

# Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw Review

Putting Guelph's vision into place

The City is reviewing its Zoning Bylaw.

What does a Zoning Bylaw do? It puts rules into place so that the community and developers know what to expect as neighbourhoods grow and change.

## Natural Heritage System, Floodplains, Open Space, and Parks

### Are you interested in:

- Protecting Guelph's natural areas?
- The types of uses that are allowed in our parks?
- The types of buildings and structures that are appropriate next to the city's rivers?

If so, read **Chapter 7**.

### What's covered in this chapter:

- Ways that zoning can be used to protect our natural areas.
- The different ways that we can use our parks throughout the city.
- An explanation of the purpose of floodplain areas, the land adjacent to our rivers.

### Why this may matter to you:

- We heard through the Community Plan that many Guelph residents have a deep connection to the city's natural environment. Zoning can put rules in place to protect it for our future.
- Our rivers are a beautiful part of our natural environment. Sometimes, during storms, the water in our rivers can rise causing hazardous situations to surrounding lands. We need to make sure that we don't use this land in a way that makes it unsafe for our community.

### We need your help to answer important questions like:

- What uses should be allowed within our natural areas?
- What uses should be allowed in neighbourhood parks and parks that serve the entire community?
- How can we use the land next to our rivers in a way that protects our natural environment and keeps us safe?

### So here's what we're asking you to do:

1. Read **Chapter 7** to learn more about this topic, and about options and preliminary recommendations for a new zoning bylaw.
2. Share your feedback with City staff in any of the following ways:
  - Sign up for one of our **November workshops**.
  - Drop in to one of the **community office hours** in December.
  - Tell us what you think **online** starting November 29th.

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