Township of Essa New Official Plan



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WELCOME!

Join us for a conversation about the future and how we plan for our communities to grow and thrive

Wednesday September 25th 2024

5pm-7pm Angus Recreation Centre

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What is an **Official Plan?** A key document that lays out where and how we plan to grow into the future, and guides where we live, work, and play.

What is the **Township doing?**

DEVELOPING A NEW

Why are we doing this?

The Township is required to develop policies to guide growth to 2051 and bring our Official Plan into conformity with the latest Provincial guidance.

OFFICIAL PLAN!!

The project to update policies and develop a new Official Plan was started in 2020 and is ongoing



Let's talk about the next 30 years

The Township is projected to grow more than 30% by 2051, adding close to 11,000 new residents and over 3,700 new jobs. Let's talk about how and where we plan to grow! Your input will help shape the directions and policies for the New Official Plan.

Five Key Themes for the New Official Plan

Rural Essa – Agricultural Lands

Planning for the protection of farmland and growth of the agri-food industry in Essa

Natural Essa –



Protecting the Environment

Protecting nature and directing development away from sensitive environmental areas

Growing Essa – Housing and Jobs

Providing support for a range of housing types and more opportunities for business and job growth



Resilient Essa – Services and places and spaces to play and gather

Planning for healthy, walkable communities, with a range of parks and open spaces, libraries, and recreational areas.

Connecting Essa – How we move through the community Designing for streets to support different ways to travel through the community including by car, bus, walking, or rolling

Rural Essa: Issues and Opportunities

- Increasing land values and land speculation
- Agricultural industry changes, with traditional operations becoming less viable
- Increase in housing demand in rural areas and the need for more

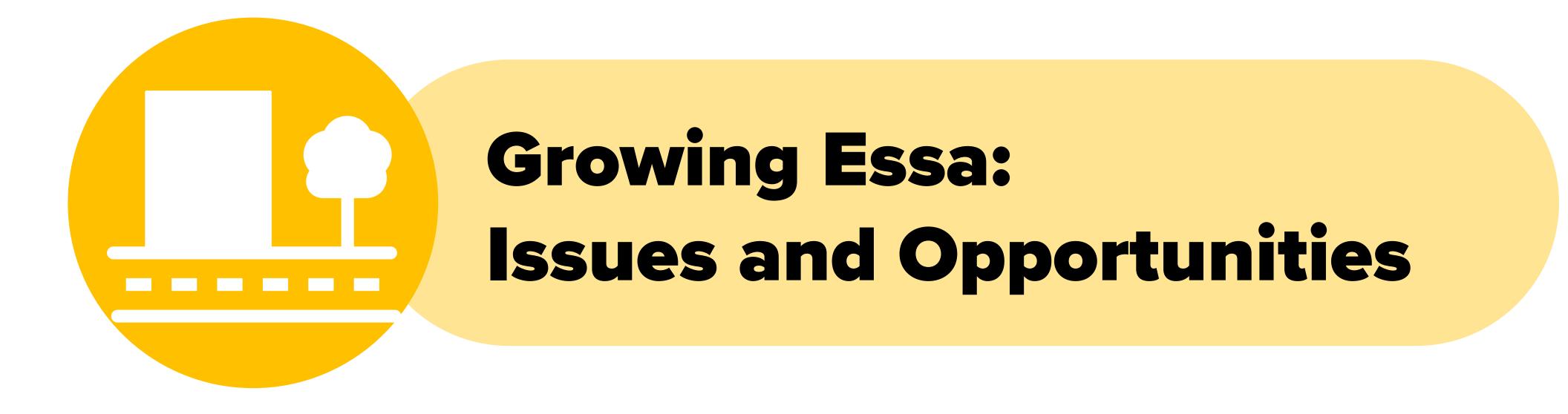
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- infrastructure to support growth
- Increased pressure on natural heritage features
- Increased fragmentation of rural land

Natural Essa: **Issues and Opportunities**

- Increased growth pressure on natural heritage features
- Increased pressures on water resources and stormwater management infrastructure
- Enforcement of natural heritage protection

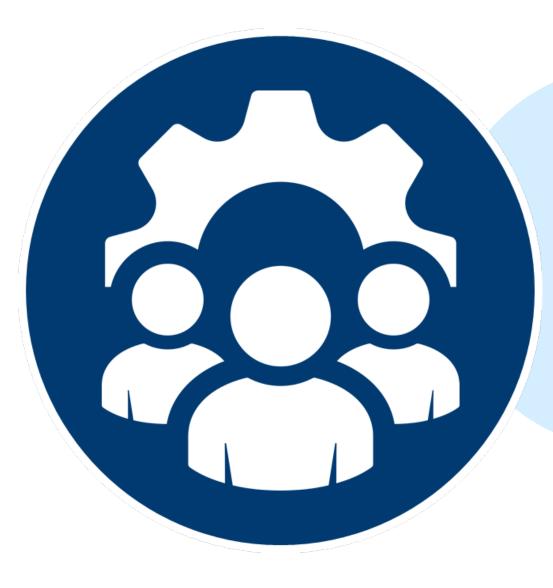
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- Planning for a range of housing types and jobs
- Providing services and infrastructure to support growth
- Balancing growth with other priorities including protecting nature, agricultural sustainability, and servicing availability

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• Supporting the supply of more affordable housing



Resilient Essa: Issues and Opportunities

- Designing for healthy and walkable communities with a range of areas to live, work, and play
- Age-friendly, accessible, and inclusive design
- Climate change considerations in the design of public spaces, infrastructure, and buildings

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• Coordination across all levels of government to achieve our goals



- Meet long term needs for moving people and goods
- Support growth and improve community connections
- Address the growing vehicle-perhousehold numbers and the associated on-street parking enforcement issues

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- Provide more trails and routes for people to choose to walk, roll, or cycle
- Explore options for more transit services within Essa and to neighbouring communities

Stay in Touch.



Stay up to date with our progress and take the survey by September 30th, 2024 on our project website: essatownship.on.ca/official-planreview





Share your ideas, input and concerns by email:

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