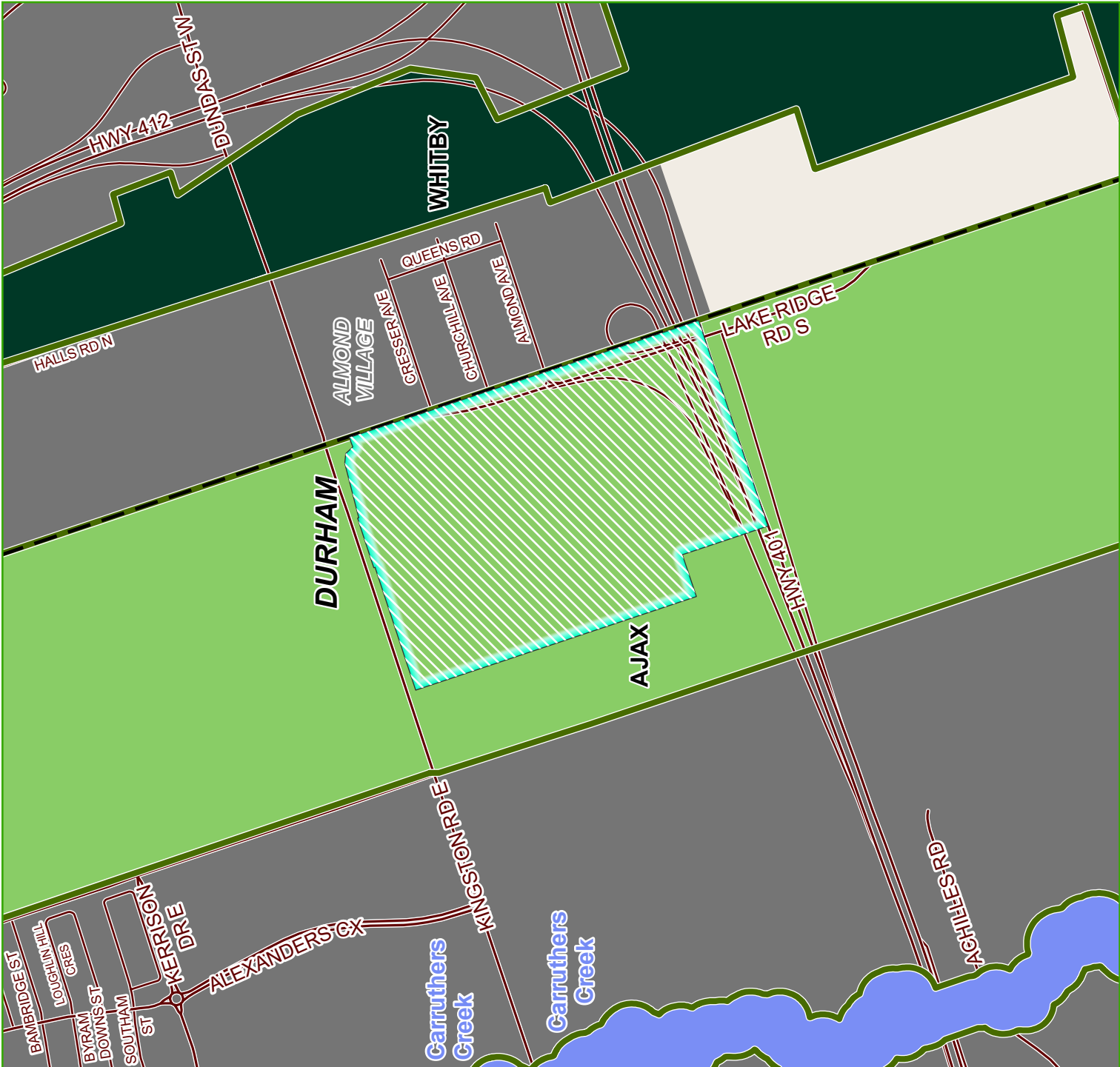


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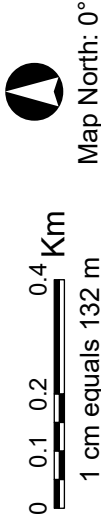


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