



MEMORANDUM

From: Brian Lee, Acting Commissioner of Development Services

To: Council

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Date: October 17, 2017

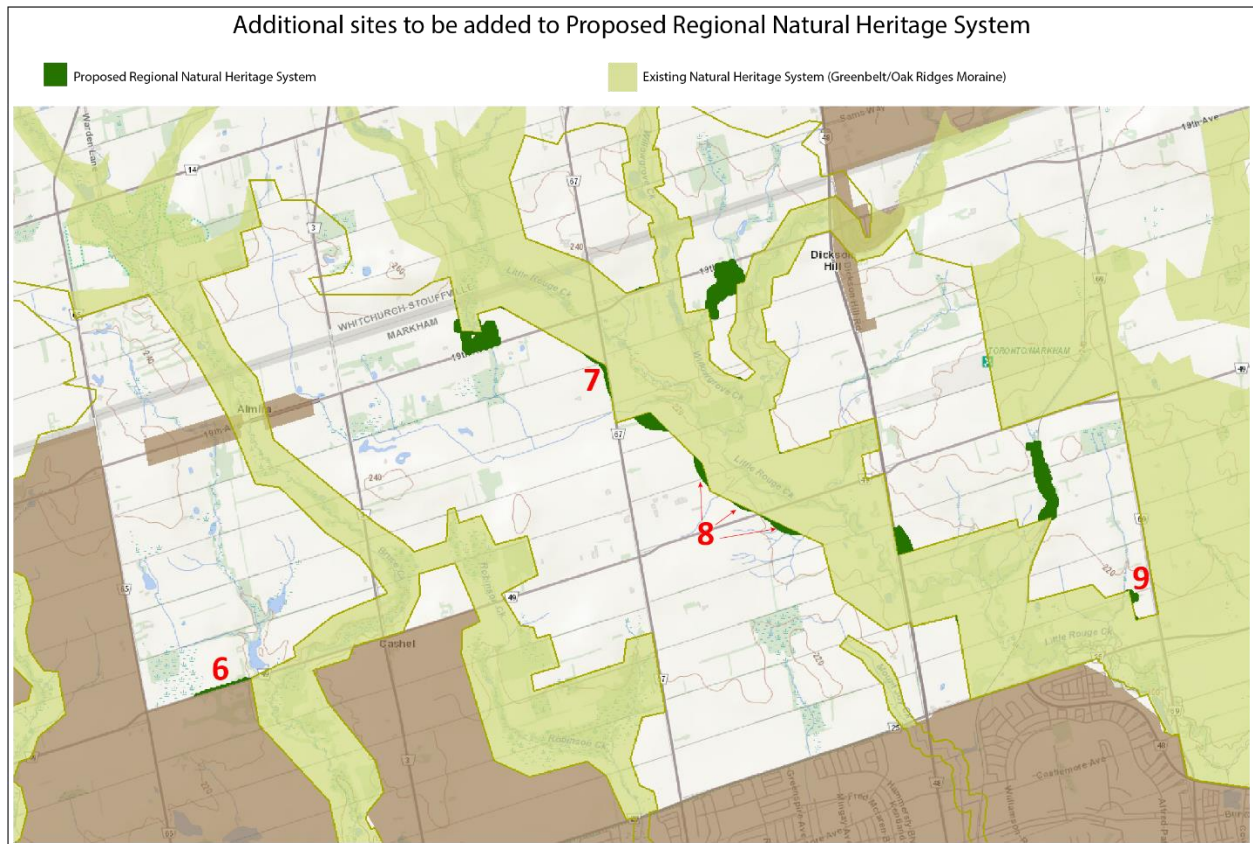
Re: Addendum to Development Services Committee September 25, 2017 report entitled 'Comments on Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and Implementation Procedures for the Agricultural System in Ontario's Greater Golden Horseshoe'

On September 25, 2017 Development Services Committee received a report entitled "Comments on Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and Implementation Procedures for the Agricultural System in Ontario's Greater Golden Horseshoe". DSC recommended that staff forward the report and resolution to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Ontario Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and Region of York as Council's comments on EBR registry postings 013-1014 and 013-0968.

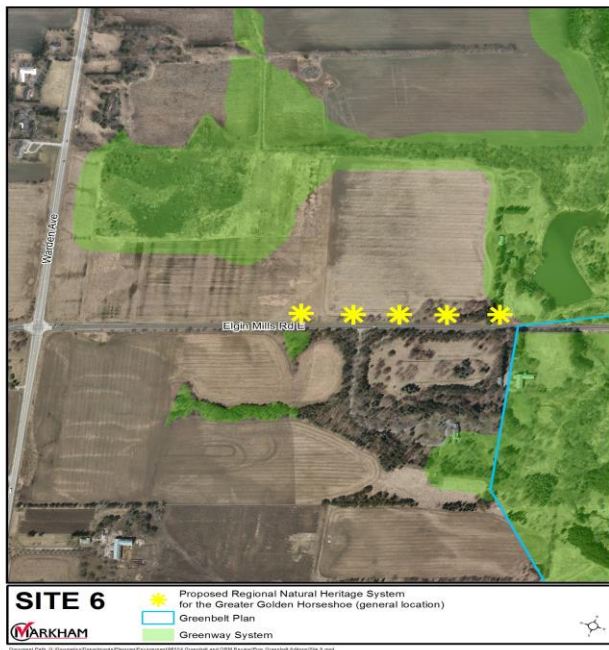
Several months after the initial EBR posting and after the preparation of the City's staff report, the Province released a web based mapping tool for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) Natural Heritage System. This mapping provides a finer grain of detail than the mapping that staff relied on through the 'Development of the Proposed Regional Natural Heritage System for the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe: Summary of Criteria and Methods.' The Provincial web based mapping identifies an additional 4 sites in Markham proposed for inclusion within the GGH Natural Heritage System. Comments on the additional the 4 sites are attached to this memo.

Staff recommend that Council receives this memo and Attachment 1, and that staff be directed to forward this memo and Attachment 1 with the September 25, 2017 staff report to MNRF, OMAFRA and the Region of York.

Attachment 1: Additional lands to be added to Regional GGH NHS



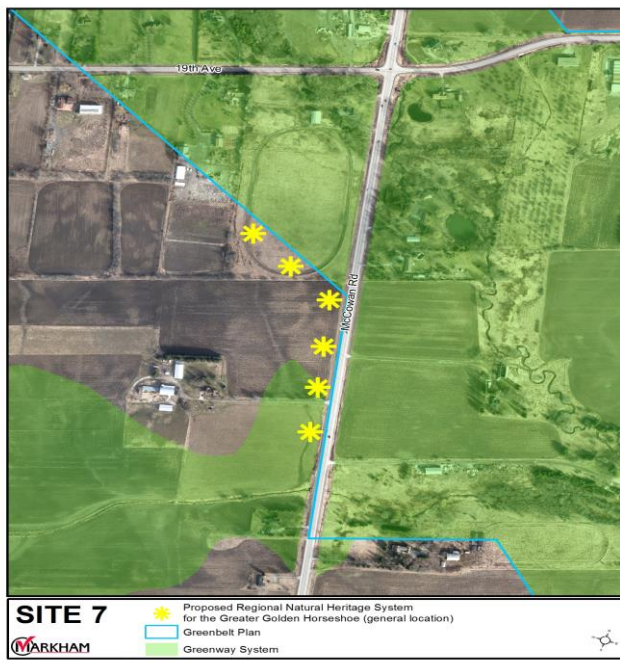
Site 6: North of Elgin Mills Road, East of Warden Avenue



Site 6

These lands are currently not identified in the Greenway System of the Official Plan. The Province is encouraged to revisit this site and confirm its applicability as part of the GGH NHS.

Site 7: East of McCowan Road, South of 19th Avenue



Site 7

A portion of the lands fall within the floodplain of a watercourse to the south. However, the majority of the lands are currently not identified in the Greenway System of the Official Plan. The Province is encouraged to revisit this site and confirm its applicability as part of the GGH NHS.

Site 8: East of McCowan Road, North and South of Elgin Mills Road



Site 8

These lands are currently not identified in the Greenway System of the Official Plan. The City's Greenway System matches the Greenbelt Plan boundary at this location. The Province is encouraged to revisit this site and confirm its applicability as part of the GGH NHS.

Site 9: North of Major Mackenzie Road, West of 9th Line



Site 9

Portion of these lands are identified in the Greenway System of the Official Plan and appear to consist of a watercourse and wetlands. The Province may wish to review their latest wetland mapping to refine the boundaries of this feature.