



WHAT IS PLANNED OR MANAGED GROWTH?

Upper York Sewage Solutions Individual Environmental Assessment

Servicing Tomorrow's Communities

Planned Growth

The Province of Ontario enacted the *Places to Grow Act, 2005* in response to municipal and stakeholder calls for provincial leadership to address the effects of urban sprawl and to encourage population growth where it is needed. The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe has been established under this Act. The Growth Plan works within the existing planning framework to provide growth management policy direction for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

The Growth Plan builds on other key Provincial government initiatives including the Greenbelt Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement, (2005). The framework for growth in The Regional Municipality of York is laid out in York Region's Official Plan and Sustainability initiatives.

The Growth Plan also addresses some of the challenges of growth through policy directions that aim to intensify urban growth and ensure that sustainable water and wastewater services are available to support future growth while implementing the government of Ontario's vision for building stronger, prosperous communities.

Despite its many assets, Ontario faces a number of challenges in sustaining and growing its economic base and residential populations, including all aspects associated with rapid growth:

- Increased traffic congestion
- Deteriorating air quality and water resources
- The disappearance of agricultural lands and natural resources
- Infrastructure that does not meet the demands of growth

In 2005 York Region began the Planning for Tomorrow Growth Management Initiative. This Initiative will culminate in an update to the York Region Official Plan. Finally, this Official Plan will integrate the approved Transportation and Transit and Water and Wastewater Master Plans, identifying the recommended strategies to manage growth to a planning horizon of 2031.

Over the next 25 years, York Region is expected to experience continued population and employment growth.

The guiding principles of **The Growth Plan** include optimizing the use of existing and new infrastructure to support growth in a compact, efficient form and promoting collaboration among all sectors, government, private, non-profit and residents to achieve the vision.

How Much Growth?

The Growth Plan has established a 2031 population forecast for York Region of 1.5 million persons which is an increase of 570,000 people and 345,000 jobs.

Where Will Growth Go?

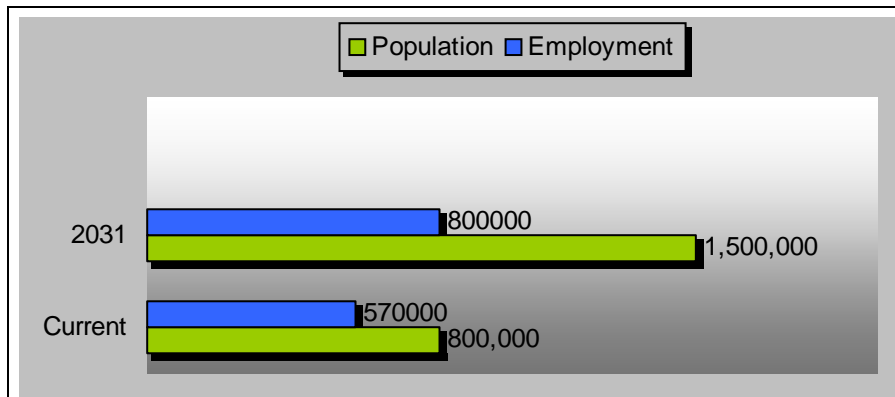
In York Region 69 percent of the land held as greenspace under the Greenbelt Plan and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan where growth is generally not permitted. For the remaining 31 percent, the *Places to Grow Act*, *Places to Grow – The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe* and York Region's Official Plan dictate the growth forecasts and locations of growth within the Region. The Growth Plan for York Region requires a minimum 40 percent of this growth be accommodated through intensification in existing built up areas, while the remaining 60 percent may be accommodated through development of approved lands (known as Greenfield development).

Who Set the Service & Study Area boundaries for the Upper York Sewage Solutions (UYSS) Project?

The service area boundary reflects the areas within the Region where growth can occur under the constraints of the Growth Plan. Within the service area are the Towns of Aurora and Newmarket and the Communities of Holland Landing, Queensville & Sharon – part of the Town of East Gwillimbury.

The preliminary study area boundary is flexible. Large enough to encompass the service area, it also allows for a broad analysis of all potential alternatives to the UYSS project. The study area will be refined to accommodate and reflect a more specific area of impact and influence as the Individual Environment Assessment process progresses through to the preferred alternative.

Population and Employment Projections in York Region to 2031



I'm Outside the Service Area – Does This Project Affect Me?

York Region provides and manages the large water transmission mains and collector trunk sewers for all its municipalities. If you are on municipal services for water and wastewater, your local municipality is responsible for providing you with your water and sewer services.

Whether you live in one of the communities or towns within the service or study area, your interest and participation is always welcome!