



Limit of Core Areas or Limit of Conservation Authority Regulated Area

PURPOSE:

This document provides guidance for the completion of a Limit of Core Areas or Limit of Conservation Authority Regulated Area delineation, which may be required for the submission of an application under the *Planning Act*. All Limit of Core Areas or Limit of Conservation Authority Regulated Area delineations shall follow the requirements referenced in this document.

A Limit of Core Areas or Limit of Conservation Authority Regulated Area delineation provides information for a Planning Application where development is proposed within or adjacent to a Core Area and/or Conservation Authority Regulated Area and detailed Core Area and/or Conservation Authority Regulated Area boundaries are required.

The City and Conservation Authorities maintain general boundary mapping of Core Areas and Conservation Authority Regulated Areas. However, since these boundaries are general and natural areas and regulated feature limits can change over time, detailed boundaries are identified based on a combination of technical studies and/or staking in the field at the time that a development application is being proposed.

PREPARED BY:

The Limit of Core Areas (specifically Significant Woodlands and Environmentally Significant Areas) is staked on-site by the City's Natural Heritage Planner. The Limit of the Conservation Authority Regulated Area is staked by the Conservation Authority. The applicant's qualified expert (typically an environmental consultant, ecologist, or hydrogeologist) may, through completion of technical studies (e.g. flood hazard limit), participate in staking activities with both the City's Natural Heritage Planner and the Conservation Authority. It is essential that a surveyor also be present to ensure that the boundary limits are accurately identified using GPS coordinates.

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Once staked by the applicant's qualified expert in consultation with the City and Conservation Authority staff, the Limit of Core Areas or Limit of Conservation Authority Area shall be identified on a Survey Plan prepared by a professional surveyor.

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The Survey Plan showing the boundaries of the Core Area and/or Conservation Authority Regulated Area shall be included as an Appendix to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or other appropriate studies and plans. Any changes proposed by the applicant's qualified expert to the boundaries of the Core Area and/or Conservation Authority Regulated Area must be justified in the EIS and approved by City and Conservation Authority staff, and the City's Environmentally Significant Areas Impact Evaluation Group (ESAIEG).

OTHER INFORMATION:

City of Hamilton Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines:

<https://www.hamilton.ca/build-invest-grow/planning-development/planning-policies-guidelines/environmental-impact-statements>

Hamilton Conservation Authority Regulated Area Mapping Tool:

[Regulated Areas Map Tool - Hamilton Conservation Authority \(conservationhamilton.ca\)](https://conservationhamilton.ca/regulated-areas-map-tool)

Conservation Halton Regulated Area Mapping:

[Mapping and Studies - Conservation Halton](https://www.conservationshalton.ca/mapping-and-studies)

NPCA Regulated Area Mapping:

[NPCA APPROXIMATE REGULATION LANDS | NPCA APPROXIMATE REGULATION LANDS | Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Open Data \(arccgis.com\)](https://www.niagaraconservation.ca/npcaregulation)

Grand River Conservation Authority Regulated Area Mapping:

[Map Your Property - Grand River Conservation Authority](https://www.grandriverconservation.ca/map-your-property)

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

Natural Heritage, Planning and Economic Development Department

The Conservation Authority with regulatory authority over the subject lands, namely:

- Hamilton Conservation Authority
- Conservation Halton
- Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
- Grand River Conservation Authority

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