THE VISION

Vision for the Guelph Innovation District

The Guelph Innovation District (GID) is a compact, mixed use community that straddles the Eramosa River in the City's east end. The District will serve predominately as the home of innovative, sustainable employment uses with an adjacent urban village connecting residential and compatible employment uses. It is at once highly energetic and intimately familiar, because it showcases an entirely new approach to planning, designing, and developing urban places, and at the same time, reflects Guelph's history and celebrates the rich heritage resources of the District, including the stunning river valley, dramatic topography and views, and historic Reformatory Complex.

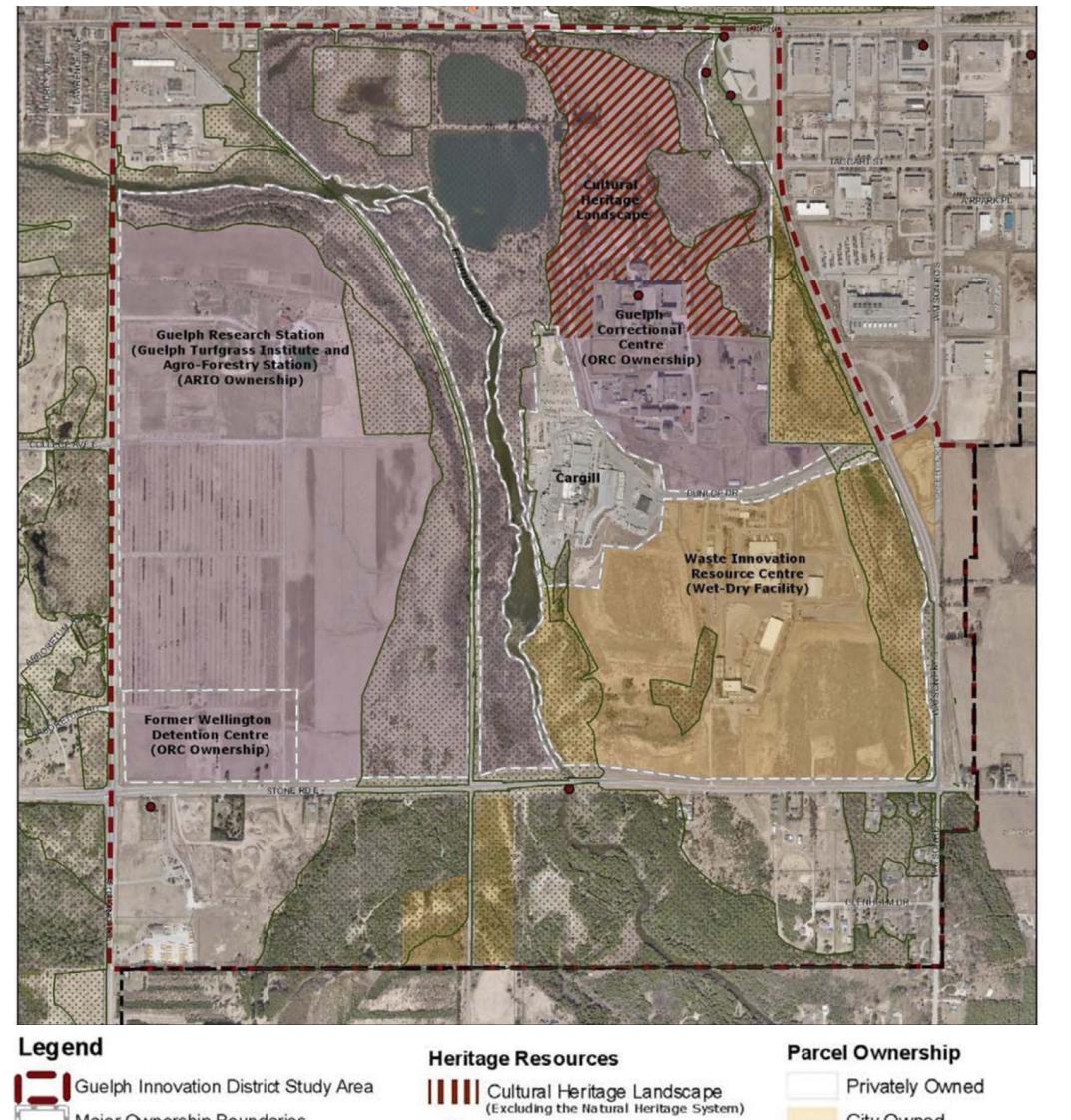
The GID is attractive, pedestrian-focused and human-scaled. It provides a fine-grained mix of land uses at transit-supportive densities, offers meaningful places to live, work, shop, play and learn, and supports a wide range of jobs and residents. It protects valuable natural and cultural heritage resources while fully integrating them into the new community, features sustainable buildings and infrastructure, and works towards carbon neutrality. It makes needed connections between all modes of transportation, but in a manner that prioritizes pedestrians, cyclists and transit users over drivers, and stitches the District into the overall fabric of the City. It is exciting and new and feels like it has been part of the City for a long time.

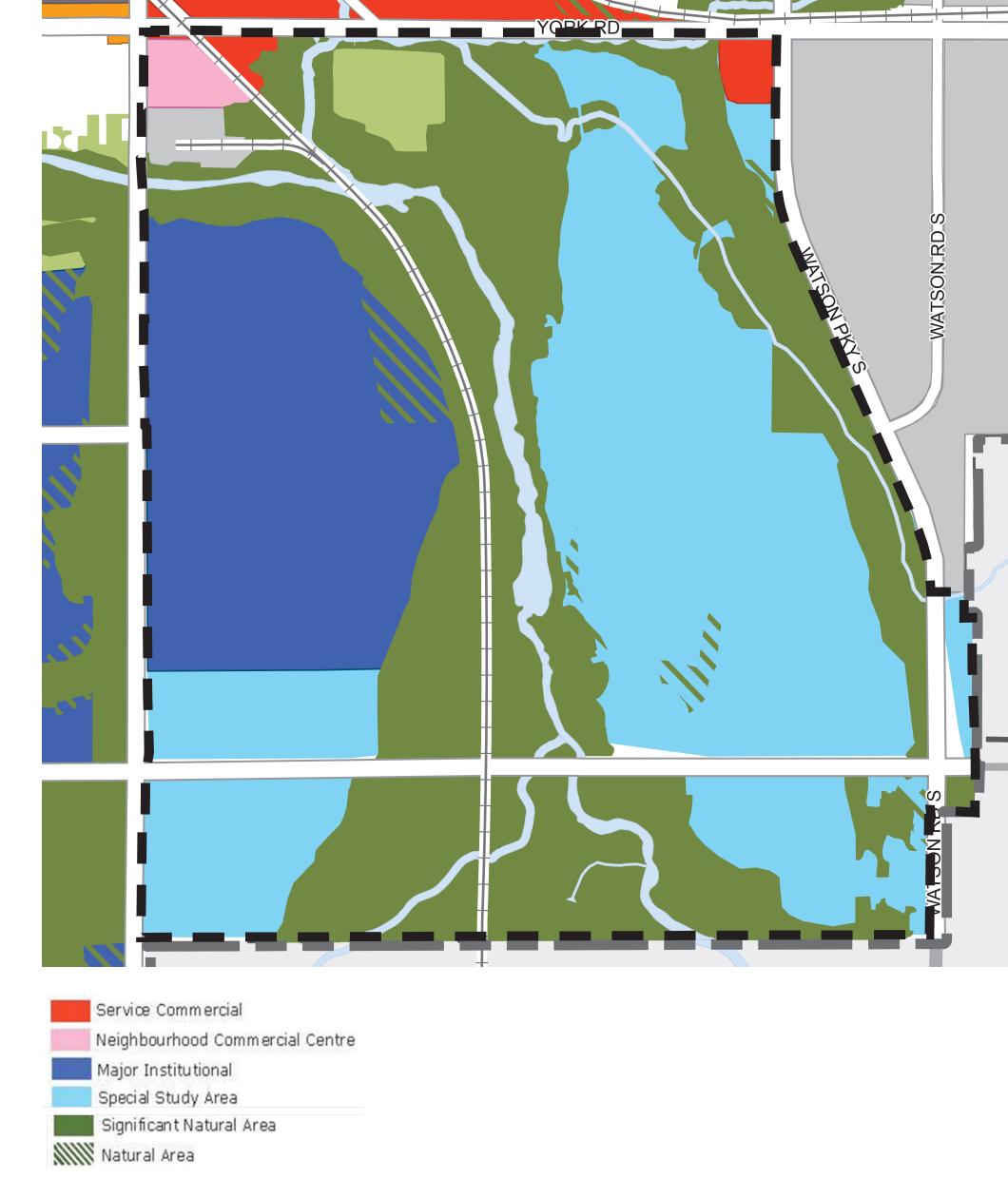




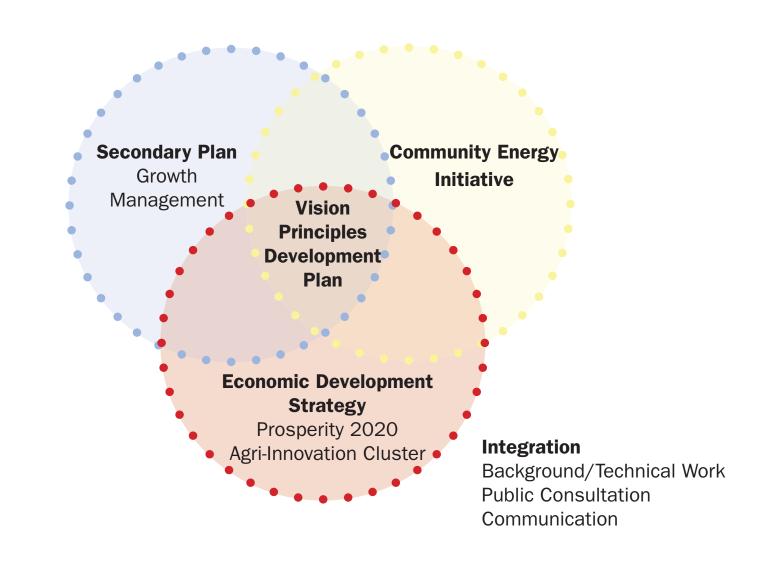
Background

- A 436 ha site with significant natural and cultural heritage resources
- Site designated as "Special Study Area" in Official Plan
- The Draft Secondary Plan builds on the:
 - Local Growth Management Strategy
 - Community Energy Initiative
 - Prosperity 2020
 - Agri-Innovation Cluster Strategy
- Extensive public consultation process
- Based on Vision, Principles, Objectives and Preferred Design (January 2012)
- Draft policies build on OPA 42 and 48





Integration of the GID



Secondary Plan Process

Cultural Heritage Resources

Major Ownership Boundaries

Corporate Boundary

Natural Heritage System (January 2010)

City Owned

Provincially Owned



AREA STRUCTURE PLAN

