

# PROPOSED PROVINCIALY SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYMENT ZONES

Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan for the  
Greater Golden Horseshoe 2017  
(2019)

January 2019

## Provincially Significant Employment Zones

This map book is part of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's proposal to identify provincially significant employment zones that would receive enhanced protection for employment uses, under the Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017.

This proposal is currently listed on the Environmental Registry of Ontario and Ontario's Regulatory Registry.

The consultation period closes on February 28, 2019.

It works with the following other proposals that are also currently listed on the Environmental Registry of Ontario and Ontario's Regulatory Registry:

1. Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017.
2. Proposed Modifications to O. Reg. 311/06 (Transitional Matters - Growth Plans) made under the *Places to Grow Act*, 2005 to implement the Proposed Amendment to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017
3. Proposed Modifications to O. Reg. 525/97 (Exemption from Approval – Official Plan Amendments) made under the *Planning Act* to implement the Proposed Amendment to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017

The proposed policy framework for protecting employment areas would change by allowing employment area conversions to be approved ahead of the next municipal comprehensive review. This proposed amendment would provide flexibility to municipalities who wish to support mixed use development, while maintaining employment area protections where needed. However to ensure employment areas that are crucial to province's economy are not converted without a more comprehensive assessment of employment land need, the ministry is proposing to identify provincially significant employment zones that would not be eligible for conversion during the proposed transitional period.

The proposed provincially significant employment zones are shown in this mapbook and apply to employment areas that:

- Are designated employment areas and are inside existing settlement area boundaries (i.e., no Greenbelt lands are included in provincially significant employment zones);
- May be vulnerable to conversion pressures (e.g. to residential conversion);
- May be facing encroachment by sensitive land uses that could threaten the existing employment uses; or

- Are needed in the region to attract new investment and retain existing industries.

Additional criteria related to site use may include:

- Located near highways, railways, intermodal facilities, transit and/or other major transportation infrastructure to support the movement of people and goods;
- High concentration of employment and/or economic output, and play an economically strategic role to the region;
- Support industrial uses, which are sensitive to encroachment; or
- Contiguous zones and contain large continuous developable, constraint-free lands (e.g. >10 acres).

In identifying these zones, the province reviewed and included the agri-food support network and mapped important employment hubs identified by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. The mapping also takes into account the Greenbelt and specialty crop areas to ensure they are excluded from provincially significant employment zones.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking feedback on the proposed zones and criteria for selecting them including the need for additional zones and/or changes to the boundaries for any of the proposed zones. The ministry is also seeking input on whether:

- the identified provincially significant employment zones have adequately identified employment areas that would support commercial and industrial activities and the needs of the emerging economy; and
- employment areas that overlap with major transit station areas should be included in the provincially significant employment zones.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this map book please contact Charles O'Hara at 416-325-5794 or by email at [Charles.OHara@ontario.ca](mailto:Charles.OHara@ontario.ca)




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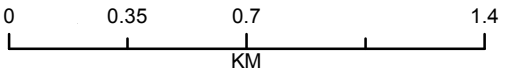


-  Proposed PSEZ
-  Municipally Designated Employment Area (2013)
-  Municipal Boundary

Data Sources: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

**Zone Name: Oakville (Oakville East)**  
Zone Number: **17**  
Upper- or Single-Tier Municipality: HALTON, PEEL

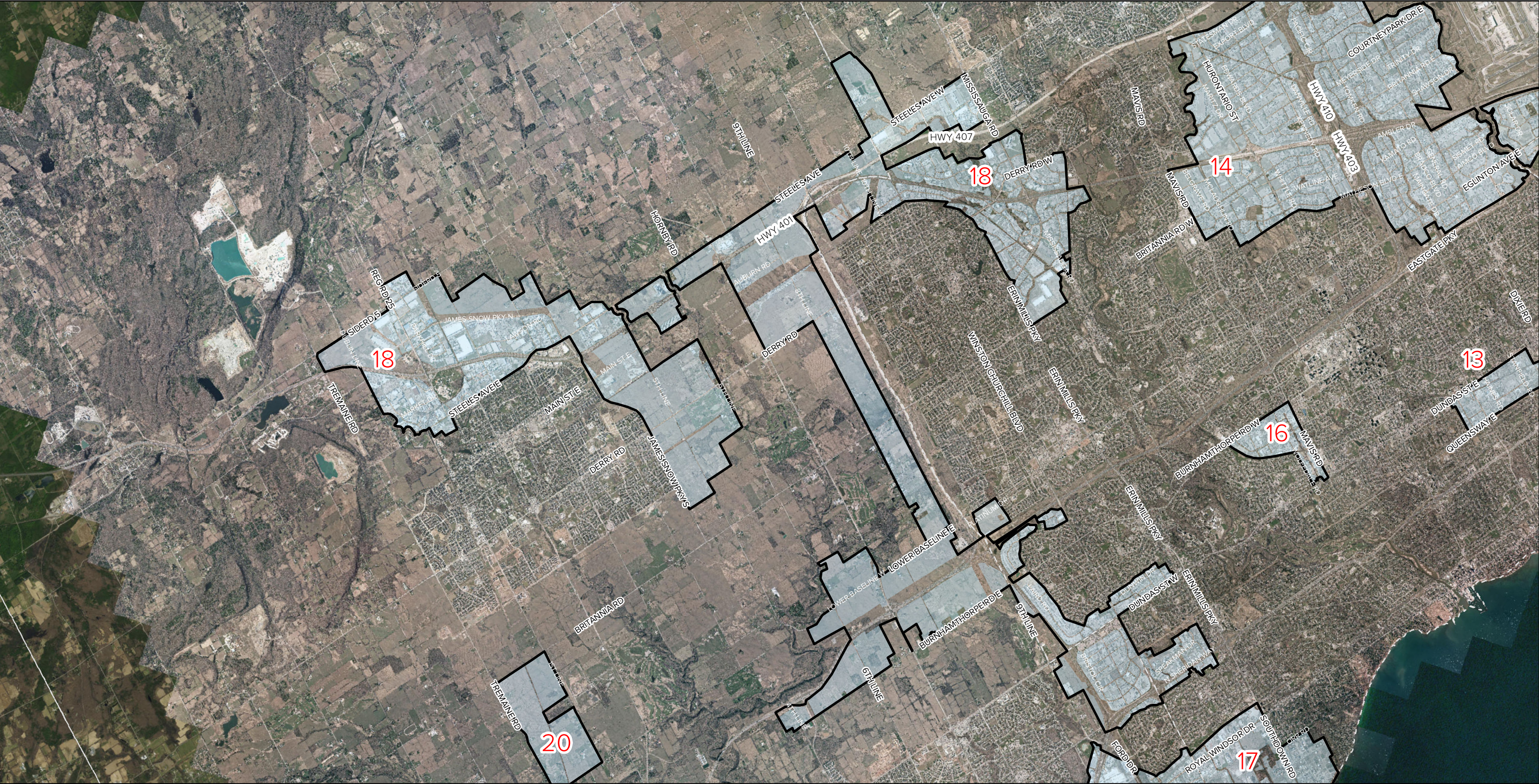
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





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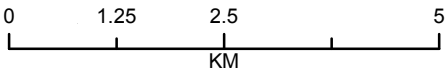


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**Zone Name: 401 407 (Meadowvale)**  
Zone Number: **18**  
Upper- or Single-Tier Municipality: HALTON, PEEL

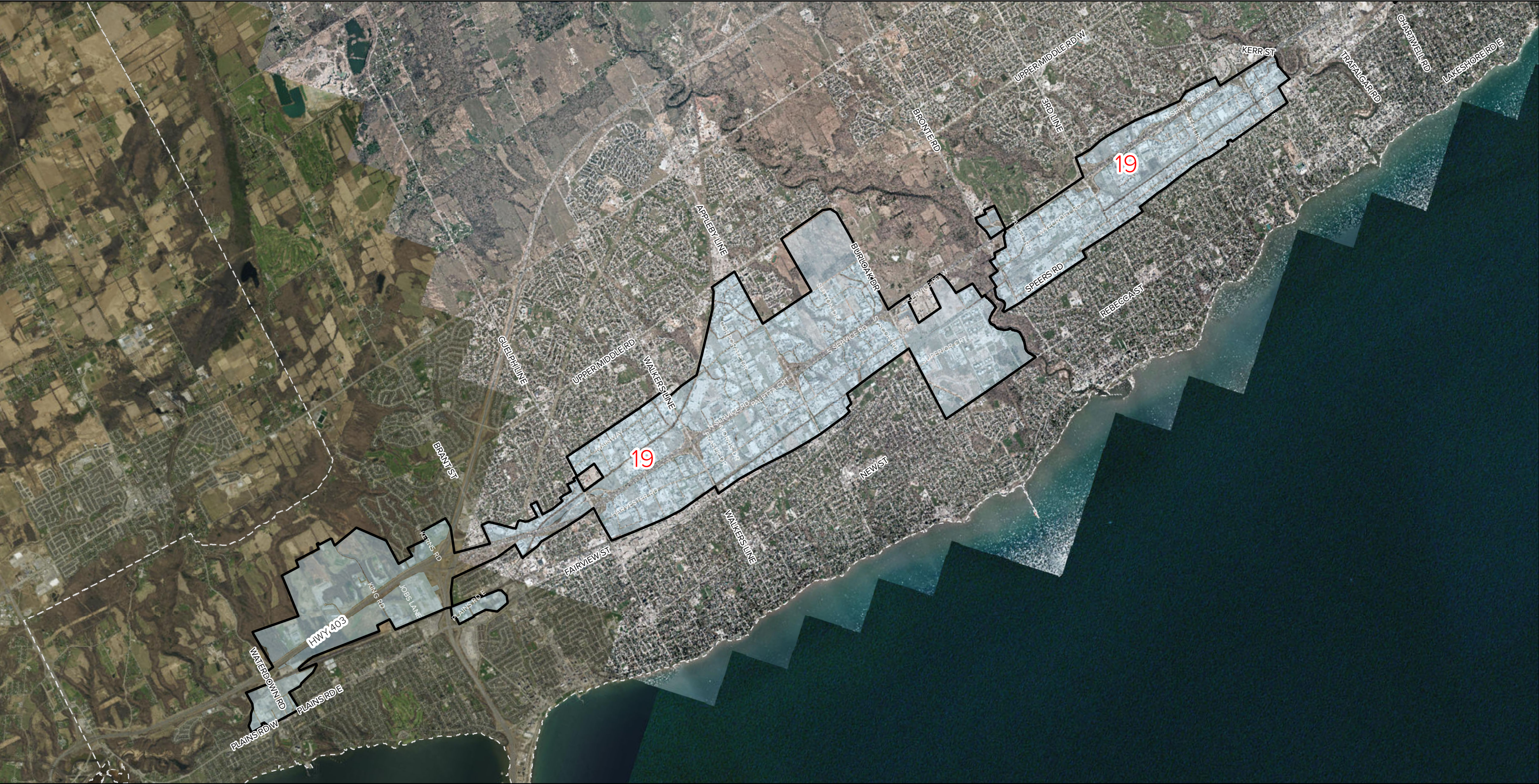
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





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**Zone Name: Oakville (QEW)**  
Zone Number: **19**  
Upper- or Single-Tier Municipality: HALTON

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