

## **NEW AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MAPPING.....**

The province recently released its four updated provincial land use plans for the Greater Golden Horseshoe as a result of the coordinated review: the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Greenbelt Plan, the Niagara Escarpment Plan and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.

The advisory panel for the coordinated review, chaired by David Crombie, recommended that Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) work with municipalities and stakeholders to **develop an Agricultural System across the Greater Golden Horseshoe** to support the viability of Ontario's agri-food sector and protect farmland.

Development of a Natural Heritage System (NHS) was recommended by the coordinated review advisory panel for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, based on overwhelming public and stakeholder interest in a provincially-led NHS for the Growth Plan in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) was identified as the lead to draft criteria, methods and develop mapping for the NHS for the Greater Golden Horseshoe beyond the Greenbelt Plan.

As a result of these recommendations, OMAFRA and MNRF have posted the proposed Agricultural System and the proposed criteria, methods and mapping for the Natural Heritage System for public comment on the Environmental Registry.

**Comments on the draft Agricultural System and the proposed criteria, methods and mapping of the Natural Heritage System are welcome between July 6 and October 4, 2017.**

The province will also be hosting Public Open Houses to provide opportunities to learn more and provide input on the proposed Agricultural and Natural Heritage Systems.

Open houses will be held at the following times and locations. Pre-registration is not required.

\* Guelph, July 20, 2017, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Holiday Inn, 601 Scottsdale Drive, Guelph, N1G 3E7

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\* Town of East Gwillimbury, August 17, 2017, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Mount Albert Community Centre, 53 Main Street, Mount Albert, LOG 1M0

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For further information on the consultations, please visit

<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/landuse/agsys-ggh.htm>

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