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PRIVATELY-OWNED TREE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Welcome to the

Community Open House/Workshop

March 3, 2020

AGENDA

- **Introduction**   **6:30-6:45**
- **Context**   **6:45-7:30**
- **Breakout**   **7:30-7:50**
- **Discussion**   **7:50-8:25**
- **Next Steps**   **8:25-8:30**
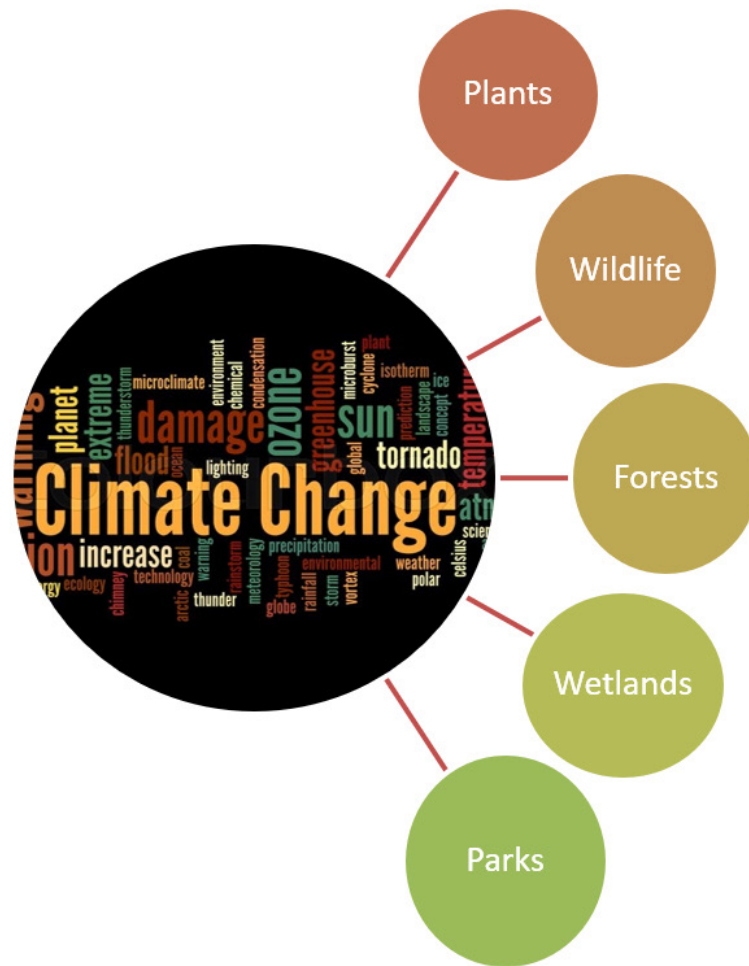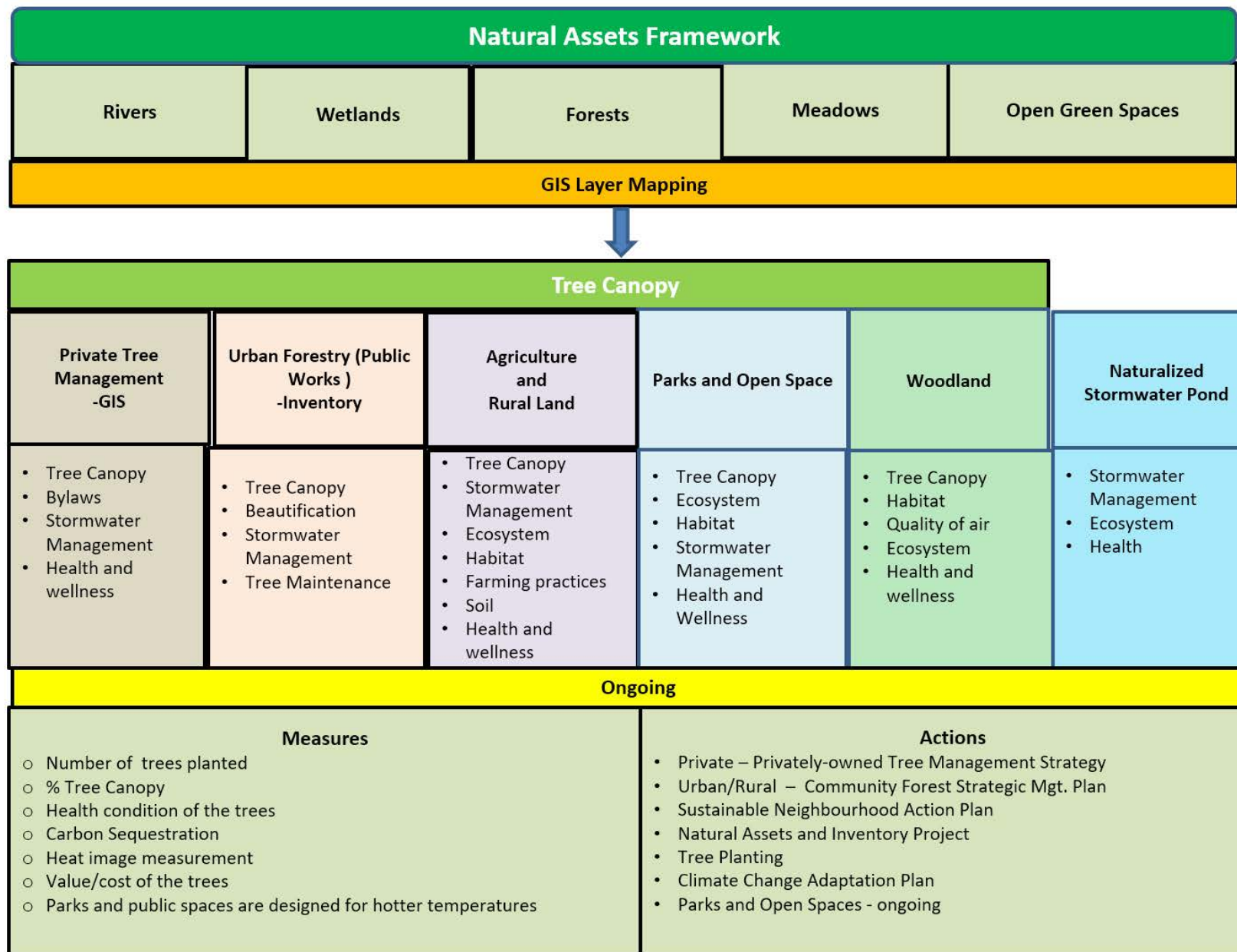
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WELCOME - MAYOR RICK BONNETTE

ONT. REG. 588/17 AND NATURAL ASSETS

Definition:
- "green infrastructure asset" means an infrastructure asset consisting of natural or human-made elements that provide ecological and hydrological functions and processes and includes natural heritage features and systems, parklands, stormwater management systems, street trees, urban forests, natural channels, permeable surfaces and green roofs;

CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURAL ASSETS

Plants

Wildlife

Forests

Wetlands

Parks

Climate Change

Impact our Ecosystem

Quality of Life

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Natural Assets Framework

Rivers	Wetlands	Forests	Meadows	Open Green Spaces

GIS Layer Mapping

Tree Canopy

Private Tree Management -GIS	Urban Forestry (Public Works) -Inventory	Agriculture and Rural Land	Parks and Open Space	Woodland	Naturalized Stormwater Pond
• Tree Canopy • Bylaws • Stormwater Management • Health and wellness	• Tree Canopy • Beautification • Stormwater Management • Tree Maintenance	• Tree Canopy • Stormwater Management • Ecosystem • Habitat • Farming practices • Soil • Health and wellness	• Tree Canopy • Ecosystem • Habitat • Stormwater Management • Health and Wellness	• Tree Canopy • Habitat • Quality of air • Ecosystem • Health and wellness	• Stormwater Management • Ecosystem • Health

Ongoing

Measures
- Number of trees planted
- % Tree Canopy
- Health condition of the trees
- Carbon Sequestration
- Heat image measurement
- Value/cost of the trees
- Parks and public spaces are designed for hotter temperatures

Actions
- Private – Privately-owned Tree Management Strategy
- Urban/Rural – Community Forest Strategic Mgt. Plan
- Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan
- Natural Assets and Inventory Project
- Tree Planting
- Climate Change Adaptation Plan
- Parks and Open Spaces - ongoing

TOWN PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT CHARTER

Built on three pillars:

- Transparency: the practice of being open, honest and accountable

- Notification: the act of informing on a particular issue or project

- Participation: the act of taking part in developing recommendations and/or alternatives for consideration

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT MATRIX

Spectrum of engagement	INFORM	CONSULT
Purpose	Communicate; share information to build awareness	Listen and learn; test ideas and concepts and develop recommendations
Town's responsibility	Provide information including advising on applicable legislation that dictates process. Share final decision	Provide information. Provide opportunity for public to share views, values and priorities. Consider how recommendations could be incorporated. Share final decision. Report back on final decision
Public's responsibility	Learn	Participate

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GUIDELINES FOR RESPECTFUL DIALOGUE

- Share your perspectives, listen to the perspectives of others, notice and respect differences and seek to understand them

- Acknowledge and inquire with interest about the perspectives of others

- Inquire about and seek to understand the assumptions of others

- Suspend debate and the need to prove the other person wrong

- Understand and share your assumptions

PARKING LOT FOR QUESTIONS

- Please write your question on a sticky note

- If your question hasn't been answered by the end of the presentation we will add it to the "parking lot"

- If we are unable to answer your question tonight, we will add the question and response to the Lets Talk Halton Hills project website

WHY ARE WE HERE TONIGHT?

1 Introduce the project to the community

2 Provide information about existing legislation, polices and the tree canopy

3 Collectively gather and discuss innovative tree management tools or ideas that could work in the Town of Halton Hills

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Explore
Phase One
September - December 2019

Engage
Phase Two
September 2019 - April 2020

Evaluate
Phase Three
April - June 2020

Develop Strategy
Phase Four
June - October 2020

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PROJECT WORKPLAN

① September - December 2019   **Explore**

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    ☑ Farmers' Markets

WE ARE HERE   ◯ Community Open House Workshop

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    ◯ Focus Groups

    ◯ Town Council Workshop

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    ○ Cost Implications
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Any questions about the project for the parking lot?

Why would a municipality want to manage trees?

GOVERNING LEGISLATION

MUNICIPAL ACT

Bill 68, Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2016

270(1) A municipality shall adopt and maintain policies with respect to the following matters...

7. The manner in which the municipality will protect and enhance the tree canopy and vegetation in the municipality.

Came into effect March 1, 2019

TREE CANOPY & NATURAL VEGETATION POLICY
(January 2019)

Halton Hills will protect and enhance trees and natural vegetation located on:

- Municipally-owned lands
- Private settlement area lands
- Private rural lands

CLIMATE CHANGE RESOLUTION (May 2019)

One of the fourteen actions in the Climate Change Resolution states:

"That the role of a healthy eco-system including its important function of sequestering carbon be recognized as fundamental to any Climate Change plan by measures such as expanding tree planting and maintenance budgets."

OTHER SUPPORTING TOWN PLANS AND POLICIES

Speak to the value of trees and the idea of protecting and/or enhancing trees:

- Official Plan
- Mature Neighbourhoods Character Study
- Integrated Community Sustainability Strategy
- Green Development Standards

Any questions about legislation or Town policies/plans for the parking lot?

TREE CANOPY ANALYSIS TOWN WIDE
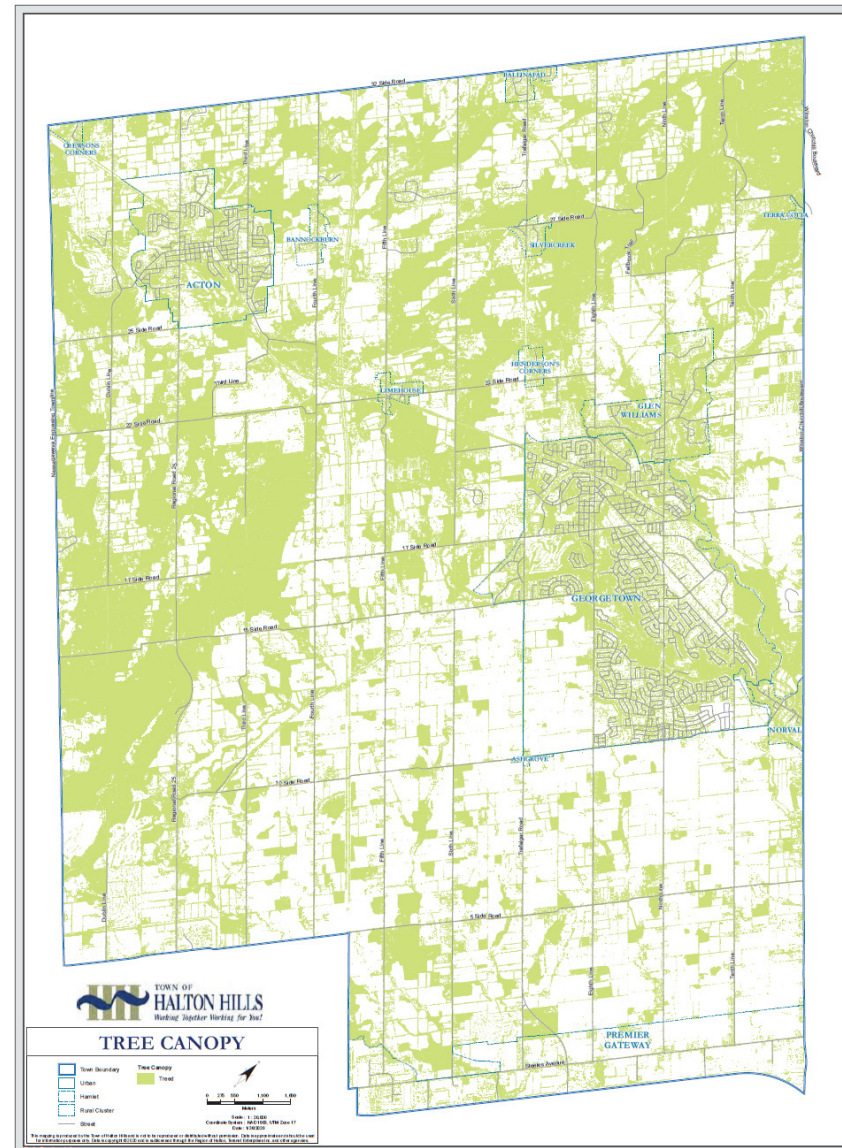
TREE CANOPY COVER - TOWN WIDE
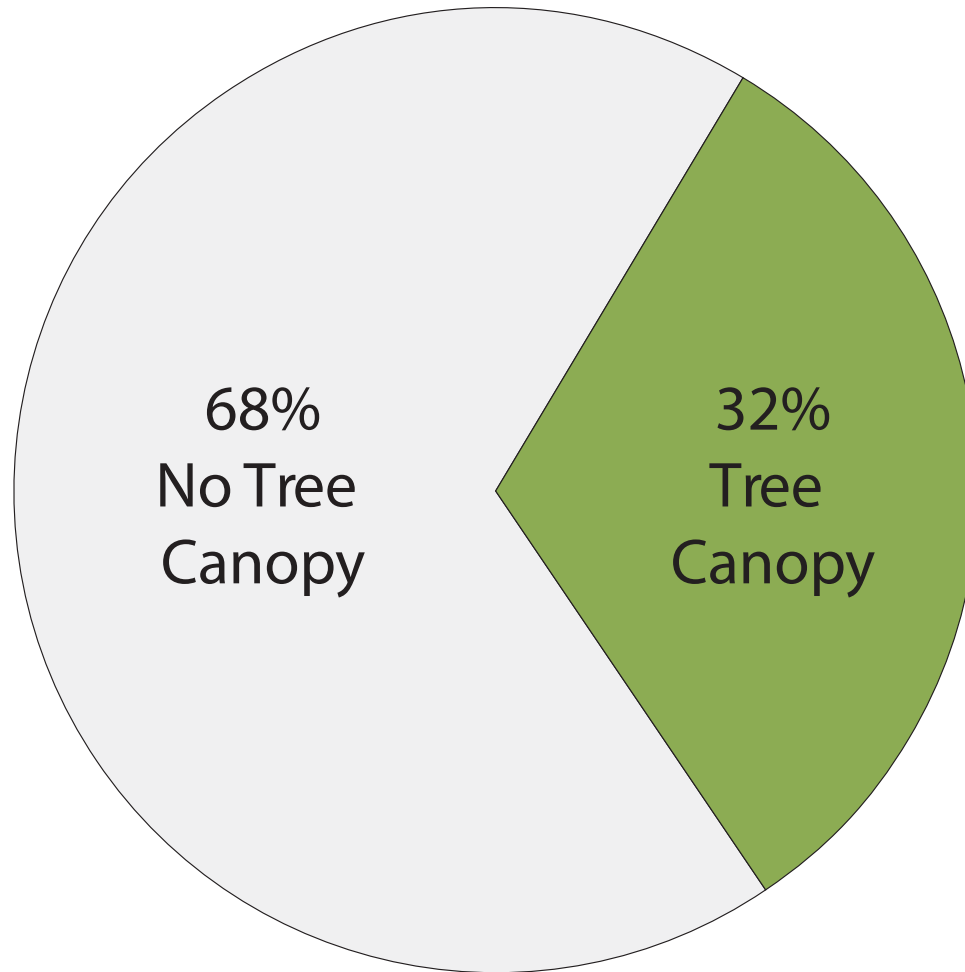
68%
No Tree
Canopy

32%
Tree
Canopy

* All values are
approximate based
on preliminary LIDAR
tree canopy analysis

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WHAT PART OF THE TREE CANOPY DOES THIS STRATEGY ADDRESS?

- Private Settlement Area Lands
  - Town's Urban Boundaries
  - Rural Settlement Areas
  - Rural Clusters

- Private Rural Lands
  - Located outside of the areas defined above

TREE CANOPY - WHERE IS IT LOCATED?
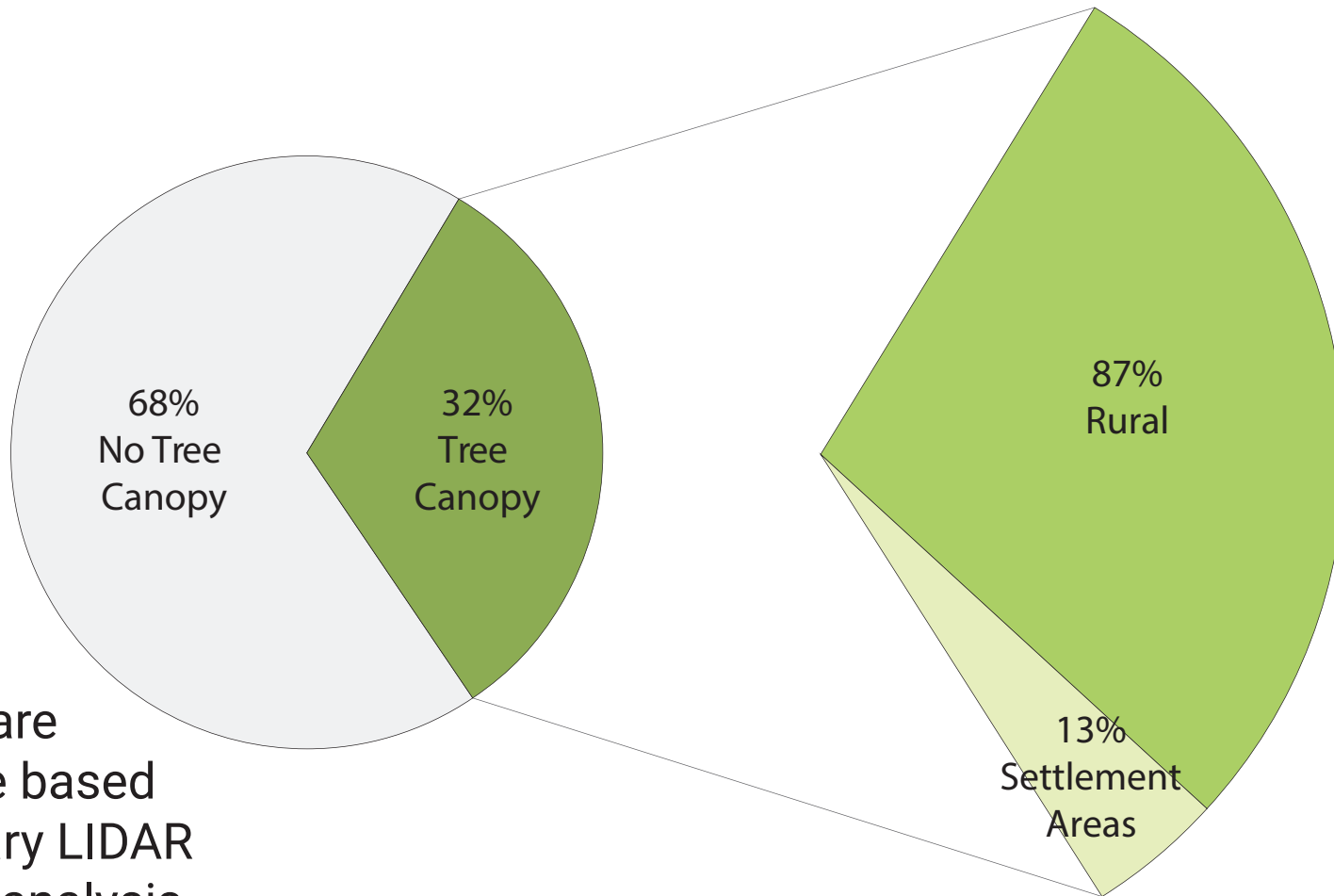
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87%
Rural

13%
Settlement
Areas

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TREE CANOPY PUBLIC-PRIVATE OWNERSHIP

Public
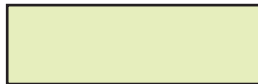
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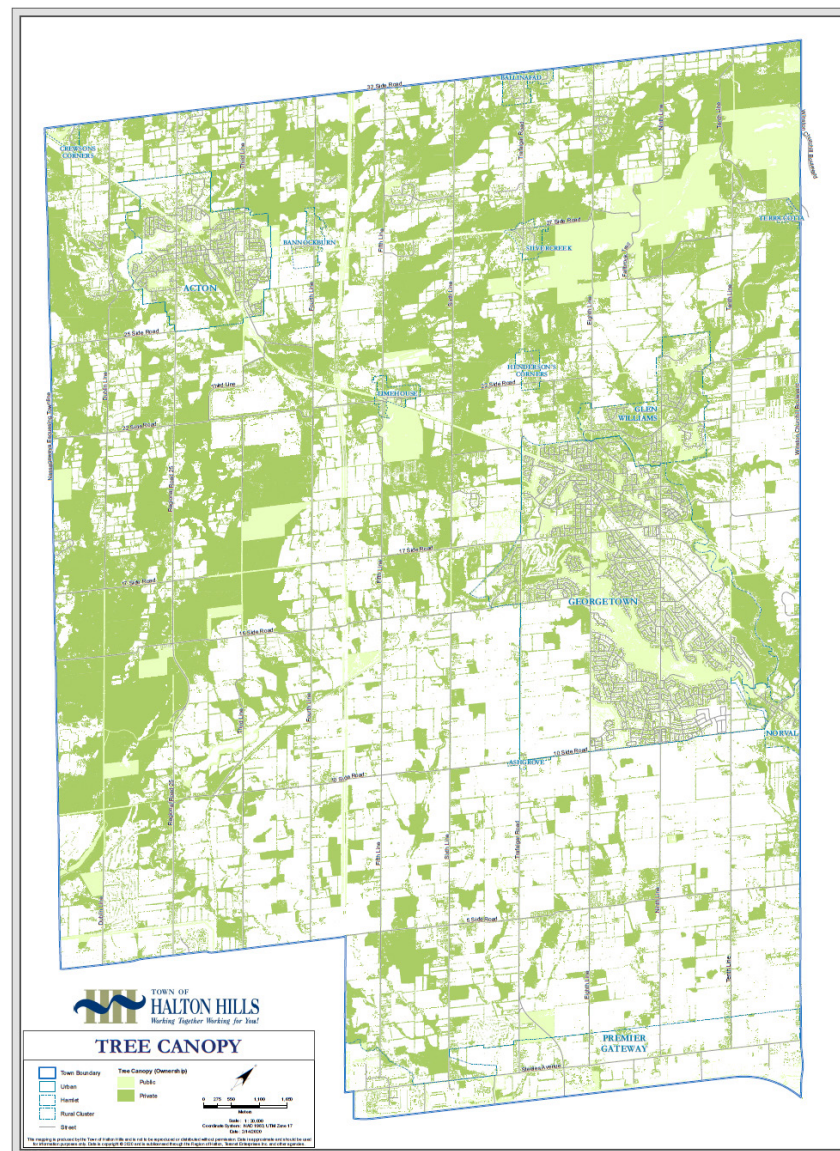
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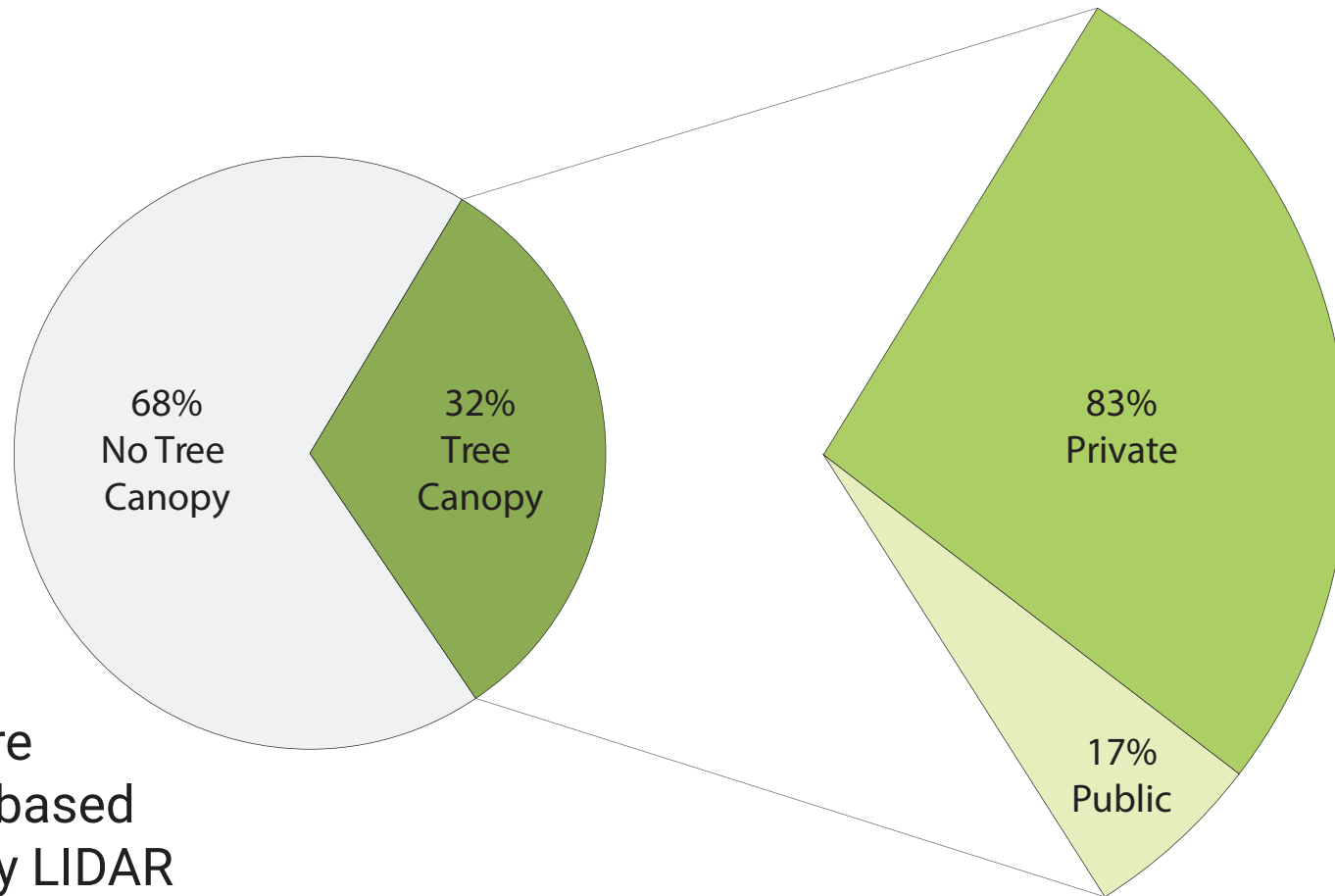
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83%
Private

17%
Public

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TREE CANOPY NOT ADDRESSED AS PART OF THIS STRATEGY - TOWN LANDS

- Trees on Town of Halton Hills Lands
  - Town Road Right of Way
  - Town Parkland
  - Town Owned Properties

TREE CANOPY TOWN-OWNED
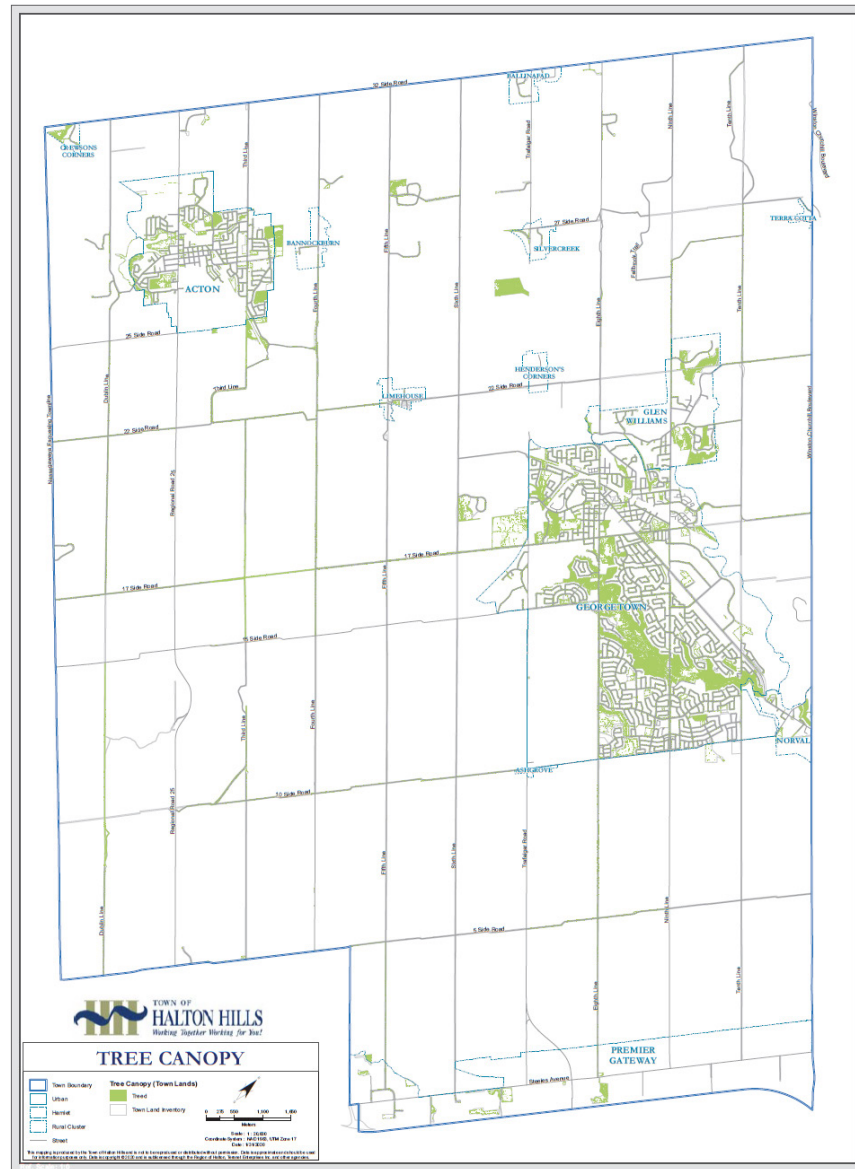
TREE CANOPY NOT ADDRESSED AS PART OF THIS STRATEGY - REGION TREE BY-LAW

- Private Trees regulated by Halton Region Tree By-law 121-05
  - Woodlands greater than 0.5 hectares
  - Regional Greenlands System (Natural Heritage System)

REGION OF HALTON NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM

Map 1G
Key Features within the Greenbelt and Regional Natural Heritage Systems

This map should be viewed and interpreted in conjunction with the text of the Official Plan.
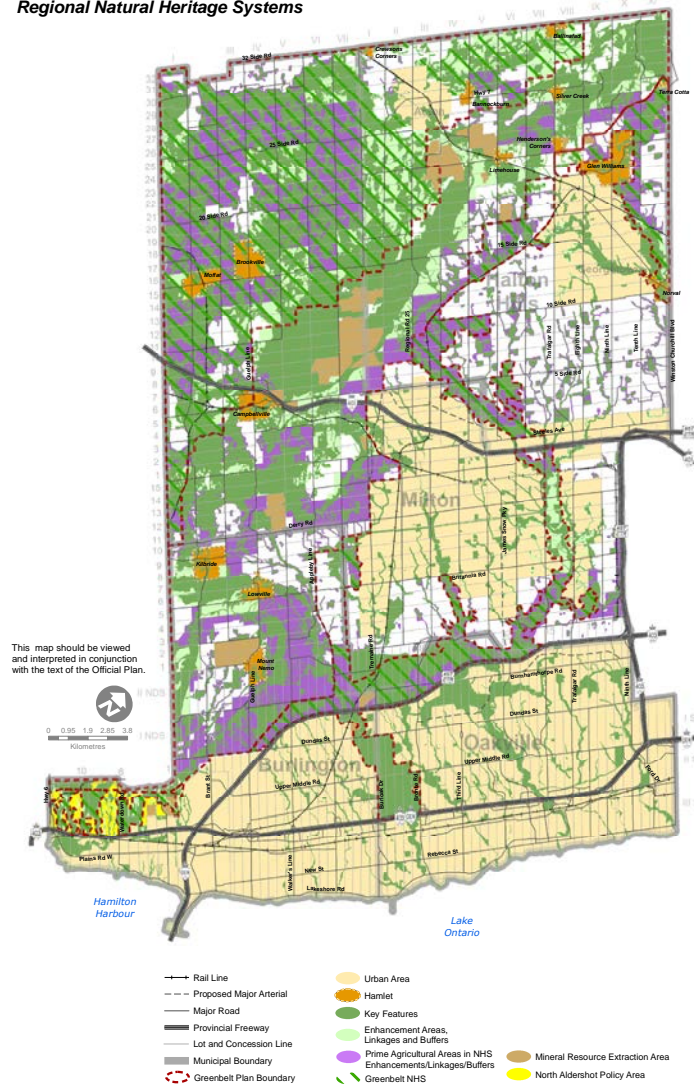
June 19, 2018

Any questions about the existing tree canopy for the parking lot?

RECAP

1 Municipal Act requires the Town to adopt and maintain policies to protect and enhance the tree canopy and vegetation

2 Approximately 83% of the Town's tree canopy is located on privately-owned lands

3 We will develop a made in Halton Hills strategy to protect and enhance the tree canopy

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TREE MANAGEMENT TOOL CATEGORIES

Education

Incentives

Regulation

Any questions about tree management tools for the parking lot?

BREAKOUT GROUP QUESTION

How could the Town of Halton Hills manage privately-owned trees to protect and enhance the tree canopy?

BREAKOUT GROUPS

1 Collaborate with your facilitator to write down your innovative ideas/tools for each tree management category (15 minutes)

2 Take (5 minutes) to tag the single most important tool/idea in each category

3 Add questions that need to be raised, but don't fit into discussion to the "Parking Lot"

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GROUP DISCUSSION

4 Each table to discuss most important idea/ tool in each category with the room (2 minutes each table)

5 Facilitators discuss general themes and observations (5 minutes)

6 Facilitators review and respond to parking lot questions (15 minutes)

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LET'S TALK HALTON HILLS

PROJECT UPDATES

Keep current with project updates

and future public meetings

www.haltonhills.ca/climatechange/

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Thank you so much for attending!