General Vegetation Inventory

PURPOSE:

This document provides guidance for the preparation of a General Vegetation Inventory, which may be required for the submission of an application under the *Planning Act*. All General Vegetation Inventories shall follow the guidelines referenced in this document.

A General Vegetation Inventory provides information describing the area proposed for development and the natural features on and abutting the site.

A General Vegetation Inventory is intended to ensure that the applicant considers existing natural features and, where possible, incorporates them into site design at an early stage to maximize vegetation preservation. It is not intended to be a detailed inventory or tree protection plan, but to provide a general overview of vegetation on site.

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CONTENTS:

The General Vegetation Inventory must refer to the City of Hamilton's Tree Protection Guidelines – City Wide (October 2010) for detailed information on what to include in a complete General Vegetation Inventory.

A General Vegetation Inventory should include the following:

- Inventory and description of vegetation units on site;
- Site topography, soils, drainage;
- Significant natural and physical features; and,
- Explanation of whether the vegetation units require further analysis through a Tree Protection Plan. Areas of high quality vegetation must be identified for further study in a Tree Protection Plan.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Tree Protection Guidelines – City Wide (pages 5-8)

Tree Protection Guidelines | City of Hamilton

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