

Guelph 2041

A conversation about a growing city



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Guelph's vision for growth to 2031 (Official Plan)

Guelph in 2031 will be a community of approximately 175,000 people and 92,000 jobs. The City will manage population growth within its current boundaries in a manner that ensures water supply and wastewater treatment are sustainable. New development will respect the existing character of Guelph and retain the qualities that set Guelph apart from its neighbours. The City will continue to diversify its employment base and will continue to be recognized as a leader in agri-food and innovation, advanced manufacturing and environmental technologies.

Strategic goals for growth to 2031 (Official Plan)

We aim to build a compact, vibrant, and complete community for current and future generations by:

- Providing an adequate supply of lands for growth within our existing city limits
- Directing growth to strategic locations within our urban area
- Having a mix of land uses in strategic locations allowing for many people and jobs (density) that support frequent transit service
- Maintaining a healthy mix of residential and employment lands
- Supporting efficient growth
- Growing sustainably
- Protecting and enhancing our natural heritage system
- Protecting our water, energy, air quality, and cultural heritage resources



We've been listening!

What you've already told us is important as we grow to 2041

More housing and a variety of housing.
It should be affordable

Growth should happen in existing areas not new ones

Maintain our "Guelphiness"

Interesting, diverse, complete, walkable
neighbourhoods that we can live, work and play in
from 8 to 80 years old

A complete, multi-modal transportation system that
supports our growth

Maintain our vibrant downtown

Plan for climate change

Protect our groundwater, air quality, environmentally
sensitive areas, and green spaces



Guelph·i·ness

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noun it can mean different things to different people, but most often it is **1** the state of mind of caring about the people around you, the environment and our future. **2** It includes a pride in being a little different (quirky even) in doing what's right more than what's been done before—in doing it together while caring about those who feel alone. **3** It's a belief that everyone belongs, our differences are wonderful and creativity should be embraced. **4** It's about venturing where others won't tread, solving the intractable, building and adding value. **5** It's tied to a geographic sense of Guelph as home, grounded in our past and optimistic about the future, and applying our unique approach to challenges and opportunities.

Guel·phy

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adjective something that embodies Guelphiness while not taking itself too seriously (that tunnel for turtles under the road is so Guelphy)

Guel·phie

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noun a picture you take of yourself when in Guelph (I just took a Guelphie beside a tunnel they built for turtles to cross safely under the road!)



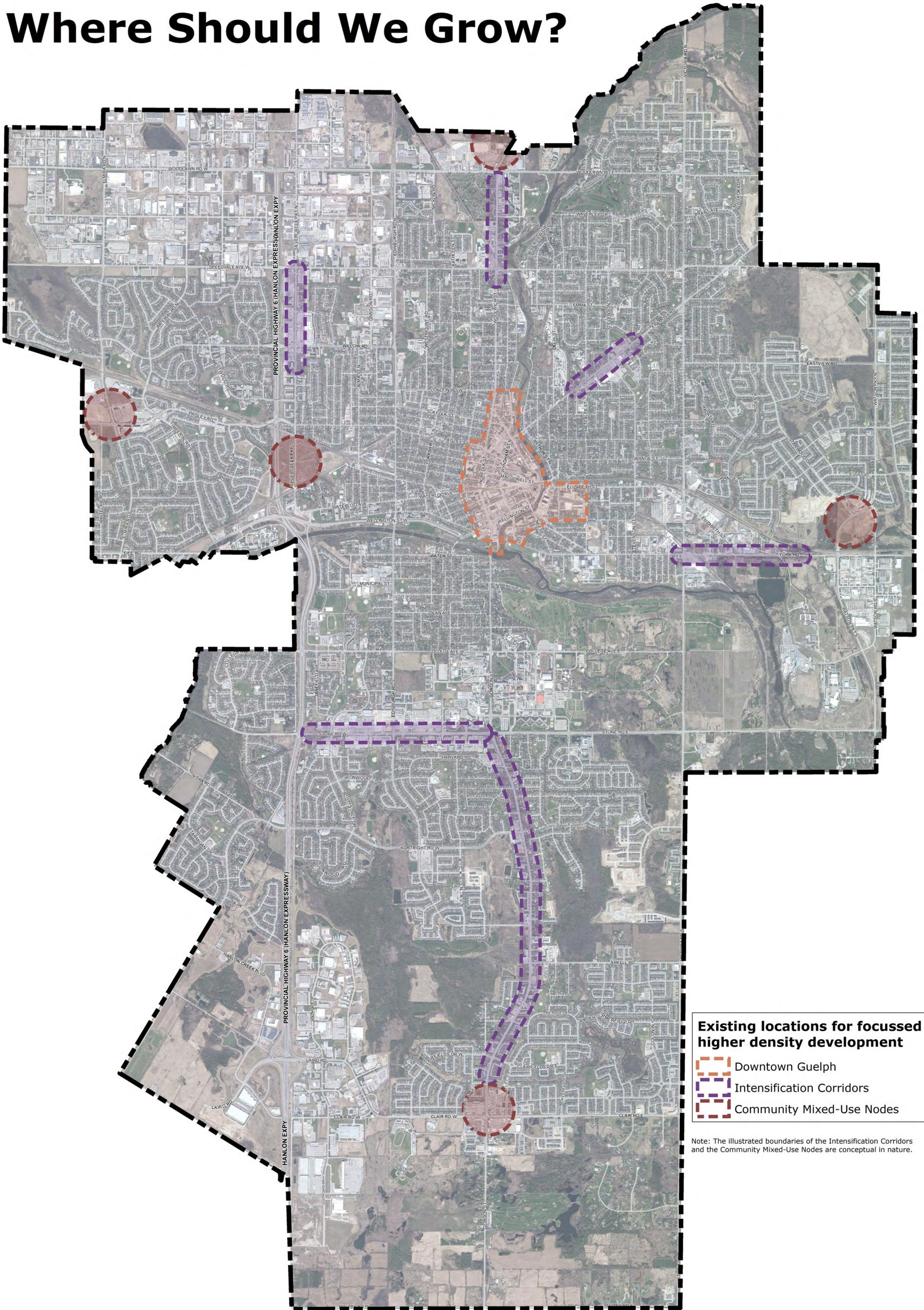
What is important to you as Guelpgh grows to the year 2041?

Put a dot by the statements you agree with the most

Grow "up" not "out"	Grow mostly in areas like downtown, along major streets, and at major intersections	Put places to live, work, and play close together	Protect our natural heritage system	Become a net-zero community	Protect groundwater resources	Improve air quality	A stable local economy	Plan for climate change	Maintain our "Guelpghiness"	Protect cultural and heritage resources	Urban design



Where Should We Grow?



Existing locations for focussed higher density development

-  Downtown Guelph
-  Intensification Corridors
-  Community Mixed-Use Nodes

Note: The illustrated boundaries of the Intensification Corridors and the Community Mixed-Use Nodes are conceptual in nature.