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What is a Core Area?

Core Areas are special parts of the natural environment – including wetlands, woodlands, streams, and Environmentally Significant Areas – that are protected by the City of Hamilton, the Hamilton Conservation Authority, and the Province of Ontario.

Why do we protect Core Areas?

The natural environment brings us many benefits such as clean air, clean water, flood control, natural beauty, recreational opportunities, and so much more! The City protects our Core Areas because they are highly valuable natural areas that provide many of these benefits.

How does the City protect Core Areas?

The City protects Core Areas by ensuring building projects are located outside Core Areas and do not negatively impact these areas.

This brochure outlines the process to ensure that your project does not negatively impact Core Areas.

What does the City consider when reviewing my building idea?

- Is your property in or near a Core Area?
- How sensitive is the natural area to human disturbances?
- How far away from a natural feature do you plan to build?
- Is the building site an existing manicured and/or developed area?
- What size is your proposed development and what are the potential impacts?

Helpful Resources

Contact Information:

City Hall

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Monday - Friday:

8:30 a.m. to 4:30p.m.

Building Services (3rd Floor):

Phone: 905-546-2720

Email: building@hamilton.ca

Planning Division (5th Floor):

Phone: 905-546-2424 Ext. 1355

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BUILDING IN RURAL HAMILTON WITH THE ENVIRONMENT IN MIND

Are you building on a property in Rural Hamilton?

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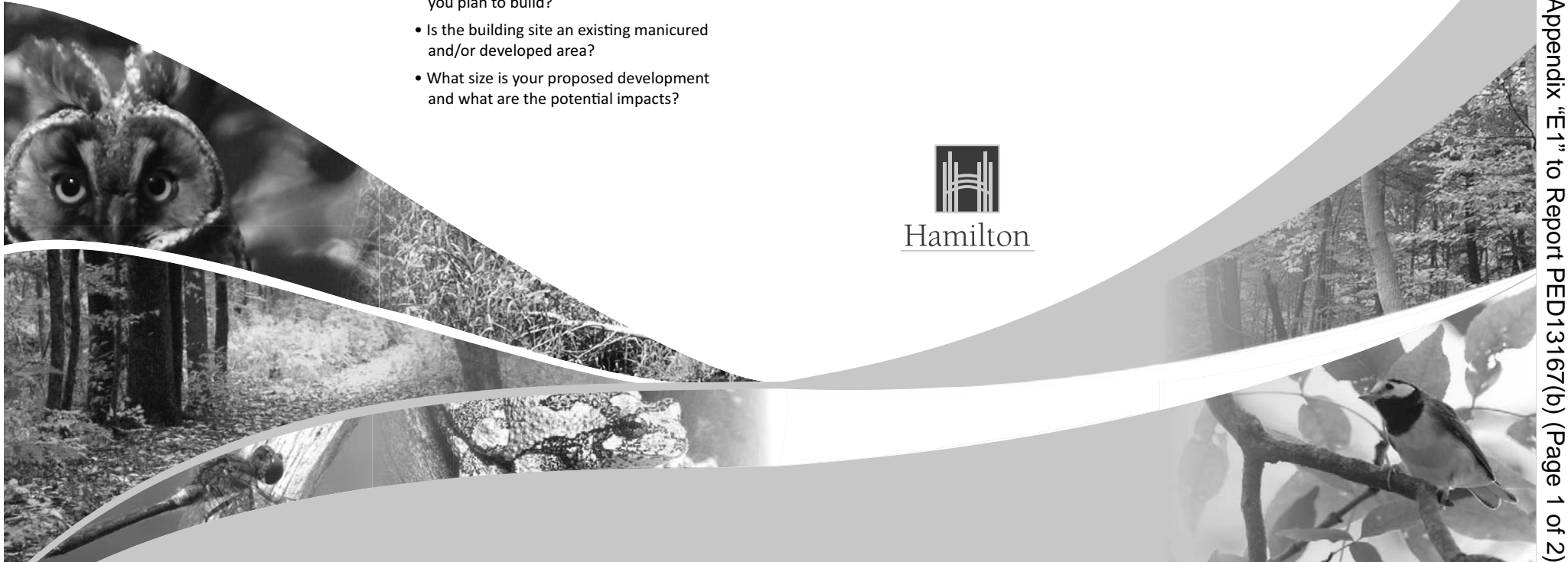
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How do I find out if my property is in or near a Core Area?

Call or visit City Hall and speak with a Natural Heritage Planner to find out if your property is in or near a Core Area.

What is an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)?

The EIS is a study that evaluates the natural features, determines if there are any impacts on the features and what layout / design changes are to be made to protect the features.

What is Site Plan Approval?

Site Plan Approval ensures the requirements of the City for site layout are met. Site Plan addresses issues such as landscaping, stormwater management, and the location of buildings.

What is a Building Permit?

A Building Permit is a document that gives you legal authorization to start construction according to approved drawings and specifications.

