Clair-Maltby Parks and Open Spaces

September 25, 2019 Public Workshop

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Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Project Background
3. Parks Values Exercise
4. Parks Mapping Exercise
5. Moraine Ribbon Exercise
6. Closing and Next Steps

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Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan Process

Phase 1 (April 2016 - July 2017)
- Background data collection
- Identify Problem/Opportunity Statement
- Develop Principles/Goals

Phase 1 (July 2017 - June 2018)
- Develop Conceptual Community Structure
- Detailed Studies
- Consideration of Community Structure Alternatives

Phase 3 (July 2018 - 2020)
- Preferred Alternative
- Draft Master Environmental Servicing Plan and Secondary Plan
- Final Master Environmental Servicing Plan and Secondary Plan to Council

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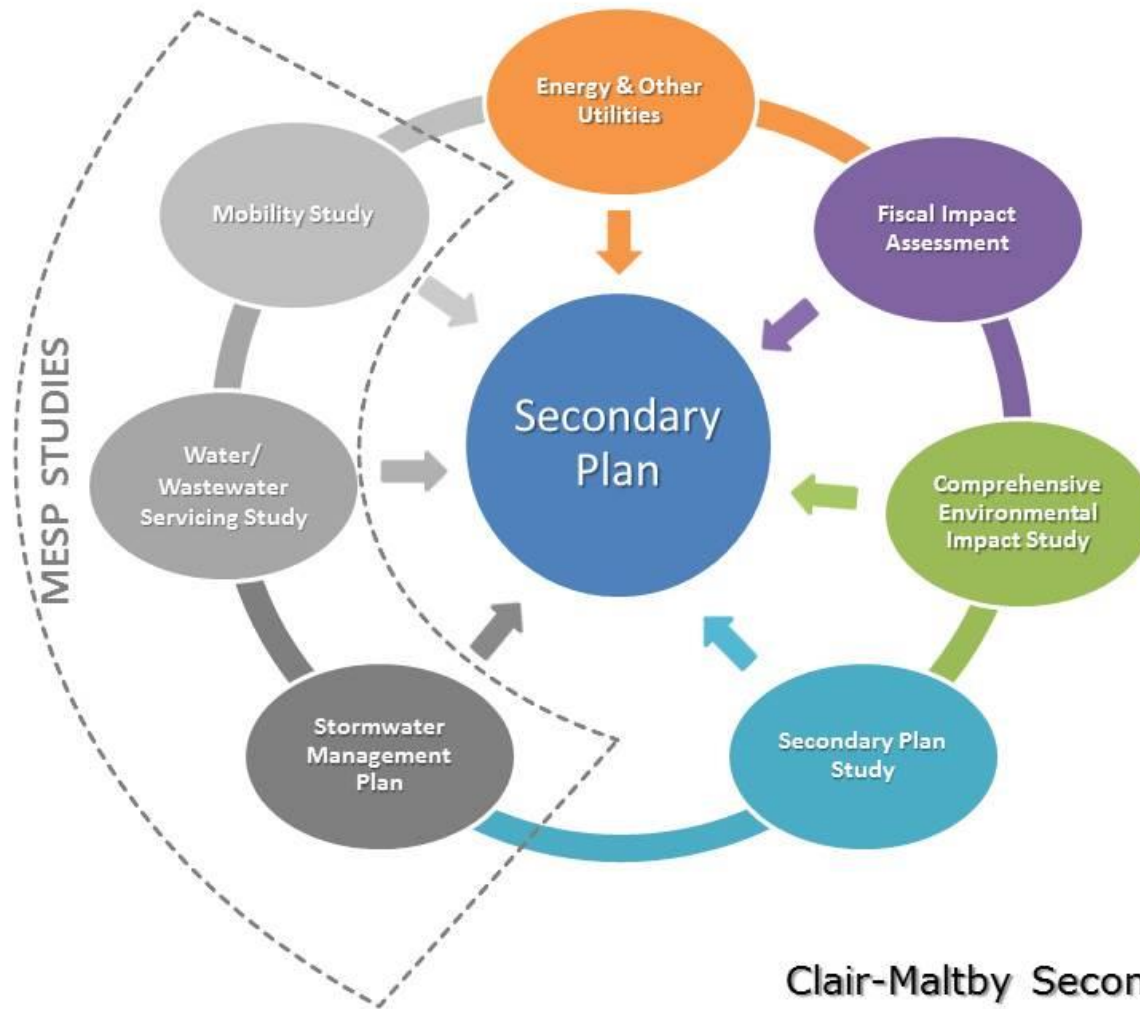
Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan
Process Diagram

Clair-Maltby Vision

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Clair-Maltby will be a **vibrant, urban** community that is integrated with Guelph's southern neighbourhoods, as well as having strong connections to Downtown, employment areas and the rest of the City.

The Natural Heritage System and the Paris Moraine provide the framework for the balanced development of **interconnected and sustainable neighbourhoods**.

The area will be primarily **residential in character** with a **full range and mix of housing types** and a variety of other uses that **meet the needs of all residents**.

A **system of parks, open spaces and trails** will be interwoven throughout to provide opportunities for active and passive recreation.

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Guiding Principles

Vibrant and Urban

Green and Resilient

Healthy and Sustainable

Interconnected and Interwoven

Balanced and Liveable

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Preferred Community Structure
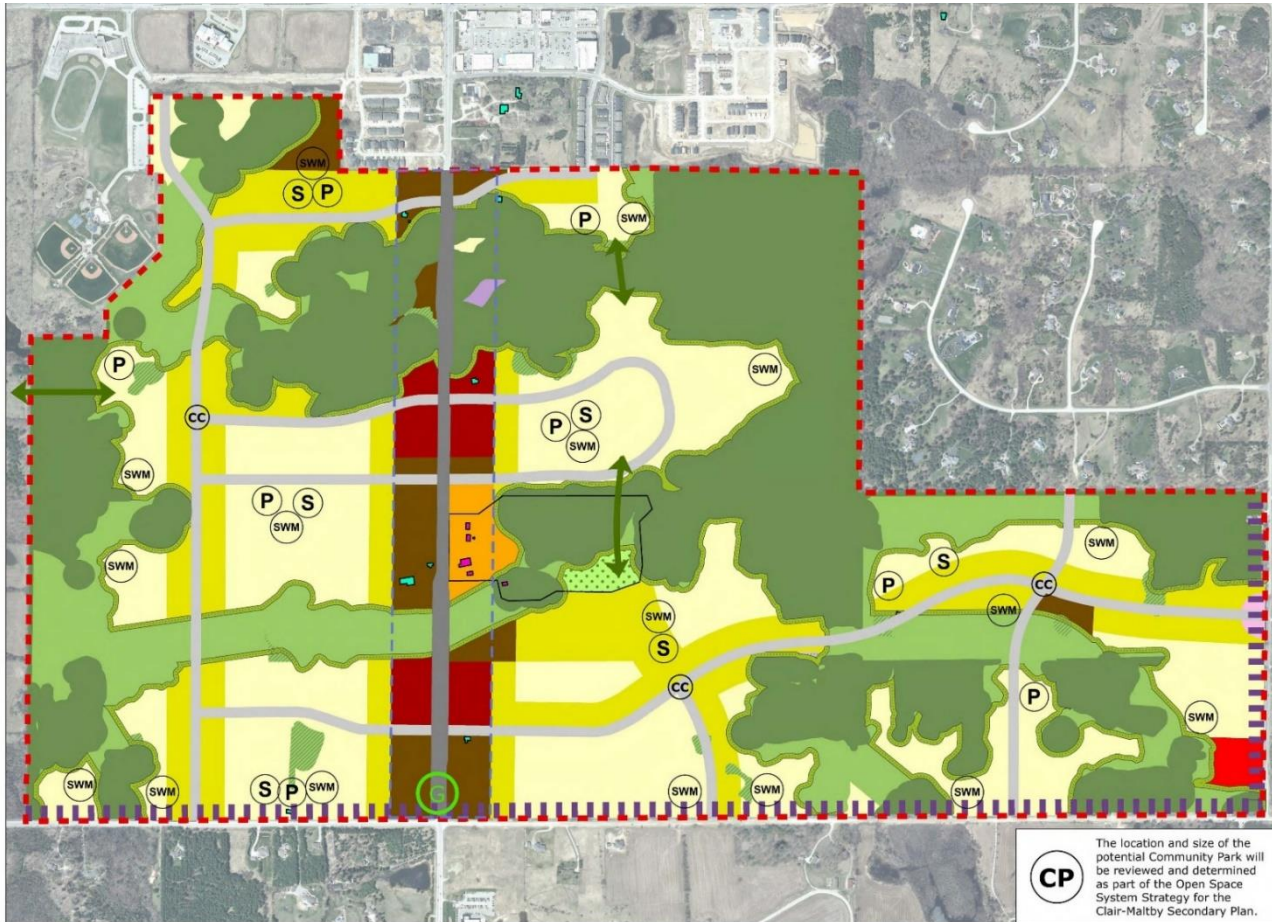
What is the open space system?

An interconnected system of parks, trails, and greenspace that are accessible to the public within Clair-Maltby.

Assumptions

- This process is not intended to develop detailed programming and trail mapping for open spaces

- The Natural Heritage System is not a component of the open space system

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Assumptions Continued

- Open space planning is not influenced by existing or potential future property lines or plans for development

- The financial feasibility still needs to be explored and will impact any final recommendations

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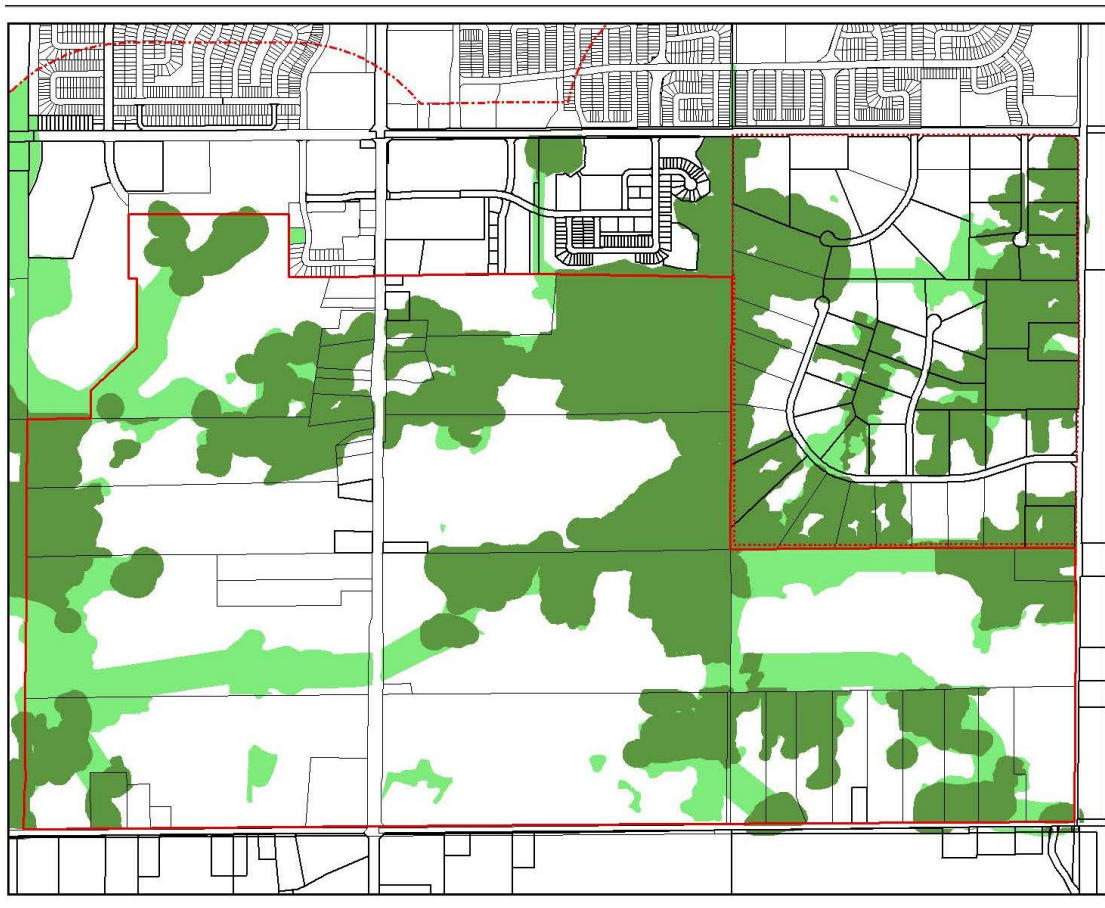
Definitions

Community Parks

- provide facilities for active recreation at an intermediate and/or major level such as sportsfields, recreation and/or community centres

- may contain natural areas, beaches, trails, picnic areas, public recreation facilities and passive areas.

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Parks in Clair-Maltby

- There are 8 neighbourhood parks planned in Clair-Maltby

- Aim to achieve a minimum of 10 hectares of Community Park space in Clair-Maltby

- A Community Park should have access to a collector or arterial road, not be located within the NHS or within the Gordon Street corridor

Park Size

- What would you take into consideration when deciding where to locate a community park?

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Park Location

- What are the benefits of creating one large community park vs. two medium-sized parks vs. three smaller parks?

Applying the Criteria: One Large Community Park

1. Using the considerations just listed, discuss at your table the pros and cons of the 6 proposed locations for a large community park.

2. Individually, based on your table's conversation, rank your top 3 sites for a community park and explain your choice.
   - Is there a site you would rule out?

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Applying the Criteria: Two Medium Community Parks

- If two medium-sized parks are chosen, additional locations become available.

- Which pairs of sites would you recommend? Note your top two pairs, and explain the reasons for your choice.

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Park Size Preference

- Would you prefer one large community park, two medium-sized parks, or three smaller community parks? Explain your rationale.

Refining Criteria

Now that you have tried to apply the draft considerations to an actual decision about park locations, would you change the original list of considerations based on your experience?

Moraine Ribbon
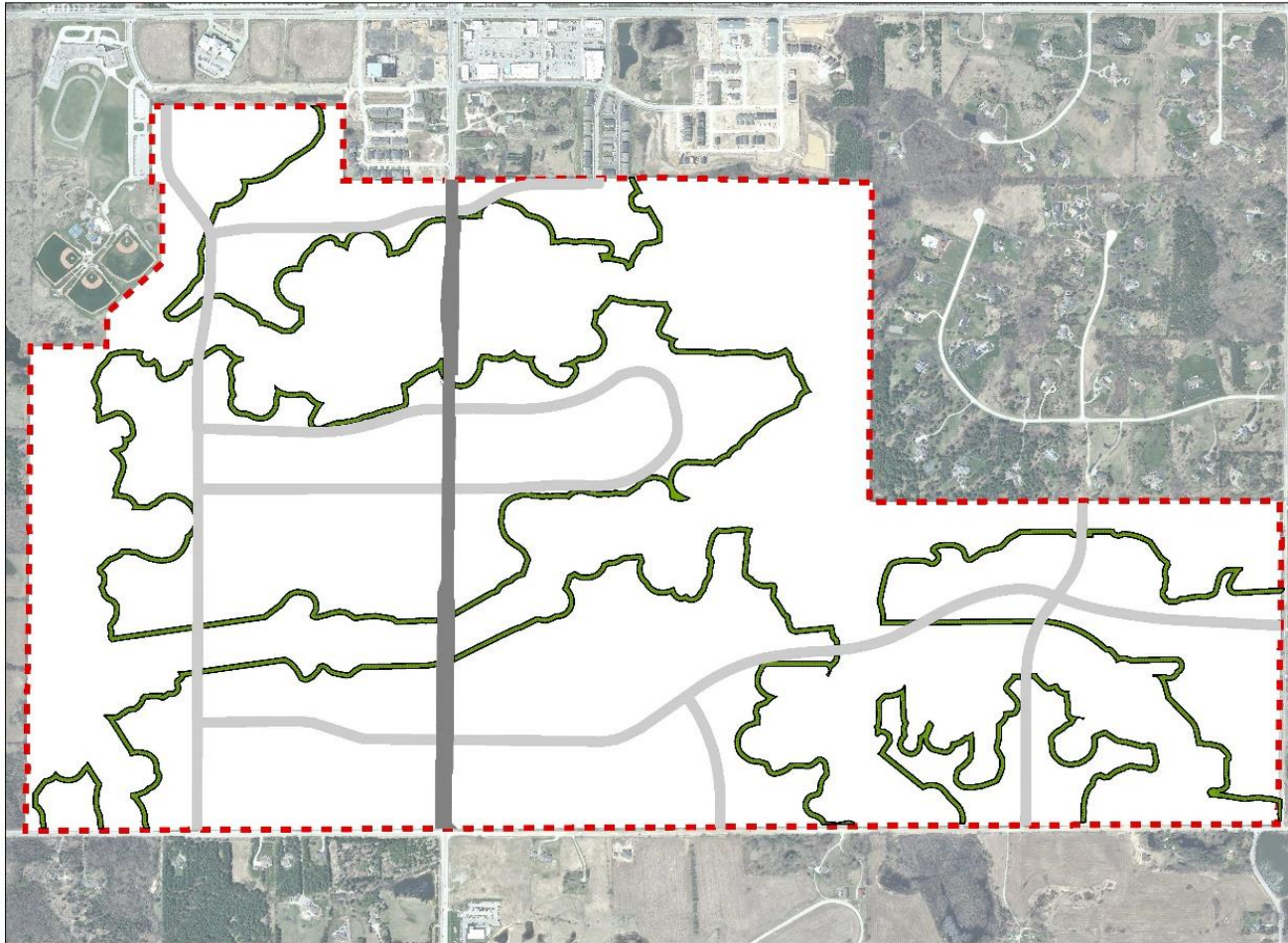
Why should we plan for a moraine ribbon?

- To provide a compatible land use next to the Natural Heritage System

- To provide opportunities for active or passive recreation (including trails) beside rather than within the NHS

- An innovative and unique way to increase open space in Clair-Maltby

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What is the function of the moraine ribbon?

- Comprised of a series of generally continuous linear interconnected open spaces

- Will run adjacent to the Natural Heritage System and may include interconnected park areas, stormwater management areas, cultural heritage resources, and natural areas

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Function of the moraine ribbon continued

- Will accommodate a trail to accommodate active recreational movement

- May include resting and/or gathering areas and views of the natural environment and the Paris Moraine

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Preserving the Moraine Ribbon

- If the moraine ribbon needed to be interrupted, how would you decide where to do so?

Next Steps

Clair-Maltby Open Space System

- Second workshop in November/early December confirming what we heard tonight

- Recommended open space policy directions to Council in early 2020 to inform the Secondary Plan

Next Steps Continued

Secondary Plan & Master Environmental and Servicing Plan

- Release of the first draft of the Secondary Plan

- Public Open House

- Statutory Public Meeting (Guelph City Council)

- Additional public engagement opportunities as needed

- Council Approval

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