



**THE PLANNING ACT –  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AN  
OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO THE  
LANARK COUNTY SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES OFFICIAL PLAN**

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In accordance with Section 17 (23) of the *Planning Act*, you are hereby notified of Lanark County Council's decision of **September 6, 2017** to adopt Amendment No. 5 to the Lanark County Sustainable Communities Official Plan.

**PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT**

The purpose and effect of Amendment No.5 is to:

1. Amend Schedule "A" – Land Use Designations to the Sustainable Communities Official Plan by re-designating three areas of the Burnt Lands Alvar ANSI from "Area of Natural and Scientific Interest" to "Rural Area" as shown Item "A-4" on Schedule "A" and as more particularly described as Items 1 and 2 on Schedule "A-4" attached to Official Plan Amendment #5 (OPA #5).
2. Amend Schedule "A" – Land Use Designations to the Sustainable Communities Official Plan by re-designating the White Lake Wetlands candidate ANSI from "Area of Natural and Scientific Interest" to "Rural Area", "Provincially Significant Wetland" and "Provincial Park and Conservation Reserve" as shown as Item "A-5" on Schedule "A" and as more particularly described as Items 1, 2 and 3 on Schedule "A-5" attached to OPA #5.
3. Amend Schedule "A" – Land Use Designations to the Sustainable Communities Official Plan by re-designating the Snow Road Station Esker ANSI from "Area of Natural and Scientific Interest" to "Rural Area" as shown as Item "A-6" on Schedule "A" and as more particularly described as Item 1 on Schedule "A-6" attached to OPA #5.
4. Amend Schedule "A" – Land Use Designations to the Sustainable Communities Official Plan by re-designating the Pakenham Bridge Outcrops ANSI from "Area of Natural and Scientific Interest" to "ANSI, Earth Science" as shown as Item "A-7" on Schedule "A" and as more particularly described as Item 1 on Schedule "A-7" to OPA #5.
5. Amend Schedule "A" – Land Use Designations to the Sustainable Communities Official Plan by re-designating the Maberly Bog candidate ANSI from "Area of Natural and Scientific Interest" to "Rural Area" as shown as Item "A-8" on Schedule "A" and as more particularly described as Item 1 on Schedule "A-8" attached to OPA #5.
6. Amend Schedule "A" – Land Use Designations to the Sustainable Communities Official Plan by re-designating the Christie Lake candidate ANSI from "Area of Natural and Scientific Interest" to "Rural Area", "Provincially Significant Wetland" and "Licensed Aggregate Extraction Operation" as shown as Item "A-9" on Schedule "A" and as more particularly described as Items 1, 2 and 3 on Schedule "A-9" attached to OPA #5.
7. Amend Schedule "A" – Land Use Designations to the Sustainable Communities Official Plan by re-designating the Perth Blueberry Bog candidate ANSI from "Area of Natural and Scientific Interest" to "Rural Area", "Settlement Area", "Licensed Aggregate Extraction Operation", "Provincially Significant Wetland" and "Floodplain" as shown as Item "A-10" on Schedule "A" and as more particularly described as Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 on Schedule "A-10" attached to OPA #5.

8. Amend Schedule “A” – Land Use Designations to the Sustainable Communities Official Plan by re-designating the Tay Marsh candidate ANSI from “Area of Natural and Scientific Interest” to “Rural Area”, “Floodplain” and “Provincially Significant Wetland” as shown as Item “A-11” on Schedule “A” and as more particularly described as Items 1, 2 and 3 on Schedule “A-11” attached to OPA #5.
9. Amend Schedule “A” – Land Use Designations to the Sustainable Communities Official Plan by re-designating the Swale Marsh candidate ANSI from “Area of Natural and Scientific Interest” to “Rural Area”, “Provincially Significant Wetland” and “Floodplain” as shown as Item “A-12” on Schedule “A” and as more particularly described as Items 1, 2 and 3 on Schedule “A-12” attached to OPA #5.
10. Amend Schedule “A” – Land Use Designations to the Sustainable Communities Official Plan by re-designating the Merrickville Marsh candidate ANSI from “Area of Natural and Scientific Interest” to “Rural Area”, “Provincially Significant Wetland” and “Floodplain” as shown as Item “A-13” on Schedule “A” and as more particularly described as Items 1, 2 and 3 on Schedule “A-13” attached to OPA #13.
11. Amend Schedule “A” – Land Use Designations to the Sustainable Communities Official Plan by re-designating the North Montague Swamp candidate ANSI from “Area of Natural and Scientific Interest” to “Rural Area” and “Provincially Significant Wetland” as shown as Item “A-14” on Schedule “A” and as more particularly described as Items 1 and 2 on Schedule “A-14” attached to OPA #5.
12. Amend Schedule “A” – Land Use Designations to the Sustainable Communities Official Plan by re-designating the Appleton Swamp candidate ANSI from “Area of Natural and Scientific Interest” to “Settlement Area”, “Floodplain” and “Provincially Significant Wetland” as shown as Item “A-15” on Schedule “A” and as more particularly described as Items 1, 2 and 3 on Schedule “A-15” attached to OPA #5.
13. Amend Schedule “A” – Land Use Designations to the Sustainable Communities Official Plan by re-designating the Panmure Alvar candidate ANSI from “Area of Natural and Scientific Interest” to “Rural Area” and “Agricultural Land” as shown as Item “A-16” on Schedule “A” and as more particularly described as Items 1 and 2 on Schedule “A-16” attached to OPA #5.
14. Amend Schedule “A” – Land Use Designations to the Sustainable Communities Official Plan by relabeling the reference to “Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest” in the Legend to “ANSI, Life Science”, and adding new designation categories and symbols in the Legend for “ANSI, Earth Science”, “Rural Area” and “Provincial Park and Conservation Reserve” as shown on Schedule “A”.
15. Amend Section “5.5.3 Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest” of Sustainable Communities Official Plan in order to:
  - a) Define types of ANSI (i.e. Life Science and Earth Science Areas ANSIs), their categorizations (i.e. Provincially, Regionally, Locally Significant) and status (confirmed vs candidate).
  - b) Recognize confirmed ANSIs, Life Science and confirmed ANSIs, Earth Science on Schedule “A” to the Sustainable Communities Official Plan and require confirmed ANSIs to be designated on Map Schedules to local Official Plans.
  - c) To clarify that ANSI designations on Schedule “A” to the Sustainable Communities Official Plan are overlay designations and that development and site alteration may be permitted in accordance with the policies of the underlying designations if it has

been demonstrated through an Environmental Impact Statement that there will be no negative impacts on natural features or ecological functions for which the area has been identified.

- d) Permit local municipalities to designate candidate ANSIs on Map Schedules to local Official Plans without an amendment to the Sustainable Communities Official Plan and to include policies in local Official Plans to protect candidate ANSIs as locally or regionally sensitive natural heritage features.
- e) Require the extent of adjacent lands to ANSIs to be defined in local official plans based on recommendations of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry or other municipal approaches which achieve the same objectives.

In consideration of written and oral submissions from the public that were made to council, Amendment No. 5 to the Sustainable Communities Official Plan was revised as follows:

1. To clarify the terminology regarding the types of ANSIs (i.e. Earth Science and Life Science), their categorizations (i.e. Provincially, Regionally or Locally Significant), and their status (i.e. confirmed or candidate), and
2. To more clearly establish how candidate ANSIs may be protected through local official plans.
3. To clarify that ANSI designations on Schedule "A" to the Sustainable Communities Official Plan are overlay designations and that development and site alteration may be permitted in accordance with the policies of the underlying designations if it has been demonstrated through an Environmental Impact Statement that there will be no negative impacts on natural features or ecological functions for which the area has been identified.

## INFORMATION

Information on Amendment No. 5 can be obtained from Julie Stewart, County Planner, at 613-267-4200 Ext. 1520 or by e-mail at [plan@lanarkcounty.ca](mailto:plan@lanarkcounty.ca).

## NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to section 17(24) of the *Planning Act*, any person or public body who, before Amendment No. 5 was adopted, made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to Lanark County Council, may appeal County Council's decision to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), by filing a notice of appeal to the Amendment with the Clerk of Lanark County. Such appeal must identify in writing, which part of the decision (all or parts thereof) are being appealed and the reasons for doing so.

If you wish to appeal to the OMB, the appeal must be submitted on the "Appellant Form (A1)" which is available from the OMB website at [www.omb.gov.on.ca](http://www.omb.gov.on.ca). All appeals must also be accompanied by the OMB's prescribed fee of \$300.00, which may be in the form of a cheque payable to the 'Minister of Finance'.

A notice of appeal can be mailed to the County Clerk at 99 Christie Lake Road, Perth ON K7H 3C6, or by delivering the notice in person, to the Lanark County Administration Building, 99 Christie Lake Road, Perth.

**A notice of appeal must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 4, 2017.**

The proposed Official Plan Amendment is exempt from approval by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The decision of Lanark County Council is final if a notice of appeal is not received on or before the last day for filing a notice of appeal.

Notice of Decision

File No. 0900-OP-16004 – Lanark County SCOP

Please note that only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal a County Council decision on an Official Plan Amendment to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the amendment was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to Lanark County Council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

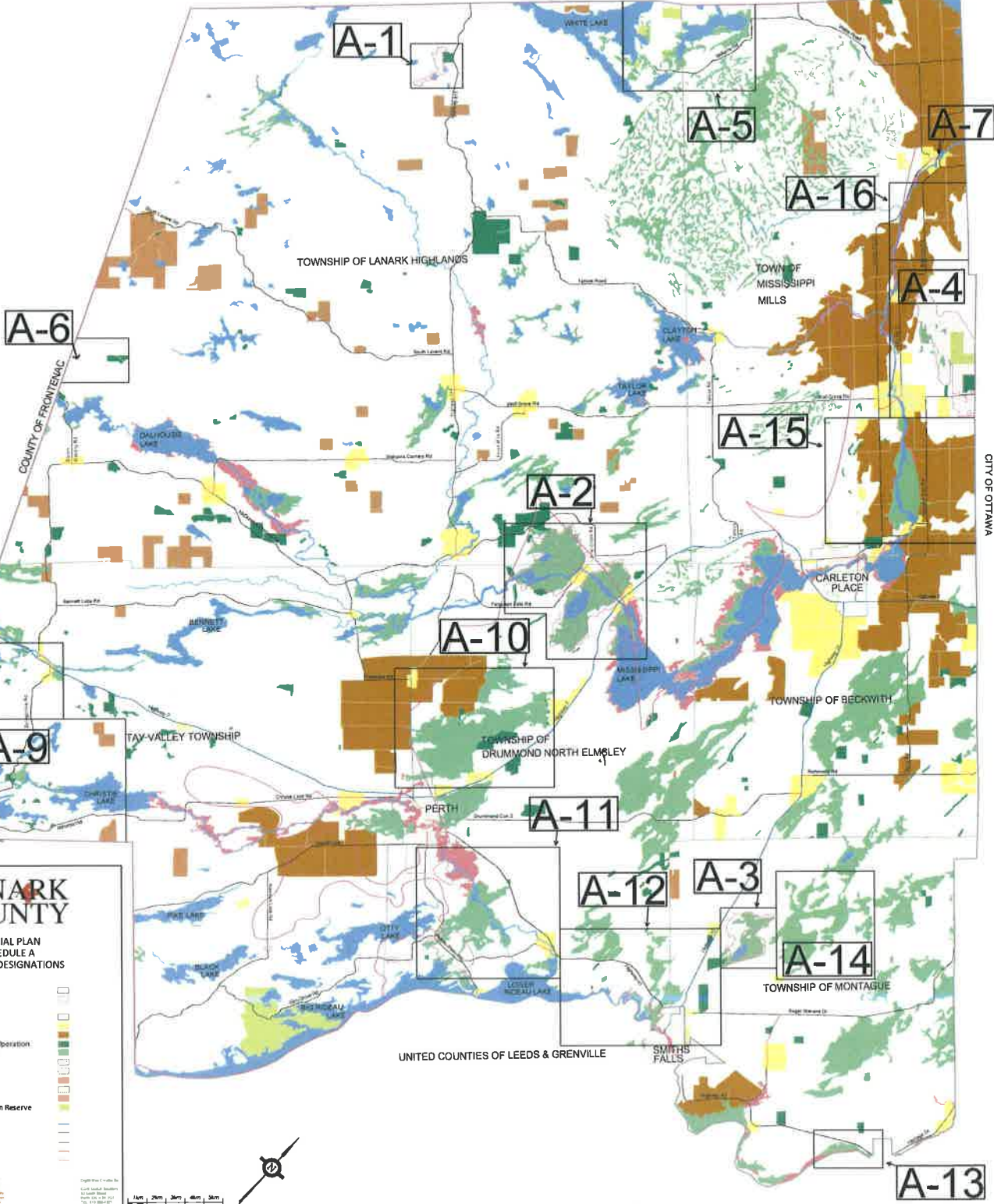
Should the Official Plan Amendment be appealed, persons or public bodies who wish to receive notice of the Ontario Municipal Board hearing can receive such notice by submitting a written request to the County Planner.

Dated at the Township of Bathurst on September 14, 2017.



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COUNTY OF RENFREW



# LANARK COUNTY

## OFFICIAL PLAN SCHEDULE A LAND USE DESIGNATIONS

- LEGEND:**
- County Boundary
  - Municipal Boundary
  - Rural Area
  - Settlement Area
  - Agricultural Land
  - Licensed Aggregate Extraction Operation
  - Provincially Significant Wetland
  - ANSI Life Science
  - ANSI Earth Science
  - Significant Woodland
  - Canadian Shield
  - Floodplain
  - Provincial Park and Conservation Reserve
  - Transportation:
    - Provincial Highway
    - Arterial Rural
    - Collector Rural
    - Arterial Urban
    - Collector Urban
    - Local

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