



**East Kitchener-Waterloo Elementary Schools Pupil
Accommodation Review
Minutes of Accommodation Review Committee Meeting # 3
October 27th, 2009 - 4:30 pm**

The third meeting of the East Kitchener-Waterloo Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) was held at Margaret Avenue P.S., on October 27th, 2009.

Committee Members Present:

Ian Gaudet, Controller, Facility Services, Elke Whitmore, Principal of Bridgeport P.S., Kelly Wilkinson, Principal of Elizabeth Ziegler P.S., Frank Ewald, Principal of Lexington P.S., Brian Ward, Principal of Margaret Avenue P.S., Leisa Kuntz, Principal of Prueter P.S., Elizabeth Brown, Development & Technical Services Dept., City of Kitchener, Michael Reinhardt, parent – Bridgeport P.S., Tara Bridger, parent – Bridgeport P.S., T. Gilhuly, parent – Lexington P.S., Peter Brown, parent – Lexington P.S., D.L. Brown, parent – Suddaby P.S., Cindy Shirley, parent – Elizabeth Ziegler P.S., Carrie Dawson-Thomas, parent – Margaret Avenue P.S., Carolyn Laurie, parent – King Edward P.S., Jon Lencz, Vice Principal of King Edward, covering for Janet Hale, Principal of King Edward, Mary Hingley, recording secretary, Chris Smith, Manager of Planning, and Lauren Manske, Planner for the Waterloo Region District School Board.

Regrets:

Mark Schinkel, Area Superintendent, Gregg Bereznick, Area Superintendent, Nathan Hercanuck, Senior Planner, Janet Hale, Principal of King Edward P.S., Darlene Stubbs, Principal of Suddaby P.S., Susie Fowler, parent – Suddaby P.S., D. Welsman, parent – King Edward P.S., Amy Stewart, parent – Margaret Avenue P.S., Laura Dick, parent – Prueter P.S., Don Snider, parent – Prueter P.S., Kelly Miller, parent – Elizabeth Ziegler P.S., Joanne Davis, parent – Suddaby P.S., Trudy Beaulne, Social Planning Council of K-W.

1. Welcome/Introductions

Chris Smith, Manager of Planning opened the meeting at 4:35 pm and welcomed members of the ARC. Introductions were made around the table.

- Mr. Smith thanked the committee members that attended the school tour on Saturday, October 24, 2009. The tour was positively received, was worthwhile to see all the schools and compare strengths and challenges.

2. Meeting # 2 – Draft minutes approval

- Mr. Smith asked the group if there were any corrections/concerns with the minutes from the October 13th ARC meeting.
 - None were raised.
 - Minutes from the October 13th meeting were approved. Mover: Lynn Brown and seconded by: Brian Ward.

3. Presentation from City of Kitchener: Elizabeth Brown, Planner

- Ms. Brown led the group through a presentation detailing the Kitchener development plans in the review area.
- Policy Hierarchy:
 - Business is conducted under the Ontario Planning Act set out by the Province.
 - Provincial Policy Statement 2005 and the Places to Grow Act – Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2006) targets intensification of cities instead of sprawl.
 - Regional Official Plan – Region of Waterloo adopted in June 2009 and awaiting formal approval from the Province.
 - City Official Plan – policy document back in the 90's that outlines goals for growth in the city for the next 20 years. There is a review going on right now.
- Kitchener Growth Management Plan (KGMP)
 - Replaces the Staging of Development report and was approved by Council June 1, 2009.
 - Identifies intensification areas and sets Greenfield growth objectives.
 - Is an ongoing program, the Annual Growth Management Monitoring Report done to ensure the City meets targets that are set out by the Province. Reviewed biannually.
- The following links have been provided for additional information:

Kitchener Growth Management Strategy (KGMS), January 2009

http://www.kitchener.ca/city_hall/departments/devtech_services/planning/growth_management_strategy.html

Kitchener Growth Management Plan (KGMP) - Council Approved June 1, 2009

http://www.kitchener.ca/pdf/growth_management_kgmp_report.pdf

- Ms. Brown pointed out the potential growth areas, that are colour coded by priority, based on applications coming in and infrastructure required, i.e., roads, sewers, etc.
 - *Ms. Brown's presentation will be posted on our website with the ARC meeting minutes.*
- Bridgeport North is the greenfield area in this review that has one subdivision application broken up into 5 phases (Activa Holdings Inc. 30T-04210 River Ridge Subdivision)
 - Plan of subdivision, pending draft approval, with proposed street layout and range of how many units given to the City:
 - 392 – 400 units with a mix of singles, semis, town homes, future development and open space.
 - Falconridge site is within the built area of this neighbourhood.
 - Tagge Crescent – 2 parcels (20 units) that have received draft approval, and are currently awaiting conditions to be cleared.
 - Building permits being issued, 2011 occupancy is expected.
 - Sylvia Street – 4 units, draft approved, registration pending.
 - Building permits received, 2011 occupancy is expected.

- Ms. Brown noted that with respect to core areas (i.e. neighbourhoods around King Edward and Suddaby Public Schools) re-development, lot consolidation, infill and intensification would require re-zoning which would involve public input and notification.
- Margaret Avenue P.S. has a large parcel of vacant land adjacent to it, with an inactive application on file currently. Ms. Brown noted that it has the potential to be re-developed as part of urban intensification, but timing for this is unclear.

Questions/Comments for Ms. Brown:

Q – When is the Activa Development going to council?

R – There is not formal date set; I can refer you the planner that is looking after this for further information.

Q/C – There is a lot going on with this development

R – Yes, they are finalizing conditions currently.

Mr. Smith noted that enrolment numbers for draft plans are included in our projections. Infill sites are not always known but greenfield sites are known - where we have a plan of subdivision.

Q – Are conditions being resolved?

Mr. Smith advised that Activa does have a lot of development in this region; we know it will happen, just not exact timelines.

Q – Bridgeport North area (Section I from the NE Waterloo Boundary Study), is it in Waterloo or Kitchener?

R – The dividing line is Woolwich Street. Area I is in both Waterloo and Kitchener. This Activa plan is in Kitchener.

Q/C – It was noted that students at Bridgeport P.S. come from both Kitchener and Waterloo.

R – There is also one crossing guard from each City that serves Bridgeport P.S. – which is unique.

Mr. Smith noted that looking at active development plans will make more sense when we put the numbers together; what is known vs. speculative. We have noticed that infill development has not typically generated many students, and not the younger students you see from greenfield developments.

Mr. Smith thanked Ms. Brown for her informative presentation.

4. Handout presentation from City of Waterloo

- The handout was unavailable for tonight's meeting; Ms. Manske advised that she will forward the presentation to the ARC upon its receipt in Planning.
 - *The City of Waterloo presentation will be posted on our website with the ARC meeting minutes.*

5. Draft Review Objectives

- Mr. Smith noted that at the last ARC meeting we started to come up with some ideas for draft review objectives that include criteria from the Board. These objectives are a work in process, and can be added to, adjusted as we move through the review process.
- The ARC was given a handout with the following draft objectives created so far:
 - **To determine a permanent solution for Lexington P.S.**
 - **To determine viability of a JK-8 school in the review area.**
 - **To determine long-term boundaries for schools in the review area.**
 - **To determine need to keep the 410 Falconridge Drive, Kitchener property.**
 - **To support optimal use of facilities, capital and operating costs.**
 - **To have regard for the Good Schools Standing Committee guidelines on school size and ensure well balanced student population.**
 - Mr. Smith described the Waterloo Region Good Schools Standing Committee and noted that their report refers to ideal class size, and class size leads to school size. Currently we try to build a JK-6 school with projected enrolment at 400, while a JK-8 school would have 600 – 650 students, (these numbers do not allow for full day learning for 4-5 year olds however). Lester B. Pearson and W.T. Townshend Public Schools are considered to be too big by Board standards at approximately 1,000 students each.
 - Ms. Manske noted that the Good Schools Standing Committee Report is in the ARC binders for members to review and available online on the East K-W Accommodation Review's webpage.
 - **To take into consideration distribution and accessibility of Special Education and English as a Second Language programs.**
 - When we reach this stage in the review process we will ask Jim Berry (Assistant Superintendent, Learning Services – Special Education) to come in and will ask for his considerations, priorities. We can also call on Learning Services for the English as a Second Language (ESL) component.
 - **To have regard for community schools, and minimize transportation costs in the long-term.**
 - Our goal here is to better distribute students which will decrease transportation costs. Our ideal of course is a walk-in option.
 - **To be mindful of the Board's priorities for accessibility.**
 - We are referring to physical accessibility, i.e. washrooms. All new construction meets the standards, Mr. Gaudet could speak to other accessibility issues we have in the review area.
 - **To be mindful of Ministry plans with respect to curriculum and program changes (i.e. Full-Day learning for 4 and 5 year olds).**
 - The new Millen Woods, Ryerson, Floradale and Sir Adam Beck schools have all been built with this in mind, as well as the addition at Bridgeport P.S. Going forward this will automatically be an objective of any review.
 - **To address student transitions where changes are proposed.**
 - Hard to discuss until we know what scenarios are being taken forward.

- Mr. Smith reiterated that the review objectives are a very important piece of this process, and what we are trying to accomplish here.

Questions/Comments:

Q – Will full day learning for kindergarten increase numbers at the schools?

R – We will have to look at that, but should be about the same overall number of students. There will be changes to how we load classrooms, currently they are loaded for half day – there will be some facility impacts, however.

Q – Will the size of kindergarten classrooms need to change with the Ministry announcement today saying 26 students and 2 adults?

R – There is lots of fine print from the announcement that we will need to work through. It will be a phased in process over the next 5 years. It does mean that we will be able to load classrooms differently (probably won't need as many additional rooms). Phase 1 will take place in those schools that have room now. We have provided a handout with the Ministry's announcement today regarding the Early Learning Program (ELP) and the before and after child care component.

Mr. Smith asked the ARC to continue to review the draft objectives and to please bring any additional thoughts back to the table.

6. School Valuations – School Information Profiles

- Ms. Manske noted that we are collecting the school information profiles, to gather as much information as possible to bring to the first Public Meeting on November 10, 2009.
- She asked the parent reps if they had anything to add from a community perspective, to do their best filling out the profiles.
- Ms. Mankse advised the ARC members that they are not expected to attend the Public Meeting; however it might be worthwhile to gauge public feelings.
 - The first meeting is an information session. We will be giving an overview of the Pupil Accommodation Review process, role of the committee and why a review is being undertaken. We will advise the public how they can provide us with feedback.
 - Notices/flyers will be delivered to all 7 schools early next week and each student will receive one. The meeting will also be published in The Record, the Waterloo Chronicle and the Kitchener Citizen – East Edition.

7. Roundtable

- Mr. Smith asked the group if there were any questions/concerns.
- He advised 10 people attended the school tour on October 24, 2009, including 2 administrators and Planning staff.
- Ms. Manske noted that if any ARC member missed the tour and would really benefit from going on one, please let us know, and we will work something out.

Mr. Smith asked for highlights from the tour:

R – It was eye-opening, seeing the difference in construction between the older schools and the brand new addition at Bridgeport.

R – Didn't even know Prueter existed!

8. Future Meeting Dates

- The next ARC meeting is Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 4:30 pm at Margaret Avenue P.S. in the library.
 - We will share the Public Meeting comments.
 - We plan to start some scenario development.
 - Should have some enrolment projections ready including kindergarten full-day learning.
- Mr. Smith and Ms. Manske asked the ARC if the location for our meetings (Margaret Avenue P.S.) is okay with everyone, given that the library is on the 2nd floor.
 - The ARC members present stated that the location is fine.

Questions/Comments:

Q – Are there Ministry/Board requirements for the number of students versus washroom facilities?

R – There is a listing for fixtures in a school that details the number of students and facilities required. We can provide you with that information at the next meeting.

Q/C – When you add portables, you put pressure on the inside facilities.

R – Yes, but if there is an identified washroom deficiency we can address through addition or portables with washrooms.

Q – Combining day care and JK – will the Ministry require different facilities, i.e. outfitted like a daycare?

R – This is unclear at this point.

Q – Is the before and after child care for JK-8 or just JK-6?

R – Not sure of that detail at this point, we will check into that. It appears it is for kindergarten students only as part of the Early Learning Program (ELP). Please note: a parent fee will apply for the before and after child care.

Q – For the 7:30 am start and the 6:00 pm finish, will the schools need fridges and stoves to prepare/store food?

R – There are no details on that yet; it is something to look at however.

Q – Will the teaching ratio be affected by the child care component?

R – No details on this yet. We don't know if they will be run under the Day Nursery Act or under the Education Act.

Q – If it is to be phased in by 2015, are there yearly targets set out by the Ministry Report?

R – Yes, Year 1/Phase 1 will be introduced at schools where we have room; some schools may require capital work. Our Board has been given a target of 43 classes for Phase 1.

Q – Security issues around before and after child care – will they have separate entrances or passes?

R – Child care facilities that we build now have separate entrances – safety and security is always a priority. These are all items that have not been worked out yet. All this information is new to us today!

Q – Will this announcement affect our process here?

R – All of our enrolment projections have included the potential full-day learning, so no; it will not affect what we are trying to do here. Eventually all elementary schools with kindergarten will be operating the Early Learning Program.

Q – Is the full Ministry document on line?

R – Please check the Ministry website, I'm sure they have information posted, perhaps not what the school boards received, but this is a major step in early learning, and the government is proud of this initiative.

- Mr. Smith thanked all for coming, and asked the ARC to review the draft objectives and school information profiles, and bring any ideas to our next meeting.
- The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Future Meeting Dates:

Public Meeting # 1 – Nov. 10th @ Lexington P.S. – 7:00 pm

Tuesday Nov. 24th @ Margaret Ave. P.S. – 4:30 – 6:00 pm

Tuesday Dec. 8th @ Margaret Ave. P.S. – 4:30 – 6:00 pm

East Kitchener Waterloo

Elementary Schools Pupil Accommodation Review

City of Kitchener Presentation – Staging of
Development

October 27, 2009

Policy Hierarchy

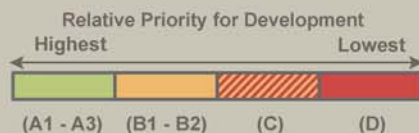
- Ontario Planning Act
- Provincial Policy Statement, 2005
- Places to Grow Act – Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2006)
- Regional Official Plan
- City Official Plan
- Kitchener Growth Management Plan

Kitchener Growth Management Plan (KGMP)

- Replaces the Staging of Development
- Approved by Council June 1, 2009
- Identifies intensification areas and sets greenfield growth objectives
- Ongoing programme
 - Annual Growth Management Monitoring Report
 - Biannual Growth Management Plan

KITCHENER GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN

January 2009 - August 2010

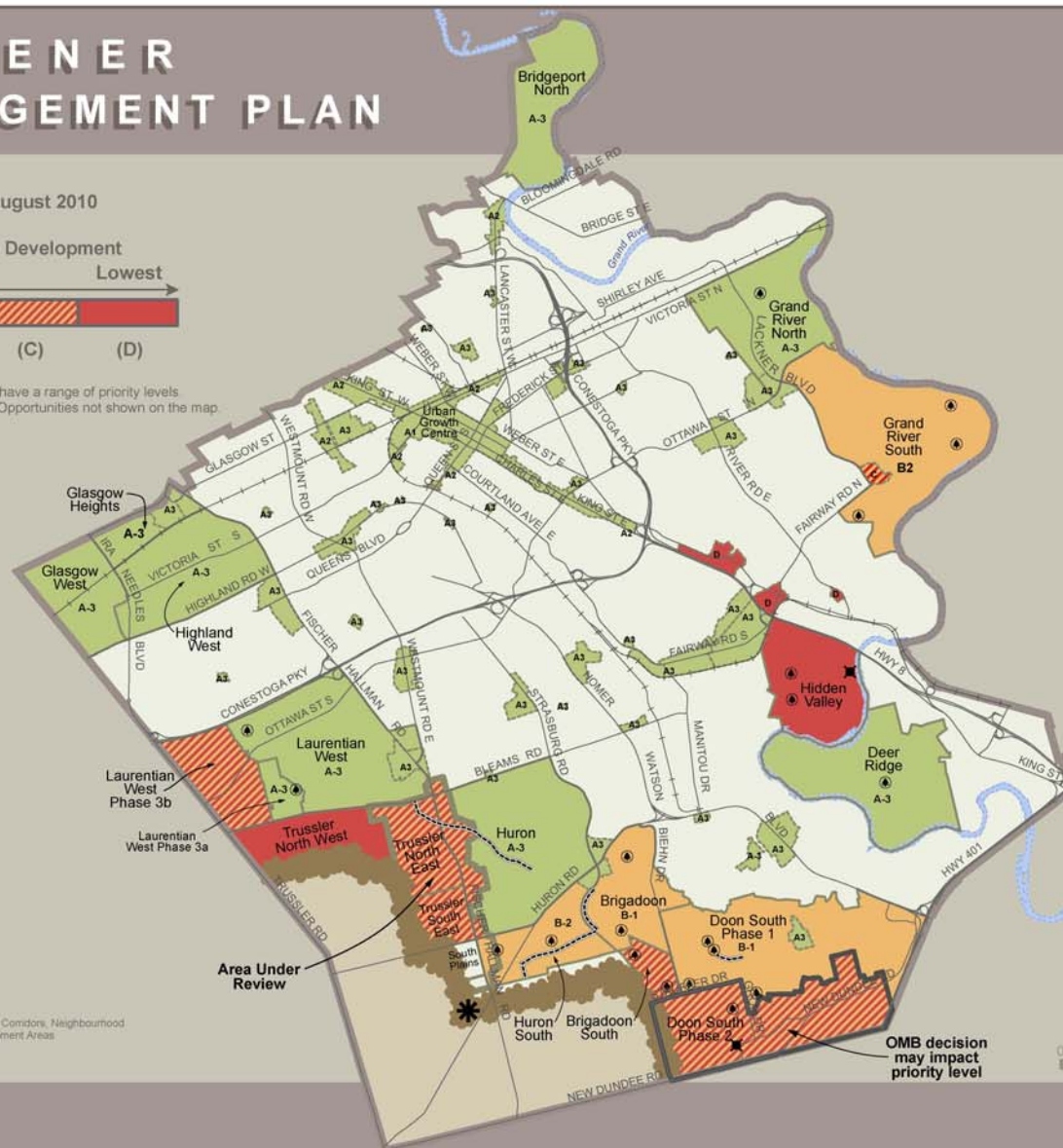


NOTE:
Initiatives in each Growth District may have a range of priority levels.
There are Site Specific Intensification Opportunities not shown on the map.

- Intensification Area Boundary**
- Planning Community/ Growth District Boundary
- Agricultural Area/ Countryside (Subject to ROP review)
- Area Under Review
- Countryside Line/ City Urban Boundary (Subject to ROP review)

- Required Infrastructure (conceptual location)
- Proposed Park Location
 - Pumping Station
 - Trunk Sanitary Sewer

**Includes Primary Nodes, Mixed Use Nodes and Corridors, Neighbourhood Mixed Use Centres, and Comprehensive Development Areas



OMB decision may impact priority level

0 0.5 1 1.5 2 km

KITCHENER GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN

PARCEL DETAIL

Relative Priority for Development Approvals June 2009 - Fall 2010



Rankings based on overall criteria, area specific analysis, and timing of initiatives as identified in Growth Area Sub Plans.

Initiatives in each Growth Area may have a range of priority levels. Lands indicated as A to B will be given a higher priority for determining planning approvals.

Lands indicated as C to D require higher level initiatives to be completed and approved and are prioritized accordingly.

Note: There are Site Specific Intensification Opportunities (SSIOs) not shown on the map and these are considered an 'W' priority.

- Intensification Area Boundary (includes Primary Nodes, Mixed Use Nodes and Corridors, Neighbourhood Mixed Use Centres, and Comprehensive Development Areas)
- Planning Community/Growth Area
- Plans Referred to OMB

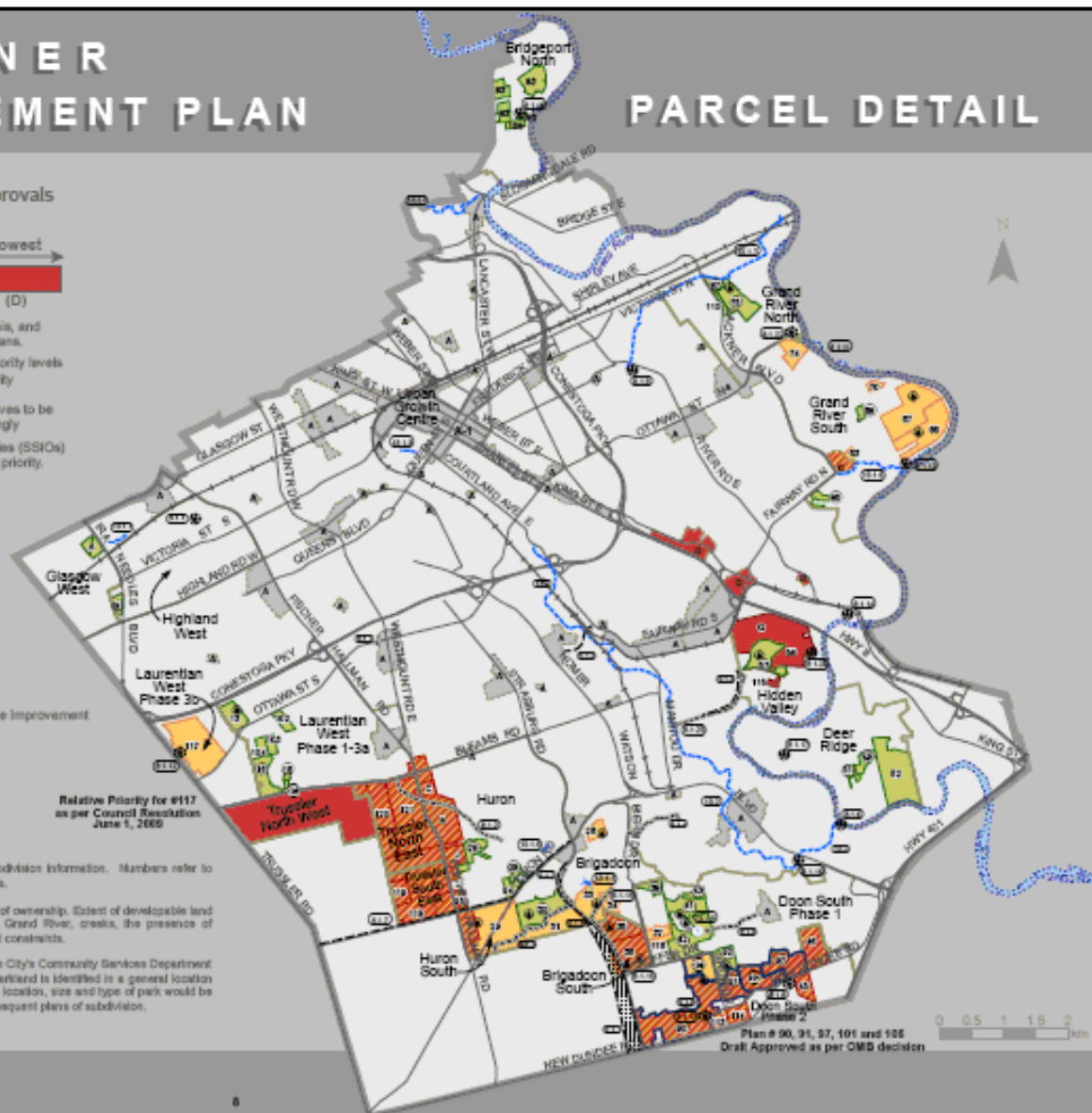
Proposed Infrastructure (conceptual location)

- Park
- Pumping Station
- Trunk Sanitary Sewer
- City Road Extension/Widening
- Culvert
- Weir
- Watercourse Improvement

- Infrastructure Project ID # (Refer to Development Charges Background Study 2009)
- Plan ID # (Circle around ID # indicates Draft Approved)

NOTATION

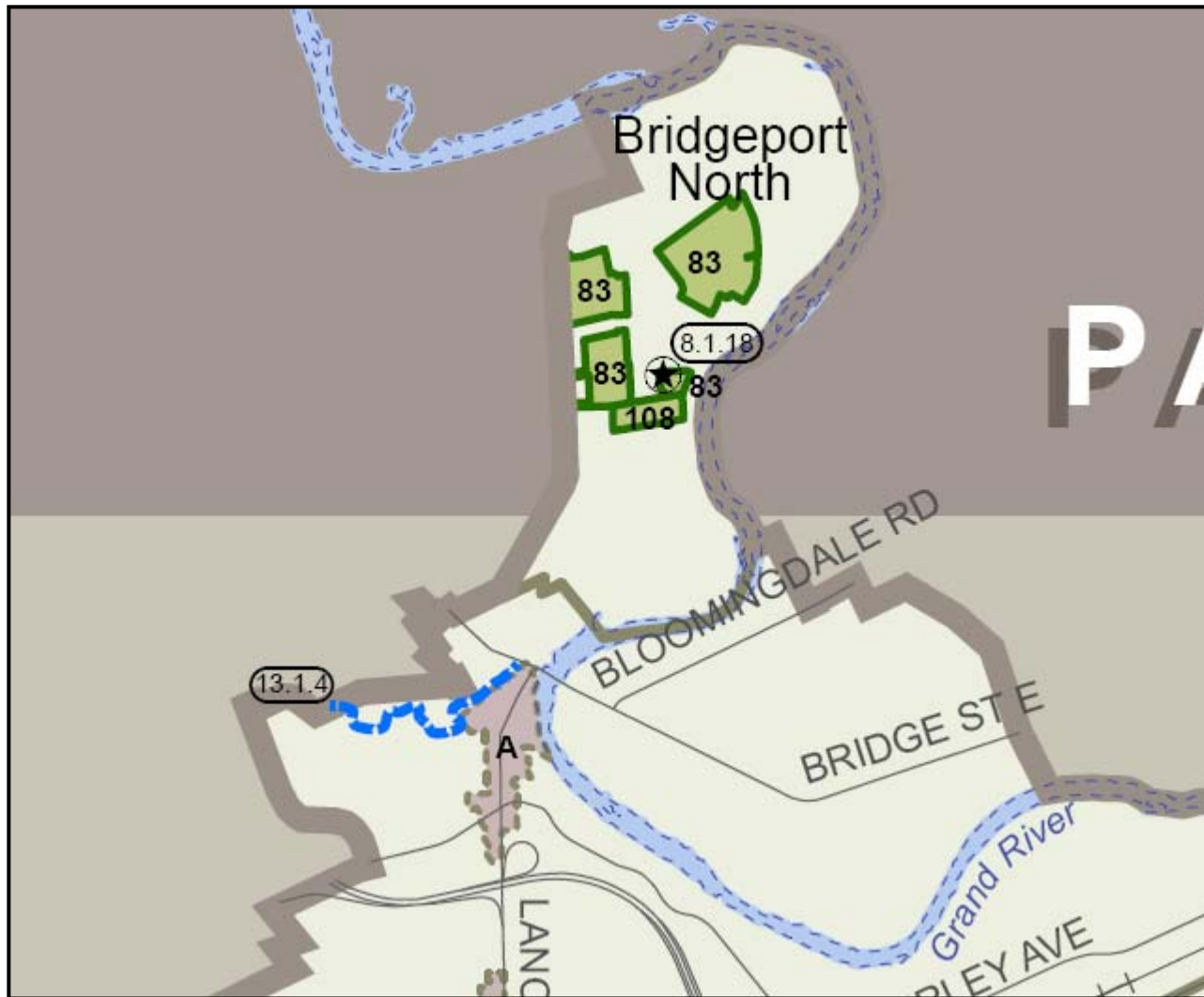
1. Refer to number/letter in Growth Area Sub Plan for subdivision information. Numbers refer to Residential plans. Letters refer to Industrial/Commercial Plans.
2. Land parcels shown within shaded patterns denote extent of ownership. Extent of developable land may be restricted due to location in the floodplain of the Grand River, creeks, the presence of Environmentally Sensitive Policy Areas or other environmental constraints.
3. For Draft Approved and potential Draft Approved plans, the City's Community Services Department has identified a need for parkland in certain areas. Future parkland is identified in a general location on the map and is not intended to be a definite location. The location, size and type of park would be determined through any Community Plan process and/or subsequent plans of subdivision.



Plan # 90, 91, 97, 101 and 105
Draft Approved as per OMB decision



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Bridgeport Public School

59 Bridge
Street West



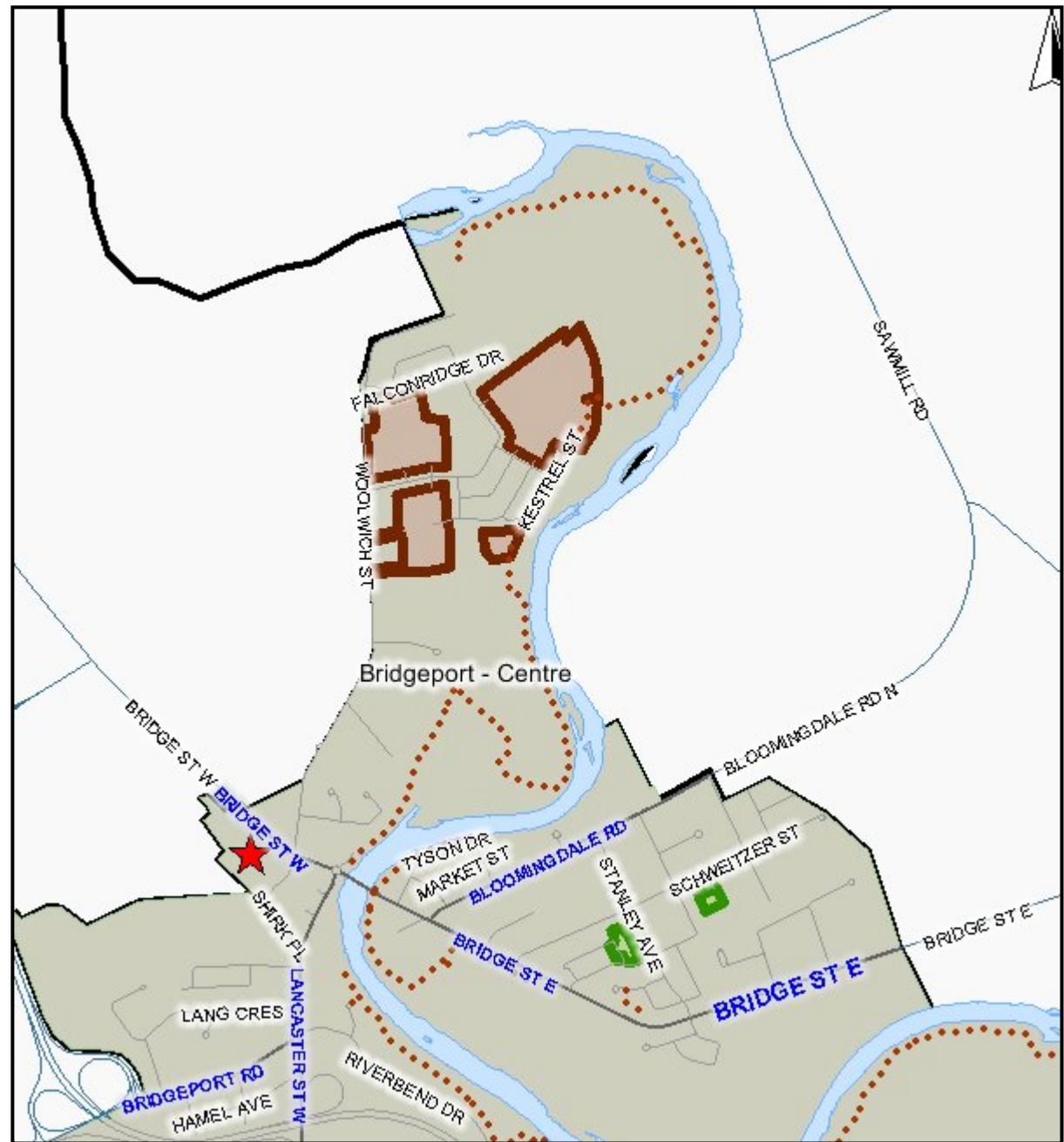
Development Cap in the Bridgeport Area

- In 1996, Regional Council placed a “cap” on development in South Lexington/Bridgeport
- Due to transportation constraints at the Bridge/Lancaster intersection
- “Cap” extended to include Bridgeport East in 2003.
- Construction of roundabout means 65% of potential units for area could be draft approved
- Cannot be registered/built until roundabout complete

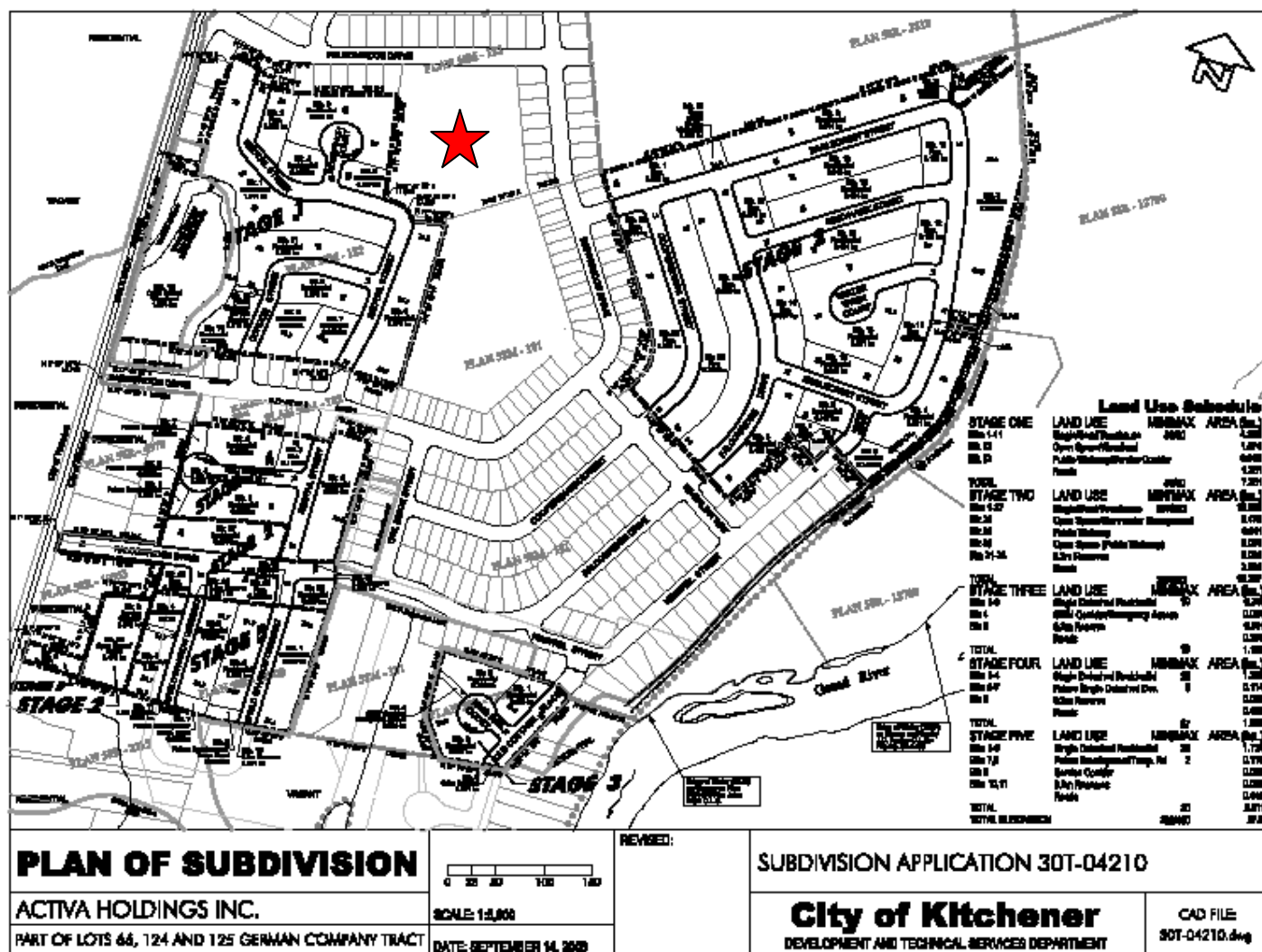
Status of Current Subdivisions

Red = Plan of
Subdivision,
pending Draft
Approval

Green = Plan of
Subdivision,
Draft
Approved



Activa Holdings Inc Subdivision 30T-04210, Phases 1-5



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- Planning staff preparing report to recommend Draft Approval of plan
- 392 to 400 units
- A mix of singles, semis, townhomes, future development and open space
- WRDSB Falconridge site is adjacent to Phase 1 of development

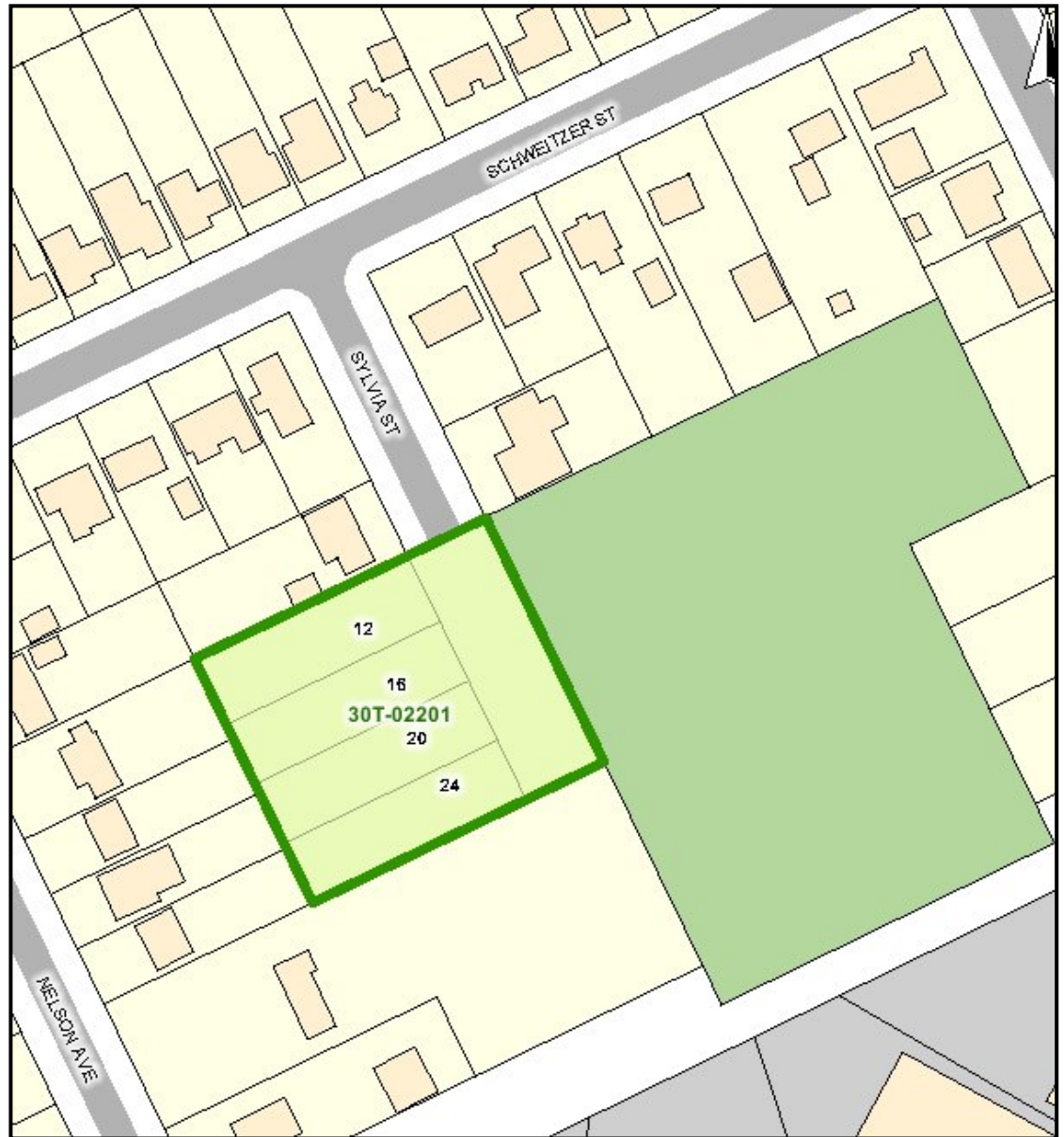
Tagge Crescent

- 20 Units
- Plan of Subdivision is Registered
- Building Permits being issued
- 2011 Occupancy is expected



Sylvia Street

- 4 units
- Draft Approved
- Registration pending
- Building permits received
- 2011 occupancy is expected



King Edward Public School

709 King Street
West



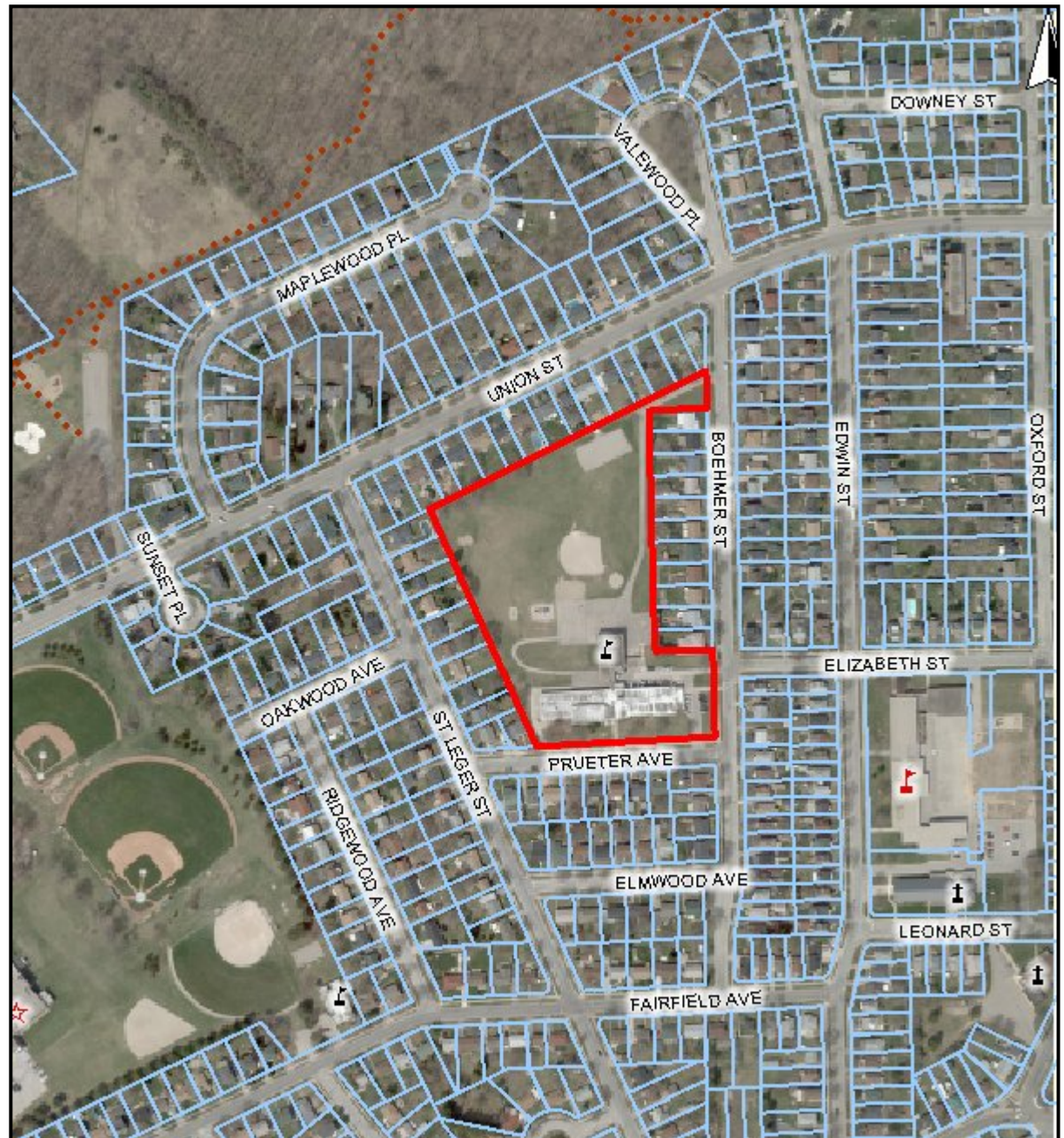
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Street



Prueter Public School

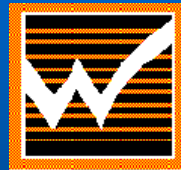
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Future Residential Development East Waterloo

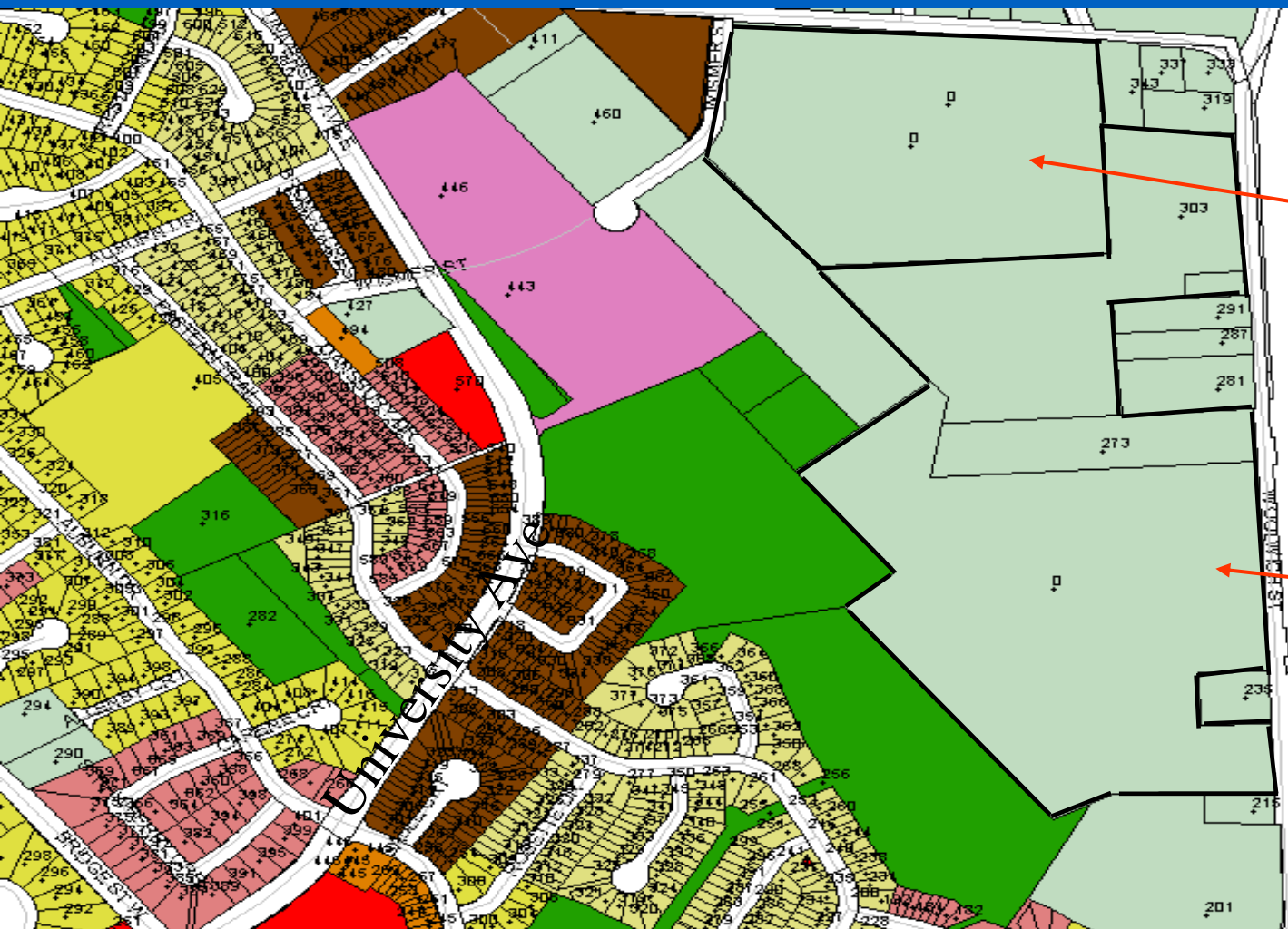


Development Services

Future Residential Development

- Remaining “Greenfield”
- Rural East Lands
- Existing and Future Intensification Opportunities

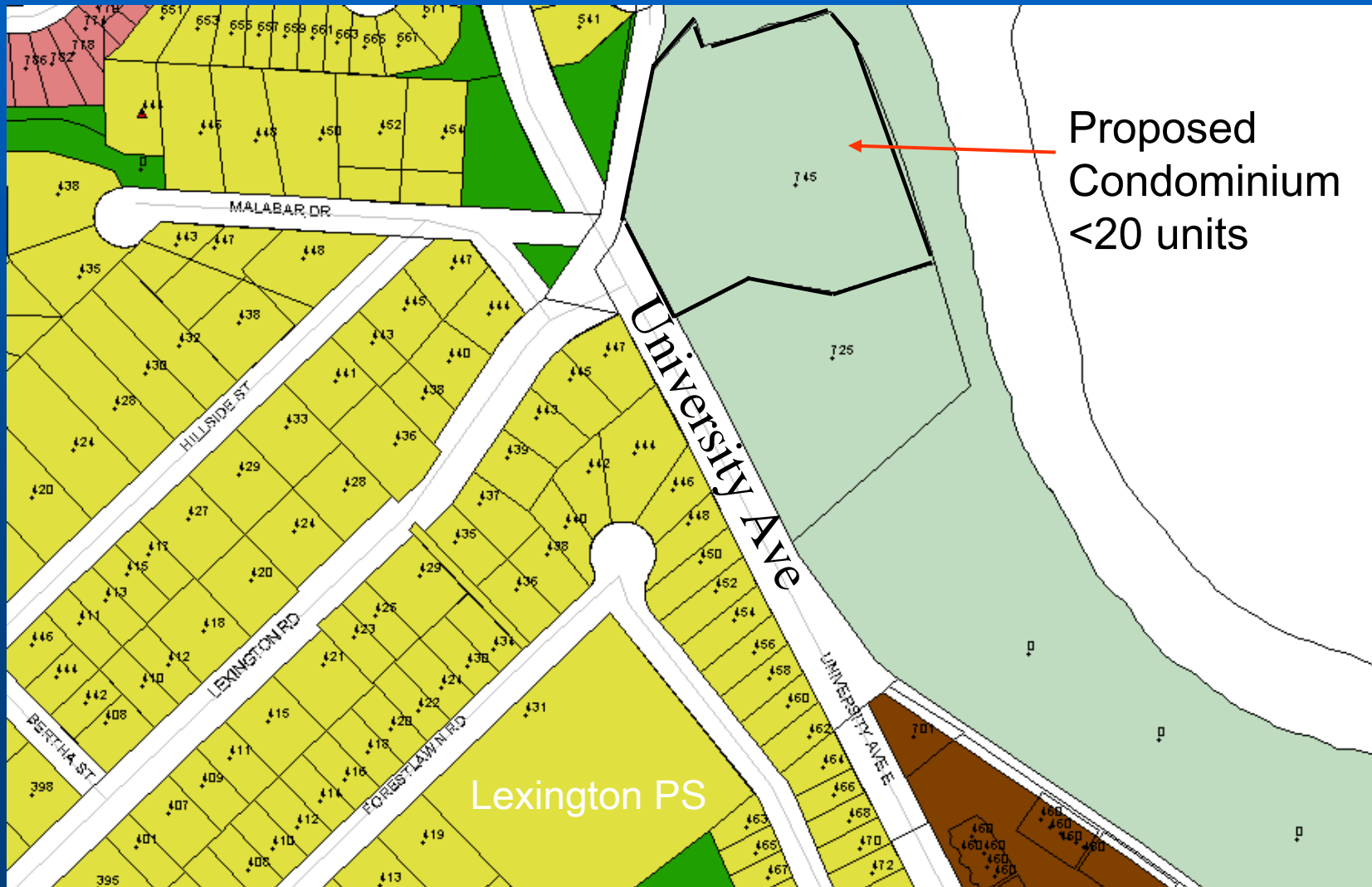
Greenfield – Woolwich St



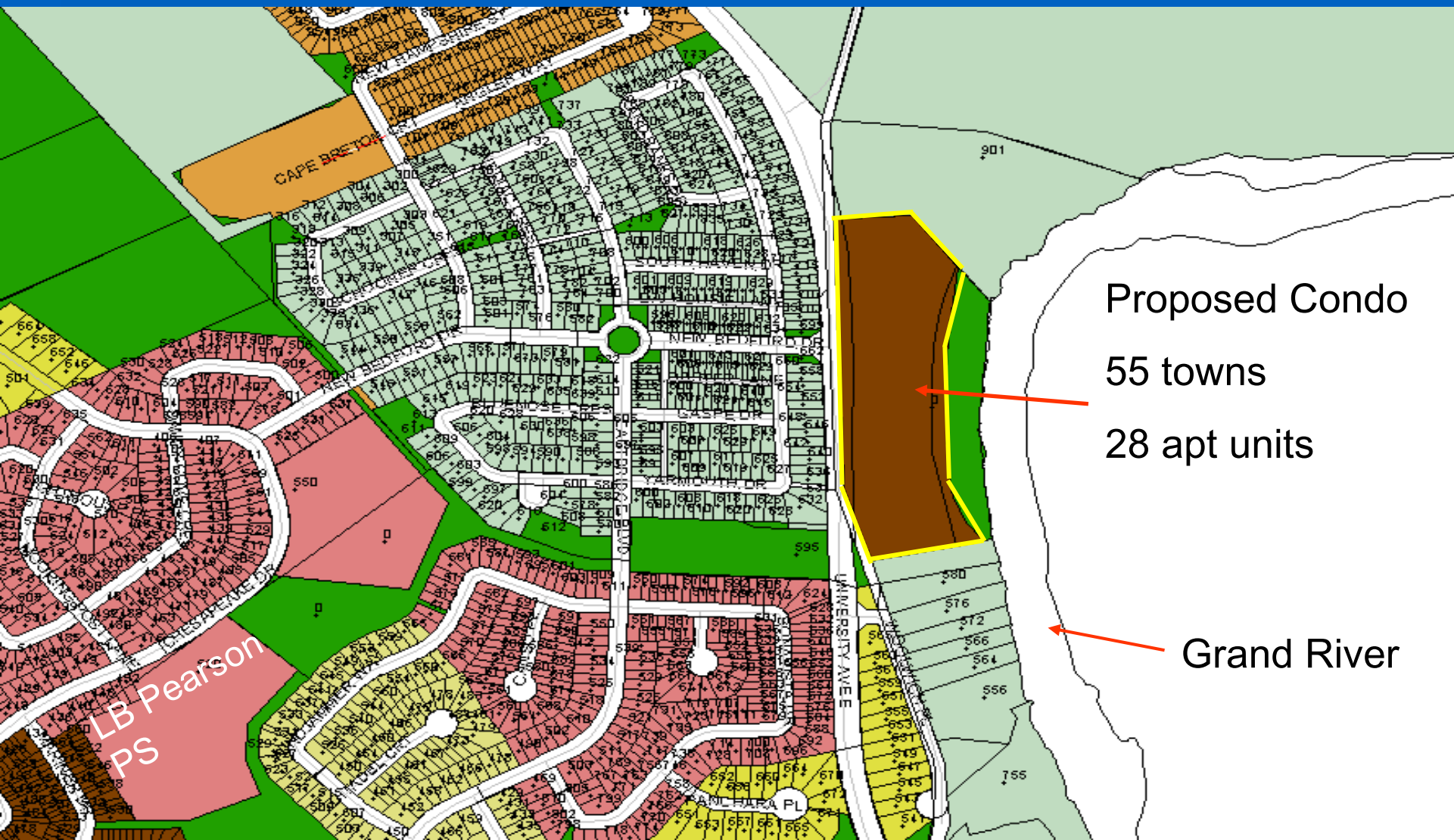
58 units
proposed

Proposed:
Min 152 units
Max 244 units

Greenfield – University Ave



Greenfield – University Ave



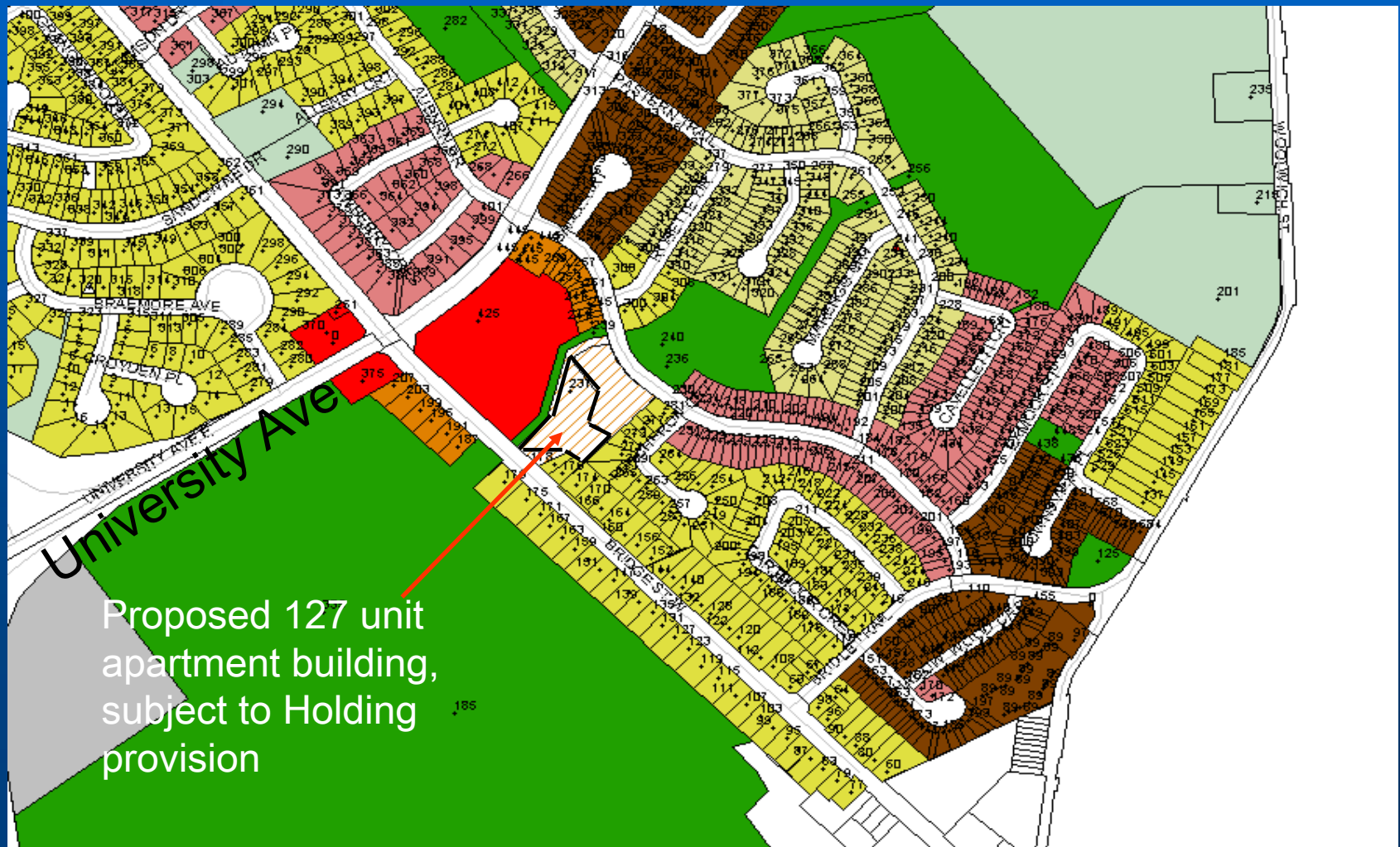
Proposed Condo

55 towns

28 apt units

Grand River

Proposed Intensification



Residential
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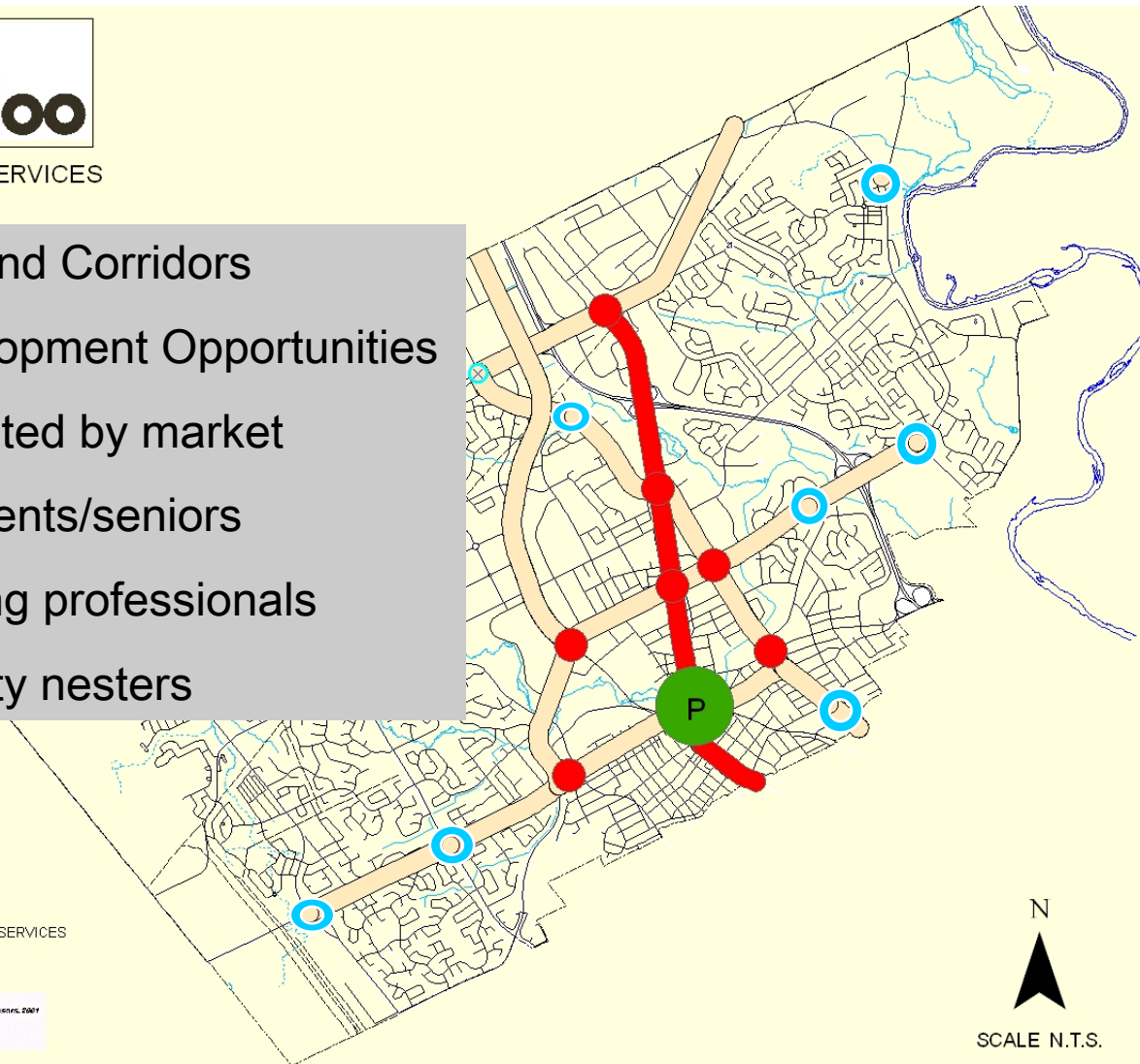
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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

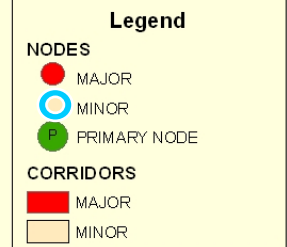
- ❑ Nodes and Corridors
- ❑ Redevelopment Opportunities
 - Dictated by market
 - Students/seniors
 - Young professionals
 - Empty nesters



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Future Direction – OP Review

- Balance Transportation systems
 - Rapid Transit
 - Alternative Transit (cycling, walking)
- Complete communities
 - Mixed Use
 - More services closer to home
- Accommodating Growth
 - Greenfield land supply is declining
 - Nodes and Corridors and Intensification