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Provincial Policy Statement

Greenbelt Plan

Places to Grow: Growth Plan

**York Region Official Plan
York Region Draft Official Plan**

Vaughan Official Plan/OPAs

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Provincial Policy Statement (2005)

Healthy, liveable and safe communities:

- promote **efficient** development and land use patterns;
- accommodate an appropriate **range and mix** of residential, employment, recreational and open space uses;
- avoid development and land use patterns which may cause **environmental or public health and safety** concerns;
- promote **cost-effective** development standards; and,
- ensure that necessary **public infrastructure and facilities** are or will be available

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Greenbelt Plan (2005)

- The Plan identifies **where urbanization should not occur** in order to provide permanent protection to the agricultural land base and ecological features and functions
- Lands within some of the focused areas are identified as **Natural Heritage System**. These lands contain sensitive and/or significant natural features and functions
- Generally, a full range of existing and new agricultural, agricultural-related and secondary uses, normal farm practices are permitted subject to the policies of the Plan
- **Lands included in the Greenbelt can not be considered for future urban development potential**

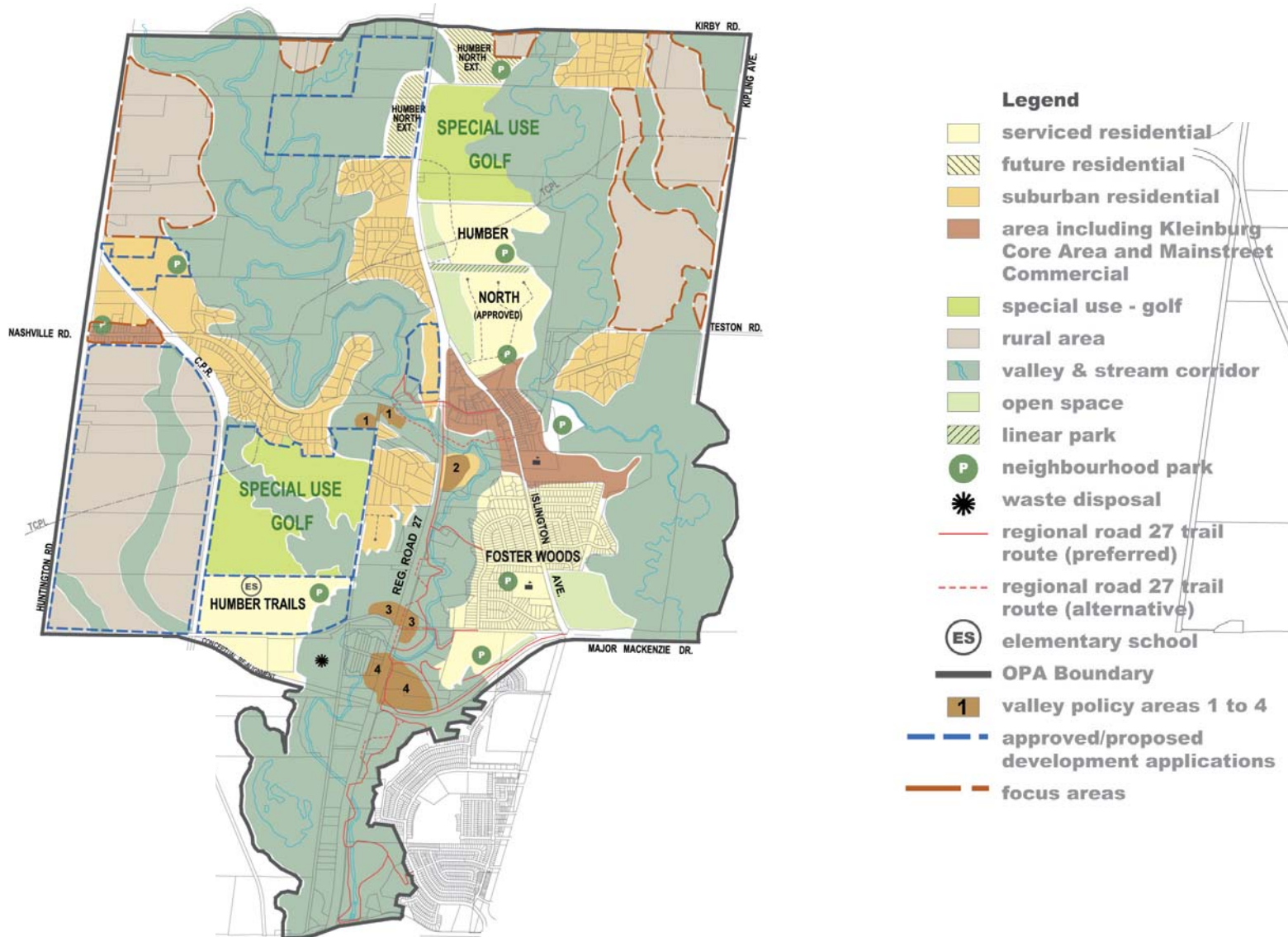
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Places to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2006)

“to create complete communities and to promote development that can support a variety of modes of transportation including transit”

- By **2031** – **1.5 million population + 780,000 employees** in York Region (in 2006 population = 933,350, employment = 468,000)
- By **2015**, and for each year thereafter, a minimum of **40%** of all residential development occurring annually within each upper tier and single-tier municipality will be **within the built-up area**
- Minimum of **50 residents and jobs combined per hectare** for Designated Greenfield Areas

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