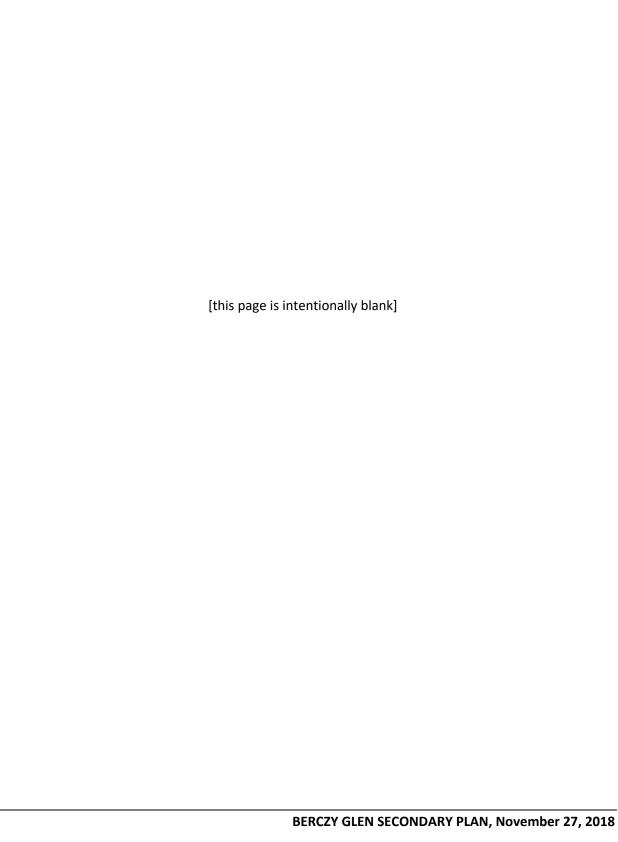
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# **OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 24**

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Secondary Plan for the Berczy Glen Community
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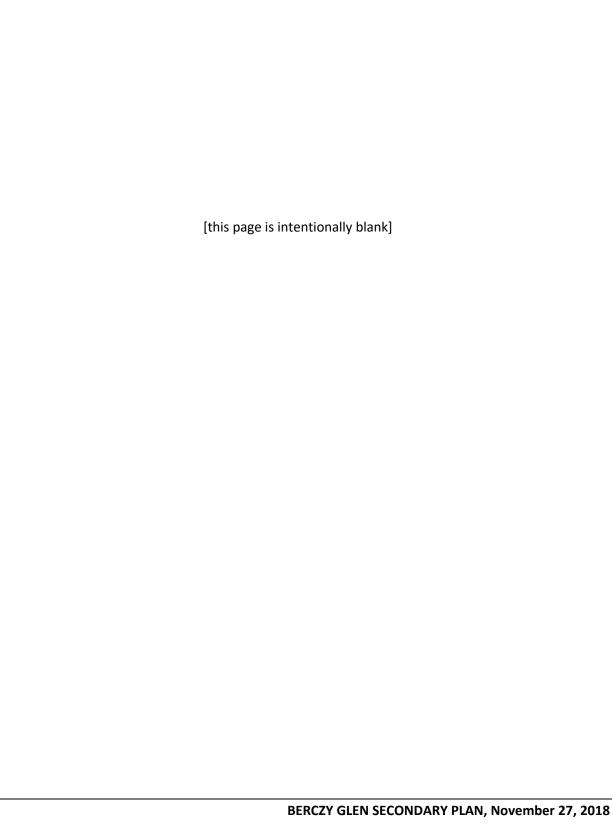
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This Official Plan Amendment was adopted by the Corporation of the City of Markham, by By-Law No. 2018-144 in accordance with the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990 c.P.13, as amended, on the 27th day of November, 2018.

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City Clerk

Frank Scarpitti Mayor





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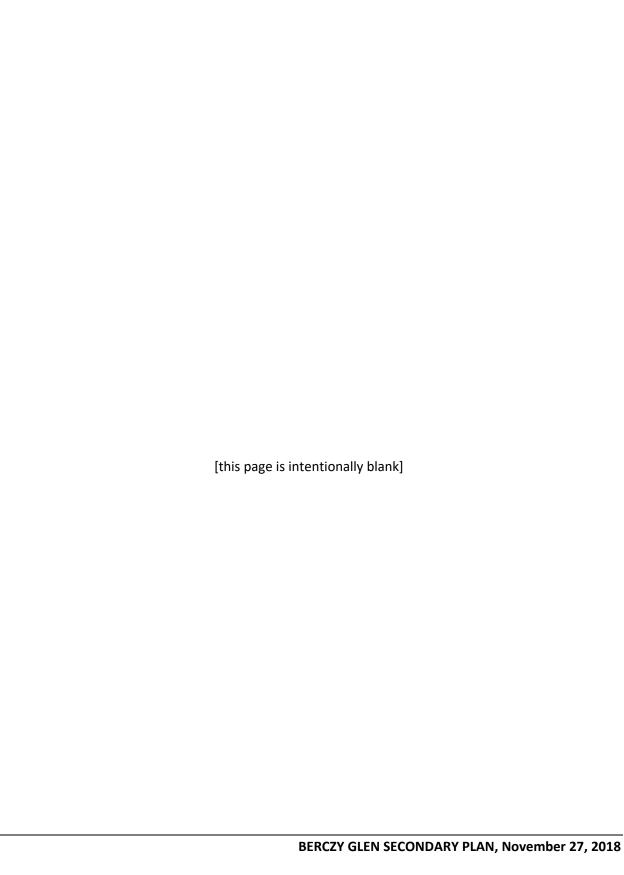
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- 1. THAT Amendment No. 24 to the City of Markham Official Plan 2014, as amended, attached hereto, is hereby adopted.
- 2. THAT this by-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of the final passing thereof.

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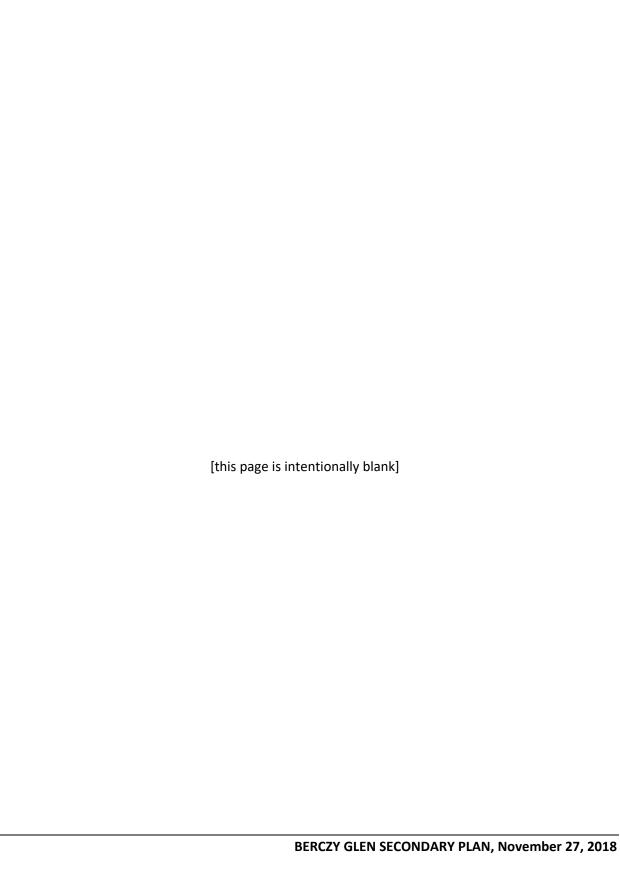
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#### INTRODUCTION

(This is not an operative part of Official Plan Amendment No. 24)

#### 1.0 OVERVIEW

Official Plan Amendment 24 (OPA 24) provides a Secondary Plan for the Berczy Glen Community in the Future Urban Area Planning District. The Amendment consists of the following components: Introduction, Amendment to Part I of the Official Plan, and Amendment to Part II of the Official Plan.

The INTRODUCTION is included for information purposes and is not an operative part of this Official Plan Amendment.

AMENDMENT TO PART I OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN 2014, including Schedules "A" through "O" attached thereto, provides the specific amendments to Part I of the Official Plan being effected by Official Plan Amendment No. 24 and is an operative part of this Official Plan Amendment.

AMENDMENT TO PART II OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN 2014 – THE SECONDARY PLAN, including Maps SP1 through SP6 attached thereto, constitutes the Secondary Plan for the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area of the Future Urban Area Planning District.

For the purposes of this Amendment, unless otherwise stated the term "Official Plan" refers to Part I of the City of Markham Official Plan 2014, as amended, and the term "Secondary Plan" refers to the Secondary Plan for the Berczy Glen Community.

## 2.0 LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF THE AMENDMENT AREA

The lands subject to this Amendment are located within the concession block bounded by Major Mackenzie Drive East, Warden Avenue, Elgin Mills Road East, and Woodbine Avenue, as shown on Schedule "A". The subject lands, which total approximately 250 hectares, are more specifically bounded by the Hydro Corridor to the west and existing residential development to the south. The lands are legally described as Part Lots 22, 23, 24 and 25, Concession 4.

The subject lands outside of the Greenway System are identified for urban development in the Official Plan. Existing land uses consist primarily of agricultural and rural residential uses. In addition, the lands contain natural heritage features primarily associated with Berczy Creek, and a number of *cultural heritage resources*.

### 3.0 PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT

The purpose of this Amendment is to incorporate into the Official Plan a Secondary Plan for a new community within the Future Urban Area Planning District, referred to as the Berczy Glen Community.

The Secondary Plan designates lands for primarily residential uses, incorporating required community facilities such as schools and parks, opportunities for local retail, and integrated

open space and transportation systems. The Secondary Plan also designates natural heritage lands for protection from development.

The Amendment refines the 'Greenway' designation and replaces the 'Future Neighbourhood Area' land use designation shown in Map 3 - Land Use of the Official Plan with appropriate residential and mixed use land use designations for the developable portions of the subject lands. The Amendment also refines certain policies, maps and appendices in the Official Plan as they pertain to the Secondary Plan Area, to be consistent with the Secondary Plan.

#### 4.0 POLICY CONTEXT

The lands within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area, along with the remainder of the lands in the Future Urban Area Planning District, are required to accommodate a portion of Markham's growth to 2031. All of the lands within the Future Urban Area Planning District were identified for urban development through the York Region Official Plan 2010 and the Markham Official Plan 2014.

The policies of the Official Plan that are proposed to be amended are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement 2014, and conform to all applicable Provincial Plans as well as the York Region Official Plan 2010. The Berczy Glen Secondary Plan provided in this amendment is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement 2014, and conforms to all applicable policies of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2017, Greenbelt Plan 2017, York Region Official Plan 2010, and Part I of the Markham Official Plan 2014.

## 4.1 Provincial Policy Statement 2014

The Provincial Policy Statement 2014 promotes efficient and resilient development and cost effective land use patterns that support public transit as well as the protection of natural heritage features and areas.

Consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement 2014, the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area accommodates an appropriate mix of residential, retail and service, community service, and parks and open space uses to meet the long-term needs of the community. The Secondary Plan Area provides for an appropriate range and mix of housing types and densities (including secondary suites and shared and affordable housing), and neighbourhood retail and service opportunities while promoting the use of active transportation and public transit. Connectivity with other lands within the Future Urban Area Planning District is also provided.

Together with the planning of adjacent future neighbourhood and employment lands, the compact neighbourhood development of the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area contributes to the overall creation of a complete community.

#### 4.2 Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2017

The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2017 (Growth Plan) builds on the policy foundation provided by the Provincial Policy Statement and provides additional and more area specific land use policies for managing urban growth, building complete communities, and protecting the natural environment. Among other things, the Growth Plan establishes minimum density targets for new development taking place on designated greenfield areas to support the achievement of complete communities and to promote cost effective development patterns to further minimize land consumption and servicing costs.

The Berczy Glen Secondary Plan is consistent with the objectives of the Growth Plan as it promotes a diverse mix of land uses, provides a range and mix of housing types, and supports the achievement of a compact community.

#### 4.3 Greenbelt Plan 2017

The Greenbelt Plan 2017 together with the Growth Plan builds on the Provincial Policy Statement 2014 by providing additional and more area specific land use policies on where urban growth will not occur in order to provide for the protection of agriculture and the natural environment from urban development.

The Greenbelt lands within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area generally reflect the alignment of the Berczy Creek which traverses the Secondary Plan Area in a north-south direction. This Greenbelt 'finger' connects to the larger Greenbelt Plan lands north of the City limits.

The Greenbelt lands comprise a large component of the protected Greenway System structural component and land use designation within this area in the Official Plan. Although refinements to the Greenway System resulting from extensive field work are proposed through this Amendment, these refinements are consistent with the Greenbelt Plan and do not alter Greenbelt Plan boundaries.

#### 4.4 York Region Official Plan 2010

The majority of the lands within the Future Urban Area Planning District are identified in the York Region Official Plan 2010 as new community areas. These lands, along with new employment lands, were brought into the York Region Urban Area through Amendment No. 3 to the York Regional Official Plan to accommodate population and employment growth to 2031.

The planning of new community areas in York Region will place priority on people, sustainability and liveability. A key component of new communities will be a connected network of parks and open spaces. Each complete community will have a unique sense of place and identity, and offer a variety of housing, employment and mobility choices. New community areas will be mixed-use communities with high-quality urban design, attracting residents and workers alike.

#### 4.5 Markham Official Plan 2014

The new community areas and employment lands identified in the York Region Official Plan are identified within the Future Urban Area Planning District in the Markham Official Plan 2014 and designated 'Future Urban Area' and more specifically 'Future Neighbourhood Area' and 'Future Employment Area'. The boundary of the Future Urban Area encompasses approximately 1,300 hectares north of Major Mackenzie Drive and east of the Hydro Corridor and Woodbine Avenue, including Greenway System lands.

The Official Plan outlines a comprehensive process to be undertaken prior to development occurring on the lands, namely the development of a Conceptual Master Plan for the entirety of the lands. The intent of the Conceptual Master Plan was to identify a coordinated community structure plan across all of the 'Future Urban Area' lands along with associated policy direction to form the basis of subsequent secondary plans and development applications. The Community Structure Plan was to identify structural land use categories, a high level transportation and servicing system, an open space system and major community facility requirements. The policy direction was to address the requirements for sustainable community development identified in the York Region and Markham Official Plans, as well as provincial and regulatory agency requirements.

A Conceptual Master Plan for the north Markham 'Future Urban Area' lands was endorsed by Markham Council on October 17, 2017 as the basis for the preparation and adoption of secondary plans within the Future Urban Area Planning District. As directed by the Official Plan, the development of the Conceptual Master Plan was based on a number of concurrent and coordinated City-led supporting studies including a subwatershed study, transportation study, water and wastewater servicing studies, and planning and urban design studies. Details regarding the Conceptual Master Plan are provided in Part II – Berczy Glen Secondary Plan to this Amendment.

The proposed Secondary Plan for the Berczy Glen Community is consistent with the Conceptual Master Plan. Secondary plans for the remainder of the 'Future Urban Area' lands subject to the Conceptual Master Plan, are intended to be adopted through separate amendments.

#### 5.0 BASIS OF THE AMENDMENT

This Amendment to certain policies and maps of Part I of the Official Plan is required to implement a Secondary Plan for the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area. The proposed Berczy Glen Secondary Plan as provided in Part II of this Amendment is consistent with Provincial Plans and policy, and the York Region Official Plan. It is also consistent with the Council endorsed Conceptual Master Plan for the north Markham 'Future Urban Area' lands which was prepared in accordance with direction in the Markham Official Plan.

#### **AMENDMENT TO PART I OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN 2014**

(This is an operative part of Official Plan Amendment No. 24)

#### 1.0 THE AMENDMENT

- 1.1 The following Maps and Appendices of Part I of the Official Plan 2014, as amended, are hereby amended as follows:
  - a) Map 1 Markham Structure is amended by reflecting the modified boundary of the 'Greenway System' as detailed in Schedule "D" attached hereto; removing the 'Future Urban Area' overlay from the 'Neighhourhood' lands; and identifying Warden Avenue as 'Regional Transit Priority', as shown on Schedule "A" attached hereto.
  - b) Map 2 Centres and Corridors and Transit Network is amended by identifying Warden Avenue as 'Regional Transit Priority', as shown on Schedule "B" attached hereto.
  - c) Map 3 Land Use is amended by reflecting the modified boundary of the 'Greenway' designation as detailed in Schedule "D" attached hereto; replacing the 'Future Neighbourhood Area' designation with 'Residential Low Rise', 'Residential Mid Rise', and 'Mixed Use Mid Rise' designations, and adding a 'Major Collector Road', as shown on Schedule "C" attached hereto.
  - d) Map 4 Greenway System is amended by modifying the boundaries of the 'Greenway System', 'Natural Heritage Network', 'Rouge Watershed Protection Area', and 'Other Greenway System Lands including certain naturalized stormwater management facilities', as shown on Schedule "D" attached hereto.
  - e) Map 5 Natural Heritage Features and Landforms is amended by modifying the boundaries of the 'Woodlands' and 'Other Greenway System Lands including certain naturalized stormwater management facilities', and removing a segment of the 'Permanent Streams and Intermittent Streams', as shown on Schedule "E" attached hereto.
  - f) Map 6 Hydrologic Features is amended by modifying the boundaries of the 'Valleylands', 'Other Greenway System Lands including certain stormwater management facilities', removing 'Wetlands' and adding 'Provincially Significant Wetlands', and removing and adding 'Permanent Streams and Intermittent Streams', as shown on Schedule "F" attached hereto.
  - g) Map 10 Road Network is amended by adding a 'Major Collector Road', and reflecting the modified alignment of a segment of 'Permanent Streams and Intermittent Streams' as detailed in Schedule "F" attached hereto, as shown on Schedule "G" attached hereto.

- h) Map 11 Minor Collector Road Network is amended by adding 'Minor Collector Roads', and reflecting the modified alignment of a segment of 'Permanent Streams and Intermittent Streams' as detailed in Schedule "F" attached hereto, as shown on Schedule "H" attached hereto.
- i) Map 12 Urban Area and Built-Up Area is amended by replacing the 'Future Urban Area' designation with the 'Urban Area' designation, as shown on Schedule "I" attached hereto.
- j) Map 14 Public School, Place of Worship and Park Sites is amended by adding 'Public School Site', 'Place of Worship Site' and 'Park Site' symbols as shown on Schedule "J" attached hereto.
- k) Appendix B Headwater Drainage Features is amended by reflecting the modified boundary of the 'Greenway System' as detailed in Schedule "D" attached hereto and the location of 'Headwater Drainage Features', as shown on Schedule "K" attached hereto.
- I) Appendix C Community Facilities is amended by reflecting the modified boundary of the 'Greenway System' as detailed in Schedule "D" attached hereto, and adding the collector road network as shown on Schedule "L" attached hereto.
- m) Appendix D Cycling Facilities is amended by adding 'Proposed Cycling Facilities', as shown on Schedule "M" attached hereto.
- n) Appendix E Transportation, Services and Utilities is amended by reflecting the modified alignment of a segment of 'Permanent Streams and Intermittent Streams' as detailed in Schedule "F" attached hereto, and as shown on Schedule "N" attached hereto.
- o) Appendix F Secondary Plan Areas is amended by adding reference to an 'Approved' Secondary Plan Area over the subject lands, as shown on Schedule "O" attached hereto.
- 1.2 Section 9.9 of Part I of the Official Plan 2014, as amended is hereby amended by:
  - a) Amending Section 9.9.1 to add a reference to a new Section 9.9.6 in Figure 9.9.1 as follows:

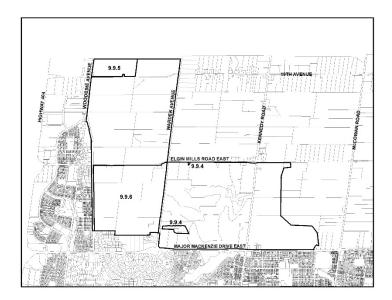


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b) Adding a new Section 9.9.6 as follows:

# "Berczy Glen Secondary Plan

9.9.6 The detailed goals, objectives, policies, and maps of the Secondary Plan for the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area contained in Part II of the Official Plan 2014, as amended, shall apply to the lands bounded by Elgin Mills Road East to the north, the Hydro Corridor to the west, existing residential development north of Major Mackenzie Drive East to the south, and Warden Avenue to the east, as shown in Figure 9.9.6:

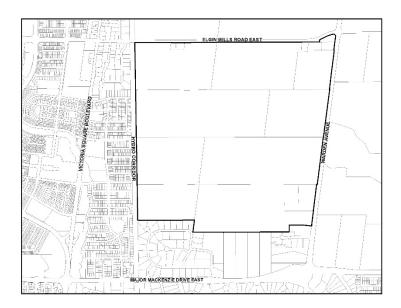


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- 1.3 Section 11.1.2 is hereby amended by replacing "herein" with "within Parts I and II" as follows:
  - "11.1.2 **That** the goals, strategic objectives, policies, definitions, tables and maps contained within Parts I and II constitute Markham's Official Plan. The preamble sections....."
- 1.4 The following sections of Part I of the Official Plan 2014, as amended, are hereby amended to establish Part II Secondary Plans to the Official Plan and to incorporate a new Berczy Glen Secondary Plan under Part II as follows:
  - a) The Table of Contents is hereby amended by:
    - i) Adding "Part I" immediately before the text "Chapter 1";
    - ii) Adding "Part II" immediately after the list of Appendices;
    - iii) Adding "Chapter 12: Secondary Plans" below the new "Part II" text; and
    - iv) Adding "12.1 Berczy Glen Secondary Plan" below the new "Chapter 12: Secondary Plans" text.
  - b) Section 1.5 is hereby amended by:
    - i) Adding the following text before the paragraph titled "Operative Parts of the Plan" as follows:

"Part II is comprised of Chapter 12 which contains the following Secondary Plans:

- 1. Secondary Plan for the Berczy Glen Community"
- c) The following text and maps are added immediately following Appendix J:
  - i) A new Table of Contents titled "Part II Secondary Plans" with a reference to the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan at the beginning of the Table of Contents as follows:
    - "1. Secondary Plan for the Berczy Glen Community";
  - ii) A new Chapter 12: Secondary Plans following the new Table of Contents with an Introduction and Key Map as follows:
    - "12. SECONDARY PLANS CONTENTS

#### 12.0 SECONDARY PLANS

The Secondary Plans contained in Part II of the Official Plan provide more detailed goals, objectives, policies and maps for specific areas of Markham in support of the Part I policies of the Official Plan. These Secondary Plans must be read in conjunction with Part I of the Official Plan in accordance with Section 11.1.2 of the Plan.

Figure 12 provides a Key Map for Part II Secondary Plans contained within this Chapter.

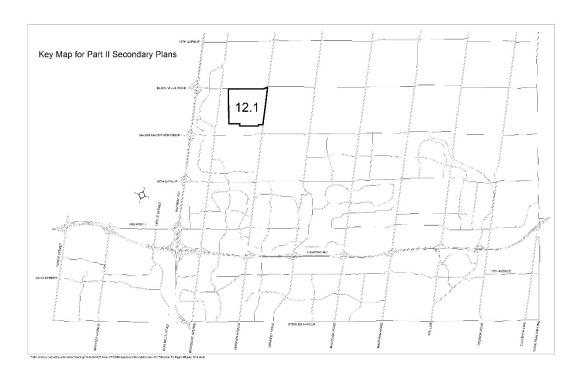


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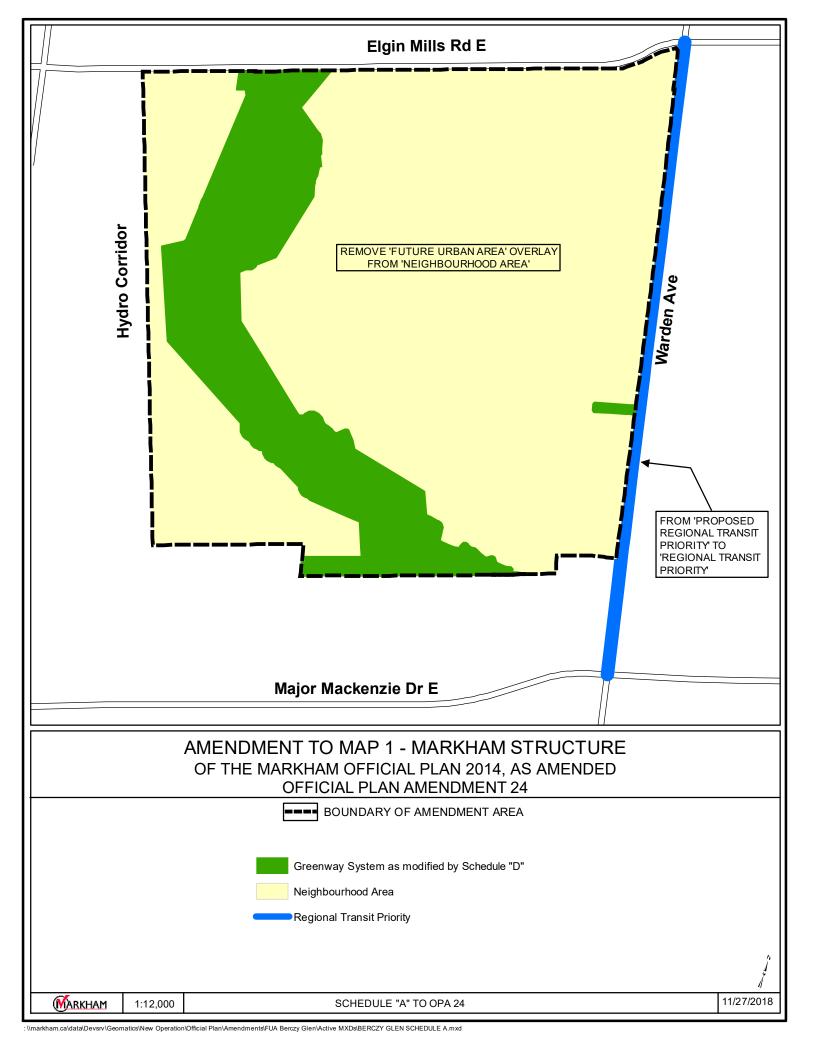
d) Following Section 12.0 and Figure 12.0, a new section 12.1 is added containing the Secondary Plan for the Berczy Glen Community, comprised of Part II – Secondary Plan for the Berczy Glen Community of Official Plan Amendment 24.

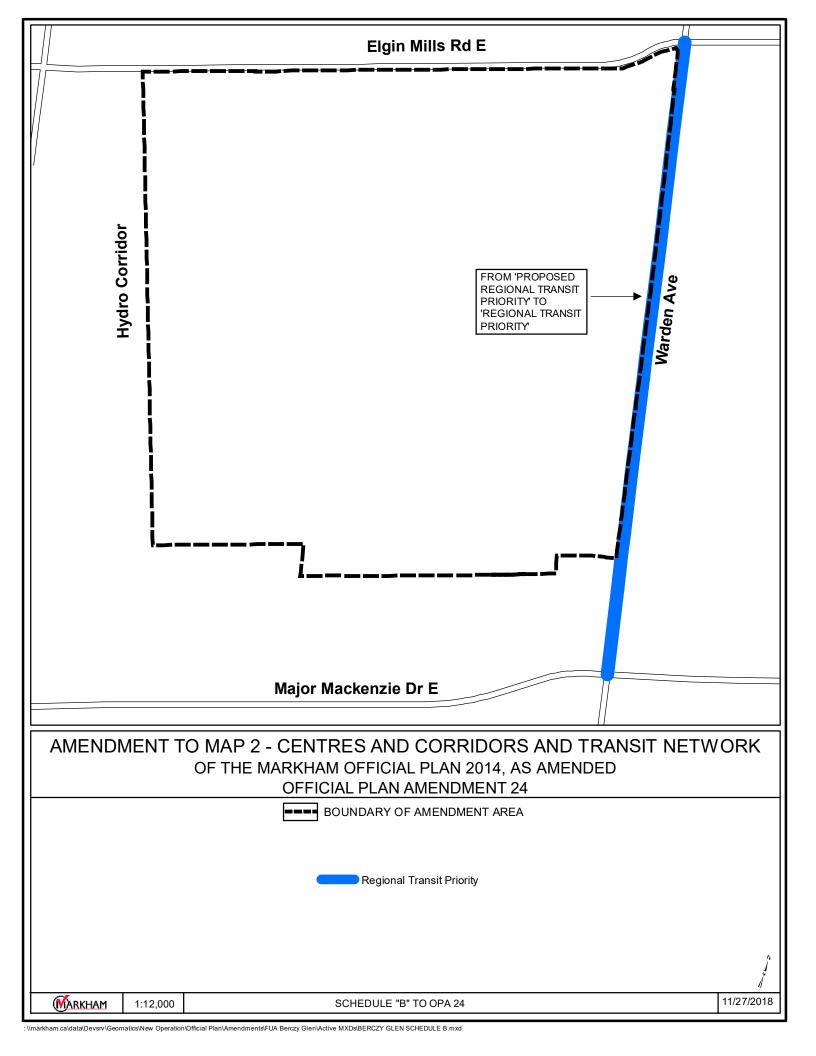
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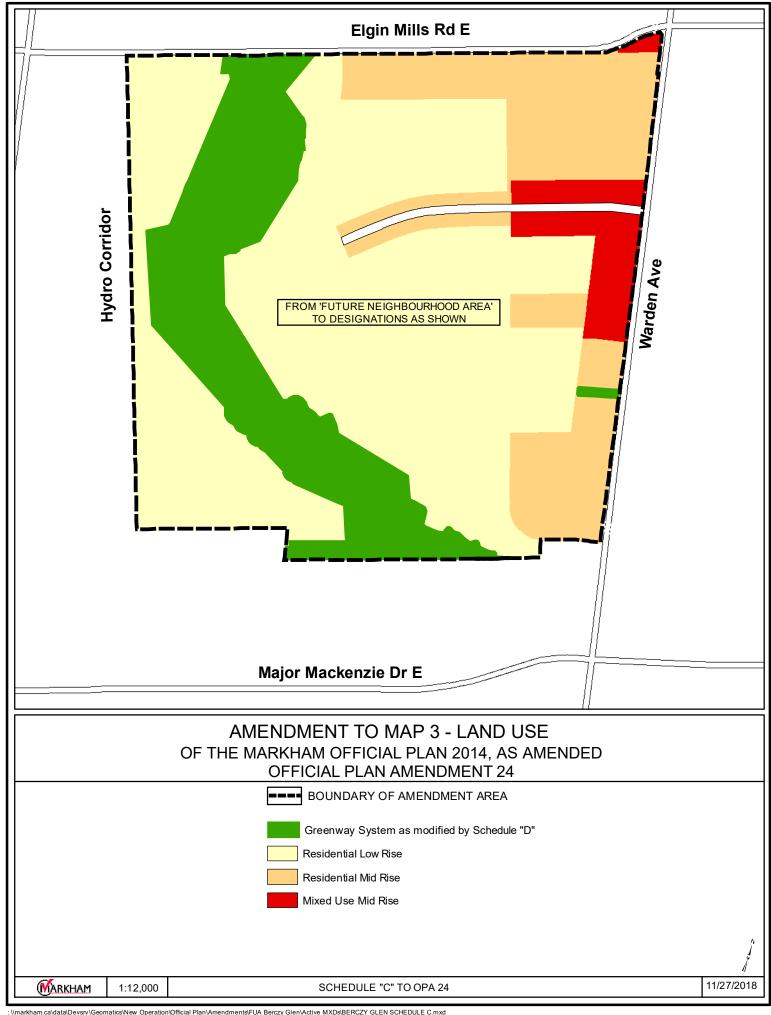
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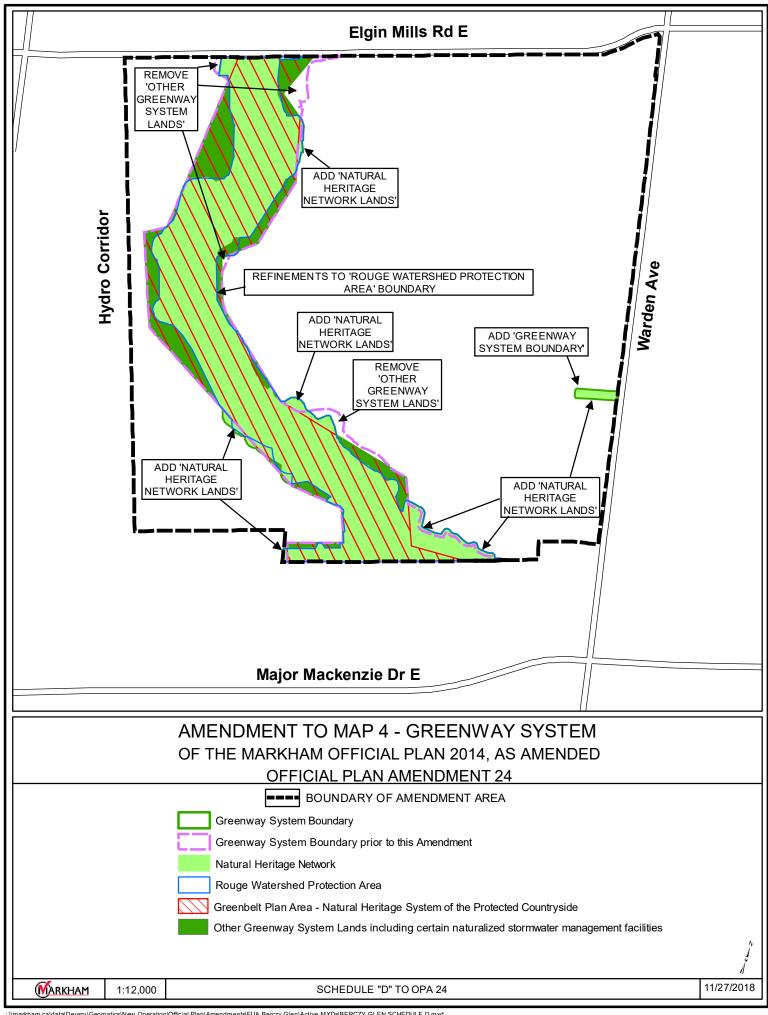
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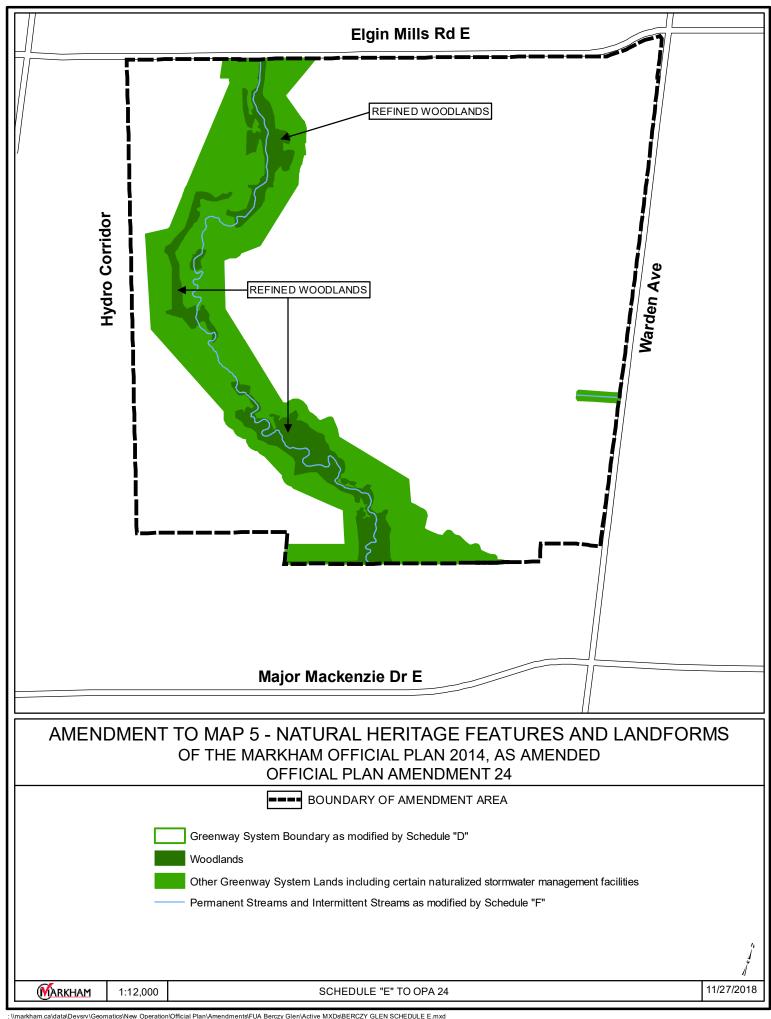
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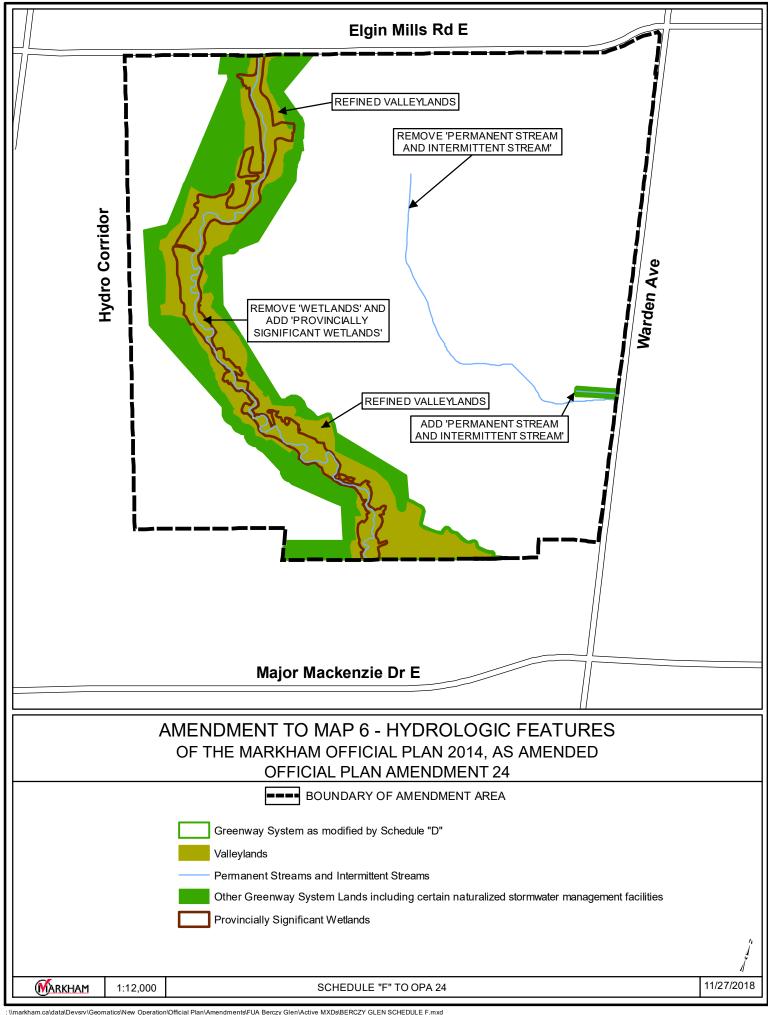


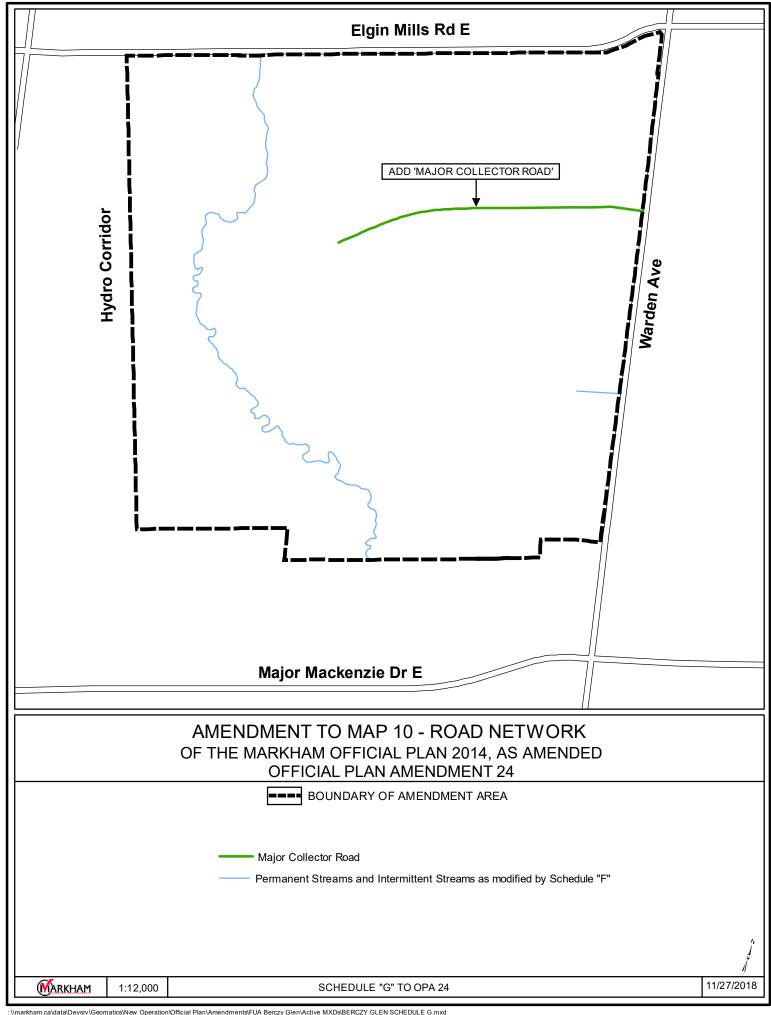


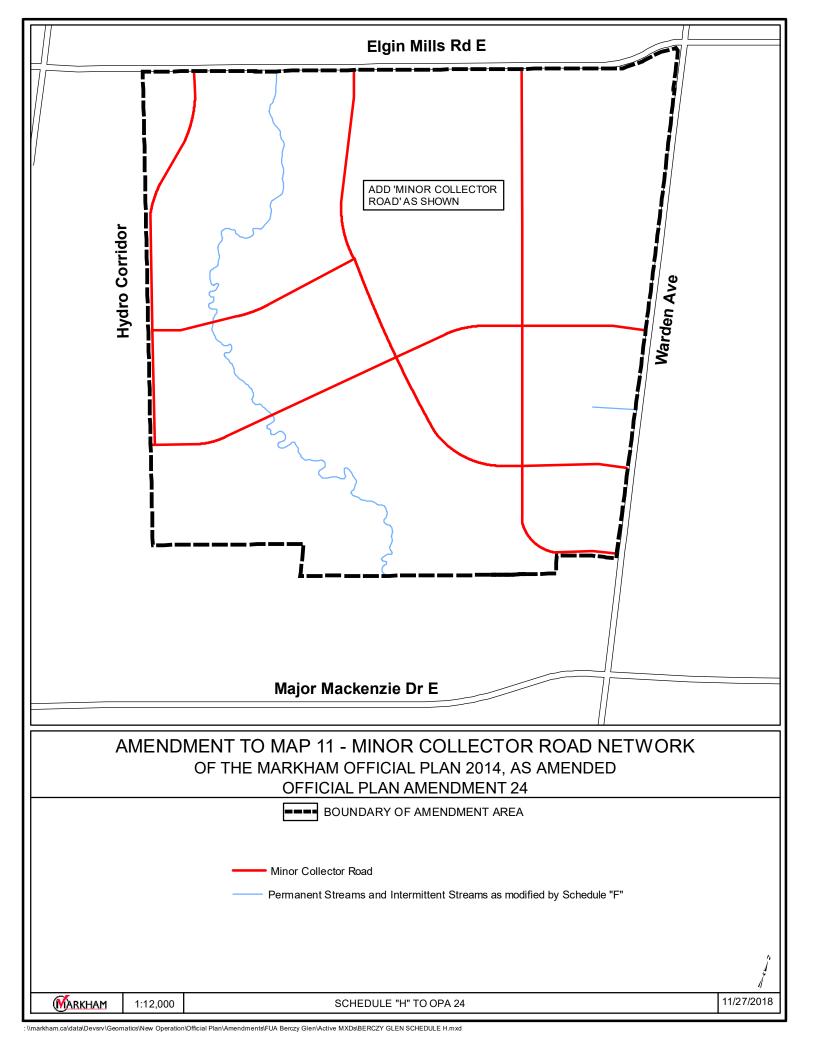


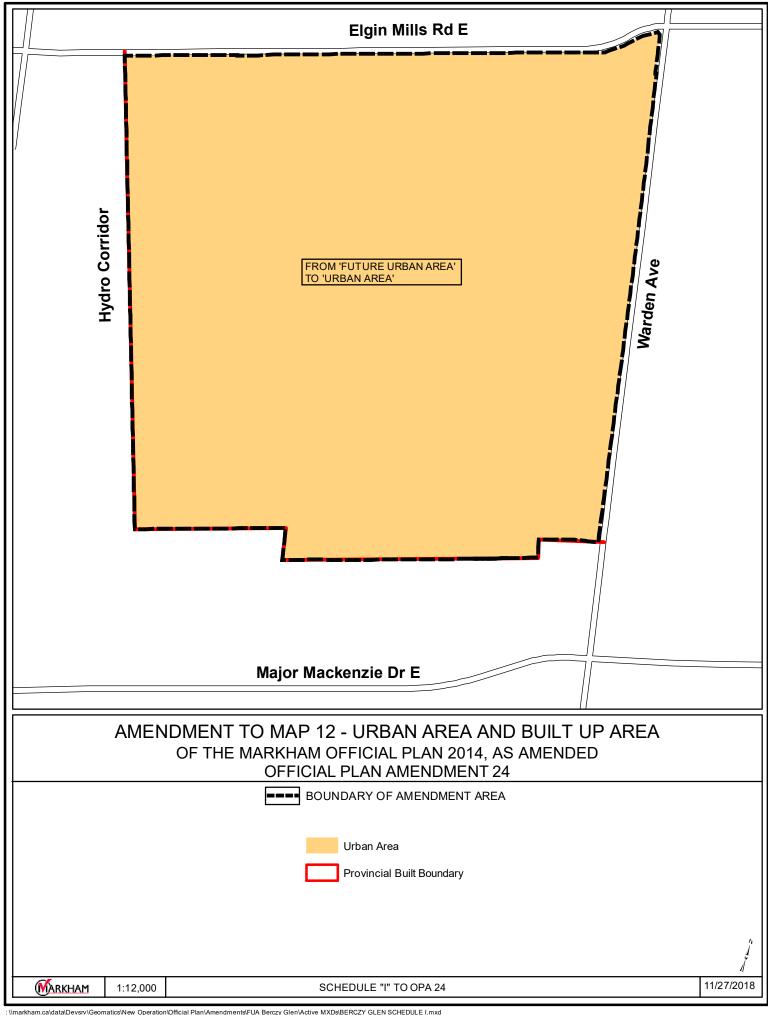


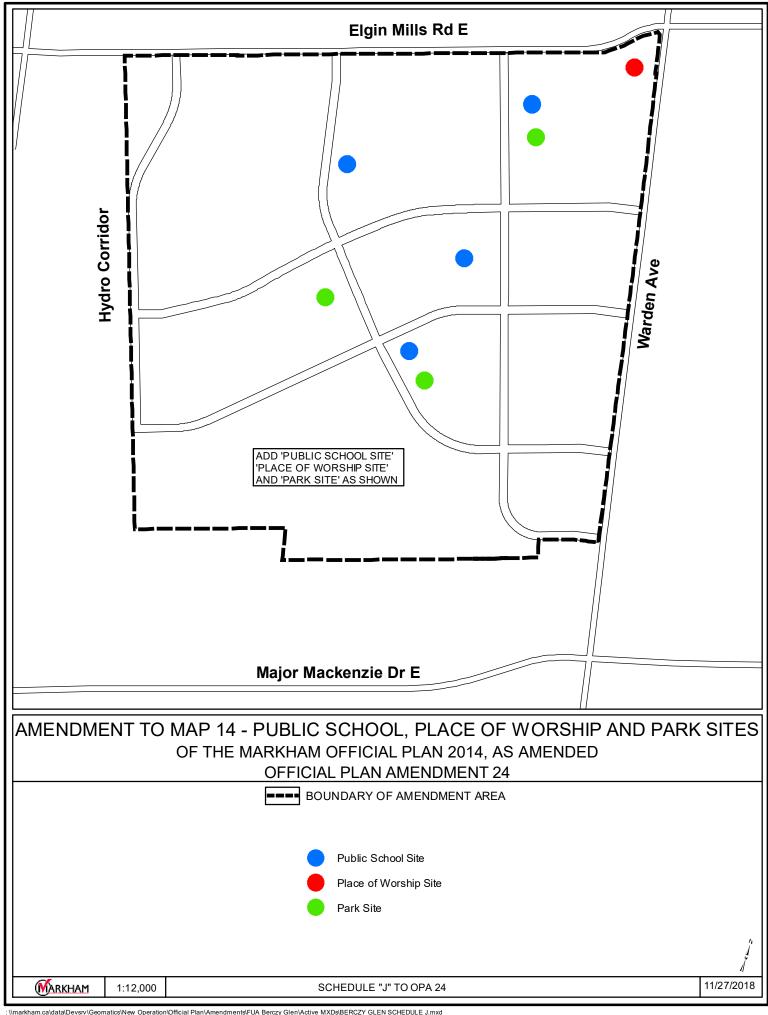


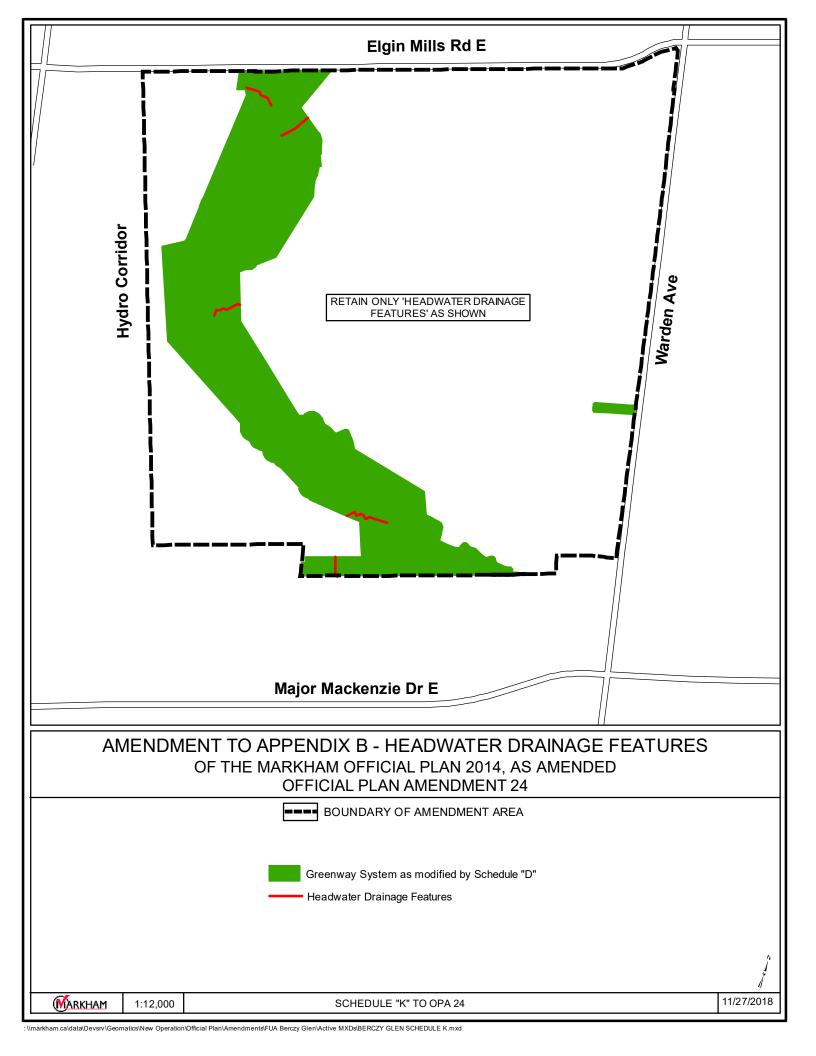


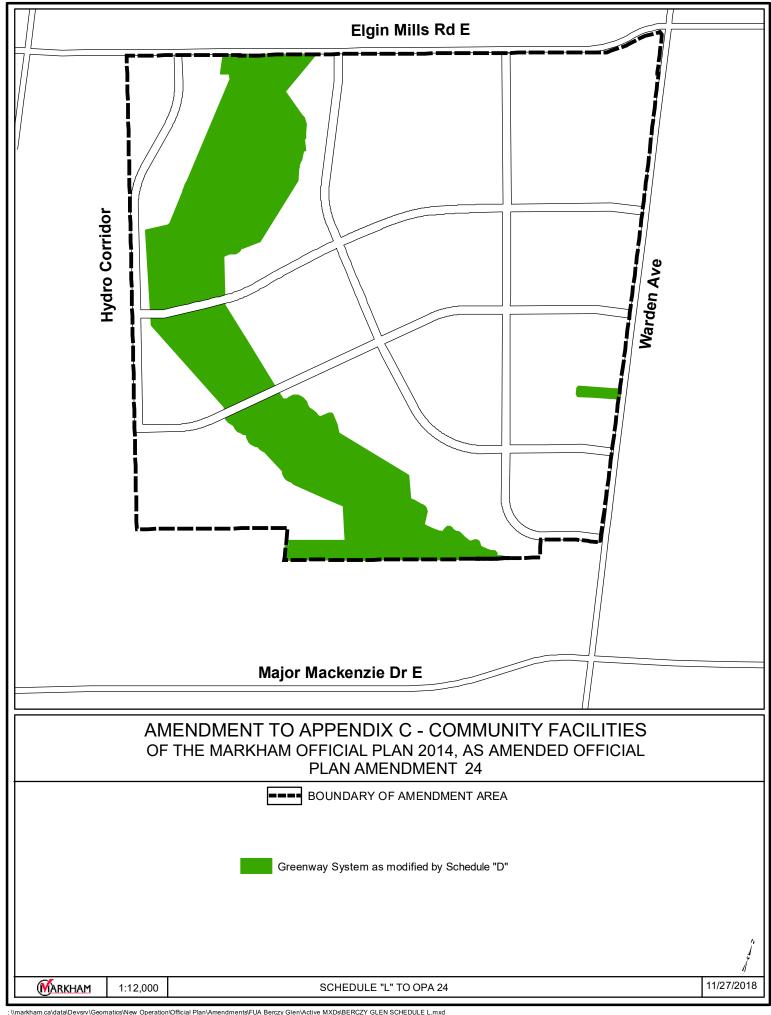


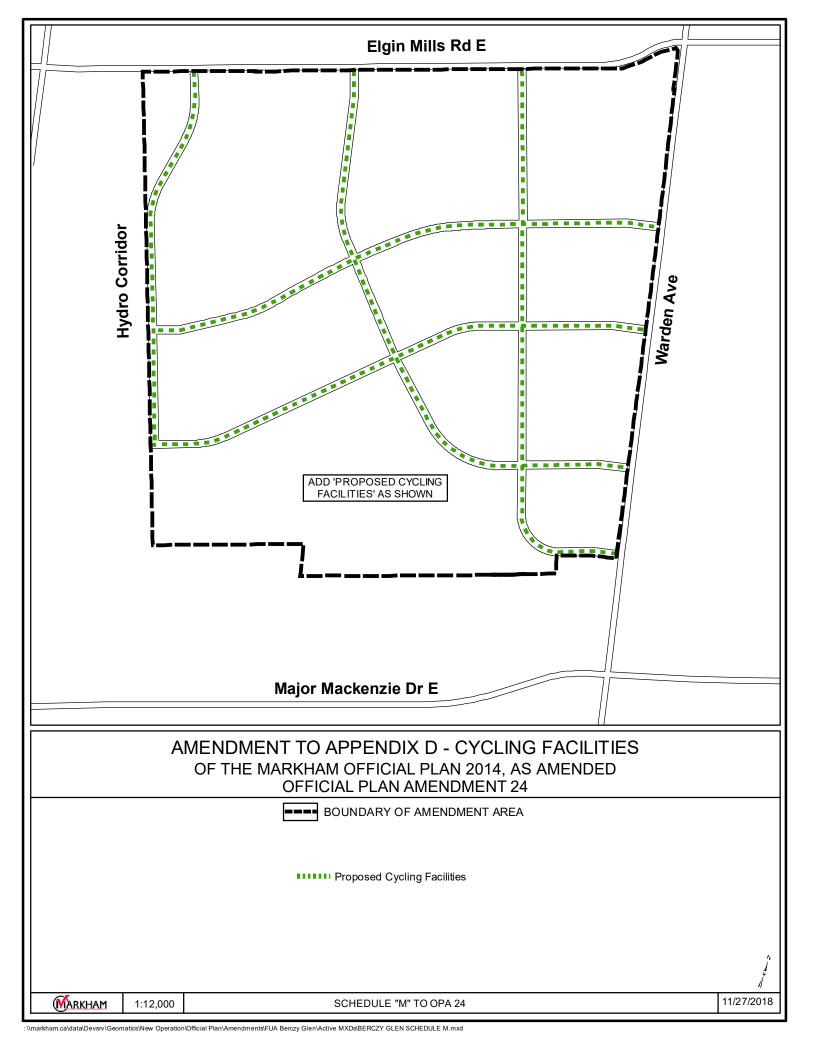


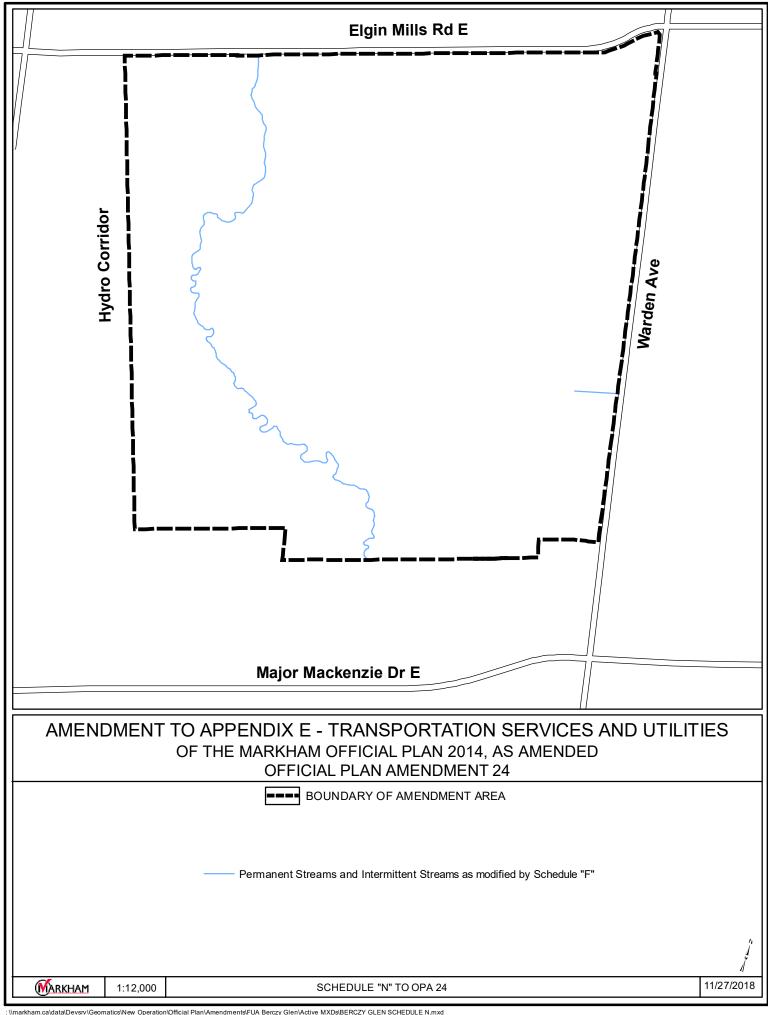


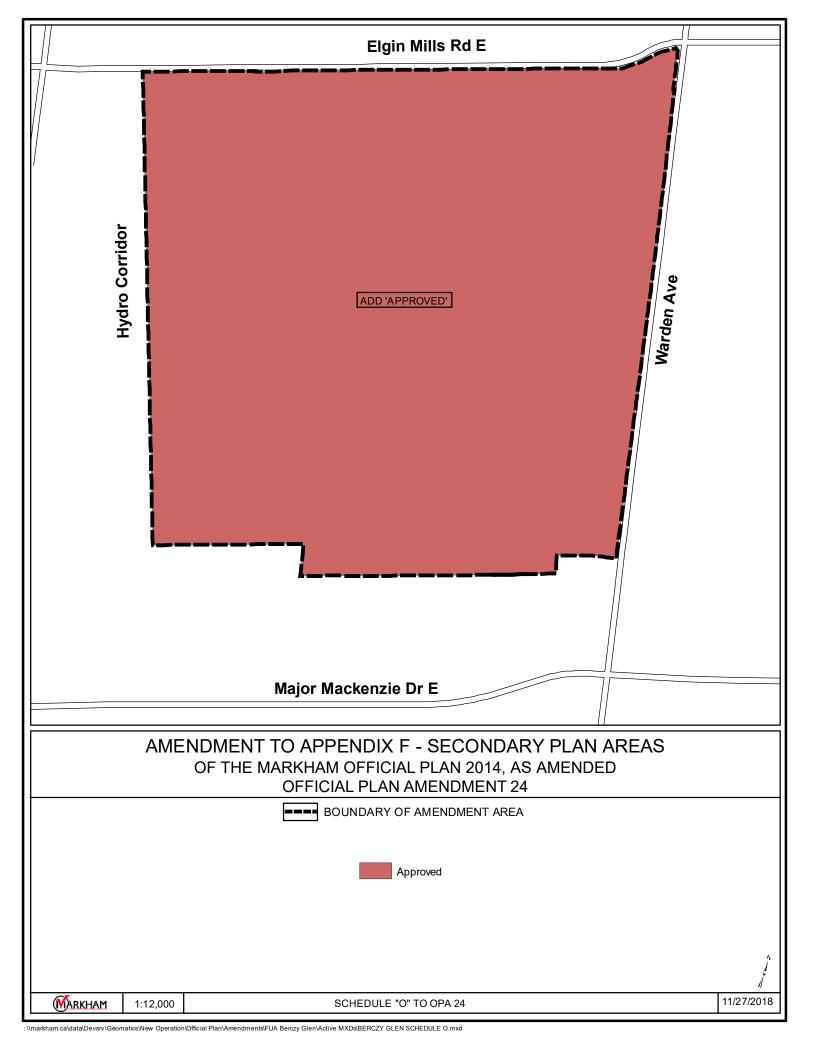














# AMENDMENT TO PART II OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN 2014, as amended

# SECONDARY PLAN FOR THE BERCZY GLEN COMMUNITY

(This is an operative part of Official Plan Amendment No. 24)

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## PART II – SECONDARY PLAN FOR THE BERCZY GLEN COMMUNITY

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The following text and maps constitute the Secondary Plan for the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area within the Future Urban Area Planning District, as established and adopted by Amendment No. 24 to the Markham Official Plan 2014, as amended. This Secondary Plan, contained in Part II – Secondary Plans of the Official Plan, must be read in conjunction with Part I of the Official Plan.

Sections 2.0 through 10.0 and the Maps to this Secondary Plan constitute the operative portions of the Secondary Plan. Section 1.0 and the appendices are provided for information purposes and are not operative parts of the Secondary Plan. In addition, the preamble in each Section and subsection shall assist in understanding the policies of the Secondary Plan. Terms in *italicized* text are defined in Section 11.2 of the Official Plan.

For the purposes of this Plan, unless otherwise stated, Part I of the City of Markham Official Plan 2014, as amended is referred to as "the Official Plan", the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan is referred to as "this Secondary Plan", and the North Markham Subwatershed Study for the Berczy, Bruce, Eckardt and Robinson Creeks, 2018 as may be amended from time to time, is referred to as "the Subwatershed Study".

## 1.1 Location and Description of the Secondary Plan Area

The Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area is located within the concession block bounded by Major Mackenzie Drive East, Warden Avenue, Elgin Mills Road East, and Woodbine Avenue, as shown on **Map SP1 – Detailed Land Use.** More specifically, the Secondary Plan Area is bounded on the west by the Hydro Corridor, and on the south by existing residential development. The lands are legally described as Part Lots 22, 23, 24 and 25, Concession 4, and comprise approximately 250 hectares in total.

Existing land uses consist primarily of agricultural and rural residential uses. In addition, the lands contain *natural heritage and hydrologic features* primarily associated with Berczy Creek, and a number of *cultural heritage resources*.

The Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area is located north of the Jennings Gate/Heritage Hill residential estate communities, and east of the existing Cathedral and Victoria Square communities. A Hydro One transmission corridor runs in a north-south direction at the west limit of the Secondary Plan Area, providing a 30-40 metre separation from the Cathedral and Victoria Square communities. To the north, lands designated for employment in the Future Urban Area Planning District extend to the northern City limit, north of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. To the northeast, north of Elgin Mills Road East, are agricultural lands, which are expected to continue in agricultural use to 2031. The concession block to the east of the Secondary Plan Area is also located within the Future Urban Area Planning District and designated for urban residential development.

# 1.2 Purpose of the Secondary Plan

The Berczy Glen Secondary Plan provides detailed policies to guide future development and growth in the new Berczy Glen community to 2031, providing a comprehensive policy framework for Council decision making with respect to the use of land, provision for municipal services and infrastructure, and the implementation and phasing of development. It fulfills the requirement of Section 9.9 of the Official Plan for the preparation of a secondary plan(s) prior to development occurring in the Future Urban Area Planning District.

It is anticipated that the Secondary Plan Area will accommodate approximately 4,200 dwelling units and approximately 13,000 residents when development is complete.

# 1.3 Policy Context

Land use planning for the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area and the Future Urban Area Planning District (Future Urban Area) is directly influenced by senior levels of government, including the Province of Ontario and York Region. The requirements of senior levels of government are reflected in the Official Plan.

### **1.3.1** Provincial Policy

Provincial policies and legislation directly influencing the planning of the Future Urban Area include the <u>Planning Act</u>, Provincial Policy Statement, Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Growth Plan) and Greenbelt Plan. The <u>Planning Act</u> defines municipal authority in land use planning matters, working in concert with other Provincial legislation such as the <u>Environmental Assessment Act</u>. The Provincial Policy Statement 2014, issued under the <u>Planning Act</u>, provides principles and policy direction on matters of provincial interest relating to land use planning and development. These matters include building strong communities with an emphasis on efficient development and land use patterns, wise use and management of resources and protecting public health and safety. The <u>Planning Act</u> requires that any decisions relating to planning matters shall be consistent with policy statements under the Act.

The Provincial Growth Plan 2006 provides a framework for implementing the Province's vision for building strong, prosperous communities within the Greater Golden Horseshoe to 2031. The Growth Plan provides guidance on a wide range of issues related to growth management, including land use planning, urban form, transportation, infrastructure planning, housing and natural heritage and resource protection. The Growth Plan is premised on the principles of building compact, vibrant and complete communities, developing a strong and competitive economy, protection and wise use of natural resources and optimizing the use of existing and new infrastructure to support growth in a compact, efficient form.

A new Growth Plan 2017, with a 2041 planning horizon, came into effect on July 1, 2017. Although all planning decisions after July 1, 2017 must conform to this Plan, the Growth Plan provides transitional policies that enable planning for the Future Urban Area, including the

Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area, to continue under the policy context of the York Region Official Plan 2010, in conformance with the Growth Plan 2006.

The Greenbelt Plan 2017 identifies natural heritage and agricultural lands for protection from urban development. Within the Future Urban Area, the Greenbelt Plan applies primarily to the valleylands associated with the main tributaries of the Berczy, Bruce, and Robinson Creeks.

## 1.3.2 York Region Official Plan 2010 and Markham Official Plan 2014

The York Region Official Plan 2010 implements the Growth Plan and Greenbelt Plan, ensuring that the requirements for the development of compact, complete, communities are addressed. The Future Urban Area lands, including the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area, were included within the Region's urban boundary through Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 3 in 2010 and are subject to policies for new communities outlined in Section 5.6 of the York Region Official Plan. These policies provide direction on, among other things, achieving minimum density targets, providing for a full range of housing types and services, providing for active transportation and an integrated open space network, protection of natural and cultural heritage resources, and consideration of renewable energy sources and water conservation measures.

The Markham Official Plan 2014 more specifically designates the Future Urban Area lands as follows:

- Of the total 1,300 hectares within the Future Urban Area Planning District, approximately 975 hectares are developable. The remaining 325 hectares consist primarily of natural heritage lands. These natural heritage lands are protected from development as part of the 'Greenway System', a structural element in the Official Plan, with a corresponding 'Greenway' land use designation.
- Approximately 700 hectares of the developable lands are designated 'Future
  Neighbourhood Area'. These lands, located primarily between Major Mackenzie Drive East
  and Elgin Mills Road East, were identified in Markham's 2010 growth strategy to
  accommodate a population of approximately 38,000.
- Approximately 275 hectares of developable lands north of Elgin Mills Road East, are
  designated 'Future Employment Area'. The growth strategy anticipated approximately
  19,000 jobs within the Future Urban Area, with the majority of the jobs located within
  these lands.

The Official Plan identifies a comprehensive process planning process to be undertaken prior to development occurring on the Future Urban Area lands. A key component of the comprehensive planning process is the development of a Conceptual Master Plan over the entirety of the lands in order to ensure consistent, coordinated planning and development within individual secondary plan areas.

The Official Plan directs that the Conceptual Master Plan be informed by a number of supporting studies including a subwatershed study, transportation study and water and wastewater servicing studies. These studies were undertaken concurrently, following a master plan process of a municipal class environmental assessment. Following intensive analysis and consultation with agencies, landowners and the public over the course of four years, these studies have been completed and a Conceptual Master Plan was endorsed by Council in October 2017, as the basis for review and approval of statutory secondary plans for the Future Urban Area lands.

## 1.4 Conceptual Master Plan for the Future Urban Area

The 2017 Council-endorsed Conceptual Master Plan for the Future Urban Area provides the planning framework and structural elements to guide the preparation of more detailed statutory secondary plans within the Future Urban Area Planning District.

The vision for the new communities to be developed in the Future Urban Area reflects the vision of sustainable growth outlined in the Markham Official Plan 2014 and York Region Official Plan 2010. The Official Plan requirements were distilled into a set of guiding principles that collectively provide for the development of sustainable, healthy, compact and complete new communities. The principles, as referenced in Section 2.0 of this Plan, are organized under the broad goals of: protection and enhancement of the natural environment; building compact, complete communities; increasing travel options; maintaining a vibrant and competitive economy; adopting 'green' infrastructure and development standards, and implementation.

The Community Structure Plan, shown in Appendix 1 – Future Urban Area Community Structure Plan, provides a high level community structure across all of the Future Urban Area lands consistent with the guiding principles. The Plan identifies a protected Greenway System, a transportation network, an open space network, and broad land use categories which together deliver the structural elements of the new communities and employment area to be developed in the Future Urban Area.

The Community Structure Plan represents a balance between the Official Plan objectives of protecting and enhancing the natural environment and developing compact, complete new communities to accommodate growth. This balance was derived from intensive, integrated analysis which weighed the findings of the supporting subwatershed, transportation, servicing and planning studies, as well as consideration of existing land uses and public input.

The broad land use components (Residential Neighbourhood Area, Mixed Use Neighbourhood Corridor, and Mixed Use Regional Corridor) in the Community Structure Plan provide for a range of housing types (from ground oriented units to apartments), schools, parks and open space, as well as appropriate locations for retail and service uses, all at transit-supportive densities. These lands are being planned to support an overall density of 70 residents and jobs per hectare and 20 units per hectare consistent with the York Region Official Plan 2010, accommodating a population of approximately 45,000 residents across the entire Future Urban Area, of which the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area is a part.

Approximately 16,000-18,000 jobs are anticipated within the Community Structure Plan for the Future Urban Area, consisting of approximately 5,000 jobs within the Residential Neighbourhood Area and Mixed Use Corridors, and 11,000-13,000 jobs being accommodated with the Employment Area north of Elgin Mills Road East. The Employment Area, immediately north of the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area, is intended to accommodate primarily general employment uses with opportunities for business park uses and ancillary retail and service at appropriate locations. The transportation network consists of a series of arterial and collector roads that also form the basis of the active transportation and transit systems.

Building on the Community Structure Plan and the findings of each of the supporting studies, key policy direction for secondary plans was identified, organized according to the guiding principles. Among the requirements identified in the Conceptual Master Plan were the preparation of supporting master environmental servicing plans and community design plans for each secondary plan area.

The Conceptual Master Plan anticipated that components of the Community Structure Plan would be further refined as a result of additional analysis and consultation undertaken during the preparation of secondary plans, master environmental servicing plans and community design plans or through environmental assessment processes. Phasing plans are also required for each secondary plan area. At minimum, phasing plans are expected to have regard for development occurring in an orderly progression, with regard for delivery of key infrastructure and providing for elements of a complete community in each phase.

Urban design guidelines to guide Community Design Plans, a Community Energy Plan to identify means of reducing energy demand in the new communities, and associated financial analysis were also required to further inform master environmental servicing plans and secondary plans.

The Berczy Glen Secondary Plan contains more detailed land use designations and associated policies that are consistent with the Council-endorsed Conceptual Master Plan.

# 2.0 GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES FOR A HEALTHY AND RESILIENT COMMUNITY

Sustainable growth translates into healthy and resilient communities. There is increasing evidence of the linkage between public health and community design. Communities built around the automobile eliminate regular physical activity, particularly walking, from daily life. Designing neighbourhoods around pedestrian activity with a high number of destinations within walking distance can create better health outcomes, and reduce the dependence on automobiles. Community design should also have regard for increasing levels of resiliency, anticipating increased risks to community infrastructure due to increases in temperature and extreme weather events.

# 2.1 Guiding Principles

Guiding principles for the development of the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area as a healthy and resilient community are identified in this section. These principles were developed through the Conceptual Master Plan process to guide development of new communities within the entire Future Urban Area Planning District in accordance with provincial plans, the York Region Official Plan and Markham's Official Plan.

The guiding principles are generally organized under the broad City-wide goals and strategic objectives identified in Chapter 2 of the Official Plan, with some modifications and additions to the goals to reflect the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan context.

## It is the policy of Council:

2.1.1 That development in the Berczy Glen community be consistent with the goals and strategic objectives outlined in Chapter 2 of the Official Plan as further defined by the principles outlined in Section 2.1.2 through 2.1.7 of this Secondary Plan. The principles are further defined in the policies of this Secondary Plan.

## **Protecting and Enhancing the Natural Environment**

- 2.1.2 a) To confirm and refine the Greenway System associated with Berczy Creek to protect and enhance natural heritage features and functions and water resources.
  - b) To design the community with regard for natural heritage (i.e., minimizing impact to features, topography and soils) and to enhance tree canopy.

## **Building Compact Complete Communities**

- 2.1.3 a) To provide for the daily needs of residents through the organization of residential neighbourhoods, mixed use centres and corridors, and an interconnected system of parks and open space, all integrated with a transportation network that includes transit and active transportation.
  - b) To identify a housing mix that provides for a range of housing types and tenure, including opportunities for *affordable* and *shared housing*.

- c) To identify appropriate locations for mixed use community core areas that provide a focus of retail and community services within reasonable walking distance from the majority of the population, and that are accessible by transit.
- d) To identify an interconnected parks and open space system as one of the main organizing elements of the community including parks and open spaces, elements of the Greenway System and multi-use trails and pathways.
- e) To identify the community infrastructure (public facility and service) needs of the community through a community infrastructure plan, as well as opportunities for places of worship.
- f) To plan to achieve a minimum density of 20 residential units per hectare of developable land across the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area, and contribute to achieving a minimum density of 70 residents and jobs per hectare of developable land across the Future Urban Area Planning District.
- g) To recognize, protect and conserve, and incorporate *cultural heritage resources* into new development opportunities within the community, where appropriate.
- h) To create a sense of community identity through the innovative planning and design of the public realm, built form and site development, to be accessible by all, regardless of age or physical ability.
- i) Create community identity through establishment of a high quality public realm, placemaking and a high standard of urban design (distinctive built form, streetscapes, parks and open space, landmarks and views, public art, etc); ensure communities are designed to be accessible by all, regardless of age or physical ability
- j) To support access to local food through opportunities for urban agriculture.

### **Maintaining a Vibrant and Competitive Economy**

2.1.4 a) To plan for employment opportunities that serve the community and that are accessible by transit and active transportation, including opportunity to work from home.

### **Increasing Mobility Options**

- 2.1.5 a) To identify a comprehensive transportation system that emphasizes walking, cycling and transit as increasingly viable and attractive alternatives to the automobile.
  - b) To plan for a grid pattern of streets and blocks that provides for a hierarchy of street types with appropriate and integrated facilities that provide increased opportunities for walking and cycling.

# **Adopting Green Infrastructure and Development Standards**

- 2.1.6 a) To identify best management practices and approaches to stormwater management systems/facilities, water and wastewater systems, and the transportation network to maximize water and energy conservation and resilience at the community level.
  - b) To identify best management practices for green buildings to reduce demands on energy, water and waste systems.

## 2.1.7 Implementation

- a) To promote public engagement in the planning and development of the Berczy Glen community and encourage involvement of all stakeholders.
- b) To identify general phasing and sequencing for development of the Berczy Glen community.

#### 3.0 COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

Community Structure describes the various elements or building blocks that make up a complete community.

### 3.1 General Provisions

The community structure for the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan area is a further refinement of the Community Structure Plan for the Future Urban Area Planning District identified in Appendix 1 – Future Urban Area Community Structure Plan, which consists of a Greenway System, residential and mixed use neighbourhoods, an integrated parks and and open space system and a comprehensive transportation network that includes active transportation.

## It is the policy of Council that:

3.1.1 This Secondary Plan provides for a distribution of land uses and appropriate land use designations to ensure the development of the Berczy Glen community as a compact, complete and transit-supportive community. The structural elements of the Berczy Glen community include a protected Greenway System, Residential Neighbourhood Area, Mixed Use Neighourhood Area including a Neighbourhood Service Node, an integrated Parks and Open Space System, and a comprehensive Transportation System.

## **Greenway System**

- 3.1.2 a) The Greenway System, consisting primarily of the Berczy Creek valleylands, together with a network of parks and open spaces and multi-use trails and pathways form an interconnected Parks and Open Space System for the Berczy Glen community.
  - b) In addition to providing for protection of natural heritage features, the Greenway System also provides opportunities for trail linkages, natural viewsheds and passive recreational uses.

### **Residential Neighbourhood Area**

- 3.1.3 a) Individual neighbourhoods within the Residential Neighbourhood Area are the fundamental structural element of the Berczy Glen community.
  - b) The pattern of land use in the Residential Neighbourhood Area should be organized around neighbourhood centres or "community hubs" which may consist of *public schools*, *places of worship* and parks and open spaces and other community infrastructure that are within reasonable walking distances (400 metres or 5 minute walk) of all residents.
  - c) Residential building types, lot sizes and densities will vary throughout the Residential Neighbourhood Area. These lands are intended to be developed primarily with ground oriented housing types with higher density building types located in proximity to higher order transit corridors, particularly along Warden Avenue.

### **Mixed Use Neighbourhood Area**

- 3.1.4 a) Lands within the Mixed Use Neighbourhood Area are intended to provide for a mix of residential and non-residential uses along higher order transit routes.
  - b) These lands are intended to be developed with higher density housing forms and provide the opportunity for retail and service use to support active transportation and transit.
  - c) A Mixed Use Neighbourhood Service Node within the Mixed Use Neighbourhood area will provide a focus for local retail and services to serve the community.

### Parks and Open Space System

- 3.1.5 a) The Parks and Open Space System is intended to link neighbourhoods within the Berczy Glen community, and to link the Berczy Glen community to adjacent communities and employment areas within the Future Urban Area Planning District.
  - b) The school, park and open space components of the Parks and Open Space System should be distributed to function as focal points and organizing elements for neighbourhoods, within reasonable walking distance of all residents.
  - c) The passive natural open spaces of the Greenway System should be linked, where appropriate, with active programmed community and neighbourhood parks, to provide an open space system that is easily accessible within neighbourhoods and between neighbourhoods.
  - d) In addition to the linkages provided through the distribution of parks, open space and *public school* sites, connectivity will be provided through streets and a system of pedestrian and cycling trails.

### **Transportation System**

- 3.1.6 a) A Transportation System consisting of arterial, collector and local roads, will accommodate the majority of cycling, vehicular, and transit service traffic within the community as well as serve as links to the neighbouring areas.
  - b) The Transportation System establishes a framework to guide the development of a well-defined street hierarchy, streets and blocks layout, and the design of complete streets for all ages, abilities and modes of travel within the Berczy Glen community, with the objective of reducing reliance on the automobile by providing opportunities for active transportation (walking and cycling) and transit.

## 4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS

This Section addresses the Greenway System, the urban forest, water resources, stormwater management and environmental hazards.

# 4.1 Greenway System

The protected Greenway System lands located within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area reflect, for the most part, the natural heritage system associated with Berczy Creek. Berczy Creek is a tributary of the Rouge River and is part of the larger Rouge Watershed System. The Berczy Creek corridor extends in a north-south direction through the Secondary Plan Area providing a natural heritage spine within the community, and connections to the City-wide Greenway System to the north and south.

The Greenway System lands within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area consist primarily of Natural Heritage Network lands, Rouge Watershed Protection Area lands, and Greenbelt Plan Area lands. Natural Heritage Network lands contain the *natural heritage and hydrologic features* in the Berczy Glen community that are to be protected, and enhanced where appropriate to provide opportunities to improve their *biodiversity*, connectivity and *ecological function*. These *natural heritage and hydrologic features* provide an array of *ecological functions*, including *habitat of endangered and threatened species*, *special concern species*, and other urban wildlife found throughout the City.

The Rouge Watershed Protection Area lands within the Secondary Plan Area were delineated, for the most part, through application of criteria established in the Rouge North Management Plan. The Rouge North Management Plan contains objectives to ensure the long-term protection of Rouge watershed tributaries that flow into the Rouge National Urban Park in east Markham.

The Greenbelt Plan Area lands are identified as Natural Heritage System of the Protected Countryside. Some of these lands located outside the Natural Heritage Network and Rouge Watershed Protection Area are currently in agricultural use. As agricultural activities cease, it is intended that formerly cultivated lands in the Greenway System be restored to a natural vegetated state, to the extent possible, in support of the vision and goals of the Provincial Greenbelt Plan, Markham's Official Plan and the Subwatershed Study undertaken for the Future Urban Area lands.

The Greenway System within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan has been refined based on the Subwatershed Study and the master environmental servicing plan and may be subject to further minor refinements through development approvals.

## It is the policy of Council:

4.1.1 To identify, protect and enhance the Greenway System in the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area in a manner consistent with Section 3.1 of the Official Plan, the policies of this Secondary Plan,

the Subwatershed Study and master environmental servicing plan prepared in support of this Secondary Plan.

- 4.1.2 That further to Section 3.1.1.1 of the Official Plan, the components of the Greenway System within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area include the following as generally shown on Map SP2 Greenway System:
  - a) Natural Heritage Network lands;
  - b) Rouge Watershed Protection Area lands;
  - c) Greenbelt Plan Area lands (Natural Heritage System of the Protected Countryside lands); and
  - d) certain naturalized stormwater management facilities.
- 4.1.3 That further to Sections 3.1.2.1 and 3.1.2.10 of the Official Plan, the components of the Natural Heritage Network within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area include the following:
  - a) natural heritage and hydrologic features, and more specifically:
    - i. provincially significant wetlands;
    - ii. habitat of threatened and endangered species;
    - iii. fish habitat;
    - iv. significant valleylands;
    - v. woodlands and significant woodlands;
    - vi. significant wildlife habitat;
    - vii. permanent streams and intermittent streams;
    - viii. seepage areas and springs;
  - b) vegetation protection zones associated with features identified in a) above; and
  - c) hazardous lands and hazardous sites.

Where these features are mapped, they are generally as shown on Map SP3 – Natural Heritage Features and Map SP4 – Hydrologic Features.

- 4.1.4 That the *vegetation protection zones* as generally shown on Map SP3 Natural Heritage Features and Map SP4 Hydrologic Features be required in accordance with Section 3.1.2.22 through 3.1.2.27 of the Official Plan, with the exception of Section 3.1.2.25 which does not apply within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area.
- 4.1.5 That the boundaries of the Greenway System and the Natural Heritage Network within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area, including the delineation of *natural heritage and hydrologic features* and their associated *vegetation protection zones*, as shown in Map SP2 Greenway System, Map SP3 Natural Heritage Features and Map SP4 Hydrologic Features reflect the most accurate information available and are to be confirmed in the field and may be refined or modified in accordance with Section 3.1.1.3 of the Official Plan.
- 4.1.6 That lands identified as 'Rouge Watershed Protection Area' on Map SP2 Greenway System are subject to Section 3.1.4 of the Official Plan. The boundary of the 'Rouge Watershed Protection Area' lands shall be further refined through the master environmental servicing plan and environmental impact studies in accordance with Section 3.1.4 of the Official Plan. Where the

- limits of the 'Rouge Watershed Protection Area' are shown as dashed on Map SP2 Greenway System, environmental studies required in support of *development approvals* may result in some minor variations to the boundary, but will not substantially revise the boundary.
- 4.1.7 That the 'Greenbelt Plan Area Natural Heritage System of the Protected Countryside' lands shown on Map SP2 Greenway System are subject to the policies of the Greenbelt Plan 2017 and Section 3.1.5 of the Official Plan. In the event of a conflict, the policies of the Greenbelt Plan 2017 shall prevail. The outer boundary of the Greenbelt Plan Area lands can only be refined or modified by the Province.
- 4.1.8 That any conveyance and/or securement of lands within the Greenway System shall be in accordance with Sections 3.1.2.4 through 3.1.2.7, 3.1.2.22 b), 3.1.3.4 and 3.4.1.7 of the Official Plan.
- 4.1.9 That restoration of the Greenway System is intended to occur through a number of means including *development approvals*, greening initiatives, partnerships and infrastructure projects not associated with the development process.
- 4.1.10 That a Natural Heritage Restoration Plan for the entire Greenway System within the Secondary Plan Area be prepared by development proponents, to the satisfaction of the City in consultation with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. The Natural Heritage Restoration Plan will:
  - a) identify opportunities for enhancement and restoration, and management for the Greenway System, as provided for in the Greenbelt Plan, the Official Plan, and this Secondary Plan and considering the findings of the Subwatershed Study, the master environmental servicing plan and any environmental assessments;
  - b) identify enhancement and restoration priorities, and
  - c) identify as a priority the establishment of *natural self-sustaining vegetation* on lands which will no longer be in agricultural use, having regard for the intended use.
- 4.1.11 Any Greenway System enhancement, restoration or management required as a result of development approvals, as determined through environmental impact studies, shall be undertaken having regard for the Natural Heritage Restoration Plan.
- 4.1.12 To minimize and mitigate the impact of required infrastructure in accordance with Section 3.1.2.9 of the Official Plan, the Subwatershed Study, the master environmental servicing plan and any class environmental assessments.
- 4.1.13 Where a natural heritage evaluation and/or hydrological evaluation or environmental impact study is required in accordance with Sections 3.5.4 and 3.5.5 of the Official Plan, the evaluation/study shall also address:
  - a) how the Subwatershed Study and master environmental servicing plan are to be implemented within the site development context; and
  - b) the direct and indirect impacts and mitigation associated with the development proposal.

- 4.1.14 That where nature-based trails are provided for in the Greenway System, the following shall apply:
  - trails shall avoid or minimize impacts to natural heritage and hydrologic features by generally being located outside of the Natural Heritage Network and at the outer edge of the Greenway System, and along both sides of the Berczy Creek, where feasible;
  - b) where trail alignments may impact *natural heritage and hydrologic features*, a scoped environmental impact study shall be required to identify potential impacts and to provide recommendations on methods to minimize impacts;
  - the conceptual design and location of trails shall be addressed in the Community Design
    Plan and where feasible and appropriate, shall meet provincial guidelines for accessibility;
     and
  - d) trails should be integrated with maintenance access required for infrastructure and stormwater management facilities, where possible.

## 4.2 Urban Forest System

The Urban Forest System includes all wooded areas, individual *trees*, and the soils that sustain them on public and private property. The *urban forest* provides a number of benefits which contribute to the quality of life for residents and workers in the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area, including improved air quality, energy efficiency, and wildlife habitat. The City will work with development proponents and community groups to increase *tree canopy* coverage.

# It is the policy of Council:

- 4.2.1 To protect, expand and integrate the *urban forest* in the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area in a manner consistent with Section 3.2 of the Official Plan and the policies of this Secondary Plan.
- 4.2.2 To require the submission of a Tree Inventory and Preservation Plan, as part of an application for *development approval*, to identify and describe existing *trees* including their size, species, condition, and methods to ensure the protection of *trees* to be retained.
- 4.2.3 That where *trees* cannot be retained in situ, compensation will be provided in accordance with Section 3.2.1 c) of the Official Plan.

### 4.3 Water Resources

Water resources are important for the maintenance of drinking water supplies and the conservation of wetlands, watercourses, and aquatic habitat. The Subwatershed Study has assessed the potential impacts of development and has provided recommendations to manage water resources.

### It is the policy of Council:

- 4.3.1 That development, *redevelopment* and *site alteration* be designed with the goal of protecting ground and surface water quality and quantity in the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area in a manner consistent with Section 3.3 of the Official Plan and the policies of this Secondary Plan.
- 4.3.2 That development, *redevelopment* and *site alteration* demonstrate how the requirements of the Credit Valley, Toronto and Region, and Central Lake Ontario Source Protection Plan, as amended from time to time, have been addressed. Vulnerable areas as delineated through the Toronto and Region Source Protection Area Assessment Report are identified in Appendix 3 Groundwater Resources to this Secondary Plan.
- 4.3.3 That development or *redevelopment* within Significant Groundwater Recharge Areas, as identified in Appendix 3 Groundwater Resources, be required to maintain pre-development recharge to the greatest extent feasible through stormwater management best management practices, infiltration at the source, and by having regard to the infiltration volume targets in the Subwatershed Study and the required master environmental servicing plan.
- 4.3.4 That development, redevelopment and site alteration within Wellhead Protection Area Quantity, as identified in Appendix 3 Groundwater Resources, be required to implement stormwater management best management practices, with the goal of maintaining predevelopment recharge by having regard to the infiltration volume targets in the Subwatershed Study and the master environmental servicing plan.
- 4.3.6 That the drainage feature located adjacent to Warden Avenue be realigned and restored, as shown on Map SP4 Hydrologic Features. The exact design and siting of the feature shall be finalized at the detailed design stage, prior to the final approval of the plan of subdivision. Modification to the 'Greenway' designation associated with realignment of this drainage feature shall not require an amendment to this Secondary Plan.

## 4.4 Stormwater Management

Appropriately designed stormwater management facilities will protect water quality and aquatic wildlife (including aquatic species at risk), and provide water quantity and erosion control for the Berczy and Bruce Creeks. Low Impact Development measures will be used throughout the Secondary Plan Area where appropriate to filter and cleanse water and to address infiltration needs.

### It is the policy of Council:

4.4.1 That stormwater management facilities shall be located and designed in a manner consistent with Section 3.3 of the Official Plan and Section 7.2.1 of this Secondary Plan, and based on the recommendations and findings of the Subwatershed Study and the master environmental servicing plan.

- 4.4.2 That stormwater management reports submitted in support of applications for development, redevelopment or site alteration shall address applicable City and agency guidelines and requirements in accordance with Section 3.3 of the Official Plan and Section 7.2.1 of this Plan.
- 4.4.3 That development proponents shall be responsible for ensuring that stormwater management facilities are designed and constructed in compliance with the Federal Species at Risk Act, Provincial Endangered Species Act, the Federal Airport Zoning Regulations for the Pickering Airport Site and any other applicable provincial and federal legislation, and address applicable Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks and City of Markham requirements.

#### 4.5 Environmental Hazards

Environmental hazards referred to in this section include natural hazards such as floodplain lands and erosion sites, as well as human environmental hazards resulting from soil contamination and air and noise pollution which can pose a threat to public health and safety.

## It is the policy of Council:

- 4.5.1 That development, *redevelopment* and *site alteration* be should designed to protect the health and safety of the public and reduce property damage in the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area in a manner consistent with Section 3.4 of the Official Plan and the policies of this Secondary Plan.
- 4.5.2 That the limits of *hazardous lands* and *hazardous sites* in the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area will be delineated to the satisfaction of the City and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.
- 4.5.3 To only consider modifications to the *floodplain* along a portion of Berczy Creek as identified on Map SP4 Hydrologic Features if a technical study incorporating the findings of the Subwatershed Study can demonstrate that:
  - a) there will be no adverse upstream or downstream flooding impacts;
  - b) there will be no negative impacts to wetlands, habitat of threatened and endangered species, fish habitat, significant woodlands, significant wildlife habitat, permanent streams and seepage areas and springs;
  - c) all disturbed areas within the modified floodplain will be stabilized and replanted with native vegetation; and,
  - d) requirements under the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's regulation have been addressed.

Such technical study shall be approved by the City and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. Modifications to the limits of the *floodplain* shall not require an amendment to this Secondary Plan.

4.5.4 That applications for *development approval* for *sensitive land uses* adjacent to an arterial road in the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area shall be accompanied by a noise and vibration study

	prepared in accordance with the Ministry of Environment Guidelines and York Region noise policies including required mitigation measures prepared to the satisfaction of York Region.
4.5.5	To require environmental site assessments and a record of site condition prepared by a qualified person in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act and its regulations, for any lands to be conveyed to the City in the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area.

#### 5.0 HEALTHY NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY

The Berczy Glen Community is being planned and designed as a healthy and compact community, with neighbourhoods that contain a variety of housing types, a range of parks and open space and required community facilities such as schools, and where *cultural heritage* resources are integrated as appropriate.

# 5.1 Housing

Providing for a range of housing types and tenures, and *affordable housing* options will contribute to the livability of the Berczy Glen residential and mixed-use neighbourhoods and the quality of life for residents. Providing for more intensive housing forms along higher order transit corridors will improve access to services, jobs and amenities within and beyond the Berczy Glen community.

Ensuring there is an adequate supply of *affordable housing* opportunities for those low and moderate income households experiencing affordability challenges, and *shared housing* opportunities for seniors or those persons with special needs is integral to the economic and social well-being of the Berczy Glen community.

## It is the policy of Council:

### **Range of Housing Types**

- 5.1.1 To promote an appropriate and adequate range of housing choices by type, tenure and affordability level, to accommodate the needs of Berczy Glen residents and workers in a manner consistent with Section 4.1 of the Official Plan and the policies of this Secondary Plan, and more specifically by:
  - a) encouraging the construction of multiple units, including stacked townhouses and townhouses, and apartment units with a mix of unit sizes including family-size and smaller units;
  - b) encouraging the construction of rental and *shared housing* units with a full range of unit types and sizes, particularly in locations well-served by transit, including along Elgin Mills Road East and Warden Avenue; and
  - c) providing for the establishment of *secondary suites* subject to appropriate zoning, development criteria and standards as set out in Section 8.13.8 of the Official Plan.

## **Compact Community**

- 5.1.2 That the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area be planned to meet or exceed:
  - a) an overall minimum density of 20 residential units per developable hectare through an appropriate mix of low-rise and mid-rise residential units; and
  - b) an overall housing target of approximately 4,200 housing units with a target mix of approximately 50 percent low-rise residential units and 50 percent mid-rise and mixed-use units.

- 5.1.3 That the highest densities shall be focused along the Regional Transit Priority Frequent Transit Service routes, and that the distribution of housing by density and type identified in Section 5.1.2 be outlined in the Community Design Plan required in Section 6.2.
- 5.1.4 That jobs are anticipated to be primarily population-serving, including those in community facilities, mixed use areas along Warden Avenue, and work at home.
- 5.1.5 That in achieving approximately 4,200 dwelling units and the anticipated population-serving jobs, the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area will contribute to an overall minimum density of 70 residents and jobs per hectare across the developable area of the Future Urban Area Planning District.
- 5.1.6 To monitor the achievement of the density targets identified in Section 5.1.2 of this Secondary Plan through *development approvals*.

#### **Affordable and Shared Housing**

- 5.1.7 To provide for *affordable* and *shared housing* opportunities within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area according to Section 4.1.3 of the Official Plan, and more specifically by:
  - a) targeting 25 percent of the new housing units to be *affordable* to low and moderate income households;
  - b) encouraging a portion of the targeted *affordable housing* units to be designed as *shared housing* units with supports to accommodate persons with special needs; and
  - supporting the equitable distribution of *affordable* and *shared housing* within permitted building forms, particularly in locations well-served by transit, including along Elgin Mills Road East and Warden Avenue.
- 5.1.8 To work in partnership with York Region, the non-profit sector, the development industry, community partners, and senior levels of government to develop an *affordable* and *shared housing* implementation framework, which may include tools such as inclusionary zoning or other provincial and municipal incentives, to assist in implementing *affordable* and *shared housing* opportunities within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area.
- 5.1.9 That in accordance with Sections 4.1.2.8 and 4.1.3.6 c) and d) of the Official Plan, in order to monitor and encourage the implementation of a diverse and affordable housing stock in the Secondary Plan Area, housing impacts statements may be required to be submitted in support of development applications in the 'Residential Mid Rise' and 'Mixed Use Mid Rise' designations, which will identify:
  - a) the number of proposed new housing units by type, size and tenure;
  - b) the estimated rents and/or initial sales prices of the proposed new housing units by type; and
  - c) the relationship of the proposed new housing units to York Region's annual maximum *affordable housing* thresholds for Markham.

### 5.2 Community Infrastructure and Services

Community infrastructure and services should be located and designed to act as "community hubs" and focal points within the Berczy Glen community These "community hubs" may consist of facilities and services provided by the City or York Region such as *public schools*, parks and open spaces, libraries and/or community centres, and/or facilities and services provided by the private sector such as *day care centres* and *places of worship*.

Optimal locations for *public schools*, parks and open spaces, and *places of worship* are identified conceptually within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area to inform future *development approvals*. It is recognized that community infrastructure and services in adjacent communities, such as the community centre to the southeast and the places of worship to the west, will also serve the Berczy Glen community.

## It is the policy of Council:

#### **General Policies**

- 5.2.1 To plan and coordinate the provision of community infrastructure and services for the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area, including *public community infrastructure* provided by Markham and York Region and other community infrastructure provided by the private sector, in a manner consistent with Section 4.2 of the Official Plan and the policies of this Secondary Plan to, among other things:
  - a) support the development and implementation of Markham's Integrated Leisure Master Plan, as amended from time to time;
  - b) ensure the delivery of community infrastructure and services is balanced to meet the needs of future residents of the Berczy Glen community and other communities across the Future Urban Area Planning District; and
  - encourage new approaches to the delivery of community infrastructure and services that
    promote shared use or multi-functional facilities and services in order to achieve capital and
    operating costs efficiencies.
- 5.2.2 To identify optimal locations within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area for *public schools*, parks and open spaces, and *places of worship* as shown schematically on Map SP1 Detailed Land Use and in the Community Design Plan required in Section 6.2 of this Plan.
- 5.2.3 To secure *public community infrastructure* through *development approvals*. In accordance with Section 4.2.2.2 of the Official Plan, a community infrastructure impact statement may be required to be submitted in support of development applications to identify how required *public community infrastructure* will be delivered.

#### **Public Schools**

5.2.4 That the location of public schools sites shown on Map SP1- Detailed Land Use have been selected to reflect the role of school sites in defining community and neighbourhood structure, the open space system and patterns of land use.

- 5.2.5 Secondary school sites have been located to adjoin or be within a reasonable walking distance of potential transit routes. These school buildings shall be oriented to facilitate direct access to transit routes and stops.
- 5.2.6 That the location, size and configuration of each *public school site* shown on Map SP1 Detailed Land Use shall be further defined in the Community Design Plan consistent with the policies or requirements of the respective School Board and principles of community design outlined in this Secondary Plan.
- 5.2.7 That where a *public school* site adjoins public parkland, the school site shall be of a size, configuration, and design that facilitates potential joint use by the City and the respective School Board.
- 5.2.8 That *public school* sites be confirmed and secured through the *development approval* process.
- 5.2.9 That a *public school* site may be relocated in consultation with the School Boards, and without amendment to this Secondary Plan, provided the alternate site is consistent with the community structure objectives of this Secondary Plan and the long term needs of the School Boards.
- 5.2.10 That in the event a *public school* site is no longer required for *public school* purposes, it may be removed without amendment to this Secondary Plan.
- 5.2.11 That *public school* sites may be zoned to permit appropriate alternate uses with a 'Hold' provision, in addition to a *public school* and accessory uses, in the event the site is not required by a School Board or other educational institutions, and Council has not considered any alternate use in accordance with Section 4.2.3.2 of the Official Plan. Appropriate alternate uses will be identified in the Community Design Plan required in Section 6.2 of this Secondary Plan or through plans of subdivision.

Removal of the 'Hold' provision for the alternate uses on the site shall be addressed in the conditions of approval of an appropriate plan of subdivision and/or site plan control agreement secured through the *development approval* process.

## **Places of Worship**

- 5.2.12 That the location, size and configuration of required *place of worship* sites shown on Map SP1 Detailed Land Use shall be further defined through the Community Design Plan or plans of subdivision consistent with the requirements of Section 8.13.7 of the Official Plan and Council's *place of worship* site reservation policy.
- 5.2.13 That in addition to a minimum 1.0 hectare *place of worship* site identified symbolically on Map 1 Detailed Land Use, an existing *place of worship* site to the west of the Secondary Plan Area in the Cathedral community shall be considered as contributing to meeting the requirements of Council's place of worship site reservation policy in the Berczy Glen community.

- 5.2.14 That *place of worship* sites shall be secured through plans of subdivision or other appropriate agreements, and be made available for acquisition and use for a *place of worship* for a period of at least five years from the date of registration of the plan of subdivision.
- 5.2.15 That *place of worship* sites may be zoned to permit appropriate alternate uses with a 'Hold' provision, in addition to *place of worship and* accessory uses, in the event the site is not acquired for a *place of worship*. Removal of the 'Hold' provision to allow for the alternate uses on the site shall be tied to expiration of the site reservation period and the execution of a site plan control or subdivision agreement for the alternate land use.
- 5.2.16 That a *place or worship* site may be relocated without amendment to this Secondary Plan, provided the alternate site is consistent with the community structure objectives of this Secondary Plan as outlined in the Community Design Plan.

# 5.3 Parks and Open Space System

Markham is committed to ensuring that sufficient and meaningful parks and open spaces are available to its residents. Within the Berczy Glen community, a well designed and connected system of parks and open spaces including Greenway System lands, and multi use trails and pathways, will provide opportunities for diverse recreational and leisure activities.

- 5.3.1 To plan and develop a system of parks and open spaces that are integrated throughout the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area in a manner consistent with Section 4.3 of the Official Plan and the policies of this Secondary Plan, including the Community Design Plan requirements identified in Section 6.2.
- 5.3.2 That the Parks and Open Space System within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area include among other things, the following components:
  - a) City Parks as shown schematically on Map SP1 Detailed Land Use, including:
    - i. a Community Park, a minimum of 6 hectares in size, to serve parks users generally within a 10 minute walking distance (approximately 800 metres);
    - ii. Neighbourhood Parks as shown schematically on Map SP1 Detailed Land Use, including Active Parks and Parkettes, approximately 0.2 to 2.0 hectares in size, to serve parks users generally within a 5 minute walking distance (approximately 400 metres);
  - b) Open Space Lands including Greenway System lands and stormwater management facilities as shown schematically on Map SP1 Detailed Land Use; and
  - c) pedestrian and cycling routes which also form part of the Active Transportation Network as shown on Map SP6 Transit and Active Transportation Network.
- 5.3.3 To provide for more detailed planning and design of the Parks and Open Space System within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area, including the development of a parks and open space plan

- in accordance with Section 6.1.6.7 of the Official Plan, as a component of the required Community Design Plan outlined in Section 6.2 of this Plan.
- 5.3.4 To acquire public parkland in the form of City Parks within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area through the *development approval* process in accordance with the parkland dedication policies of Section 10.8.2 of the Official Plan, and to secure public park sites through the *development approval* process, including the establishment, where appropriate, of an area specific parkland agreement.
- 5.3.5 That parks be distributed generally in accordance with the following principles as further articulated in the Community Design Plan:
  - Achieving minimum walking distances for residents in accordance with Section 4.3.2.2 of the Official Plan;
  - Neighbourhood parks and elementary schools should be co-located where possible;
  - Connections should be provided between the Parks and Open Space System and the Greenway System, streets, utility corridors, and pedestrian and cycling trails; and
  - Parks should be located to take advantage of topography and views where appropriate.
- 5.3.6 That a park site identified on Map SP1 Detailed Land Use may be relocated without amendment to this Plan provided the alternate site is consistent with the community structure objectives of this Secondary Plan as outlined in the Community Design Plan. Removal of identified park sites shall require an amendment to this Secondary Plan.

## 5.4 Cultural Heritage Resources

Four rural residential properties within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area are listed on the City's Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest. The City's objective is to conserve, enhance and restore significant cultural heritage resources including built heritage resources, archaeological resources or cultural heritage landscapes that are valued for the important contribution they make to understanding the history of a place, event or a people, according to the policies of Section 4.5 of the Official Plan.

- 5.4.1 That consideration of *cultural heritage resources* within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area shall be consistent with Section 4.5 of the Official Plan, and the policies of this Secondary Plan.
- 5.4.2 That the cultural heritage resources contained in the City's *Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest* within the Berczy Glen Planning Area are identified in Appendix 2 Cultural Heritage Resources.

- 5.4.3 That the retention and/or relocation of *cultural heritage resources* where required by Section 4.5 of the Official Plan will be considered in accordance with Section 4.5.3.12 and 4.5.3.13 of the Official Plan, and reflected in the Community Design Plan required in Section 6.2 of this Secondary Plan.
- 5.4.4 To ensure that development of a *significant cultural heritage resource* itself, or development on *adjacent lands* is designed, sited or regulated so as to protect and mitigate any negative visual and physical impact on the *heritage attributes* of the resource, according to policy 4.5.3.11 of the Official Plan, including considerations such as scale, massing, height, building orientation and location relative to the resource. The strategy for integrating *cultural heritage resources* where required shall be outlined in the Community Design Plan.
- 5.4.5 To impose the following conditions of approval on development or *site alteration* containing a *cultural heritage resource* in addition to those provided in Section 4.5 of the Official Plan, where it has been determined appropriate subject to the policies in Section 4.5 of the Official Plan to retain a *cultural heritage resource*:
  - a) securement of satisfactory financial and/or other guarantees to restore a *culture heritage* resource or reconstruct any *cultural heritage resources* damaged or demolished as a result of new development;
  - b) obtaining site plan control approval and a site plan agreement for the *cultural heritage* resource including the implementation of a restoration plan for the heritage building;
  - c) requiring provisions in offers of purchase and sale which give notice of the *cultural heritage* resource on the property; and
  - d) requiring the commemoration of the cultural heritage resource through the provision and installation of an interpretive plaque, in a publicly visible location on the property (i.e,. Markham Remembered Plaque).

## 5.5 Archaeological Resources

First Nations and Métis *archaeological resources* contribute to Markham's unique local identity. This Secondary Plan recognizes the importance of *conserving archaeological resources* and the potential opportunity for incorporating appropriate archaeological discoveries in place making within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area.

- 5.5.1 That the *conservation* of *archaeological resources* within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area be promoted in a manner consistent with Section 4.6 of the Official Plan and the policies of this Secondary Plan.
- 5.5.2 That prior to approval of an application for development, redevelopment or site alteration, on lands containing archaeological resources or areas of archaeological potential, the proponent retain a provincially licensed archaeologist to undertake an archaeological assessment and

- complete other requirements outlined in Section 4.6.2.2 of the Official Plan to the satisfaction of the City and the Province.
- 5.5.3 To prohibit grading or other *site alteration* including installation of infrastructure on any site within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area prior to the issuance of a letter of acceptance of an archaeological assessment from the Province.
- 5.5.4 To only permit development and *site alteration* on lands containing *archaeological resources* or *areas of archaeological potential* if the significant *archaeological resources* have been *conserved* by preservation on site, or by removal and documentation. Where significant *archaeological resources* must be preserved on site, only development and *site alteration* which maintain the heritage integrity of the site may be permitted.

### 6.0 URBAN DESIGN AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The physical layout and design of the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area will be defined by the pattern and design of a network of streets and blocks, opens spaces and other elements of the public realm. In addition to ensuring a sustainable pattern of development through the appropriate integration of land use, transportation and infrastructure, this Secondary Plan anticipates the application of innovative sustainable development practices and technologies in site planning and building design. A Community Design Plan will provide further guidance on the planning and design of the public realm, built form and site development, and sustainable development elements.

### 6.1 General Provisions

It is intended that the Berczy Glen community be designed as a pedestrian, cycling and transit-friendly compact community with sustainable building and site design elements, and innovative techniques for stormwater management.

The emphasis will be on designing a new residential and mixed use community comprising:

- compact neighbourhoods with pedestrian-friendly streets;
- compatible built form and high-quality building design and construction;
- vibrant people places with a clearly identifiable and well-designed public realm; and
- sustainable development.

To achieve sustainable development, policy direction is provided with respect to conservation of environmental resources, energy efficiency and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and supporting climate change adaptation. Sustainable building and site design within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area will focus on water efficiency, energy conservation and generation, ecological protection and enhancement, food production and active transportation at the site scale.

- 6.1.1 To shape the urban form of the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area in a manner consistent with Section 6.1 of the Official Plan and the policies of this Secondary Plan, through the innovative planning and design of :
  - a) the public realm:
    - i. streets and blocks;
    - ii. streetscapes;
    - iii. landmarks and views;
    - iv. parks and open spaces;
    - v. public art; and
  - b) built form and site development.
- 6.1.2 To develop comprehensive urban design guidelines for the Future Urban Area Planning District, in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 6.1 of the Official Plan, which build on

the direction of the Council endorsed Conceptual Master Plan and provide additional guidance on the development of a Community Design Plan for the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area, and the review of future *development approvals*.

- 6.1.3 To support the sustainable development of the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area in a manner consistent with Section 6.2 of the Official Plan and the policies of this Secondary Plan, through the integration of land use, transportation and infrastructure planning at the community level and the application of innovative sustainable development practices and technologies in site planning and building design.
- 6.1.4 To consider the application of innovative sustainable design practices and technologies as appropriate, in site planning and building design through the *development approval* process and in particular, through the application and compliance with a sustainable development checklist, as part of the site plan control and/or plan of subdivision application process, as generally set out in Section 6.2.3.1 of the Official Plan.

### 6.2 Community Design Plan

A Community Design Plan will guide the innovative planning and design of the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area and address, among other things, street and block pattern, a hierarchy of streets and streetscape elements, the identification of community gateways and landmarks, the provision of an interconnected parks and open space system, integration of *cultural heritage resources*, public art, sustainable design and development practices, and community energy planning. The Plan will provide structural guidance to the important components of the built-form and public realm as well as Greenway System interface and design integration.

The Community Design Plan will address the urban design and sustainable development policies of the City's Official Plan and the City's comprehensive urban design guidelines for the Future Urban Area Planning District, and respond to York Region's New Communities Guidelines 2013. The Community Design Plan will also demonstrate how the key directions of the Conceptual Master Plan and the Subwatershed Study, master environmental servicing plan and Community Energy Plan, as amended from time to time, will be implemented.

### It is the policy of Council:

6.2.1 To require preparation of a Community Design Plan for the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area by the development proponents of the Secondary Plan Area, that addresses the City's comprehensive urban design guidelines for the Future Urban Area Planning District and that provides further guidance on the planning and design of the public realm, built form and site development, and sustainable development elements including, but not limited to:

### The Public Realm

- a) The Berczy Glen community will achieve a safe, accessible and well-designed public realm through the incorporation of:
  - accessible linkages to the street network;

- safe and attractive streetscapes;
- enhanced views and vistas of identified landmarks including the Greenway System;
- well-designed public and private open spaces;
- enhanced landscaping and tree planting; and
- sustainable development features and best practices.

## **Streets and Blocks**

- b) The Berczy Glen community will achieve a well-defined and functional urban fabric that is attractive, safe, pedestrian-oriented and transit supportive through the incorporation of:
  - a well-defined street and block hierarchy;
  - multiple street and neighbourhood connections for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles;
  - a wide range of block sizes and configurations to accommodate a mix of land uses and diverse built form types; and
  - access to transit, community facilities, local retail and services, and the Parks and Open Space System.

### Streetscapes

- c) The Berczy Glen community will achieve streetscapes with a sense of identity that complement functional requirements through the incorporation of:
  - a consistent and coordinated style of street furnishings, lighting, and signage;
  - pedestrian and cycling amenities;
  - street tree planting and landscaping; and
  - traffic calming and on-street parking, where appropriate.

#### Landmarks and Views

- d) The Berczy Glen community will create, protect and enhance significant landmarks and views through the incorporation of:
  - natural features and *cultural heritage resources*, where required to be retained;
  - significant built form features;
  - appropriate street and block orientation to create view corridors and focal points; and
  - architectural treatment and screening of rooftop elements.

## Parks and Open Spaces

- e) The Berczy Glen community will create a well-designed and connected Parks and Open Space System through the incorporation of:
  - a hierarchy of City Parks and Open Space Lands including Greenway System lands and lands associated with *public school* sites and naturalized stormwater management facilities;
  - accessible pedestrian and bicycle connections;
  - natural heritage and hydrologic features and cultural heritage resources, where required to be retained;
  - high visibility and prominent street frontage;
  - active and passive recreation opportunities;
  - safe and comfortable settings for community events and individual use;

- functional, adaptive features and landscaping that provide for year round use; and
- enhancements to the urban forest in accordance with Section 3.2 of the Official Plan;
   and
- best practices in sustainable design.

#### Public Art

f) The Berczy Glen community will support the provision of public art as a means of fostering community identity and sense of place in accordance with Section 6.1.7 of the Official Plan.

### **Built Form and Site Development**

- g) The Berczy Glen community's built form character and site design will be enhanced through the incorporation of:
  - architectural diversity;
  - appropriate building height and massing;
  - continuity and building placement;
  - transition between areas of different densities;
  - safe connections to pedestrian, cycling, and transit infrastructure;
  - building design that encourages human interaction and activity at the street level and avoids blank facades along public streets and spaces;
  - views and vistas of landmarks;
  - comfortable microclimate conditions;
  - adequate well-designed private open space and amenity areas;
  - urban forest enhancements in accordance with Section 3.2 of the Official Plan; and
  - buffered and screened servicing and parking areas.

## Sustainable Development

- h) The Berczy Glen community will be designed to support sustainable development through the application of:
  - design features and practices that enhance resiliency and consider the impact of climate change;
  - design solutions for supply, efficient use and conservation of energy and water;
  - low-impact design features and green infrastructure; and
  - innovative sustainable design practices and technologies in site planning and building design.
- 6.2.2 That the Berczy Glen Community Design Plan will also address:
  - a) community identity and character;
  - b) how the hierarchy of streets and blocks will provide for a walkable community that supports cycling and use of transit through a fine local road grid system and an interconnected network of boulevard multi-use paths and trails within the Greenway System;
  - c) how the Greenway System lands will be integrated within the community fabric to provide for the protection and enhancement of *natural heritage and hydrologic features* within an interconnected Parks and Open Space System;

- d) how the interconnected Parks and Open Space System will integrate the City Parks and Open Space Lands including Greenway System lands, and lands associated with *public school* sites and stormwater management facilities, with the active transportation network;
- e) how the master environmental servicing plan informs the interface between trails, the Greenway System and built form, and enhancement of the *urban forest* in accordance with Section 3.2 of the Official Plan;
- f) how those *cultural heritage resources* which are being retained are integrated into the community, and the requirements of Sections 4.5.3.3 and 4.5.3.11 of the Official Plan regarding development on *adjacent lands*;
- g) how Residential Neighbourhoods and special character areas such as Neighbourhood Service Nodes identified in Appendix 1 Future Urban Area Community Structure Plan, will be planned and designed at a community and neighbourhood scale to provide a mix of built form and land use;
- h) how an appropriate distribution of housing types and scale, height, massing and transition of built form may be provided in the Residential Neighbourhoods and Neighbourhood Service Nodes, in a manner consistent with the density targets identified in Section 5.1.2 and the applicable 'Residential' and 'Mixed Use' land use designations;
- how public community infrastructure provided by the City or York Region and/or other community infrastructure provided by the private sector will be integrated within the Residential Neighbourhoods and the Neighbourhood Service Nodes, and will be accessible by active transportation and transit;
- j) how City Parks and Open Space Lands will be planned in accordance with Section 5.3.3 of this Secondary Plan and with regard to Appendix 1 – Future Urban Area Community Structure Plan to address parks and open space system classification typology, size and walkability criteria, and be designed to address the active and passive recreation needs of the community, including community gardening, where appropriate;
- k) how built form and site development will make a positive contribution to the public realm, define the character of the streets and open spaces, and promote architectural diversity and sustainable development practices in building and open space design;
- how the use of Low Impact Development best practices and green infrastructure will be applied through appropriate community and site planning and building design, and other sustainability initiatives; and
- m) how the strategies and actions of the Community Energy Plan applicable to the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area as outlined in Section 7.2.3 will be implemented by the overall community design, design of infrastructure, building design and site development, and adoption of sustainable best practices.
- 6.2.3 That all new development within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area shall address the applicable provisions and area and site specific urban design and sustainable development guidelines contained in the Community Design Plan for the Secondary Plan Area.

# 7.0 TRANSPORTATION, SERVICES AND UTILITIES

## 7.1 Transportation System

The transportation system servicing the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area includes public roads and laneways, private roads, and pedestrian, bicycle and transit routes and facilities. It is intended that this integrated transportation system will support growth within the Future Urban Area Planning District by improving road and transit network connectivity and by providing a convenient range of travel choices such as walking and cycling options for local and short trips.

#### 7.1.1 General Policies

- 7.1.1.1 To plan and design a transportation system to service the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area that balances the needs of all road network users including pedestrians, cyclists, transit and motorists, and the integration of land uses, in a manner consistent with Section 7.1 of the Official Plan, and the policies of this Secondary Plan.
- 7.1.1.2 That the transportation system servicing the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area includes the planned road network of arterial roads, major collector and minor collector roads as shown on Map SP5 Road Network and the planned transit network and active transportation network of transit, cycling, and pedestrian routes and facilities as shown on Map SP6 Transit and Active Transportation Network.
- 7.1.1.3 That the location of major and minor collector roads and transit, cycling and pedestrian routes and facilities be confirmed through more detailed studies submitted in support of *development approvals* for the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area. The final location of trails/pathways, roads, and related facilities may be revised without amendment to this Secondary Plan, provided the intent of the Official Plan and this Secondary Plan is maintained.
- 7.1.1.4 To require through the *development approval* process, where appropriate and at no public cost, and in accordance with the <u>Planning Act</u>, the conveyance of lands within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area needed to achieve the road network shown on Map SP5 Road Network and the active transportation network shown on Map SP6 Transit and Active Transportation Network in accordance with Section 7.1.3.4 of the Official Plan. Determination of final right-of-way requirements shall be made through the completion of the Functional Traffic Design Study, Transportation Impact Assessment and/or any applicable environmental assessment as initiated through the *development approval* process.
- 7.1.1.5 That the implementation of certain components of the transportation system servicing the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area, including the road, transit and active transportation networks, may require the completion of appropriate municipal class environmental assessments, initiated through the *development approval* process to the satisfaction of the City.

#### 7.1.2 Road Network

Within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area, the road network is largely influenced by existing arterial roads and proposed collector roads which are expected to carry the majority of pedestrian, cycling, vehicular, and transit service traffic within the community, and will serve as links to neighbouring areas. The collector road network establishes a modified grid pattern that creates a well defined street and block hierarchy of continuous collector roads in both east-west and north-south directions. Integrated with the arterial roads, the collector road system provides links to the existing and planned road network and opportunities for establishing connections with the future transit network.

- 7.1.2.1 That the designated arterial roads surrounding the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area as shown on Map SP5 Road Network be planned to achieve the requirements of the York Region Official Plan, as may be amended from time to time. It is the City's intention to transfer Elgin Mills Road East adjacent to the north limit of the Secondary Plan Area to York Region and that it be improved to Region of York Arterial Road standards.
- 7.1.2.2 That the designated collector roads within the road network of the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area as shown on Map SP5 Road Network be planned to achieve the following:
  - a) major collector roads shall generally have a mid-block right-of-way width of 30.5 metres and minor collector roads shall generally have a mid-block right-of-way width of 24.5 metres with the exception of Street 'A', which could have a reduced right-of-way in certain areas to address constrained or unique conditions.
  - design requirements, consistent with the comprehensive urban design guidelines for the Future Urban Area Planning District and the Community Design Plan, to be confirmed through the transportation component of the master environmental servicing plan, and refined through the functional traffic design studies;
  - c) an in-boulevard multi use path shall be provided on each side of the road to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists, with the exception of Street 'A' which may provide for a multi-use path in an alternate arrangement in certain areas to address constrained or unique conditions. The multi use paths shall be approximately 3 metres in width at minimum, except on Street 'D' east of Street 'C' where they shall be approximately 4 metres in width at minimum.
  - d) aligned travel lanes through the collector road intersections; and
  - e) rear lane vehicular access or shared vehicular access to individual dwelling units fronting on collector roads, where possible.

Where a collector road intersects another collector road, it shall be recognized that a number of traffic control alternatives may be considered, including stop-controls, traffic signals and/or roundabouts. The intersection right-of-way shall be confirmed through the completion of the functional traffic design study, transportation impact assessment and/or any applicable environmental assessment.

- 7.1.2.3 That the local roads within the road network of the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area be planned to achieve the following:
  - a) a primary road network providing frontage for development lots and blocks;
  - design requirements, in a manner consistent with the comprehensive urban design guidelines for the Future Urban Area Planning District and the Community Design Plan, to be determined through the approval of functional traffic design studies and transportation impact assessments; and
  - c) aligned travel lanes through the collector road intersections.

Where possible, local roads shall be organized to form a modified grid network intersecting with the designated collector roads in order to maximize connectivity throughout the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area.

- 7.1.2.4 That public laneways within the road network of the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area, be planned to achieve the following:
  - a) a secondary road network at the rear of development lots and blocks providing access to the required on-site parking and service areas; and
  - b) design requirements, in a manner consistent with the comprehensive urban design guidelines for the Future Urban Area Planning District and the Community Design Plan, to be determined through the functional traffic design studies and transportation impact assessments.

Public utilities may be located within lanes subject to functional and design standards established by the City.

## 7.1.3 Transit and Active Transportation Network

Within the Berczy Glen community, the interconnectivity between the transit network, cycling and walking system is essential to the establishment of a well-integrated active transportation network. Providing opportunities for active transportation makes it easier for people to decrease their dependence on the automobile. Conveniently located and adequately spaced transit stops are crucial to establishing an integrated transit network to service the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area and promote ridership.

### It is the policy of Council:

7.1.3.1 To work with York Region, other applicable transit providers and development proponents, to facilitate the implementation of a planned network of transit services for the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area as identified on Map SP6 – Transit and Active Transportation Network, and to

structure new residential and mixed use neighbourhoods around transit services and facilities in support of increasing the *transit modal split* across the Future Urban Area Planning District.

- 7.1.3.2 That the introduction of transit services to the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area will be implemented by York Region, in cooperation with the City and development proponents, by:
  - providing a series of transit routes that serve and link the centres of each residential and mixed use neighbourhood; and connections to the proposed bus rapid transit service along Major Mackenzie Drive East to the south of the Secondary Plan Area;
  - b) locating a transit stop at the centre of each residential and mixed-use neighbourhood so as to generally be within 400 metres of most residents; and
  - c) placing transit stops at most intersections, passenger generators and transfer points; and
  - d) providing additional transit stops on the neighbourhood routes and on routes flanking the residential and mixed-use neighbourhoods, as required.
- 7.1.3.3 To facilitate the development of a transit-supportive urban structure, in cooperation with York Region and development proponents, by:
  - a) planning for a local road pattern and related pedestrian routes that accommodate direct pedestrian access to transit routes and stops;
  - b) ensuring all areas within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area are adequately served by public transit:
  - c) incorporating transit stops in road design requirements, where appropriate;
  - d) incorporating transit waiting areas into buildings located adjacent to transit stops, and
  - e) promoting public transit ridership through site planning and building design, building scale, distribution of development densities, land use mix and location.
- 7.1.3.4 That the active transportation network as shown on Map SP6 Transit and Active Transportation be planned to achieve the following:
  - a) an interconnected system of boulevard multi-use boulevard paths linking pedestrians and cyclists within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area with other pathway systems in the City and the Future Urban Area Planning District;
  - b) design requirements, in a manner consistent with the comprehensive urban design guidelines for the Future Urban Area Planning District and the Community Design Plan, to be determined through the functional traffic design studies and transportation impact assessments; and
  - c) design requirements for collector road to collector road intersections to recognize the key elements of a "protected intersection" for pedestrians and cyclists.

#### 7.1.4 Transportation Demand Management

Transportation demand management measures seek to modify travel behaviour or demand in order to make more efficient use of available transportation capacity. These objectives can be achieved by encouraging the residents and workers within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area to make more trips by walking, cycling, transit and carpooling, and other sustainable modes of transportation.

## It is the policy of Council:

- 7.1.4.1 That a comprehensive transportation demand management strategy be prepared by development proponents in the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area, including initiatives for 'Residential' and 'Mixed Use' neighbourhoods, that will reduce the number of trips, trip length, and reliance on single occupancy vehicles and promote a shift from automobile use to other modes of transportation. A transportation demand management strategy will include, but not be limited to, the following key elements:
  - multi use paths within each collector road as set out in 7.1.2.2 c) of this Secondary Plan;
  - bicycle parking and public bike repair stations;
  - transit services and continual route enhancements;
  - integration and connection to transit including the installation of bicycle racks at key bus stops (adjacent to schools, community centre and trail connections);
  - travel incentive programs (such as ride matching, work and school based incentives, site specific support facilities);
  - education, promotion and outreach programs;
  - monitoring programs; and
  - supportive parking policies.

#### 7.2 Services and Utilities

## 7.2.1 Municipal Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Management

Municipal infrastructure provides for the safe and effective delivery of potable water and the conveyance of wastewater and stormwater.

- 7.2.1.1 To ensure that new developments in the Secondary Plan Area are serviced with municipal water and wastewater infrastructure in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Official Plan, and that such infrastructure are designed to City standards. Additionally, water and wastewater infrastructure to support new developments shall be designed in a manner consistent with the recommendations of the master environmental servicing plan.
- 7.2.1.2 That the design of the trunk water and wastewater infrastructure will generally follow the alignment of such infrastructure recommended in the master environmental servicing plans. The design of the local water and wastewater infrastructure is to be confirmed through more detailed studies and *development approvals*.
- 7.2.1.3 That the assignment of sanitary capacity allocation for development in the Secondary Plan Area will be determined by the City, in consultation with York Region, as part of the review of a

- development application, and in accordance with the master environmental servicing plan and the development phasing plan.
- 7.2.1.4 That satisfactory arrangements between the Developers' Group, the City, and York Region where applicable shall be established to ensure timely delivery of the key components of the water and wastewater infrastructure for the Secondary Plan Area as condition of *development approvals* in the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area.

## **Master Environmental Servicing Plan**

- 7.2.1.5 To require the preparation of a master environmental servicing plan prior to any *development approvals* within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area. The master environmental servicing plan shall be accepted by the City, in consultation with the appropriate agencies, prior to any development of lands. The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority shall be satisfied in regards to the water resources and Provincial natural hazards components of the master environmental servicing plan.
- 7.2.1.6 To require pre-consultation for the master environmental servicing plan to determine the details, scope and terms of reference for the plan including, but not limited to, addressing the findings and recommendations of the Council endorsed 2017 Conceptual Master Plan for the Future Urban Area, including the Transportation Master Plan, Water and Wastewater Master Plan, and the Subwatershed Study.
- 7.2.1.7 That the master environmental servicing plan shall identify all technical requirements to provide infrastructure services for the development of the lands and for the identification and management of the Greenway System and water resources within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area. Among other matters, the master environmental servicing plan shall address requirements for the following:
  - sanitary sewers;
  - watermains;
  - stormwater management facilities, including low impact development measures;
  - major roads, including Greenway System crossings;
  - utility and telecommunication services;
  - · preliminary grading; and
  - Greenway System and water resources.
- 7.2.1.8 That where the provision of infrastructure services required to support development in the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area necessitates changes to infrastructure external to the Secondary Plan Area, these changes shall also be identified in the master environmental servicing plan. The master environmental servicing plan shall also identify circumstances that may require phasing of the delivery of services and infrastructure and recommend appropriate solutions. Information essential to understanding the provision and delivery of infrastructure services to inform the development phasing plan shall also be included in the master environmental servicing plan.

### **Functional Servicing Report**

- 7.2.1.9 That a functional servicing report shall be submitted in support of a development application for review and accepted by the City, prior to approval of the development.
- 7.2.1.10 That the functional servicing report reflect the recommendations of the master environmental servicing plan and support the detailed design of the water and wastewater infrastructure required to service the development.
- 7.2.1.11 That the functional servicing report address, but not be limited to, lot grading, sewer and watermain works, road cross-sections and utility requirements. Engineering drawings are to be prepared in accordance with this report and shall be submitted for review and approval by the City. All municipal services shall be designed in accordance with the policies and standards of the City, and where applicable, affected agencies.

## **Stormwater Management Report**

7.2.1.12 That as a condition of *development approvals*, and based on the findings and recommendations of the accepted master environmental servicing plan, a stormwater management report shall be prepared in accordance with Section 3.3 of the Official Plan and Section 4.4 of this Secondary Plan, and submitted for review and acceptance by the City in consultation with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. The report shall provide detailed information regarding the provision of water quality and quantity management facilities, low impact development facilities, hydraulic gradelines, overland flow routes, and erosion and siltation controls for the plan of subdivision or other development proposal.

### 7.2.2 Utility and Telecommunication Services

Utilities such as natural gas, electricity and/or renewable energy, streetlighting and telecommunications, should be planned and coordinated within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area to the greatest extent possible.

- 7.2.2.1 To require that, to the greatest extent possible, utilities shall be planned and constructed in a coordinated manner. Utility and telecommunication services shall be planned to be located underground and shall be grouped wherever possible. Where required, above ground utility fixtures shall be located and designed in accordance with City policies and the requirements of the Community Design Plan.
- 7.2.2.2 That utility and telecommunication services shall be permitted in all land use designations subject to the requirements of the master environmental servicing plan and detailed engineering designs to be approved by the City. Any proposed services located within the

'Greenway' designation as shown on Map SP1 – Detailed Land Use shall be minimized, and shall coincide with required road rights-of-way, wherever possible. In the event that a single loaded road is approved to adjoin lands designated 'Greenway', services should be confined to the edge of the road right-of-way farthest from the 'Greenway' designation, wherever possible.

- 7.2.2.3 That utility providers shall, as a condition of *development approval*, confirm that existing, upgraded or new services will be available to support proposed development.
- 7.2.2.4 To work with development proponents and Hydro One to encourage opportunities for using the Hydro Corridor adjacent to the Secondary Plan Area for secondary open space, natural heritage, trails, community gardens and agricultural use, where appropriate.

## 7.2.3 Community Energy Plan

Community energy plans will support Markham's goal of becoming a net zero emission community by 2050. Net zero emission communities meet energy demand through energy efficient buildings and infrastructure, and low carbon or carbon free forms of energy, and offset any greenhouse gas emissions that cannot be eliminated.

In accordance with Section 5.6.10 of the York Region Official Plan, a Community Energy Plan will be developed for the Future Urban Area Planning District, of which the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area is a part, to reduce community energy demands, optimize passive solar gains through design, maximize active transportation and transit, and make use of renewable on-site generation and district energy options including but not limited to solar, wind, water, biomass and geothermal energy.

The Community Energy Plan will inform the City's evaluation process of the proposed development within the Secondary Plan Area as it relates to strategies to reduce energy use, to support renewable energy generation and to reduce overall greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the Future Urban Area. The Community Energy Plan is a living document that will be revised from time to time to respond to innovations in technology, new trends, opportunities for partnerships and funding.

## It is the policy of Council:

- 7.2.3.1 That a Community Energy Plan be prepared for the Future Urban Area Planning District, of which the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area is a part, by the landowners within the Planning District, in consultation with the City and York Region. Having regard to Section 6.2.2.3 of the Official Plan, the Community Energy Plan will identify opportunities to integrate energy consideration and energy solutions to address the following:
  - a) community design for a low-carbon community;
  - b) energy in structures and infrastructure;
  - c) community energy systems and local energy sources;
  - d) active mobility and use of electric vehicles;

- e) opportunities for carbon sinks;
- f) communications, community engagement and behavioural change; and
- g) an implementation plan and a monitoring and reporting plan to track progress toward the targets to be established through the results of the pilot program and/or the City-led modelling exercise.
- 7.2.3.2 That the strategies and actions of the Community Energy Plan for the Future Urban Area Planning District Secondary Plan Area, including a solar strategy as required by York Region, be implemented by the overall community design, design of infrastructure, building design and site development, and adoption of sustainable practices as set out in the Community Design Plan requirements in Section 6.2 of this Plan.

## 8.0 LAND USE

## 8.1 General Provisions

The land use designations shown on Map SP1 – Detailed Land Use establish the general pattern for development in the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area. The policies for these designations, as set out in Sections 8.1 through 8.4 of this Secondary Plan, provide comprehensive guidance for development, and must be read in conjunction with other applicable provisions of this Secondary Plan as well as Chapter 8 and other applicable provisions of the Official Plan.

#### It is the policy of Council:

- 8.1.1 That the general pattern of land use for the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area is established in the maps of the Official Plan, and refined on Maps SP1 through SP6 in this Secondary Plan. Appendices 1 through 3 of this Secondary Plan are provided for information purposes only.
- 8.1.2 That further to the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Official Plan, the following specific land use designations are established and applied to the lands within this Secondary Plan Area, as shown on Map SP1 Detailed Land Use:
  - 'Residential Low Rise'
  - 'Residential Mid Rise I'
  - 'Residential Mid Rise II'
  - 'Mixed Use Mid Rise'
  - 'Greenway'
- 8.1.3 That in addition to the land use designations, a number of proposed specific land uses or facilities are identified schematically or by text on Map SP1 Detailed Land Use, including:
  - Community Park as set out in Section 5.3 of this Secondary Plan
  - Neighbourhood Parks as set out in Section 5.3 of this Secondary Plan
  - Public School sites as set out in Section 5.2 of this Secondary Plan
  - Place of Worship sites as set out in 5.2 of this Secondary Plan
  - Stormwater Management Facilities as set out in Section 7.2.1 of this Secondary Plan
- 8.1.4 That the pattern of land use shown on Map SP1 Detailed Land Use and the proposed specific land uses or facilities will be implemented through required *development approvals* such as draft plan of subdivision or condominium, zoning by-law amendment, and/or site plan control approval, in accordance with the applicable policies of this Secondary Plan and the Official Plan, and addressing City standards and guidelines.
- 8.1.5 That minor adjustments in the land use pattern and the proposed specific land uses or facilities may be considered through *development approvals* without amendment to this Plan provided the intent of the Secondary Plan is substantially maintained, as identified in Sections 5.2 and 5.3 of this Secondary Plan. Stormwater management facilities may be relocated or removed without amendment to this Secondary Plan.

- 8.1.6 That in considering an application for *development approval* on lands designated 'Residential' and 'Mixed Use', Council shall ensure that development has adequate transportation, water and wastewater infrastructure, and community infrastructure such as *public schools* and parks and open spaces, and has regard for the Urban Design and Sustainable Development policies outlined in Section 6 of this Secondary Plan and Chapter 6 of the Official Plan.
- 8.1.7 That the locations of park sites, open spaces, *public school* sites and sites of other community facilities and infrastructure shown on Map SP1 Detailed Land Use have been selected without regard to property ownership. As a condition of *development approval*, development proponents shall be required to enter into one or more developers' group agreement(s), where appropriate, within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area, to ensure the equitable distribution of costs of these community and infrastructure facilities in accordance with Section 9.1 of this Secondary Plan.
- 8.1.8 That density within the 'Residential' and 'Mixed Use' designations within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area will be calculated on a net hectare basis which excludes all public roads (with the exception of lanes), and lands to be used for *public school* sites, *places of worship*, parks and open space, stormwater management facilities and certain other lands intended for public ownership.

# 8.2 Residential Designations

The 'Residential' designations, along with the 'Mixed Use' designations identified in Section 8.3 of this Secondary Plan, provide for a range of housing choices by type, tenure and affordability level, in accordance with Section 5.1 of this Secondary Plan.

Given the existing surrounding land use context and location of the Secondary Plan Area within the Future Urban Area Planning District, the housing types in the Berczy Glen community will be predominantly ground-related, including detached, semi-detached, duplex and townhouse dwellings. Mid-rise building types are anticipated along higher order transit routes, particularly along Warden Avenue and along Elgin Mills Road East.

Lands designated 'Residential' are also intended to accommodate community infrastructure and services such as *public schools*, parks and open spaces, *places of worship* and *affordable* and *shared housing*, all with access to an active transportation network which encourages walking, cycling and transit. *Public schools, daycare centres*, and parks and open spaces, and other community infrastructure will be located in neighbourhood centres, where possible, to act as a focal point for the Berczy Glen community.

The policies of the land use designations are intended to ensure: compatibility with character and pattern of adjacent and surrounding development; provide adequate park space and community services, and a high quality of urban design; promote sustainable development practices; improve the pedestrian experience; and improve access to transit as outlined in Section 8.2 of the Official Plan.

'Residential' lands are categorized into `Residential Low Rise', `Residential Mid Rise I' and `Residential Mid Rise II' designations as shown on Map SP1 – Detailed Land Use. Additional specific provisions relating to the residential development contemplated in each designation are established in this Secondary Plan.

#### 8.2.1 Residential Low Rise

The 'Residential Low Rise' designation applies to the majority of the lands in the Secondary Plan Area as identified on Map SP1 – Detailed Land Use. The designation is intended to provide for the development of compact neighbourhoods consisting of primarily ground-related housing types on pedestrian friendly streets. Site specific policies provide for appropriate transition from existing larger lot development in adjacent 'Residential Estate' lands.

## It is the policy of Council:

## **General Policies**

8.2.1.1 That lands within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area that are designated 'Residential Low Rise' shall be subject to the relevant provisions of Sections 8.1, 8.2.1 and 8.2.3 of the Official Plan, except as otherwise provided for in Sections 8.2.1.2 through Section 8.2.1.6 in this Secondary Plan.

#### Uses

- 8.2.1.2 To provide for only the following uses on lands designated 'Residential Low Rise':
  - a) dwelling unit including a home occupation;
  - b) secondary suite in accordance with Section 8.13.8 of the Official Plan;
  - c) convenience retail and personal services in accordance with Section 8.13.1 of the Official Plan;
  - d) day care centre in accordance with Section 8.13.2 of the Official Plan;
  - e) place of worship in accordance with Section 8.13.7 of the Official Plan;
  - f) public school, provided it is approved at a location on an arterial or collector road;
  - g) shared housing small scale in accordance with Section 8.13.9 of the Official Plan; and
  - h) uses provided for in Section 8.1.1 of the Official Plan.

## **Building Types**

- 8.2.1.3 To provide for only the following building types on lands designated 'Residential Low Rise':
  - a) detached dwelling, semi-detached dwelling, townhouse excluding back to back townhouse, duplex, small multi-plex building containing 3 to 6 units, all with direct frontage on a public street. A zoning by-law amendment to permit the above building types without direct frontage on a public street may also be considered, at appropriate locations, where a development block has frontage on an arterial or a major collector road, or where an individual lot has frontage on a public park which fronts a public street;
  - b) coach house located above a garage on a laneway; and
  - c) buildings associated with day care centres, places of worship and public schools.

## **Height and Density**

- 8.2.1.4 To provide for the following height and density on lands designated 'Residential Low Rise':
  - a) a maximum building height of 3 storeys; and
  - b) a minimum density of 25 units per net hectare and a maximum density of 45 units per net hectare.

## **Development Criteria**

- 8.2.1.5 That In addition to the development criteria outlined in Section 8.2.3.6 of the Official Plan, in considering an application for *development approval* on lands designated 'Residential Low Rise', Council shall ensure that development adheres to the development criteria outlined below:
  - a) direct vehicular access for individual dwelling units fronting on arterial and collector roads shall generally not be permitted.

## **Site Specific Policies**

- 8.2.1.6 That for the lands designated 'Residential Low Rise' which abut existing 'Residential Estate' development as shown in hatching with a reference to Section 8.2.1.6 a) on Map SP1 Detailed Land Use, the following use and density provisions and development criteria shall apply:
  - a) only detached dwelling units including a *home occupation*, a *secondary suite* in accordance with Section 8.13.8 of the Official Plan, and *shared housing small scale* in accordance with Section 8.13.9 of the Official Plan shall be permitted;
  - b) the minimum density provisions in Section 8.2.1.4 b) shall not apply;
  - c) the development pattern shall be compatible with adjacent existing development on lands designated 'Residential Estate'. In addition, detached garages shall generally not be permitted in side or rear yards that abut existing development.

## 8.2.2 Residential Mid Rise

The 'Residential Mid Rise' designations apply to certain lands along Elgin Mills Road East, along certain collector roads, and in the vicinity of Warden Avenue as identified on Map SP1 - Detailed Land Use. The designation is intended to accommodate more intensive residential development along transit corridors and to provide for a transition between the more intensive development along the Warden Avenue frontage and the 'Residential Low Rise' development to the west.

There are two categories of 'Residential Mid Rise' designations in this Secondary Plan, including 'Residential Mid Rise I' and 'Residential Mid-Rise II'. Lands designated 'Residential Mid Rise II' are intended to accommodate the most intensive mid-rise development within the Berczy Glen community to support the higher frequency transit on Warden Avenue.

## It is the policy of Council:

8.2.2.1 That lands within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area that are designated 'Residential Mid Rise' shall be subject to the relevant provisions of Sections 8.1, 8.2.1 and 8.2.4 of the Official

Plan, except as otherwise provided for in Sections 8.2.2.2 through Section 8.2.2.3 in this Secondary Plan.

#### 8.2.2.2 Residential Mid Rise I

#### Uses

- 8.2.2.2.1 To provide for the following uses on lands designated 'Residential Mid Rise I' in addition to the uses listed in Section 8.2.1.2 of this Secondary Plan:
  - a) shared housing large scale, shared housing long term care and shared housing supervised in accordance with Section 8.13.9 of the Official Plan.

## **Building Types**

- 8.2.2.2.2 To provide for only the following building types on lands designated 'Residential Mid Rise I':
  - a) townhouse including back to back townhouse;
  - b) small multiplex buildings containing 3 to 6 units;
  - c) stacked townhouse;
  - d) apartment building;
  - e) coach house located above a garage on a laneway; and
  - f) buildings associated with day care centres, places of worship and public schools.

## **Height and Density**

- 8.2.2.2.3 To provide for only the following height and density on lands designated 'Residential Mid Rise I':
  - a) a minimum building height of 2 storeys and a maximum building height of 4 storeys, with the following exceptions:
    - i. apartment buildings may have an attached podium lower than 3 storeys; and
    - ii. buildings fronting arterial roads may achieve a maximum building height of 6 storeys; and
  - b) a minimum density of 40 units per net hectare and a maximum density of 70 units per net hectare.

### **Development Criteria**

- 8.2.2.2.4 That in addition to the development criteria outlined in Section 8.2.3.6 in the Official Plan, in considering an application for *development approval* on lands designated 'Residential Mid Rise', Council shall ensure that development adheres to the development criteria outlined below:
  - a) Direct vehicular access for individual dwelling units fronting on arterial and collector roads shall generally not be permitted.

#### 8.2.2.3 Residential Mid Rise II

#### Uses

8.2.2.3.1 To provide for the uses identified in Section 8.2.2.2.1 of this Secondary Plan on lands designated 'Residential Mid Rise II'.

#### **Building Types**

- 8.2.2.3.2 To provide for only the following building types on lands designated 'Residential Mid Rise II':
  - a) stacked townhouse;
  - b) apartment building; and
  - c) buildings associated with day care centres, places of worship and public schools.

## **Height and Density**

- 8.2.2.3.3 To provide for only the following height and density on lands designated 'Residential Mid Rise II':
  - a) a minimum building height of 2 storeys and a maximum building height of 6 storeys, with the following exceptions:
    - i. buildings associated with *day care centres, places of worship* and *public schools* may have a minimum height equivalent to 2 storeys;
    - ii. apartment buildings may have an attached podium lower than 3 storeys; and
    - iii. buildings fronting arterial roads may achieve a maximum height of 8 storeys;
  - b) a minimum density of 50 units per net hectare and a maximum density of 80 units per net hectare.

### **Development Criteria**

8.2.2.3.4 That in considering an application for *development approval* on lands designated 'Residential Mid Rise II', Council shall ensure that development adheres to the development criteria outlined in Section 8.2.2.2.4.

## 8.3 Mixed Use Designations

The 'Mixed Use' designations in this Secondary Plan are intended to provide for a full range of uses to meet the needs of the local population. The intent is that new retail, restaurant and service uses in this designation will be integrated with community and residential uses in a mixed-use setting in a manner that is transit supportive and pedestrian-oriented. The availability of community infrastructure will be assessed through the review of a development application to ensure that a full range of community services and facilities are available or will be provided to serve residents in these areas.

Mixed Use development is provided for in the 'Mixed Use Mid Rise' designation as shown on Map SP1 – Detailed Land Use. Additional specific provisions relating to the development contemplated in the designation is established in this Secondary Plan.

## 8.3.1 Mixed Use Mid Rise

The 'Mixed Use Mid Rise' designation applies to certain lands along Warden Avenue, and along the major collector road identified as Street 'D' on Map SP1 – Detailed Land Use. The intent is to deliver a portion of the Neighbourhood Service Nodes identified in Appendix 1 – Future Urban Area Community Structure Plan.

The portion of the 'Mixed Use Mid Rise' designation along the major collector road will be in the form of a main street, characterized by animated multi-storey buildings. The mixed use commercial core area at the intersection of Warden Avenue and the major collector road will be developed with a more intensive mixed use building form characteristic of the mixed use Neighbourhood Service Node identified in the Community Structure Plan identified in Appendix 1 and the Community Design Plan.

The 'Mixed Use Mid Rise' designation is located to optimize opportunities for accessing planned public transit facilities and, when developed, will reflect the characteristics of a complete community.

## It is the policy of Council:

#### **General Policies**

8.3.1.1 That lands within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area that are designated 'Mixed Use Mid Rise' shall be subject to the relevant provisions of Sections 8.1, 8.3.1 and 8.3.3 of the Official Plan, except as otherwise provided for in Sections 8.3.1.2 through Section 8.3.1.6 in this Secondary Plan.

#### Uses

- 8.3.1.2 To provide for only the following uses on lands designated 'Mixed Use Mid Rise':
  - a) sports and fitness recreation;
  - b) commercial school;
  - c) day care centre in accordance with Section 8.13.2 of the Official Plan;
  - d) dwelling unit including a home occupation;
  - e) financial institution;
  - f) office;
  - g) restaurant;
  - h) retail;
  - i) secondary suite in accordance with Section 8.13.8 of the Official Plan;
  - j) service, with the exception of motor vehicle service stations and commercial storage facility;
  - k) commercial parking garage;
  - l) shared housing small scale, shared housing large scale, shared housing long term care and shared housing supervised in accordance with Section 8.13.9 of the Official Plan; and
  - m) place of worship, public school and private school in accordance with Section 8.3.1.5 of this Secondary Plan.

## **Building Types**

- 8.3.1.3 To provide for only the following building types on lands designated 'Mixed Use Mid Rise':
  - a) stacked townhouse;
  - b) apartment building; and
  - c) multi-storey non-residential or mixed use building.

## **Height and Density**

- 8.3.1.4 To provide for only the following height and density provisions for lands designated 'Mixed Use Mid Rise':
  - a) a minimum building height of 3 storeys and a maximum building height of 6 storeys, with the following exceptions:
    - i. buildings associated with *day care centres, places of worship* and *public schools* may have a minimum height equivalent to 2 storeys;
    - ii. apartment buildings may have an attached podium lower than 3 storeys; and
    - iii. buildings fronting arterial roads may achieve a maximum height of 8 storeys.
  - b) a minimum density of 40 units per net hectare and a maximum density of 70 units per net hectare. Where a cultural heritage resource is integrated with development, the lands to be occupied by the cultural heritage resource, including associated open space and other facilities, shall be excluded from the calculation of density.

## **Development Criteria**

- 8.3.1.5 That in addition to the development criteria outlined in Sections 8.3.1.4 and 8.3.3.5 of the Official Plan, in considering an application for *development approval* on lands designated 'Mixed Use Mid Rise', Council shall ensure that development adheres to the development criteria outlined below. Where the provisions below conflict with the provisions of Section 8.3.3.5 of the Official Plan, the provisions of Section 8.3.2.5 of this Secondary Plan shall prevail:
  - retail uses shall generally be limited to individual retail premises with a gross floor area not exceeding 2,000 square metres. The implementing zoning by-law may further restrict the number of retail premises that may be permitted to have the maximum permitted gross floor area or the proportion of the gross floor area that may be devoted to retail premises of the maximum size;
  - b) development shall address and animate public streets, particularly the Warden Avenue, Street 'D' and Street 'E' frontages, including the provision of primary entrances and facades on these streets;
  - building placement and the articulation of the building façade will be provided in accordance with the urban design policies of this Secondary Plan, as further articulated in the Community Design Plan;
  - d) pedestrian connections will be provided to adjacent neighbourhoods; and
  - e) places of worship, public schools and private schools shall only be permitted within a multistorey non-residential or mixed use building located on an arterial or major collector road.

## **Site Specific Policies**

## 8.3.1.6 Neighbourhood Service Node

The following specific height and density provisions, and development criteria shall apply to the 'Mixed Use Mid Rise' lands located at the intersection of Street 'D' and Warden Avenue outlined on Map SP1 – Detailed Land Use, and identified as a mixed use Neighbourhood Service Node in Appendix 1 - Future Urban Area Community Structure Plan. and the Community Design Plan:

- a) stacked townhouses are not permitted;
- b) where the ground floor or a portion of the ground floor of a building fronts Warden Avenue or Street 'D':
  - retail, personal service, office and other non-residential uses shall be provided; and
  - the ground floor shall be designed to achieve a minimum height conducive to non-residential uses;
- c) the minimum building height shall be 4 storeys, except for apartment buildings which may have an attached podium lower than 3 storeys, and the maximum building height shall be 8 storeys;
- d) the minimum density shall be 50 units per net hectare and the maximum density shall be 80 units per net hectare; where a cultural heritage resource is integrated with development, the lands to be occupied by the cultural heritage resource, including associated open space and other facilities, shall be excluded from the calculation of density; and
- e) places of worship, public schools and private schools shall only be permitted within a multistorey non-residential or mixed use building.

# 8.4 Greenway Designation

The 'Greenway' designation shown on Map SP1 – Detailed Land Use applies to Greenway System lands shown on Map SP4 – Greenway System that contains the Natural Heritage Network, the Rouge Watershed Protection Area, the Greenbelt Plan Area and certain proposed naturalized stormwater management facilities. These lands are intended to protect *natural heritage and hydrologic features* while supporting natural heritage enhancement opportunities, passive recreation uses and nature appreciation.

## It is the policy of Council:

## **General Policies**

8.4.1 That lands within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area designated 'Greenway' as shown on Map 4 – Greenway System in the Official Plan and Map SP1 – Detailed Land Use shall be subject to the general provisions of Sections 3.1 and 8.6 of the Official Plan except as otherwise provided for in Section 4.1 of this Plan, and the land use policies of Section 8.4.2 of this Plan.

#### Uses

- 8.4.2 To provide for only the following uses on lands designated 'Greenway' as shown on Map SP1 Detailed Land Use:
  - a) archaeological activity;
  - b) ecological restoration activity;
  - c) forest, wildlife habitat and fisheries management and conservation;
  - d) watershed management, conservation and flood and erosion control projects carried out by a public authority;
  - e) trails and nature-based public recreational activities including associated recreational infrastructure;
  - f) transportation, servicing or utility infrastructure in accordance with Sections 3.1.2.9 and 7.1.1.7 of the Official Plan, which receives environmental approval under provincial or federal authority, subject to the requirements of the Greenbelt Plan where applicable;
  - g) communications/telecommunications infrastructure, subject to the requirements of the Greenbelt Plan where applicable;
  - h) dwelling unit within the Greenbelt Plan Area, subject to Section 4.5 of the Greenbelt Plan;
  - i) dwelling unit within the Greenway System but outside the Greenbelt Plan Area, provided it was a legally existing use prior to the adoption of this Secondary Plan;
  - j) home occupation; and
  - k) secondary suite in accordance with Section 8.13.8 of the Official Plan.

## 9.0 IMPLEMENTATION

## 9.1 General Policies

# It is the policy of Council:

9.1.1 That this Secondary Plan shall be implemented in accordance with the provisions of the <u>Planning Act</u>, and other provincial legislation, the provisions of Chapter 10 of the Official Plan and the provisions of this Secondary Plan.

## **Developers' Group Agreement(s)**

- 9.1.2 That the locations of proposed public infrastructure such as roads, stormwater management facilities or the provision of other community facilities identified in this Secondary Plan have been incorporated without regard to property ownership. In order to ensure that all affected property owners contribute equitably towards the provision of community and infrastructure facilities such as parks, roads and road improvements, internal and external services, stormwater management facilities, the City shall require that, as a condition of *development approval*, development proponents enter into one or more Developers' Group Agreements to address the sharing of these costs.
- 9.1.3 That Developers' Group agreements shall provide for the equitable distribution of the costs, including lands, of the aforementioned community and common public facilities and associated studies where such costs are not dealt with under the <u>Development Charges Act</u>, 1997.

## **Development Phasing Plan**

- 9.1.4 That a development phasing plan for the Secondary Plan Area shall be prepared in accordance with Section 10.1.2.2 m) of the Official Plan and the policies of this Secondary Plan.
- 9.1.5 That the development phasing plan be submitted prior to any *development approval* within the Secondary Plan Area.
- 9.1.6 The development phasing plan shall be prepared by development proponents, in consultation with the City and York Region, in a manner consistent with the required supporting studies, and applicable Provincial, Regional, City and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority policies.
- 9.1.7 That, in addition to the matters identified in Section 10.1.2.2 m) of the Official Plan, that are required to be addressed, the development phasing plan shall also address:
  - a) the planned distribution of housing by density;
  - b) timing of delivery of key internal and external water and wastewater distribution systems, and stormwater management facilities; and
  - c) timing of construction and operation of major utility facilities.

9.1.8 That the City shall ensure through plans of subdivisions, development agreements, and holding provisions in the zoning by-law, that development in the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area occurs sequentially and generally as described in the development phasing plan.

## **Parkland Dedication**

9.1.9 That as a condition of *development approval* of land within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area, the City may through the parkland dedication by-law, require that land be conveyed for parks and other recreational purposes as set out in Section 10.8 of the Official Plan.

## 10.0 INTERPRETATION

## 10.1 General Policies

## It is the policy of Council:

- 10.1.1 That the provisions of Section 11.1 and any other section of the Official Plan regarding the interpretation of that Plan shall apply in regard to this Secondary Plan, however in the event of a discrepancy between this Plan and the policies and/or designations of Part I of the Official Plan, the policies of this Secondary Plan shall prevail.
- 10.1.2 That this Secondary Plan be read in its entirety and all policies must be considered, including the applicable policies of the Official Plan, when implementing this Secondary Plan.
- 10.1.3 That this Secondary Plan includes goals, objectives, principles and policies intended as a guide to development within the Berczy Glen Secondary Plan Area. Some flexibility in interpretation is permitted, at the discretion of Council, provided that the intent of the goals, objectives, principles and policies are maintained.
- 10.1.4 That references to "acceptance" or "accepted" by the City of required studies undertaken in support of a development application shall mean acceptance to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Development Services.

