





Moraine Watch: A Beginner's Guide to Monitoring Land Use on the Oak Ridges Moraine

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WHAT IS MONITORING THE MORAINE?

Monitoring the Moraine (MTM) is a collaboration between EcoSpark (formerly Citizens' Environment Watch) and Save the Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM) Coalition. We are building a movement of engaged and informed communities to protect the Oak Ridges Moraine. Between 2005 and 2010, we worked with over 2,650 people like you on the Oak Ridges Moraine!

ON THE GROUND.

We help volunteers to better understand the Oak Ridges Moraine, why it is important to protect, and how it is being protected. We give you the information, tools and support to monitor the Moraine at a local level.

ACROSS THE MORAINE.

We work with colleges and universities, conservation authorities, governments, and other organizations to generate and distribute information about the Oak Ridges Moraine at the regional and landscape level.

MONITORING FOR CHANGE.

We track changes in the Moraine at different levels to determine what's working, what areas need improvement, and how we can take an active part in protecting the Oak Ridges Moraine for present and future generations. For more information about Monitoring the Moraine contact:



Monitoring the Moraine c/o EcoSpark 147 Spadina Avenue, Suite 204 Toronto, Ontario M5V 2L7 info@monitoringthemoraine.ca 647-258-3280

Monitoring the Moraine c/o STORM Coalition 93A Industrial Parkway South Aurora, Ontario L4G 3V5 info@monitoringthemoraine.ca 905-841-9200

Or visit www.ecospark.ca/monitoringthemoraine

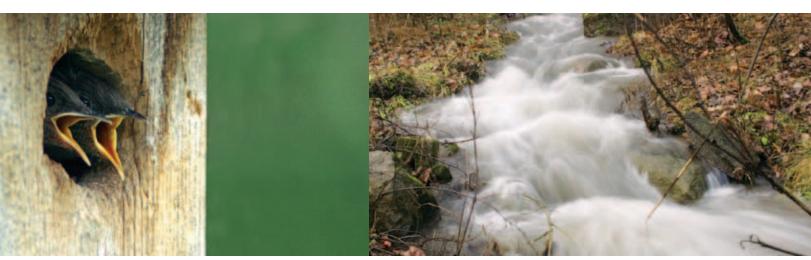


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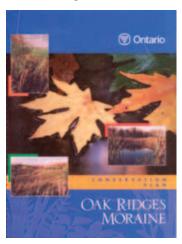
Photo taken by Jonathan van Bilsen on the Oak Ridges Moraine

WHAT IS THE OAK RIDGES MORAINE AND HOW IS IT PROTECTED?

The Oak Ridges Moraine

The Oak Ridges Moraine is one of the most important sources of groundwater in Canada. It is the place where over 65 river and stream systems begin and a source of drinking water for over 250,000 people! It provides a diversity of habitats (open fields, prairies, woodlands, wetlands and kettle lakes) that support a variety of plants and animals, including rare and endangered species unique to southern Ontario. The Moraine is one of Ontario's last continuous greenspaces that, together with the Niagara Escarpment, form the backbone of Ontario's Greenbelt.

The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act and Plan



Recognizing
the ecological
importance of
the Oak Ridges
Moraine, the
Ontario Government
passed the Oak
Ridges Moraine
Conservation Act
(ORMCA) in 2001
followed by the
accompanying Oak
Ridges Moraine

Conservation Plan (ORMCP) in 2002. It is the ORMCP that ultimately provides the policy direction on land and resource use for the 190,000 hectares of land and water in the Oak Ridges Moraine Plan Area.

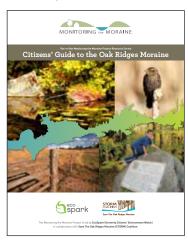
The ORCMP is an **ecologically-based** provincial land use plan. This means that rather than being based on

a political border, the boundary of the Plan Area was established based on the Moraine's natural features (water, land, living organisms). Even though it is a provincial plan, the ORMCP is actually implemented by the 25 local municipalities and seven regions or counties across the Oak Ridges Moraine.

The 2015 Plan Review

The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan states that the Plan will be reviewed once every 10 years to see whether any changes are needed. The first review was originally supposed to happen in 2012, 10 years after the ORMCP came into effect. However, it has been extended to 2015 and will now be reviewed alongside the Greenbelt and Niagara Escarpment Plans in a 'harmonized' review process.

You can find out more about the Oak Ridges Moraine, the Conservation Plan and the 2015 Review in the MTM resource, *Citizens' Guide to the Oak Ridges Moraine*.

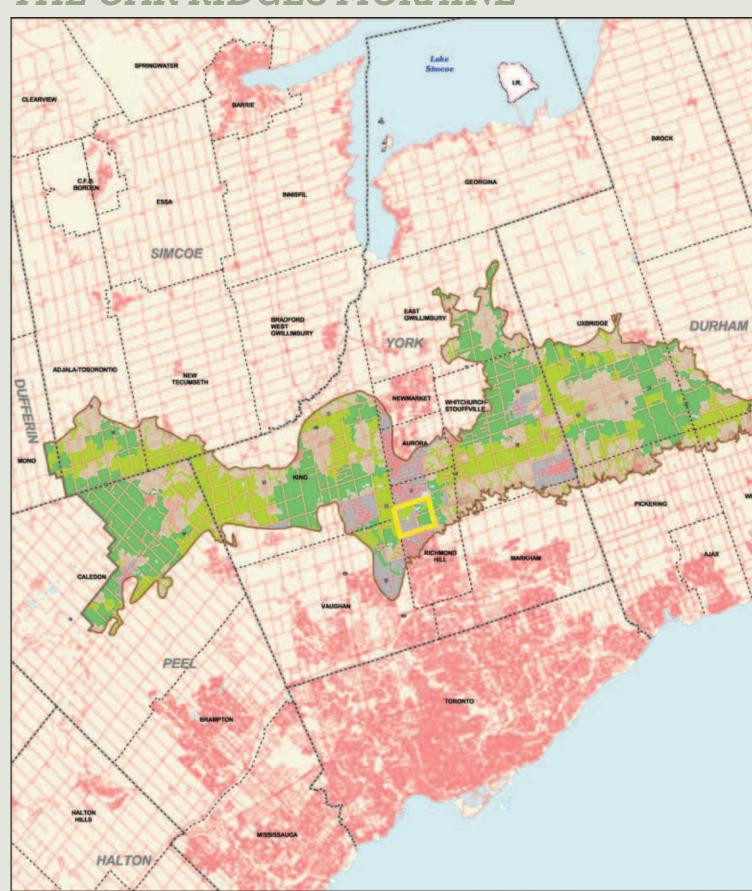


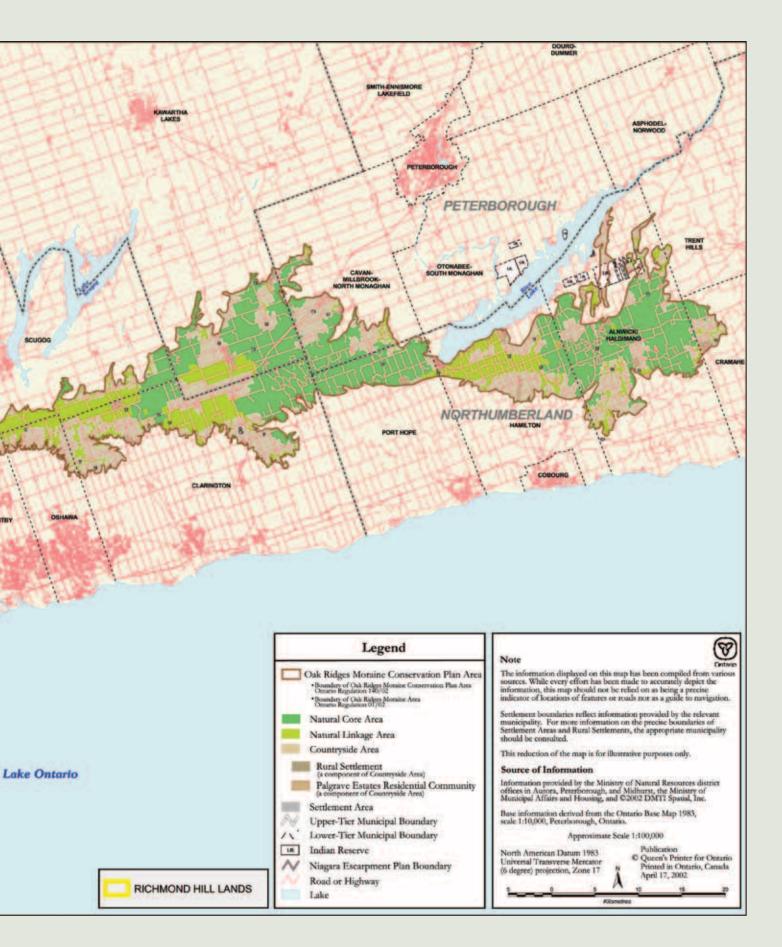
Contact us for a copy of the Citizens' Guide or visit: www.ecospark.ca/monitoringthemoraine/resources.





THE OAK RIDGES MORAINE





WHAT IS MORAINE WATCH?

The Moraine Watch Beginner's Guide is an easy way for volunteers like you to become the 'eyes and ears of the Oak Ridges Moraine' by tracking activities like dumping, new developments, and tree cutting on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

The goals of this guide are to:

- Give you a glimpse into different kinds of land uses on the Oak Ridges Moraine
- Provide a way for you to track and document problems or activities of concern
- Improve your understanding of local politics and encourage better communication with local decision makers
- Contribute important local information to the 2015
 Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP)
 Review by providing a standardized way to collect your data

The data you gather is recorded using the enclosed worksheet. The worksheet is a simple form to help you record key details about land use activities in your community or across the Oak Ridges Moraine. Your information will help ensure that the ORMCP is being implemented.

The worksheet is a simplified version of the **Moraine** Watch Checklist, a comprehensive form that requires

more time and land use planning knowledge. Both are components of Monitoring the Moraine's policy monitoring program, **Moraine Watch**. Once you've completed your worksheet, you can decide on your level of involvement in tracking the issue further, i.e. by completing the Moraine Watch Checklist.

Why the Oak Ridges Moraine needs you
The Oak Ridges Moraine is legally protected by the
Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP).

When the Plan came into effect, the 32 municipalities across the Oak Ridges Moraine were put in charge of implementing the ORMCP through municipal planning. However, with no central body to track this, enforcement doesn't always work as it's supposed to. Tracking municipal decision-making is difficult over such a large geographic area and with such diversity amongst the municipalities on the Moraine. Therefore we need everyone - communities, groups and volunteers, to work together to make sure the Oak Ridges Moraine is being protected.

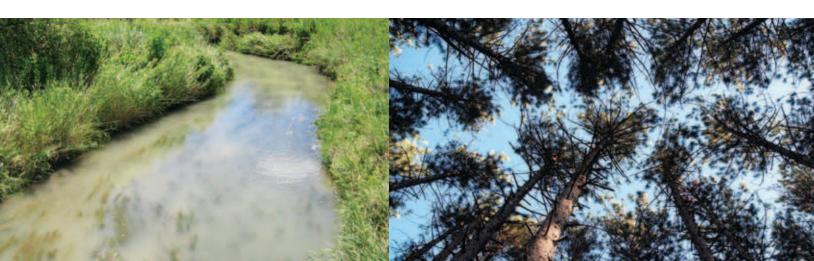


Photo taken by Sonia Dong during Check Your Watershed Day in Duffins Creek

Photo taken by Deb Fraser on the Oak Ridges Moraine

GETTING STARTED

The first thing you need before you can get started on the Moraine Watch Worksheet is a specific issue or concern on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

There are a number of ways for you to find out about land use activities in your community. You can look for public notices in your local newspaper, find out about an issue from a local council meeting, or drive past a public notice sign on the side of the road. All of these methods are important ways of keeping informed about what's going on in your community. In Appendix A, you will find some examples of different types of public notices. Referring to these examples will make it easier for you to complete some of the information on the Moraine Watch Worksheet

The worksheet consists of 7 simple questions for you to answer about your issue - What? Where? Who? Why? When? How? and What Else? Together we will be able to find out what's happening on the Oak Ridges Moraine, whether an individual or agency is violating the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, and what steps can be taken to ensure that the Moraine is protected.

In the next section is the Moraine Watch Worksheet. Feel free to make copies of this worksheet to fill in and distribute to your friends! To download additional copies, please visit www.ecospark.ca/monitoringthemoraine/resources/MWWorksheet.





Photo taken by Sonia Dong during Check Your Watershed Day in Duffins Creek



Photo taken by Matt Binstock in the Township of Uxbridge





THE MORAINE WATCH WORKSHEET



Please photocopy this worksheet as needed for your moraine watching.

 $\textit{To download additional copies, please visit} \ www.ecospark.ca/monitoring the moraine/resources/MWW orksheet$

Please fill in the worksheet to the best of your ability and then we can work together to investigate the issue. Questions with an **asterisk (*)** are required information. Please attach any additional information you may have.

*CONTACT INFORMATION								
NAME			DATE					
PHONE NUMBER ()	EMAIL							
MAILING ADDRESS								
ORGANIZATION/GROUP (if applicable)								
Would you like to be added to our contact list to receive monthly updates about Monitoring the Moraine? Yes, please (please include email or mailing address above) No, thanks *WHAT? – SO WE KNOW MORE ABOUT THE ISSUE								
What is the issue that you are concerned ab								
New development (please specify)		rilling O	Grave	golf course				
2. *WHERE? - SO WE KNOW WHERE THE ISSU	JE IS							
REGION, MUNICIPALITY, TOWN								
ROAD ADDRESS (if known)								
MAJOR INTERSECTION								
GPS COORDINATES (if you have them)								
Is it on the Oak Ridges Moraine? • Yes • 1	No O Un	sure						
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:								





THE MORAINE WATCH WORKSHEET



3.	Who is involved in this issue? (Chec		that apply and give specific names w	vhen p	possible)					
\circ	Developer (please specify)									
\circ	Municipality (please specify)									
\circ	Community Group/Environmental Organization (please specify)									
\circ	Planner (please specify)									
0	Construction Company (please specify)									
0	Conservation Authority (please specify)									
\circ	Government Ministry (please specif	fy)								
0	Other									
\circ	Unsure									
4.	WHY? - SO WE CAN UNDERSTOOD This issue is happening:) WHY	/ YOU ARE CONCERNED (CHECK AL	.L THA	AT APPLY)					
ं	Near a wetland or other aquatic area	ं	Near a forest or other environmentally significant area		In violation of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan					
ं	Near or in an area that contains				Other					
	COMMENTS:									
5.	WHEN? - SO WE HAVE AN IDEA OF When did you first find out about th		V LONG HAS THE ISSUE BEEN GOIN	IG ON						
	When did this issue start (if known)	1?								





THE MORAINE WATCH WORKSHEET



Ν	ublic Notice	0	Word-of-mouth
	lewspaper (please specify)	\circ	Saw it driving by/walking by
_		\circ	Municipal website (please specify)
V	/ebsite (please specify)		
_			Council meeting
Λ	otice of Development Application Sign		Other
V	VHAT ELSE? – ALL THE ADDITIONAL DETAIL	_S	
F	Provide any additional information you may ha	ave such as	s stage of development or historical information.
Y	ou can also submit any photographs or any o	ther docur	mentation you might have.

COMPLETED WORKSHEETS AND ADDITIONAL MATERIAL CAN BE SUBMITTED TO:



Monitoring the Moraine c/o EcoSpark 147 Spadina Avenue, Suite 204 Toronto, Ontario M5V 2L7 in fo @monitoring the moraine. ca647-258-3280





NOW WHAT?

Congratulations! By completing the worksheet, you have already shown your commitment to protecting the Oak Ridges Moraine. Now you need to decide what you want to do with the data you have collected. Your decision will depend on your desired level of involvement and your personal goals for the Moraine Watch program. Here are some suggestions for what to do next:

CONTACT MTM

All of the data you have collected will be valuable when making a case for Moraine protection at the 2015 ORMCP Review. So even if you decide to pursue the issue on your own, we would still like you to share your data with us. You can also contact us if you have any questions about the worksheet or the Oak Ridges Moraine in general.

Submit completed worksheets to:

Monitoring the Moraine c/o EcoSpark 147 Spadina Avenue, Suite 204 Toronto, Ontario M5V 2L7 info@monitoringthemoraine.ca 647-258-3280

If your issue is urgent and you would like immediate assistance or support, please contact Save the Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM) Coalition directly as they have over 20 years of advocacy experience on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Save the Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM) Coalition

Sheppard House 93A Industrial Parkway South Aurora, Ontario L4G 3V5 info@stormcoalition.org 905-841-9200

CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE DECISION-MAKING BODY

In **Table 1** of Appendix B you will find a list of potential activities you might encounter on the Oak Ridges Moraine. Each is listed alphabetically alongside the decision-making body responsible for that issue (e.g. municipality, department, conservation authority).

In **Tables 2** and **3** of Appendix C you will find the contact information for the conservation authorities and municipalities across the Oak Ridges Moraine. With your completed worksheet you should now have at least the basic information needed to raise your issue with the appropriate decision maker.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Councillors have a duty to represent the community and to make decisions on a variety of issues including existing and future land use planning. Let them know about your concerns and keep them up-to-date with what you are doing. If your councillor is supportive he or she might be able to help your cause. Your current councillors should be listed on your municipal website (listed in **Table 3** of Appendix C). You can also find your local councillor by phoning your municipality using the contact information in **Table 3**.



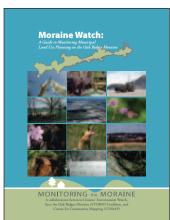




Photo taken by Peter Pomykacz on the Oak Ridges Moraine

FORM YOUR OWN GROUP AND KEEP MONITORING! If you enjoyed participating in this type of monitoring you could start your own group of monitoring volunteers! Check out our Action Guide to Monitoring on the **Moraine**. It is a tool to help new and existing groups maximize the impact and sustainability of their monitoring efforts. Contact us for more information or for a copy of the Action Guide.

ADVANCE TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF MORAINE WATCH!



If you want to follow the issue further. you can proceed to the Moraine Watch Checklist, the next level of the Moraine Watch program. The Moraine Watch Checklist will take you through a set of detailed questions that will paint a more complete picture of

the land use activity (to determine if the specific land use is allowed on the Oak Ridges Moraine). At this level you

might also consider talking to planners, asking questions of your municipal councillors and attending council meetings.

Please feel free to contact us for more information about the Moraine Watch Checklist, to obtain a copy of the checklist, or to find out about Moraine Watch training sessions. You can also find the checklist on our website: www.ecospark.ca/monitoringthemoraine/resources.

We hope that we've inspired you to continue your involvement in protecting the Oak Ridges Moraine whether through our Moraine Watch program or through your own personal efforts.

If you want to find out more about the Oak Ridges Moraine and land use planning in Ontario, please refer to 'Further Reading' and 'Glossary' in the next sections of this guide.

FURTHER READING

Here are some additional resources that you might find interesting and helpful for your monitoring:

Citizens Guide to Land Use Planning. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page338.aspx

Conservation Authorities/Conservation Authorities Moraine Coalition:

http://trca.on.ca/protect/conservation-authorities-Moraine-coalition.dot

Environmental Registry:

www.ebr.gov.on.ca

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Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and Associated Maps:

www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page1707.aspx

Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act: www.e-laws.gov.on.ca//html/statutes/english/ elaws_statutes_01o31_e.htm

Oak Ridges Moraine Technical Paper Series: www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page4807.aspx

Planning Act:

www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90p13_e.htm

Provincial Policy Statement: www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page215.aspx





GLOSSARY OF RELEVANT TERMS

Here are some terms that you might come across in this guide or while out on your monitoring adventures:

AGGREGATE RESOURCES – Aggregates include any combination of sand, gravel, or crushed stone in a natural or processed state. Aggregates are used in the construction of highways, dams and airports, as well as residential, industrial and institutional buildings.

AGGREGATE RESOURCES ACT – The Aggregate Resources Act provides for the management of aggregate resources in Ontario.

BY-LAW – a law that is passed under delegated authority within the jurisdiction of a municipality.

community consultation meeting – Although not required by the *Planning Act*, a community consultation meeting may be held regarding some applications. The meetings are usually organized by planning staff and generally attended by the Ward Councillor and any interested parties from the local community. The meeting provides staff an opportunity to outline the planning process to the local community and for the applicant to publicly present the proposal. It also provides the local community an opportunity to comment on the proposal.

COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING – A process where concerned citizens, government agencies, industry, academia, community groups and local institutions collaborate to monitor, track, and respond to issues of common community concern.

CONDOMINIUM ACT – The Province of Ontario established rules and regulations in the Condominium Act regarding the creation and operation of a condominium corporation.

DEVELOPMENT – The creation of a new lot, a change in land use, or the construction of buildings and structures.

ECOLOGICALLY-BASED PLAN – Ecologically-based plans may draw boundary lines according to watersheds, wildlife habitat ranges, or geology, as contrasted against politically-based plans that draw area lines according to municipal and regional boundaries.

HARMONIZED REVIEW PROCESS – The Ontario Government has decided to review three important land use plans all at once (in harmony): the Niagara Escarpment Plan, the Greenbelt Plan and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.

LAND USE PLANNING – The means by which local governments plan and regulate the use and development of land according to municipal policies and community needs.

MINOR VARIANCE – Small changes or exceptions to existing land use or development restrictions contained in the Zoning By-law are called Minor Variances.

MULTI-PARTY MONITORING – All stakeholders interested in monitoring a particular issue, media or area come together to design, implement, analyze, and report monitoring data over the long term.

NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SIGN (WHITEBOARD) – A large public notice board often posted at a development site.

OAK RIDGES MORAINE CONSERVATION ACT – Passed on December 13, 2001 as part of a comprehensive strategy for the Oak Ridges Moraine. The authority for the Minister to establish the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan comes from the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act.

OAK RIDGES MORAINE CONSERVATION PLAN – The ORMCP is a provincial regulation created under section 3 of the *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act* to direct land use and resource management for the 190,000 hectares of land and water in the Oak Ridges Moraine Plan Area.

OFFICIAL PLAN – An official plan sets out your municipality's general policies for future land use. Zoning by-laws put the plan into effect and provide for its day-to-day administration. They contain specific requirements that are legally enforceable. Construction or new development that doesn't comply with a zoning by-law is not allowed, and the municipality will refuse to issue a building permit.

OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT – If you wish to use, alter or develop your property in a way that does not conform with the Official Plan, you must apply for a site specific Official Plan Amendment. Any change to the Official Plan requires an Official Plan Amendment application.

ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD – The Ontario Municipal Board is an independent administrative tribunal responsible for hearing appeals and deciding on a variety of contentious municipal matters.

PLANNING ACT – *The Planning Act* sets out the ground rules for land use planning in Ontario and describes how land uses may be controlled, and who may control them.

PUBLIC MEETING – The Planning Act requires the municipality to hold a Public Meeting to consider all applications for amendments to the Official Plan or Zoning By-laws and Plans of Subdivision. Sometimes referred to as the statutory public meeting to distinguish it from optional consultations which are held in the local community, this takes place at the Community Council meeting where the final staff report on the application is considered. The purpose of the Public Meeting is to

consider the staff report and provide a public forum for debate on the merits of the application. Applicants have the opportunity to present their proposal, the public can write in or attend to make their views known and Community Council has the ability to evaluate the application.

SUBDIVISION – When you divide a piece of land into two or more parcels and offer one or more for sale, you are subdividing property, and the provisions of the Planning Act come into play.

ZONING BY-LAW – A zoning by-law controls the use of land in your community. It states exactly:

- how land may be used
- where buildings and other structures can be located
- the types of buildings that are permitted and how they may be used
- the lot sizes and dimensions, parking requirements, building heights and setbacks from the street.

ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT – If you want to use or develop your property in a way that is not allowed by the zoning by-law, you may apply for a zoning change, also known as a zoning by-law amendment or a rezoning.

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APPENDIX A - PUBLIC NOTICES

Here are some examples of where you might find information about land use activities on the Oak Ridges Moraine. These figures will show you how to find the information you need to fill in the Moraine Watch Worksheet. Use the Moraine Watch Worksheet along with these examples to collect and record as much information as possible.





HOW

I saw the notice of development whiteboard at the site when I was driving by.

WHAT

A new condominium

WHO

The Township of King Planning Department

PROPOSED DRAFT PLAN OF CONDOMINIUM A PROPOSED DRAFT PLAN OF CONDOMINIUM HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE TOWNSHIP OF KING TO CREATE A COMMON ELEMENT CONDOMINIUM AND 3 PARCELS OF TIED LANDS TO ADDRESS A COMMON DRIVEWAY FOR 3 PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL INFILL LOTS. FOR INFORMATION CALL: THE TOWNSHIP OF KING PLANNING DEPARTMENT (905) 833-5321

WHERE

Township of King (include the address where the sign was)

WHAT ELSE

Contact 905-833-5321 for more information

EXAMPLE:

MUNICIPAL WEBSITE NOTICE



I saw the notice on the Township of King municipal website



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED PLAN OF SUBDIVISION AND AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING BY-LAW

Applications or a proposed Plan of Subdivision and amendment to the Zoning By-law (File No. 19T-10K01 and Z-2010-16) Applicant/Owner: Victor Culotta), have been submitted to the Township of King in accordance with Sections 51 and 34 of the Planning Act. The proposed Zoning By-law amendment and Plan of Subdivision propose the development of a residential plan of subdivision consisting of a range of lot sizes for single detached homes. The plan also includes several blocks for other purposes including public and private open space, environmental protection, environmental/open space buffers, stormwater management, park, and private residential (common element single detached homes). The subject lands are described as Part of Lot 10, Concession 4, as shown on the attached key map.

A public meeting will be held by the Council of the Township of King on the following date to inform the public and receive comments on this application:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011; 6:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS; TOWNSHIP OF KING 2075 KING ROAD, KING CITY, ONTARIO, L7B 1A1 WHAT ELSE

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, if one is held, or make written submissions to the Clerk of the Township of King in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision and/or zoning by-law before the approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the draft plan of subdivision or the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of King to the Ontario Municipal Board. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, if one is held, or make written submissions to the Clerk of the Township of King in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision and/or zoning by-law before the approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the draft plan of subdivision or the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Township of King in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION and a copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision, as well as background information, is available for inspection at the Township of King Planning Department from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on regular business days or inquiries may be directed to the Planning Department at 905-833-5321 or 1-800-688-5013. Refer to File 19T-10K01(Culotta).

WHAT

A proposed subdivision and zoning by-law amendment

WHAT ELSE

Public meeting information, contact information, file number

WHERE

WHO

Township of King

Applicant/owner

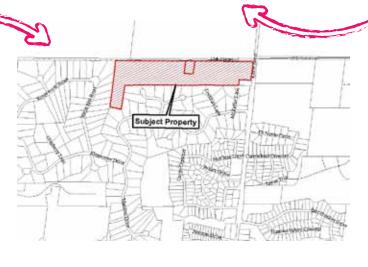
Victor Culotta

WHERE

Lot 10 Concession 4,

Township of King

Planning Department,



Chris Somerville, Clerk Township of King 2075 King Road; King City, L7B 1A1





EXAMPLE:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING



UPDATE: York Region rejected this proposal based on the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.



NOTICE OF MEETING
You are invited to attend a Public Meeting to be held by the Development Services Committee of the Town of Markham to consider the following application by Memorial Gardens Canada Limited:

Amendment to the Official Plan (Revised 1987), as amended

Markham, Ontario, L3R 9W3

* The approval authority for the proposed official plan amendment is the Region of York.

DATE: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 7:00 p.m. PLACE: Council Chambers Anthony Roman Centre 101 Town Centre Boulevard

BACKGROUND

The subject lands consist of 40.5 hectares located near the northeast corner of 19th Avenue and Dickson Hill Road, municipally known as 6278 19th Avenue (see attached map). The lands are bounded by the Town limits to the north, agricultural lands immediately to the east, existing rural residential properties and agricultural lands to the south across 19th Avenue, and existing residential and commercial buildings to the west across Dickson Hill Road. At the northeast corner of 19th Avenue and Dickson Hill Road are rural residential properties.

The property is bisected by a tributary of the Little Rouge Creek flowing from north to south. Two heritage buildings, namely the John Ramer house and barn, are located on the western portion of the property

The majority of the lands are designated Oak Ridges Moraine-Countryside and Oak Ridges Moraine-Natural Link Area in the Oak Ridges Moraine Secondary Plan (OPA 117). These lands are subject to the Provincial Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Provincial Greenbelt Plan. The remainder of the lands are designated 'Agriculture (A1)', 'Hamlet' and 'Hazard Lands' in the Official Plan (Revised 1987), as amended.

PROPOSAL

The application is for a site-specific exemption to the existing land use designations in the Official Plan (Revised 1987), as amended to allow a cemetery with related uses including administrative offices, chapels, columbarium, crematoriums, mausoleums, reception centres and

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The purpose and effect of the Official Plan amendment is to provide for the development of a cemetery and related uses on the subject lands.

NOTE REGARDING THE APPLICATION

- i) If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Markham before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the approval authority* to the Ontario Municipal Board.
- ii) If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submission to the Town of Markham before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add a person to public body as a party.
- iii) If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment, or of the refusal of a request to amend the official plan, you must make a written request to the Clerk's Department at the address noted above or by email to judycarroll@markham.ca

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment will be available for public viewing on April 28, 2010 at the Development Services Counter of the Town Municipal Offices between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Additional information is available from Marg Wouters of the Town's Planning Department, tel. (905) 477-7000, ext. 2758, quoting file number OP 07-134061

Written submissions may be mailed or personally delivered to the Clerk's Department at the address noted above or by e-mail to judycarroll@markham.ca by not later than 4:30 p.m. on May 14, 2010.

Personal information collected in response to this planning notice will be used to assist Town staff and Council to process this application and will be made public

DATED April 28, 2010

Jim Baird MCIP RPP Commissioner of Development Services John Webster Development Services Committee

HOW

I found out about it through a public meeting notice on the Markham municipal website

WHO

Public meeting being held by Development Services Committee of the Town of Markham. application by Memorial Gardens Canada Limited

WHERE

Town of Markham. Northeast corner of 19th Avenue and Dickson Hill Road

WHAT

Application for a sitespecific exemption to existing land use designations in the Official Plan to allow for the building of a cemetery and related use buildings.



WHAT ELSE

Location, date, and

where and when to

view a copy of the

information

I am concerned

because the lands

are in the Oak Ridges

Moraine countryside

and natural linkage

areas. The property

also contains a creek

and two heritage

buildings.

time of public meeting;

proposed amendment,

where to get additional

Location, date. and time of public meeting; where and when to view a copy of the proposed amendment, where to get additional information





APPENDIX B -WHO TO CONTACT AND WHEN

The Ontario Government (in this case, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing) is the overseer when it comes to the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, but it is the municipalities across the Moraine that are responsible for actually putting it into practice. Sometimes they do this on their own or with technical advice from the conservation authorities.

In **Table 1** you will find some specific examples of land use activities that you might encounter across the Oak Ridges Moraine. The activities are listed in alphabetical order alongside the decision-making body for that issue. Not all of these issues will fall under the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, but the table will give you a good idea of who does what. In **Tables 2** and **3** of Appendix C you will find the contact information for the 32 municipalities and nine conservation authorities on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

TABLE 1. DIRECTORY OF LAND USE ACTIVITIES

Activity (A-Z)	Decision-making body	Who to contact
Barn (new)	Local planning department	Municipal planner or assistant planner
Dumping of Fill – <i>if within Conservation</i> Authority regulated lands	Conservation Authority (CA)	CA Chief Administrative Officer or Manager/Director of Planning and Regulations
Dumping of Fill – <i>if outside of CA regulated lands</i>	By-law department of the local municipality	Local by-law officer
Excavation – <i>large</i> (new subdivison/new industry)	Local planning department	Municipal planner or assistant planner
Floodplain development/levelling	Conservation Authority (CA)	CA Chief Administrative Officer or Director of Watershed Services or Manager/Director of Planning and Regulations
Residential new road or driveway	Planning Department of the local municipality	Municipal Development Services or municipal planner/assistant planner
Road upgrade – local	Public Works of the local municipality	Each upgrade will have a project manager; call public works and ask for manager name/contact manager
Road upgrade – regional	Regional public works/planning department	Each upgrade will have a project manager; call public works and ask for manager name/contact information
Stream- or river-side development	Conservation Authority (CA)	CA Chief Administrative Officer or Director of Watershed Services or Manager/Director of Planning and Regulations
Tree cutting	By-law department of the local municipality	Local or regional by-law officer
Water – straightening, changing, diverting or interfering with body of water/stream	Conservation Authority (CA)	CA Chief Administrative Officer or Director of Watershed Services or Manager/Director of Planning and Regulations
Wayside Pit	Public Works of the local municipality or Ministry of Natural Resources	Project Manager or Aggregate Inspector
Wetland excavation – if within Conservation Authority regulated lands	Conservation Authority (CA)	CA Chief Administrative Officer or Director of Watershed Services or Manager/Director of Planning and Regulations
Wetland excavation – <i>if outside of</i> Conservation Authority regulated lands	By-law department of the local municipality	Local or regional by-law officer





APPENDIX C - CONTACT INFORMATION

Assigned roles and responsibilities within conservation authorities and municipal governments can change frequently so we have provided only general contact information in Tables 2 and 3.

You can find your local conservation authority by looking at Conservation Ontario's online map: www.conservation-ontario.on.ca/find/index.html

TABLE 2. GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION FOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES ON THE OAK RIDGES MORAINE (LISTED ALPHABETICALLY)

Conservation Authority	Department	Phone	Email	Website*
Central Lake Ontario			mail@cloca.com	www.cloca.com
	General	1-800-668-5557	cvc@creditvalleyca.ca	www.creditvalleycons.com
Credit Valley	Planning	1-800-668-5557	planning@creditvalleyca.ca	www.creditvalleyca.ca/ programsandservices/planning.htm
Ganaraska Region	General	905-885-8173	infoldgrca.on.ca	www.grca.on.ca
Kawartha	General	705-328-2271	geninfo@kawarthaconservation.com	www.kawarthaconservation.com
Lake Simcoe	General	1-800-465-0437	info@lsrca.on.ca	www.lsrca.on.ca
Lower Trent	General	613-394-4829	information@ltc.on.ca	www.ltc.on.ca
Nottawasaga Valley	General	705-424-1479	admin@nvca.on.ca	www.nvca.on.ca
Otonabee	General	705-745-5791	otonabee@otonabee.com	www.otonabee.com
	General	416-661-6600	infoldtrca.on.ca	www.trca.on.ca
Toronto Region	Planning and Development	416-661-6600 Extension 5271 or 5221	planning&permits@trca.on.ca	www.trca.on.ca

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TABLE 3. GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MUNICIPALITIES ON THE OAK RIDGES MORAINE (LISTED BY REGION FROM WEST TO EAST)

Upper-tier Municipality	Lower-tier Municipality	Department	Phone	Email	Website*
Dufferin	County	General	519-941-2816	info@dufferincounty.on.ca	www.dufferincounty.on.ca
		General	519- 941-3599	info@townofmono.com	www.townofmono.com
		Planning	519- 941-3599		www.townofmono.com/subsections. php?body= bodycommunity&cat_ id=1&s_id=12&sp_id=22
Dufferin County	Town of Mono	Public Works	519- 941-3599		www.townofmono.com/subsections. php?body=body community&cat_ id=1&s_id=12&sp_id=23
		By-laws	519-941-3599	mono@townofmono.com	www.townofmono.com/sections. php?body=bodycommunity&cat_ id=1&s_id=8
Pee	el	General	905-791-7800		www.peelregion.ca
		General	905-584-2272	info@caledon.ca	www.town.caledon.on.ca
Peel	Town of Caledon	Planning	905-584-2272	planning@caledon.ca	www.town.caledon.on.ca/townhall/ departments/planningdevelopment/ index.asp
Peet		Public Works	905-584-2272	public.works@caledon.ca	www.town.caledon.on.ca/townhall/ departments/publicworks/index.asp
		By-laws	905-584-2272	bylaw@caledon.ca	www.town.caledon.on.ca/townhall/departments/buildingbylaw/bylaw.asp
Simcoe (County	General	705-726-9300	info@simcoe.ca	www.simcoe.ca
Simeoc	ounty	Planning	705-726-9300	planning@simcoe.ca	www.simcoe.ca/dpt/pln/index.htm
	Township of Adjala- Tosorontio	General	705-434-5055		www.townshipadjtos.on.ca
		Planning	705-434-5055		www.townshipadjtos.on.ca/ MunicipalServices/Departments/ Planning/index.htm
Simcoe County		Public Works	705-434-5055		www.townshipadjtos.on.ca/ MunicipalServices/Departments/ PublicWorks/index.htm
		By-law Enforcement	705-434-5055		www.townshipadjtos.on.ca/ MunicipalServices/Departments/ By-lawCanineEnforcement/index.htm
		General	705-435-6219		www.town.newtecumseth.on.ca
Simcoe	Town of New	Planning	705-435-6219		www.town.newtecumseth.on.ca/ TownHall/DepartmentsServices/ Planning/index.htm
County	Tecumseth	Public Works	705-435-6219	publicworks@town. newtecumseth.on.ca	www.town.newtecumseth.on.ca/ TownHall/DepartmentsServices/ TechnicalServices/PublicWorks/index. htm
		By-laws	705-435-6219		
Yor	k	General	1-877-464- YORK	info@york.ca	www.york.ca

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Upper-tier Municipality	Lower-tier Municipality	Department	Phone	Email	Website*
		General	905-833-5321	online@king.ca	www.king.ca
		Planning	905-833-5321		www.king.ca/TOWNSHIP%20 GOVERNMENT/Departments/ Planning/Pages/default.aspx
York	Township of King	Public Works	905-833-5321		www.king.ca/TOWNSHIP%20 GOVERNMENT/Departments/ Engineering%20and%20Public%20 Works/Pages/default.aspx
		By-law Enforcement	905-833-5321		www.king.ca/T0WNSHIP%20 GOVERNMENT/Departments/By- Law%20Services/Pages/default.aspx
		General	905- 832-2281		www.city.vaughan.on.ca
	City of	Planning	905-832-8585	developmentplanning@ vaughan.ca	www.city.vaughan.on.ca/vaughan/departments/development_planning/index.cfm
York	City of Vaughan	Public Works	905-832-8562	works@vaughan.ca	www.city.vaughan.on.ca/vaughan/departments/public_works/index.cfm
		By-law Enforcement	905-832-2281 or 905-832- 8505	bylaw@vaughan.ca	www.city.vaughan.on.ca/vaughan/departments/enforcement/index.cfm
	Town of Newmarket	General	905-895-5193	info@newmarket.ca	www.newmarket.ca
		Planning	905-953-5321	planning@ newmarket.ca	www.newmarket.ca/en/townhall/ planningdepartment.asp
York		Public Works	905-895-5193	customerservice@ newmarket.ca	www.newmarket.ca/en/townhall/ publicworksservices.asp
		Building and by-laws	905-953-5300 ext. 2400	buildings@newmarket.ca	www.newmarket.ca/en/townhall/ buildingbylaws.asp
	Town of Aurora	General	905-727-1375	info@e-aurora.ca	www.town.aurora.on.ca
		Planning	905-727-3123 ext. 4340		www.town.aurora.on.ca/aurora/index.aspx?CategoryID=144⟨=en-CA
York		Infrastructure and Environmental Services	905-727-3123 ext. 4370		www.town.aurora.on.ca/aurora/index.aspx?CategoryID=373⟨=en-CA
		By-law services	905-727-3123 ext. 4240	bylawdept@e-aurora.ca	www.town.aurora.on.ca/aurora/index.aspx?CategoryID=128⟨=en-CA
		General	905-771-8800	access@richmondhill.ca	www.town.richmond-hill.on.ca
	Town of	Planning	905-771-8910	planning@ richmondhill.ca	www.richmondhill.ca/department/department.asp?divisionid=7
York	Richmond Hill	Environment & Infrastructure	905-771-8830	eis@richmondhill.ca	www.richmondhill.ca/department/department.asp?divisionid=3
		By-law Enforcement:	905-771-0198	bylaw@richmondhill.ca	www.richmondhill.ca/ department/department. asp?textonly=&subdivisionid=24

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	York Town of East Gwillimbury	General	905-478-4282	town@eastgwillimbury.ca	www.eastgwillimbury.ca
York		Planning	905-478-4282		www.eastgwillimbury.ca/Town_Hall/ Departments/PlanningBuilding_ Services.htm
		By-law Enforcement	905-478-4282		www.eastgwillimbury.ca/Town_Hall/ Departments/LegalCouncil_ Support_Services/By-Law_and_ Licensing_Services.htm
		General	905-477-5530	customerservice@ markham.ca	www.markham.ca
York	Town of Markham	Planning	905-475-4861		www.markham.ca/Markham/ Departments/Planning/
		By-law Enforcement	905-479-7782		www.markham.ca/Markham/ Departments/Bylaw/Overview.htm
		General	905-640-1900		www.townofws.com
	Town of	Planning	905-640-1910		www.townofws.com/dept_planning.asp
York	Whitchurch- Stouffville	Public Works	905-640-1910		www.townofws.com/dept_public.asp
		By-law Enforcement	905 640-1900		www.townofws.com/dept_clerks.asp
Durh	am	General	905-668-7711	Planning@durham.ca	www.durham.ca
	Township of	General	905-852-9181	info@town.uxbridge.on.ca	www.town.uxbridge.on.ca
Durham		Development Services (Planning)	905-852-9181		town.uxbridge.on.ca/development_ services
	Uxbridge	Public Works	905-852-9181		town.uxbridge.on.ca/public_works
		By-law Department	905-852-9181		town.uxbridge.on.ca/bylaw_ department
		General	905-420-4660	info@cityofpickering.com	www.cityofpickering.com
	City of	Planning	905-420-4617 905-683-2760	planning@ cityofpickering.com	www.cityofpickering.com
Durham	Pickering	By-law Enforcement	1-866-683- 2760	clerks@cityofpickering. com	www.cityofpickering.com
		Engineering Services	905-420-4630	engser@cityofpickering. com	www.cityofpickering.com
		General	905-668-5803	clerks@whitby.ca	www.whitby.ca
		Planning	905-430-4306	planning@whitby.ca	www.town.whitby.on.ca/index. php?page=37
Durham	Town of Whitby	Development Services	905-430-4307	engineering@whitby.ca	www.town.whitby.on.ca/index. php?page=54
		Building and By-law Services	905-430-4305	building@whitby.ca	www.whitby.ca/index.php?page=51

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		General	905-985-7346		township.scugog.on.ca
	T 1: (Planning	905-985-7346		www.township.scugog.on.ca/ planning_public-works.61. php#planning_division
Durham	Township of Scugog	Public Works	905-985-7346	works@scugog.ca	www.township.scugog.on.ca/ planning_public-works.61. php#planning_division
		By-law Enforcement	905-985-7346		www.township.scugog.on.ca/by-law.39.php
		General	905-436-3311	service@oshawa.ca	www.oshawa.ca
		Planning	905-436-3853	planning@oshawa.ca	www.oshawa.ca/cit_hall/dev_plan/plan_serv.asp
Durham	City of Oshawa	Public Works	905-436-3311	service@oshawa.ca	www.oshawa.ca/cit_hall/opersrv/ mainserv.asp
		Municipal Law Enforcement	905-436-3311		www.oshawa.ca/cit_hall/corp_ser/ bylaw.asp
	Municipality of Clarington	General	905-623-3379	info@clarington.net	www.clarington.net
		Planning	1-800-563- 1195	planning@clarington.net	www.clarington.net/htdocs/planning_index.html
Durham		Engineering and Building Services	1-800-563- 1195	engineering@ clarington.net	www.clarington.net/htdocs/ department_engineering.html
		Municipal Clerk's Office (by-laws)	1-800-563- 1195	clerks@clarington.net	www.clarington.net/htdocs/ department_municipal_clerks_office. html
		General	705-324-9411	info@ city.kawarthalakes.on.ca	www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca
City of Kawa (Single		Planning	1-888-822- 2225 Ext. 1231		www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/ residents/planning-building
		Municipal law Enforcement	1-888-822- 2225 ext 1212	bylawcomplaints@ city.kawarthalakes.on.ca	www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/ residents/municipal-law-enforcement
Peterborou	Peterborough County		705-743-0380 or 1-800-710- 9586		www.county.peterborough.on.ca
		General	705-932-2929	services@ cavanmonaghan.net	www.cavanmonaghan.net
Peterborough County	Cavan Monaghan	Planning	705-932-9334		www.cavanmonaghan.net/siteengine/activepage.asp?PageID=80
		By-law Enforcement	705-932-9319		www.cavanmonaghan.net/siteengine/activepage.asp?PageID=19
Northumberl	and County	General	1-800-354-7050		www.northumberlandcounty.ca

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Upper-tier Municipality	Lower-tier Municipality	Department	Phone	Email	Website*
		General	905- 885-4544		www.porthope.ca
Northumberland		Planning and Development Services	905-885-4544		www.porthope.ca/en/ municipaldepartments/ PlanningBuilding.asp
County	Municipality of Port Hope	Public Works	905-885-2431		www.porthope.ca/en/municipal departments/PublicWorks.asp
		By-law Enforcement	905-885-4544		www.porthope.ca/en/ municipaldepartments/ PlanningBuilding.asp
		General	905-342-2810	info@ hamiltontownship.ca	www.hamiltontownship.ca
Northumberland	Hamilton	Planning	905-342-2810		www.hamiltontownship.ca/index. php?page=bylaws
County	Township	Public Works	905-342-2810		www.hamiltontownship.ca/index. php?page=Public%20Works
		By-law Enforcement	905-342-2810	building@ hamiltontownship.ca	www.hamiltontownship.ca/index. php?page=bylaws
	Municipality of Alnwick- Haldimand	General	905-349-2822 (Grafton)	alnhald@eagle.ca	www.alnwickhaldimand.ca
		Planning	905-349-2822		www.alnwickhaldimand.ca/en/ planningservices/planningapplication sfeesandprocedures.asp?id=3
Northumberland County		Public Works	905-349-2700		www.alnwickhaldimand.ca/en/ publicworksservices/publicworks. asp?id=7
		Building and By-law Services	905-349-2822 (Grafton) or 905-352-3949 (Roseneath)		www.alnwickhaldimand.ca/ en/buildingbylawservices/ buildinginspection.asp?id=4
		General	705-653-1900	info@trenthills.ca	www.trenthills.ca
Northumberland	Municipality	Planning	705-653-1900		www.trenthills.ca/en/services/ planning_dept.asp
County	of Trent Hills	Public Works	705-653-1900		www.trenthills.ca/en/services/public_works.asp
		By-law Enforcement	705-653-1900		www.trenthills.ca/en/services/ bylaws_enforcement.asp
		General	905-355-2821		www.visitcramahe.ca
Northumberland	Township of	Building and Planning	905-355-2821 ext. 0		www.visitcramahe.ca/cramahe/gov/build&plandept.asp
County	Cramahe	Public Works	905-355 2846 Ext 1		www.visitcramahe.ca/cramahe/gov/ publicworksgeninfo.asp
		By-law Enforcement	905-355-2821		www.visitcramahe.ca/cramahe/gov/ GOV_ByLaws.asp

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Monitoring the Moraine is building and sustaining a movement of engaged communities who can contribute to the long-term protection of the Oak Ridges Moraine. We work with volunteers in ecological and policy monitoring to measure changes to the Moraine landscape and to determine the effectiveness of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. It is a collaboration between EcoSpark and STORM Coalition.





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Save The Oak Ridges Moraine

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