Phase 3 – Impact Assessment and Preliminary Management Strategies

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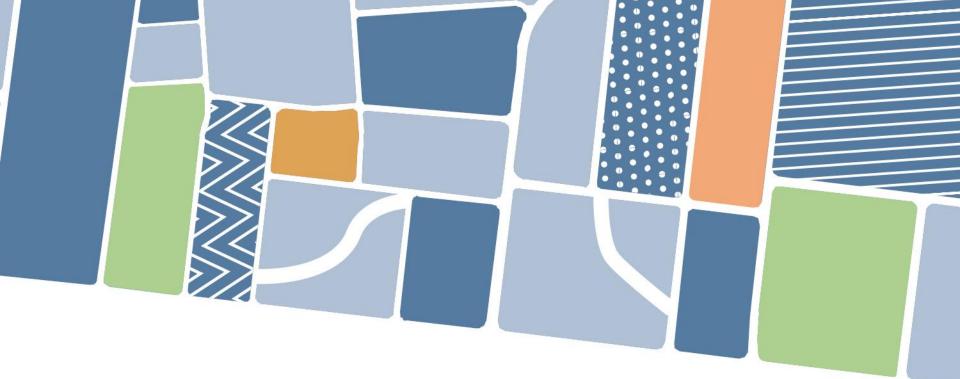
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Presentation Outline

- 1. Project Background and Process
- 2. Study Area Characterization
- 3. Impact Assessment
- 4. Preliminary Management Approach and Strategies







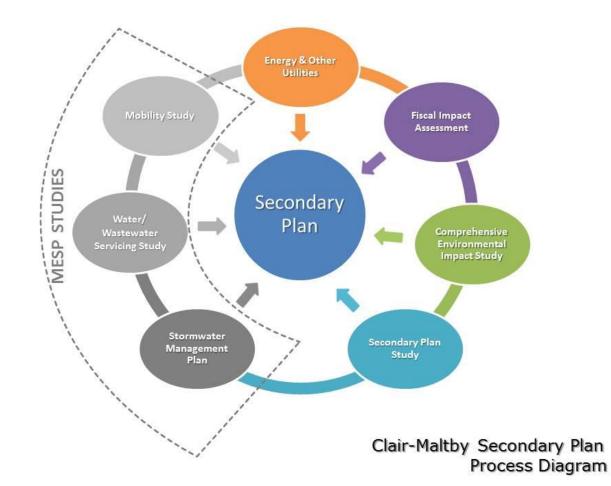
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1. Project Background and Process



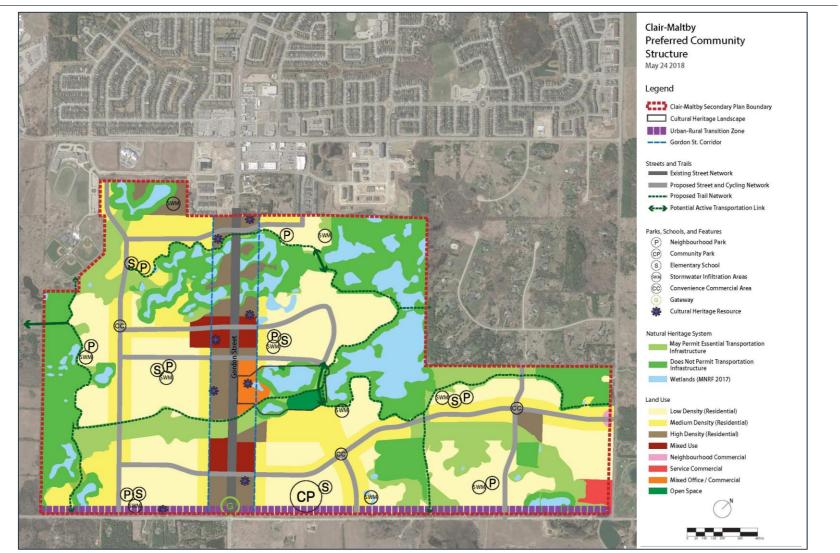
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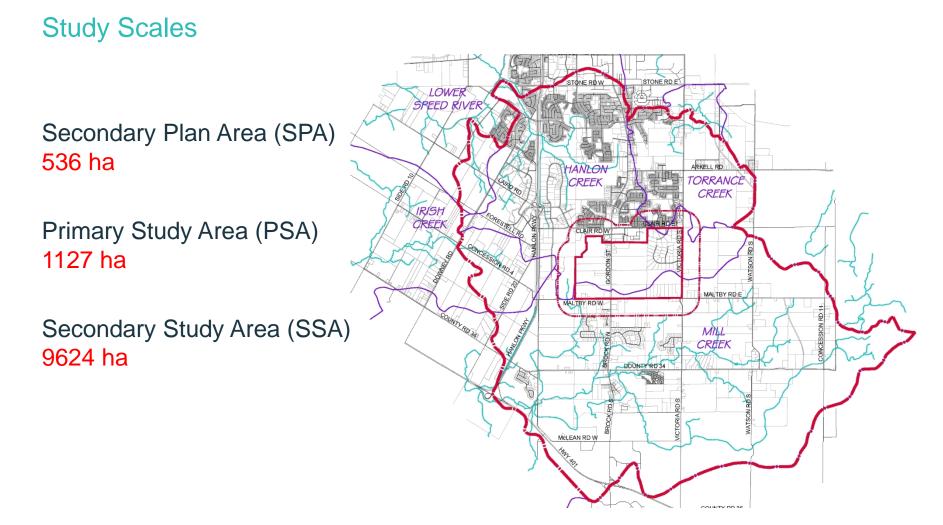




1. Project Background and Process – Preferred Community Structure – June, 2018











Key CEIS Tasks

- Phases 1 and 2
 - Verification / refinement / assessment of environmental features and functions
 - Assessment of the role of water in the study areas to support natural systems (groundwater / surface water)
 - Constraints and opportunities definition
- Phase 3
 - Assessment of impacts associated with preliminary community structure
 - Establishment of preliminary integrated management strategies
 - Input to land use refinement



Study Approach

- Review of background information
- Multi-year monitoring and field studies
 - 2016, 2017, 2018
 - Meteorology
 - Surface Water
 - Ground Water
 - Natural Systems
- Modelling of surface and groundwater
- Agency and stakeholder consultation





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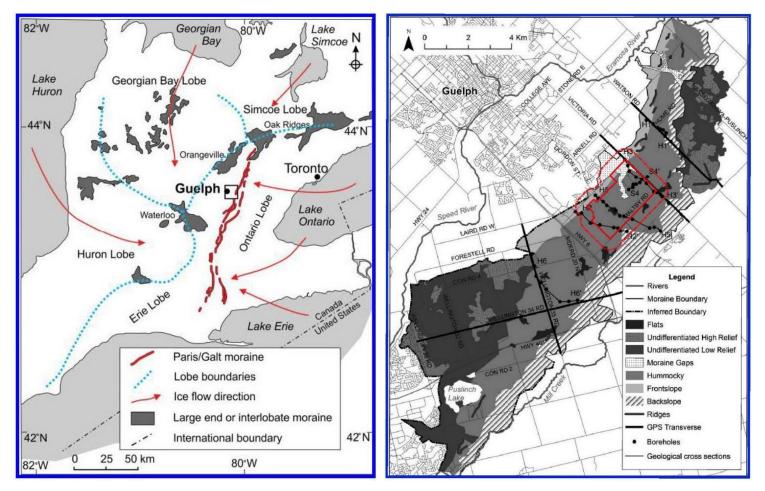
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2. Study Area Characterization



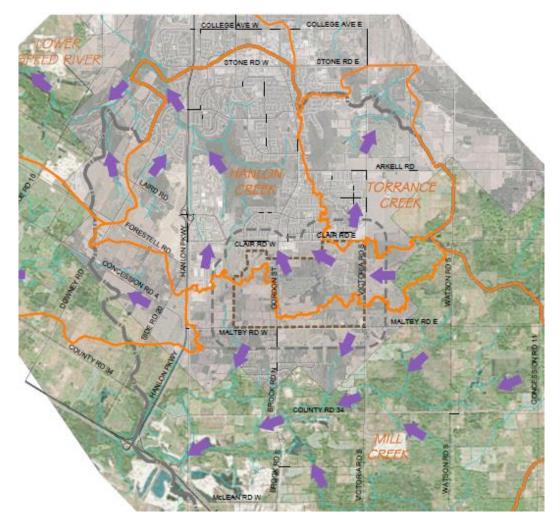
2. Study Area Characterization – Existing Conditions

Landform: Paris Galt Moraine and Paris Moraine





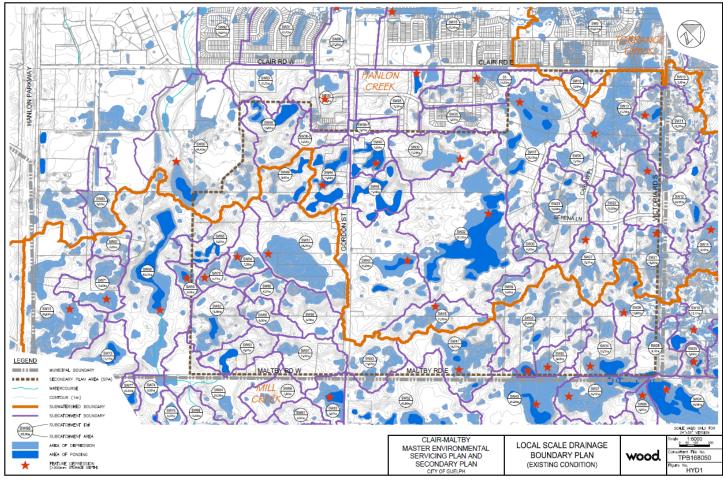
Surface Water: Headwaters of Mill, Torrance, Hanlon Watersheds





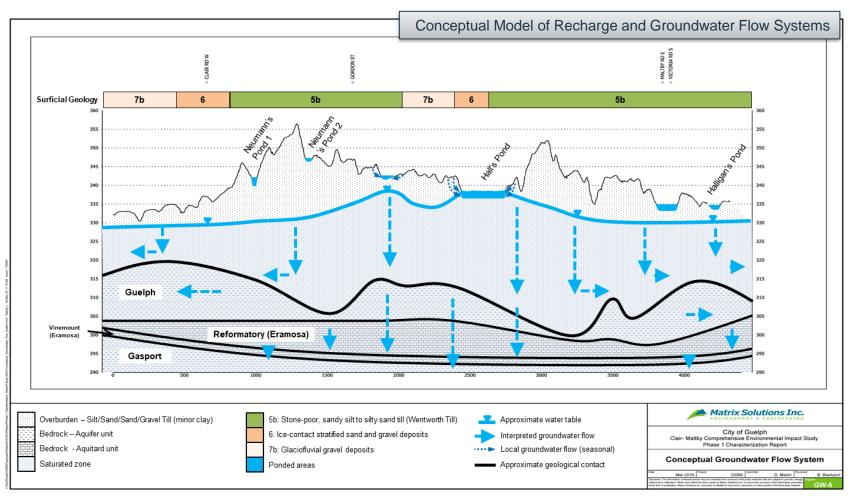


Surface Water: Numerous Wet / Dry Depressions



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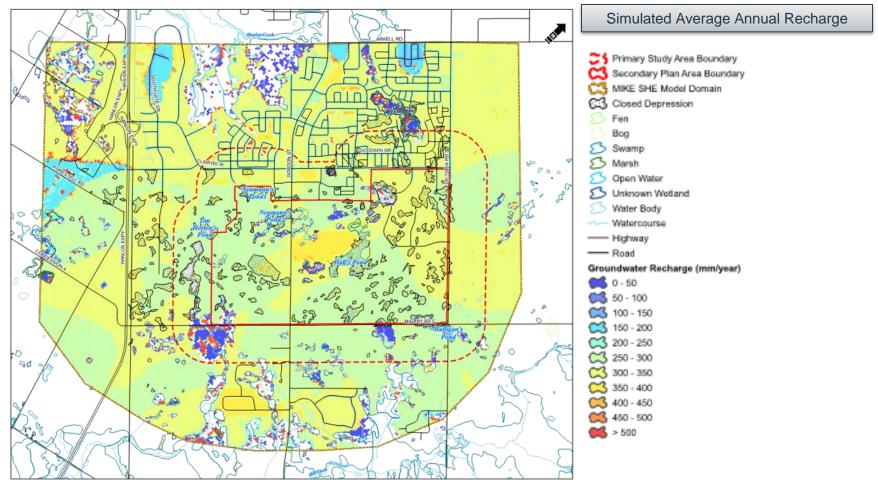
Hydrogeology: Surface Water Interaction with Shallow / Deep Systems







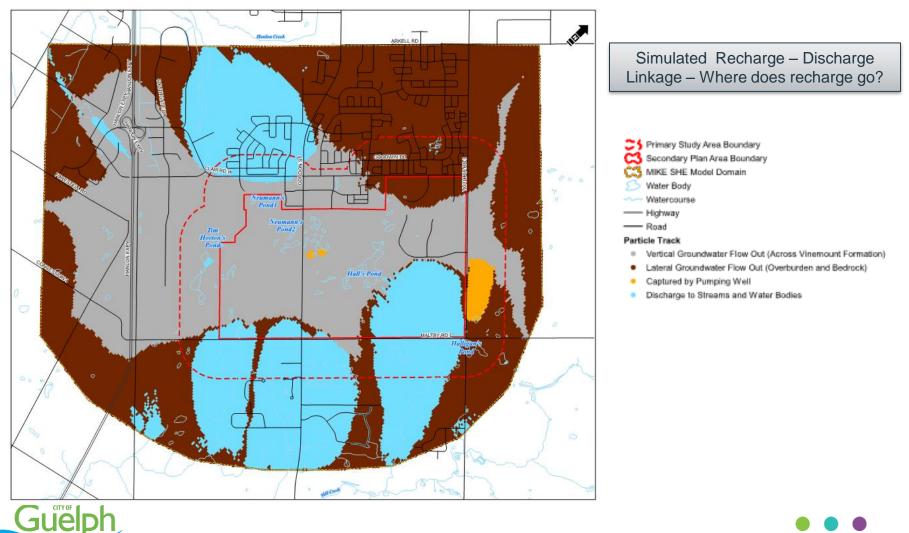
Hydrogeology: Significant Annual Recharge (250-400 mm/year)



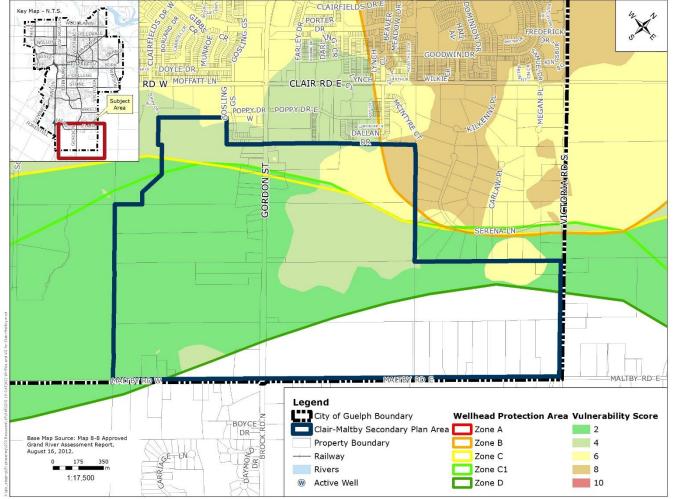


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Hydrogeology: Where does recharge go?

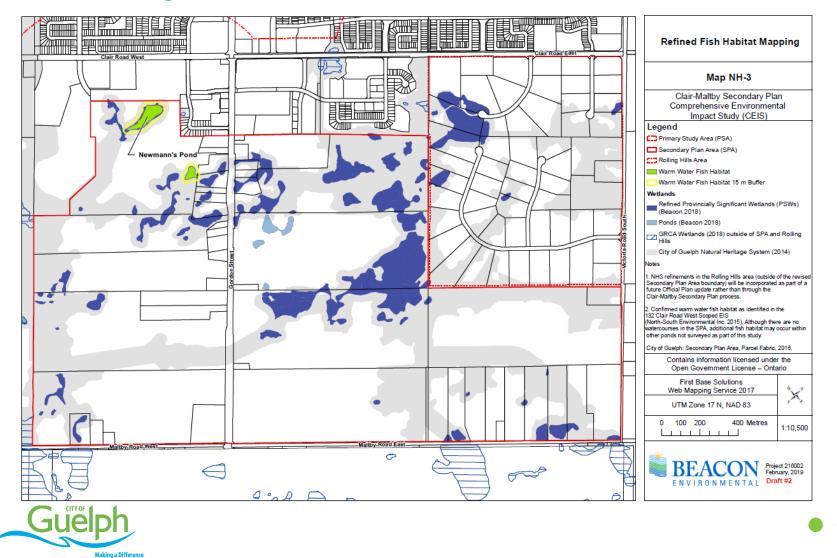


Hydrogeology: Groundwater Vulnerability



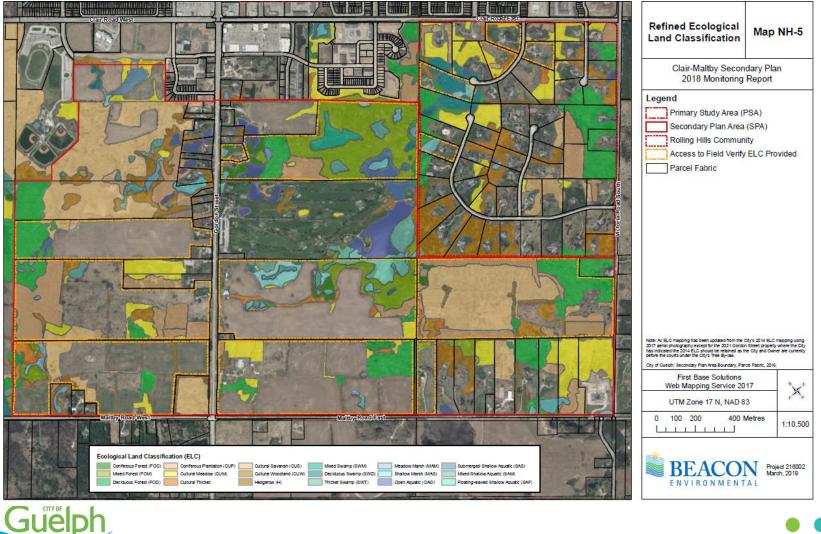
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NHS Findings: Surface Water Features and Fish Habitat



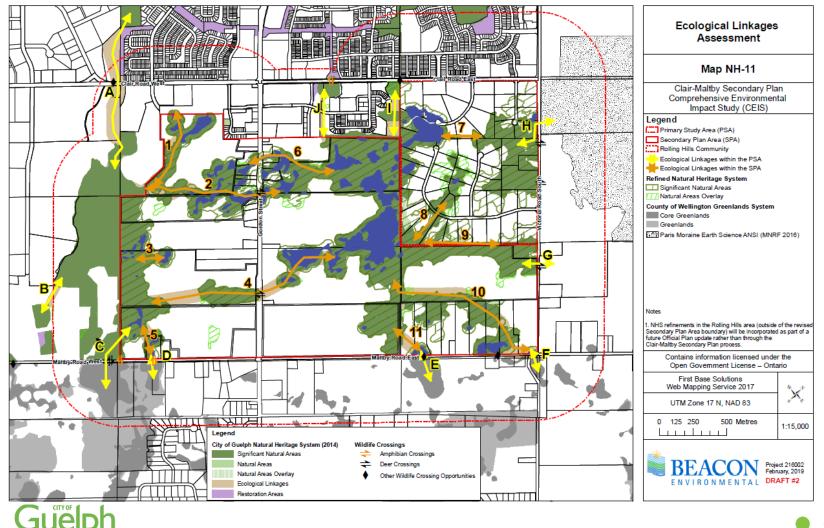
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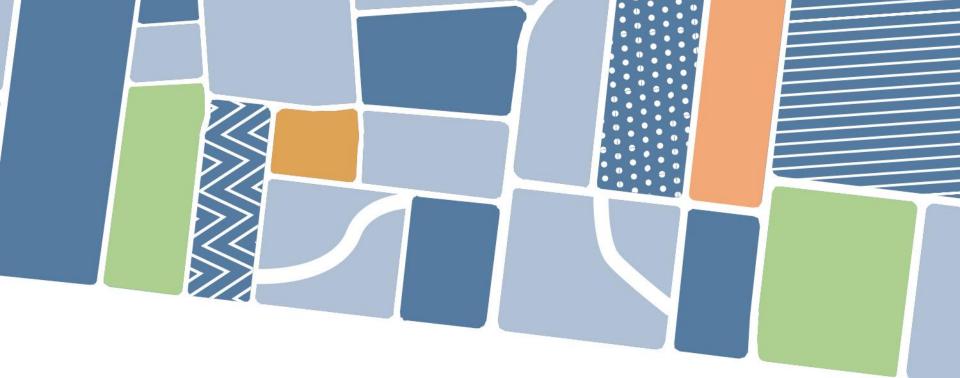
Natural Environment: Wetlands, Woodlands and Wildlife



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Natural Environment: Ecological Linkages and Connectivity





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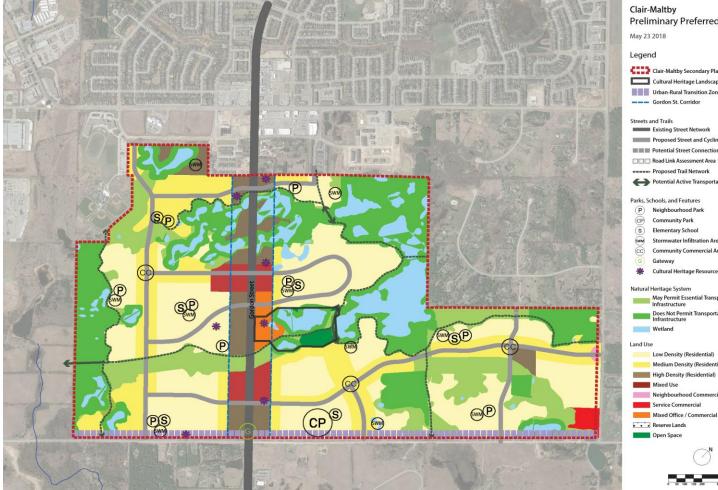
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3. Impact Assessment



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Land Use Plan – Preliminary Preferred Community Structure









Medium Density (Residential)

High Density (Residential)

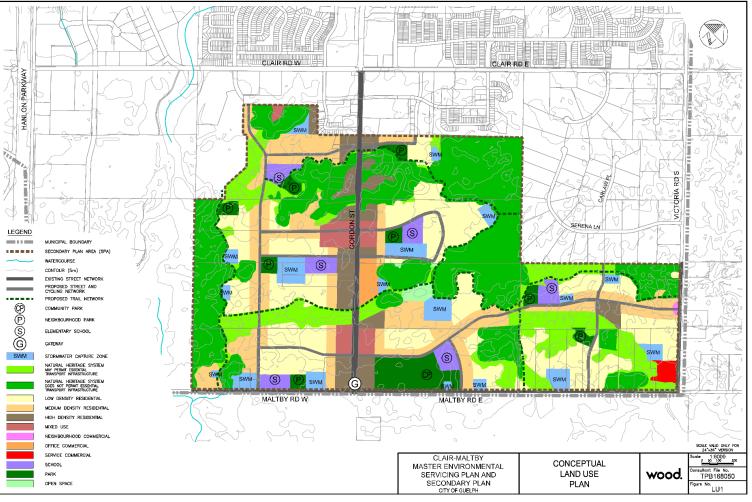


Service Commercial





Land Use Plan – Schools, Parks, SWCA dimensioned

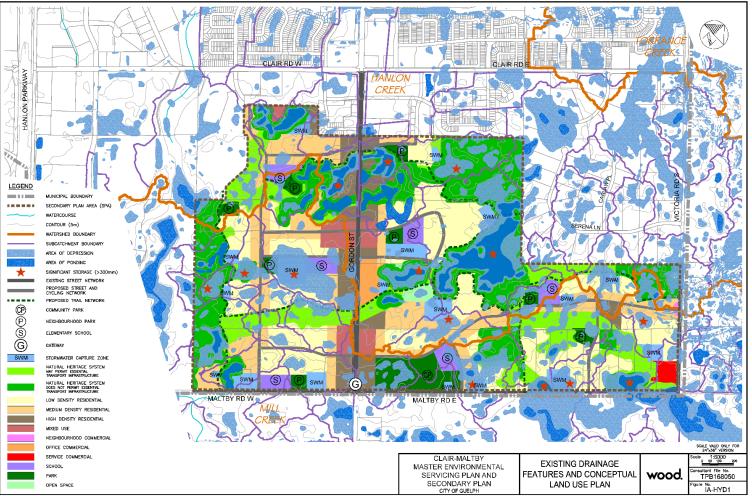


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Surface Water – *depressional overlay*



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Surface Water – analytical approach

- Existing conditions PCSWMM hydrologic model used to assess proposed land use plan
- NHS areas and associated depressional areas maintained within PCSWMM model
- Catchment slopes (1-5%) determined based on maintaining existing grades and setting based grades for surface water capture areas
- Soil parameterization maintained as per existing conditions
- Proposed land use impervious coverages established, while existing land use coverage maintained

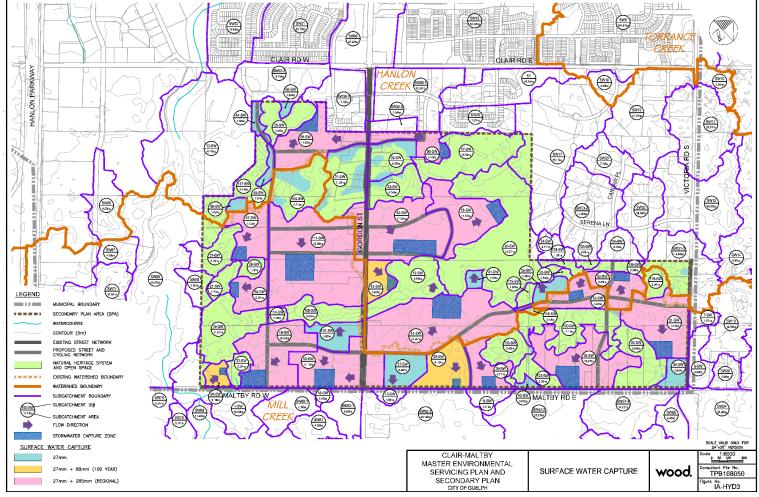


Surface Water: Impervious Coverages

Proposed Land Use Impervious Coverages		
Land Use Types	Total Imperviousness (%)	Routing Over Pervious (%)
Mixed Use	88	0
Office Commercial	85	0
Neighbourhood Commercial	85	0
Service Commercial	85	0
School	65	40
High-density Residential	80	0
Medium density Residential	70	30
Low-density Residential	65	40
ROW (Local / Collector)	65	0
ROW (Arterial)	75	0
Park (Neighbourhood)	20	25
Park (Community)	35	25
Open Space	10	100
Natural Heritage	5	100
Stormwater Management	10	100

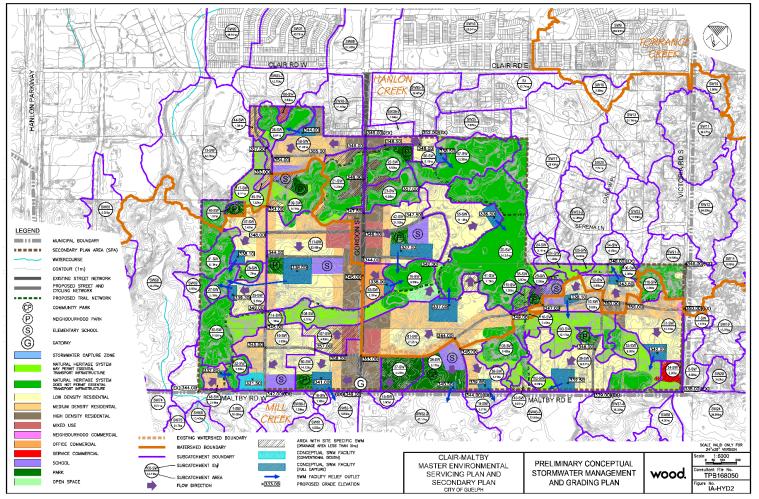


Surface Water: Assumed future drainage areas



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Surface Water: SWM Layout and Grading



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Surface Water

- PCSWMM hydrologic model used to:
 - Set existing flow targets (Hanlon / Mill)
 - Size surface water capture areas (SWCA)
 - Simulate distributed surface water management (capture at-source)
- Results show:
 - SWCA (8-11% of DA) Regional / 100 year
 - Flow Targets met (external)
 - Surface water budget met (validated with both PCSWMM and MIKE SHE)





Groundwater Assessment

- MIKE SHE modelling:
 - Existing and proposed land use conditions
 - Simulate future land use with SWCA and distributed capture (at source)
- Metrics used include :
 - Groundwater flow directions
 - Groundwater discharge to Hanlon, Torrance, Mill Creek
 - Groundwater discharge to wetlands outside the SPA and one within the SPA.
 - Deep recharge to the bedrock aquifer, supplying Guelph municipal wells

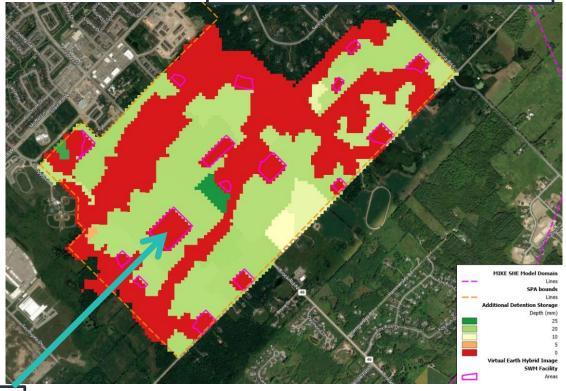




Hydrogeology: Impact Simulation Approach

- Additional Detention Storage (LID BMPs) in new catchments
- Revised vegetation, surface roughness, directly connected impervious fractions
- Updated runoff routing to SWCA in new catchments

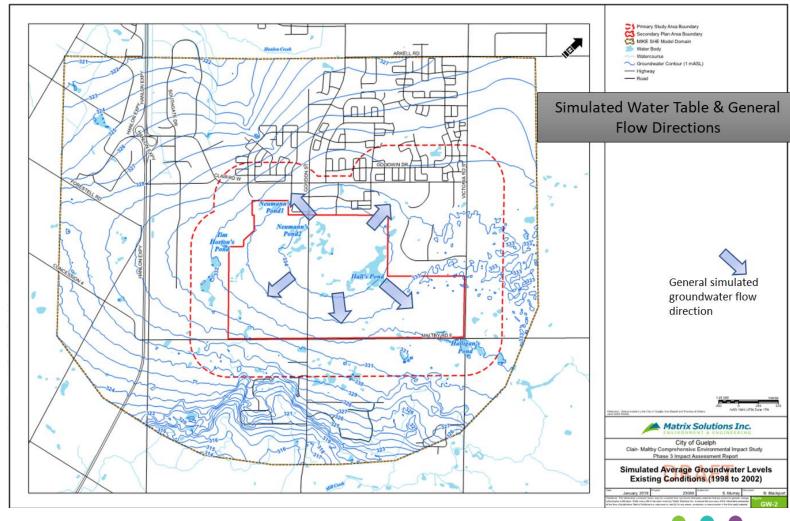
Additional Detention Storage added to new catchments



SWM Facility

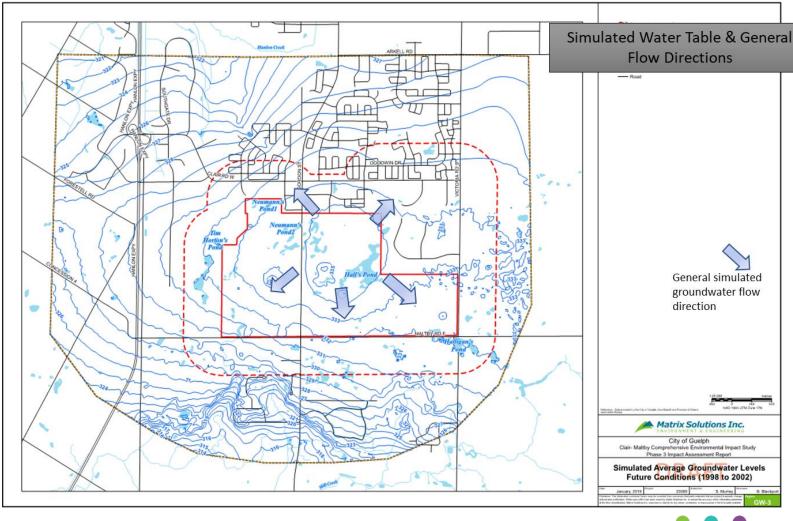


Hydrogeology: Existing Groundwater Flow

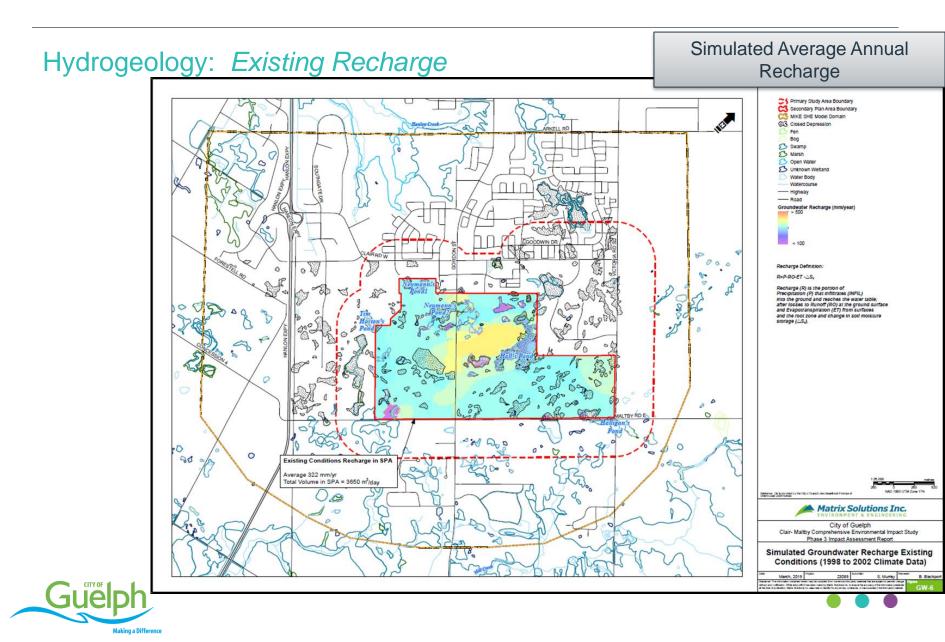


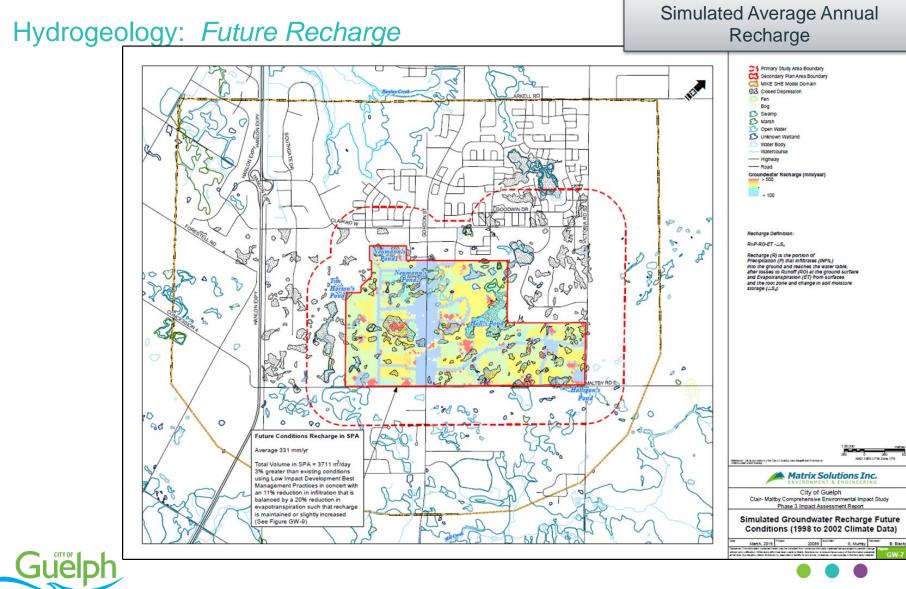


Hydrogeology: Future Groundwater Flow

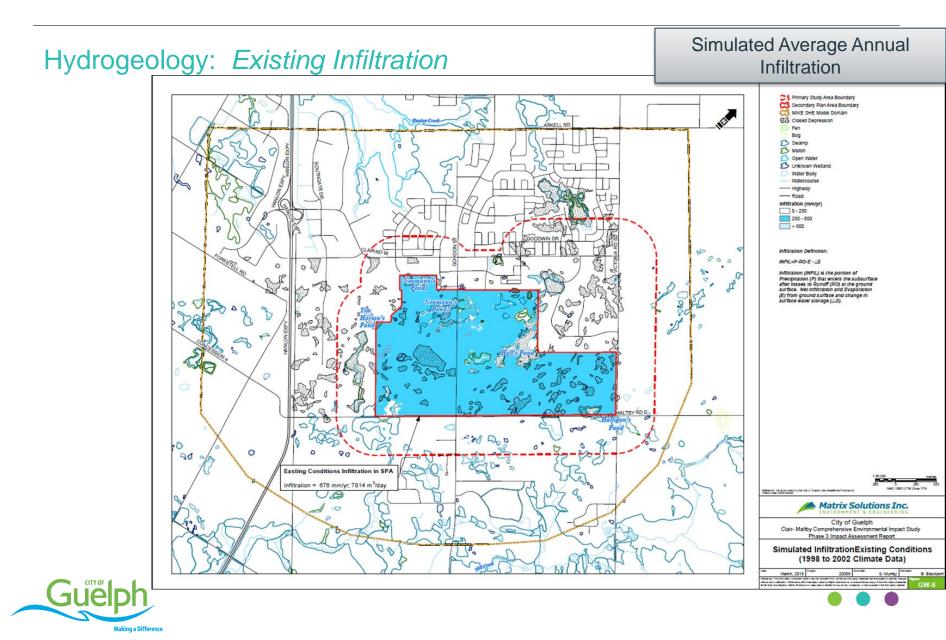


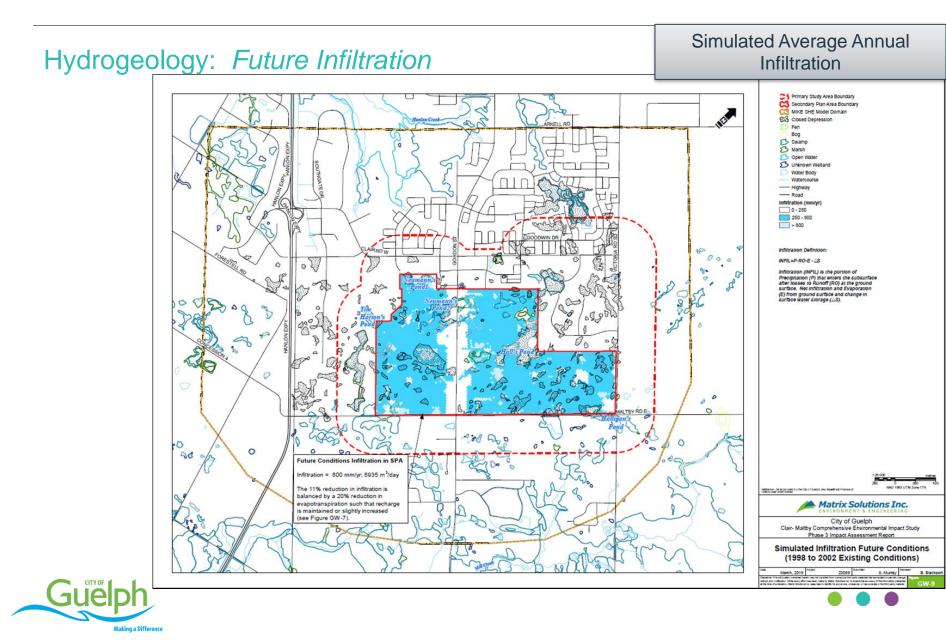


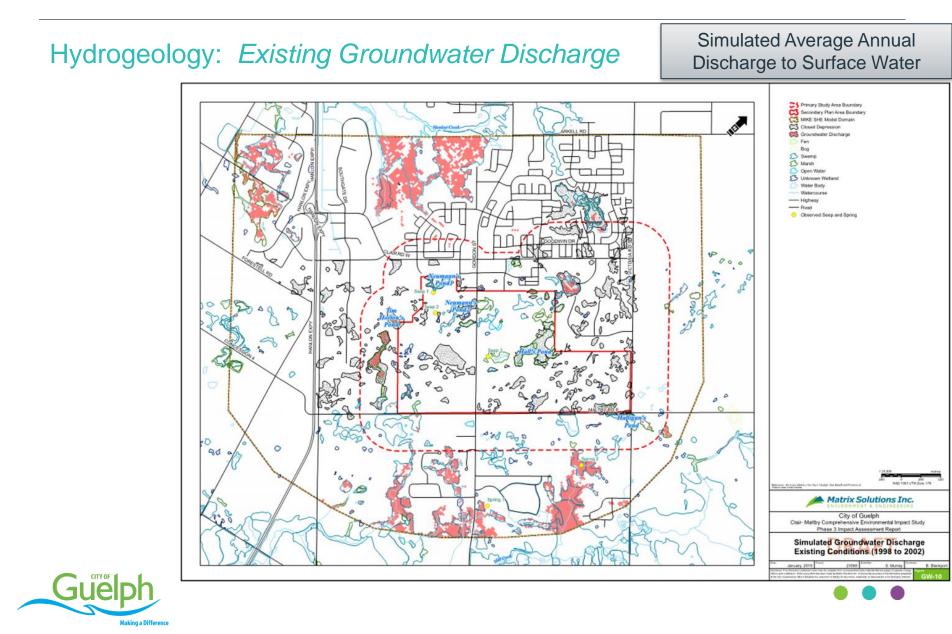


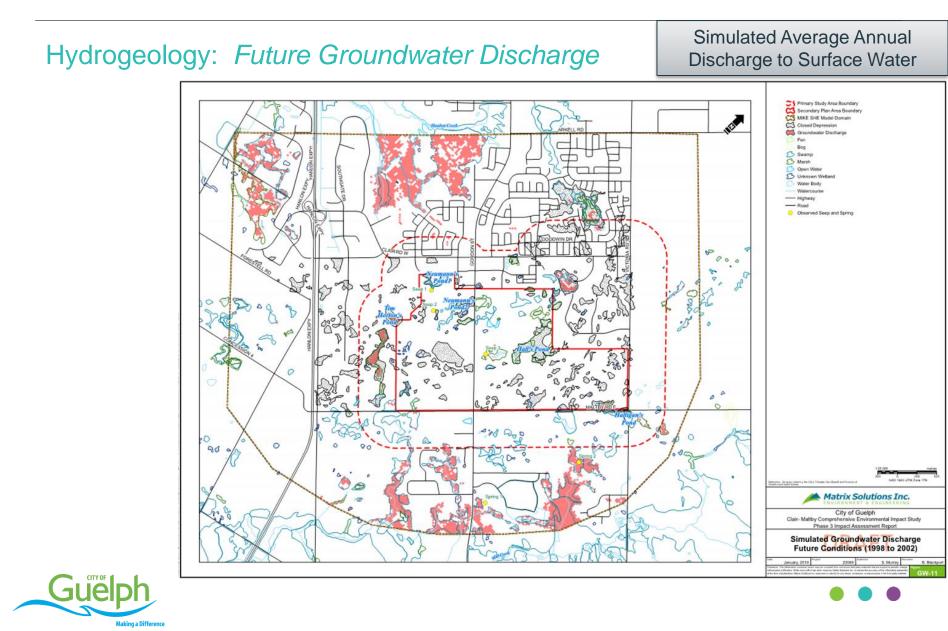


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Hydrogeology: Summary

- Maintained:
 - Recharge to bedrock aquifer (flux out of the bottom of the model)
 - Groundwater flow directions and depth to water
 - Groundwater discharge to Hanlon, Torrance, Mill Creek
 - Groundwater discharge to wetlands outside the SPA, associated with Hanlon, Torrance and Mill Creek, including the area west of the SPA but east of the Hanlon

Potential Increases:

- Runoff increase into the Halls, Halligan, Neumann ponds, negligible (~2 cm increase in pond water level), not expected to influence hydroperiod
- Further refinement to management strategy part of next round of assessment

• Opportunities for Refinement.

- Potential to further optimize capture and still maintain function



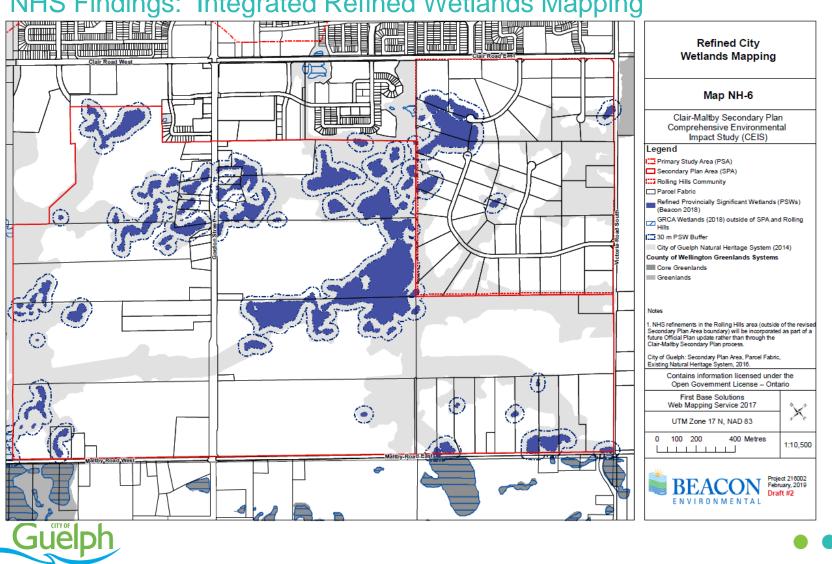


Natural Heritage System

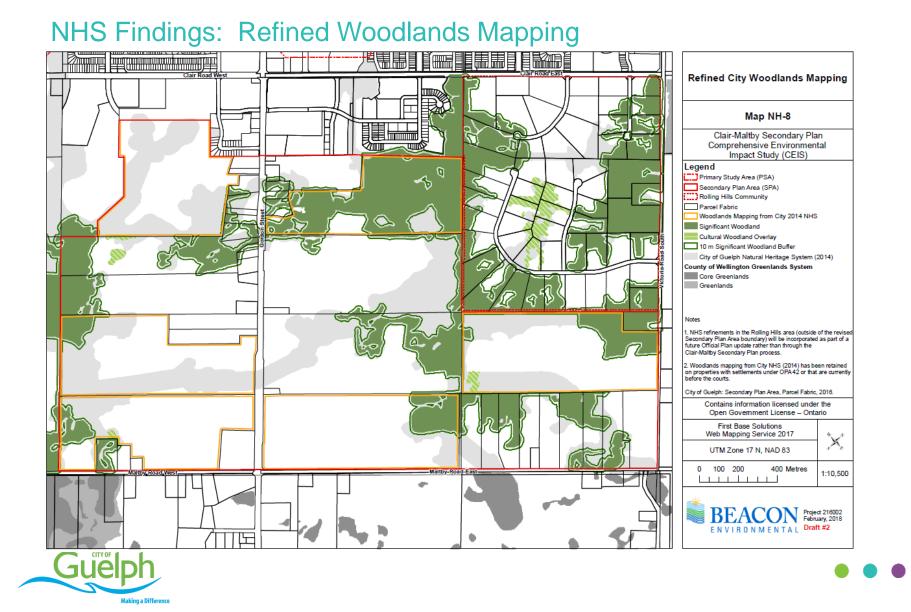
- Refinement of Significant Wetlands and other Wetlands
- Refinement of Woodland areas
- Significant Wildlife Habitat
- Significant Landform
- Refinement of Ecological Linkages and Wildlife Crossings
- Input to Community Structure

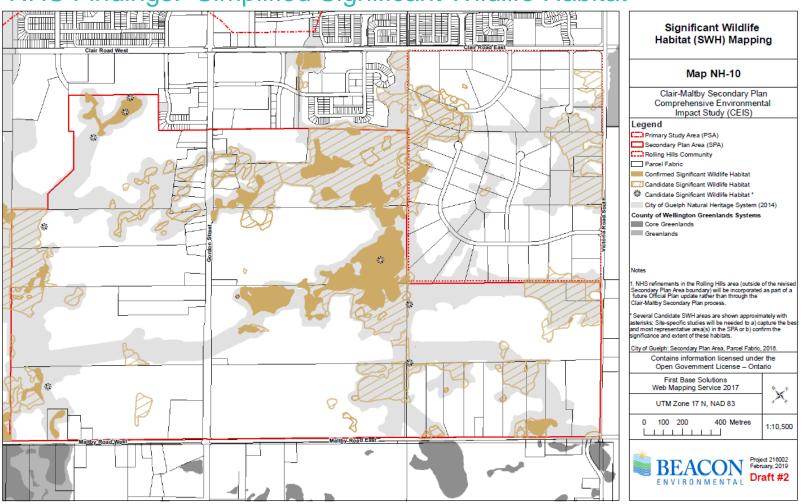


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NHS Findings: Integrated Refined Wetlands Mapping



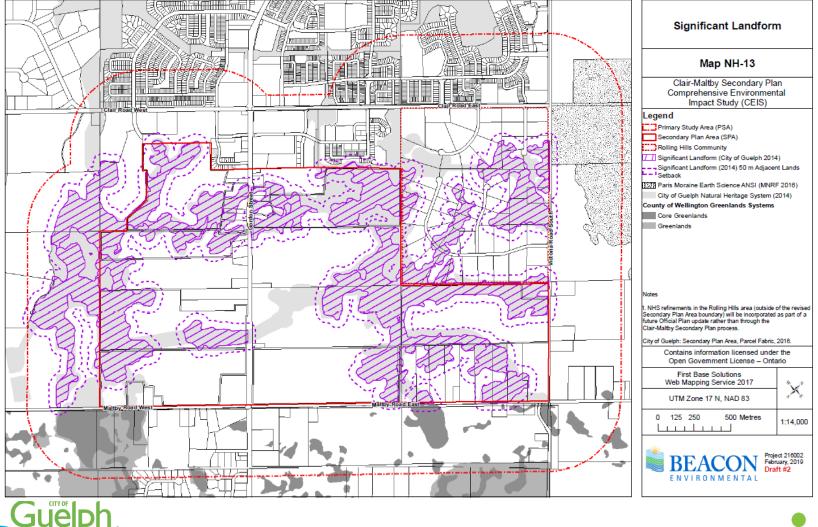


NHS Findings: Simplified Significant Wildlife Habitat

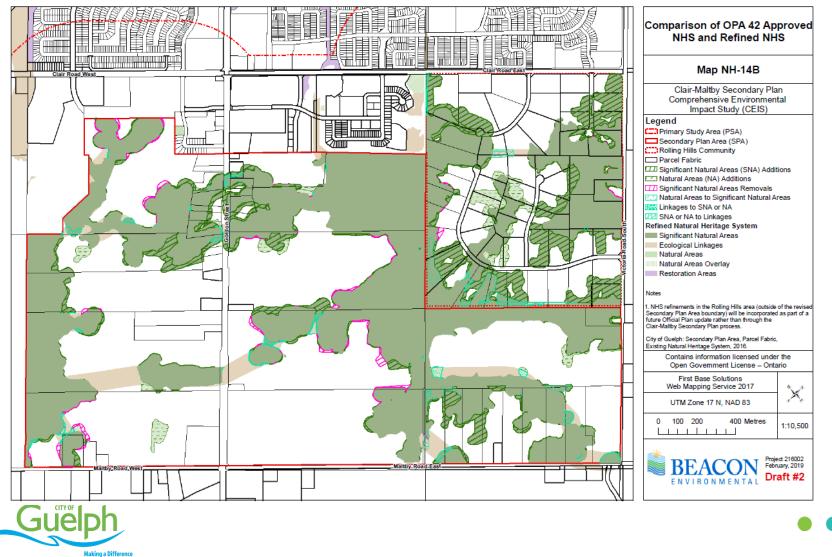


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NHS Findings: Significant Landform



Input to Community Structure: NHS Refinements

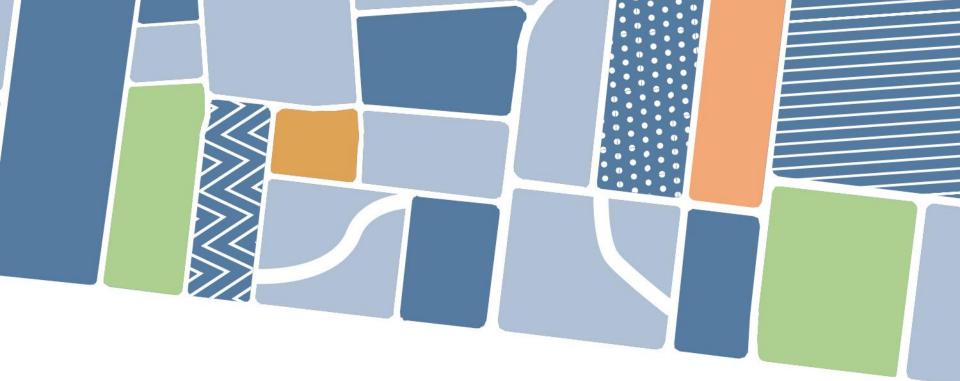


Input to Community Structure: NHS Refinements (Areas)

NHS Component	2014 NHS in the SPA (ha)	Refined NHS in the SPA (ha)	2014 NHS in Rolling Hills (ha)	Refined NHS in Rolling Hills (ha)
Significant Natural Areas	160.22	173.87	40.96	63.05
Natural Areas Overlay	0.76	4.31	1.58	3.74
Linkages	14.01	11.19	1.19	0.93
TOTALS	174.99	189.37 (14.38 net gain)	43.73	67.72 (23.99 net gain)







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4. Preliminary Management Approach and Strategies wood. Guelph

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Summary of Findings

- a. Flows within Hanlon and Mill Creek are low, but have baseflow from contributing groundwater discharge
- b. 93% to 97% precipitation either infiltrates or evaporates / transpires
- c. There are 47 significant depressional features with over 300 mm of storage depth
- d. Only 7 out of 47 significant depressional features (>300 mm capture) exhibited a discharge over 67 years of simulation period
- e. Surface water contributions to wetlands are significant



SWM Considerations

- 1. No on-site watercourses hence traditional 'post- to pre-' runoff targets not appropriate
- 2. Modelling (groundwater and surface water) has shown strong connections between surface water capture / infiltration and linkage to wetlands
- 3. Depressional capture of surface runoff is distributed / widespread
- 4. Infiltration water feeds both local ecosystems and potable aquifers









Stormwater Management System: Planning Principles

- a. 'Maintain' existing drainage boundaries
- b. 'Preserve' topography
- c. Define primary / core locations for stormwater runoff capture (SWCA)
- d. Size systems for full capture / retention of design event (100 year / Regional Storm) plus *climate change* buffer
- e. Provide relief overflow to adjacent natural features in the event of major storm beyond design capacity and to offer added resiliency for *climate change*



Stormwater and Groundwater Management System: *Planning Princi*ples

- f. Provide pre-treatment upstream of designated capture systems:
 - Separate 'clean' water from 'dirty' water
 - Oil/Grit Separators for roadways
 - Vegetated filters prior to discharge to capture zones (lined) *treatment train*
- g. Distributed LID BMPs throughout to mimic current condition (Public / Private Realm) further build *Climate Change* resiliency
- h. Site porous land uses adjacent / near capture zones (schools, parks, linkages) to provide buffer / resiliency



Groundwater Management System: *Planning Princi*ples

- a. Maintain groundwater flow directions and gradients
- b. Maintain groundwater discharge to Hanlon, Torrance and Mill Creeks
- c. <u>Maintain</u> groundwater discharge to wetlands outside SPA and one (1) within the SPA
- d. <u>Maintain</u> deep recharge to bedrock aquifer, supplying Guelph municipal wells



Natural Heritage System: Planning Principles

Aquatic Habitats

- a. Protect fish habitat in accordance with applicable Federal regulations
- b. Protect, conserve, mitigate or maintain headwater drainage features in accordance with City and GRCA policies with consideration for relevant guidelines
- Protected Species Habitat and Specialized Habitats
 - c. Protect habitat for Provincially Endangered and Threatened species in accordance with the *Endangered Species Act* (2007) and in consultation with the appropriate Ministry
 - d. Protect confirmed habitat for Significant Wildlife Habitat and habitat of locally significant species in accordance with the City of Guelph's policies with consideration for applicable Provincial guidance





Natural Heritage System: Planning Principles (continued)

Terrestrial Habitats (including Wetlands)

- e. Protect Significant Wetlands, Significant Woodlands, Other Wetlands, Cultural Woodlands and their buffers in accordance with applicable Provincial, GRCA and City policies
- f. Ensure pre-development area-specific water balances within each catchment are maintained to sustain feature hydrology
- g. Ensure the water quality of all protected wetlands is maintained or improved
- h. Pursue opportunities to enhance local biodiversity through naturalization

Significant Landform

- i. Ensure no net loss of designated Significant Landform areas
- j. Protect the functional characteristics of Significant Landform areas (including associated drainage and natural heritage functions)
- k. Integrate Significant Landform into the community such that its visual uniqueness is not negatively impacted





Natural Heritage System: *Planning Principles (continued)*

Ecological Linkages and Connectivity

- I. Maintain connections between and among Significant Natural Areas and protected Natural Areas in accordance with Provincial and City policies, and also considering connectivity to natural areas outside the City
- m. Pursue opportunities to support and enhance local biodiversity and connectivity through restoration, naturalization and implementation of measures to provide for safe wildlife movement across roads

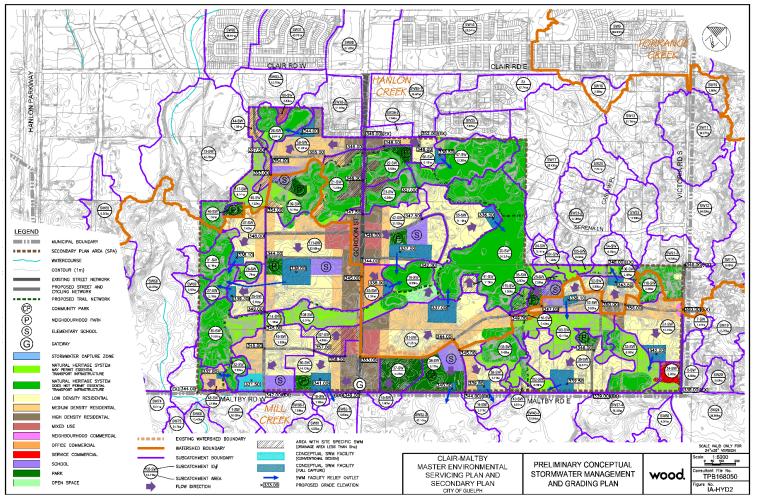
Minimize and manage encroachments into the NHS by:

- n. Having a sensitively designed trail system that balances access and connectivity with NHS protection
- o. Committing to ongoing stewardship education and engagement
- p. Implementing strategies intended to manage encroachments (e.g., fencing, dog parks, etc.) as the Secondary Plan in implemented





Proposed Conditions



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Questions?





Wrap up and Next Steps

- Technical information to inform amendments to the Preferred Community Structure
- May 13 Planning Council
 - Final Directions Report
 - Project Timelines

