
GLOSSARY

Adjacent Lands: - lands within 120 metres of a Provincially Significant Wetland, all lands connecting individual wetland areas within a wetland complex as determined by the Ministry of Natural Resources or lands within 50 metres of a Locally Significant Natural Area.

Archaeological Resources - means the remains of any building, structure, activity, place, cultural feature or object, which because of the passage of time is on or below the surface of land or water, and is of significance to the understanding of the history of a people or place.

Biodiversity - the variety of life in all its forms. It includes species diversity, ecosystem diversity, and genetic diversity within species.

Contiguous - lands adjoining an Environmental Area including wildlife corridors, Environmental Protection Areas, Environmentally Sensitive Policy Areas, Fish Habitat, or a designated Heritage feature/district which are situated in sufficiently close proximity that development could reasonably be expected to produce one or more of the following impacts: alterations to existing hydrological or hydrogeological regimes; clearing of existing vegetation; erosion and sedimentation into the Environmental Area; or producing a substantial disruption of existing natural linkages, functions or the habitat of a significant species known to inhabit the Environmental Area.

Development Application - in the context of this Plan, development application means an application for approval under the Planning Act. Development applications may include applications for approval of the following: Plans of Subdivision; Plans of Condominium; Consent; Part Lot Control Exemption By-Laws; Official Plan Amendments; and Zone Change Applications. Development Applications do not include Site Plans submitted in accordance with Section 41 of the Planning Act

Environmental Assessment - a process for the authorization of an undertaking under legislation such as the Environmental Assessment Act, and the Ontario Energy Board Act.

Environmental Impact Statement - a study prepared in accordance with established procedures, to refine the boundaries of an Environmentally Sensitive Policy Area, identify the potential impacts of a development application on an Environmentally Sensitive Policy Area, and recommend means of preventing or minimizing these impacts through avoidance or mitigation.

Existing Industrial/Commercial Area - a parcel or parcels of land designated and/or zoned for industrial/commercial uses, which are not designated as, or part of, an Industrial/Commercial Area in this Plan.

Existing Settlement - a grouping of four or more non-farm related units or lots not designated as a Rural Settlement Area in this Plan, with each such unit or lot separated from each other by a distance of not more than 100 metres on the same side of an open public road. The measurement of such 100 metres will be as determined according to the following:

- a) measurement is established between two points located along the centre-line of the existing right-of-way of an open public road and which points are determined by a line drawn from the centre of such unit and perpendicular to the public road;

- b) the distance between the two points is measured along the public road through intersecting public roads; and
- c) the point of reference on an adjoining and undeveloped non-farm-related residential lot is determined by the mid-point along the public road.

Farm - a parcel of land on which the predominant activity is farming.

Farming - includes the growing of crops, and the raising of livestock. Notwithstanding the generality of the foregoing, farming may include fur farming, fruit growing, the keeping of bees, fish farming, poultry farming, vegetable growing, and non-retail greenhouses. Sod farming may be included if permitted in this Plan, subject to a specific zone change.

Farm-Related Non-Residential Use - an industrial or commercial use which supports agriculture and needs to be located in proximity to farms, such as farm implement dealerships, grain drying and storage operations, feed mills, abattoirs, non-retail greenhouses, and similar uses which provide a direct service to agricultural operations as an exclusive or primary activity.

Farm-Related Residential Unit - a dwelling on a farm used as the primary residence for an active and operating farmer, or a dwelling for a full-time farm employee of an active farm on which the dwelling is located.

Fish Habitat - means the spawning grounds and nursery, rearing, food supply, and migration areas on which fish depend directly or indirectly in order to carry out their life processes.

Flood Protection Measures - a combination of structural changes and/or adjustments incorporated into the basic design and/or construction or alteration of individual buildings, structures or properties subject to flooding so as to reduce or eliminate flood damages.

Gross Floor Area - the total floor area of a building or structure or part thereof measured from the outside faces of exterior walls or between the outside faces of exterior walls and the centre line of any partition walls. The Gross Floor Area will not include any area which is specifically designated for parking, and which is not being used for the repair or for the public sale of vehicles.

Heritage Conservation - any activity undertaken for the purpose of:

- a) identifying heritage resources by finding, selecting and documenting significant attributes and features; or
- b) protecting heritage resources from destruction and loss through legal and other means; or
- c) interpreting heritage resources by revealing and communicating their meaning and value; or
- d) using and managing heritage resources in responsible ways.

Heritage Resources - expressions of living heritage, and real and movable property of cultural or natural heritage importance, where:

- a) expressions of living heritage mean the intangible expressions of the traditional culture of a community;

- b) real property means natural and cultural lands, areas and corridors and the features thereof, including buildings and other structures, archaeological and paleontological sites, cemeteries and other burial places, areas of natural and scientific interest, landscapes and vistas; and
- c) movable property means documents and natural and cultural objects.

Individual Wastewater Treatment Systems - autonomous sewage disposal systems, that are owned, operated and managed by the owner of the property upon which the system is located.

Industrial/Commercial Area - lands designated as an industrial/commercial settlement on Map 2A of this Plan. Residential land uses are not permitted within Industrial/Commercial Areas.

Inventory of Heritage Resources- will be a published inventory of heritage resources in the township, available to the public. The inventory may be compiled over time and includes heritage resources identified by Federal, Provincial and Regional governments.

Minimum Distance Separation - the separation distance as determined through the Minimum Distance Separation Formulae I and II or any other reduced distance satisfactory to the Township and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs through an amendment to an Area Municipal Zoning By-law or Minor Variance application.

Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs - the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs or its delegate.

Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation - the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation or its delegate.

Ministry of Environment and Energy - the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Environment and Energy or its delegate.

Ministry of Natural Resources - the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources or its delegate.

Ministry of Transportation - the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Transportation or its delegate.

Net Residential Density - the number of housing units per hectare of residentially designated land, exclusive of lands required for open space, environmentally sensitive areas and transportation and servicing infrastructure, including storm water management.

Noise Sensitive Land Uses - uses which may be adversely impacted by noise from transportation sources, including residential developments; seasonal residential developments; and hospitals, nursing/retirement homes, schools, and day-care centres.

Non-Farm-Related Residential Unit - any dwelling unit that does not conform to the definition of a farm-related unit.

Prime Agricultural Area - an area where prime agricultural land predominates.

Prime Agricultural Lands - lands that include speciality crop lands and/or lands of predominately Classes 1, 2 and 3 agricultural soils as defined in the Canada Land Inventory or as determined in consultation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Provincially Significant Wetlands - wetlands evaluated as Class 1, 2, or 3 by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Region - the corporate entity of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo.

region - the geographic area encompassing the Regional Municipality of Waterloo.

Rural Settlement Area - areas designated as settlement areas on Map 2A of this Plan to accommodate residential and other land uses.

Sensitive Groundwater Area - area of land contributing water to a municipal well as identified by the Region.

Site Plan (applicable to all chapters except Chapter 5) - an application under Section 41 of the Planning Act which details building location and design as well as other site specific considerations such as walkways, landscaping, lighting and storage areas.

Site Plan (applicable to Chapter 5 only) - a site plan as defined in the licensing process for aggregate extraction operations in accordance with the provisions of the Aggregates Act.

Township - the corporate entity of the Township of North Dumfries.

township - the geographic area encompassing the Township of North Dumfries.

Watershed - for the purposes of this Plan the term watershed also includes subwatersheds.

Watershed Studies - comprehensive scientific studies of rivers and streams and the lands draining into them. These investigations result in recommendations as to where and how development activity can safely occur so as to minimize flood risks, stream erosion, degradation of water quality, and negative impacts on natural systems. Recommendations may also identify opportunities for ecological enhancement and recreation.

Wetland Complex - are as evaluated and identified by the Ministry of Natural Resources. A wetland complex comprises two or more individual wetland areas along with their adjacent lands that are related in a functional manner, and are grouped within a common wetland boundary. The whole area is evaluated and classified not individual wetland area components.

Woodland - complex ecosystems of different tree species, shrubs, ground vegetation and soil complexes that provide habitat for many plants and animals. Woodlands is a general term which collectively refers to areas occupied by trees, treed areas, woodlots and forested areas.

Woodlot - as defined by the Regional Tree-Cutting By-Law, wooded areas over two acres (approximately 0.8 hectares) in size with a specified number of trees of a certain size per acre.