

# Acton Quarry Applications

## Public Information Session #1

Hosted by the Joint Agency Review Team

Niagara Escarpment Commission  
Regional Municipality of Halton  
Town of Halton Hills  
Conservation Halton  
Credit Valley Conservation  
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

*March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008*

# Objectives

- ◆ Explain the application process
  - Joint Agency Review Team (JART)
  - Individual agency responsibilities
- ◆ Identify opportunities for public input
- ◆ Provide information on Dufferin applications
- ◆ Answer any questions about the process and obtain your input

# Purpose of JART

- ◆ For all agencies to work together to **share information** and expertise, provide process clarity for all stakeholders, **engage the public** more effectively, and **improve decision-making** effectiveness and efficiency associated with aggregate applications.
  - Reduce duplication and enable JART members to benefit from the perspectives of partner agencies.
  - Benefit from Peer Reviewers hired by and responsible to JART

# JART – Joint Agency Review Team

Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC)	Regional Municipality of Halton	Town of Halton Hills
Conservation Halton	Credit Valley Conservation	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)

# Role of JART

- ◆ Pre-consultation - to enable the proponent to address agency requirements in their formal application
- ◆ Review submission package
- ◆ Arrange for Peer Reviews
- ◆ Ensure that all the technical/policy issues are satisfactorily addressed
- ◆ Consult with public
- ◆ Prepare a JART report to summarize agency comments and public input

# Pre-consultation

- ◆ Review and comment on the Terms of Reference for Dufferin's consultants
- ◆ Site visits
- ◆ Hired Aggregate Resource Advisor – Steve Rowe
- ◆ Engaged Peer Reviewers
- ◆ Hold Joint Public Information Meeting

# Some dates...

- ◆ June 2006 – First JART meeting (application expected February 2007) Dufferin presented Terms of Reference
- ◆ January 2007 – JART responded to Terms of Reference
- ◆ March 2007 – Aggregate Advisor appointed
- ◆ October 29, 2007 - Dufferin provided JART with first preliminary footprint
- ◆ November 19, 2007 - Dufferin's First PIC (Revised preliminary footprint)
- ◆ December 2007 - Dufferin responded to JART's comments on the Terms of Reference
- ◆ JART is preparing a response to Dufferin's letter of December 2007

# Aggregate Resource Advisor

- ◆ Contribute to the review of the technical materials and provide advice to JART
- ◆ Coordinate receipt of comments from the circulated agencies and the public
- ◆ Coordinate the hiring and the review of the peer reviewers
- ◆ Provide administrative support for JART



# After JART

- ◆ Individual agencies comment on applications based on their own mandates
- ◆ Formal (statutory) notification and public meetings are held
- ◆ NEC, Regional and Local Councils and MNR **independently** make their decision on supporting, supporting with conditions or rejecting an application

# Required Approvals

- ◆ Niagara Escarpment Plan  
Amendment, Development Permit
- ◆ Planning Act Amendments to:
  - Halton Regional Plan
  - Halton Hills Official Plan
  - Halton Hills Zoning By-law
- ◆ Aggregate Resources Act Licence
- ◆ Technical approvals including Permit to Take Water

# Regulatory/Policy Framework

- ◆ Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act: Niagara Escarpment Plan
- ◆ Greenbelt Plan
- ◆ Provincial Policy Statement, Planning Act and Regional and Local Official Plans and Zoning Bylaw
- ◆ Environmental Protection Act and Ontario Water Resources Act: air quality, noise, water standards
- ◆ Aggregate Resources Act MNR Policies and Procedures

# Who will Review the Proposal?

## ◆ Joint Aggregate Review Team (JART)

## JART independent peer review team

- Aggregate Resource Advisor
- Water Resources – Hydrogeology, hydrology & karst
- Natural Heritage
- Cultural Heritage
- Traffic/Transportation
- Air Quality
- Noise & Vibration
- Archeology

# Who Will Review the Proposal?

- ◆ **Government Ministries and Agencies**
  - ◆ **Niagara Escarpment Commission**  
(within the Escarpment)
  - ◆ **Ministry of Natural Resources**  
review of Aggregate application
  - ◆ **Citizen review**
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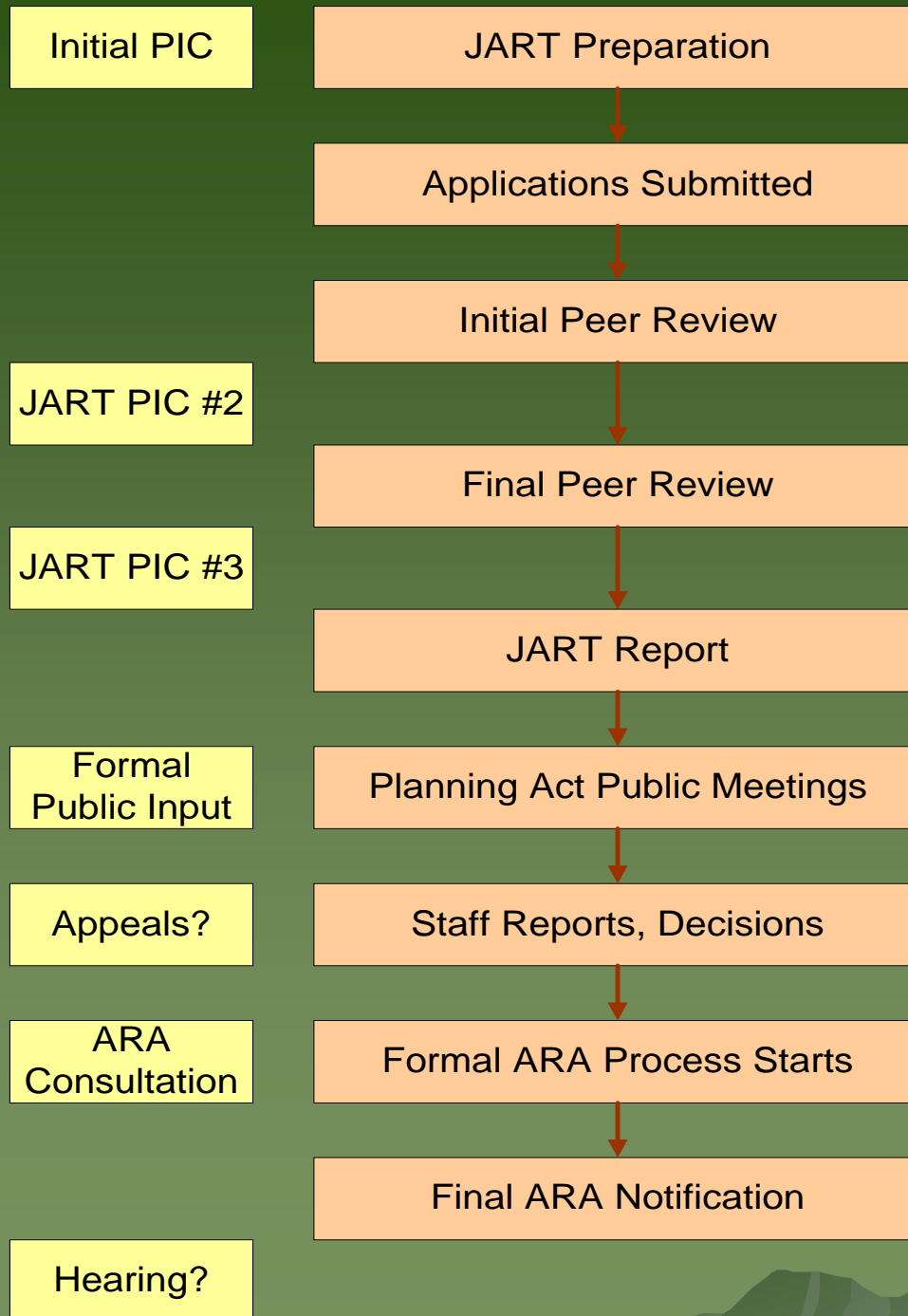
# Who Decides?

- ◆ Aggregate Resources Act Licence: Minister of Natural Resources
- ◆ Niagara Escarpment Plan: NEC
- ◆ Planning Act: Halton Region for OPAs, Halton Hills for rezoning
- ◆ Prospect of some decisions going to a OMB/Consolidated Hearing if applications are appealed or referred
- ◆ Cabinet

# Consultation

- ◆ Both JART and Dufferin have consultation programs
- ◆ JART commits to involve the public and consider input in preparing its report
- ◆ JART Report will include responses to issues raised in submissions
- ◆ Important distinction between input through JART and formal comments and objections

## SUMMARY OF JART PROCESS AND CONSULTATION OPPORTUNITIES





# Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment

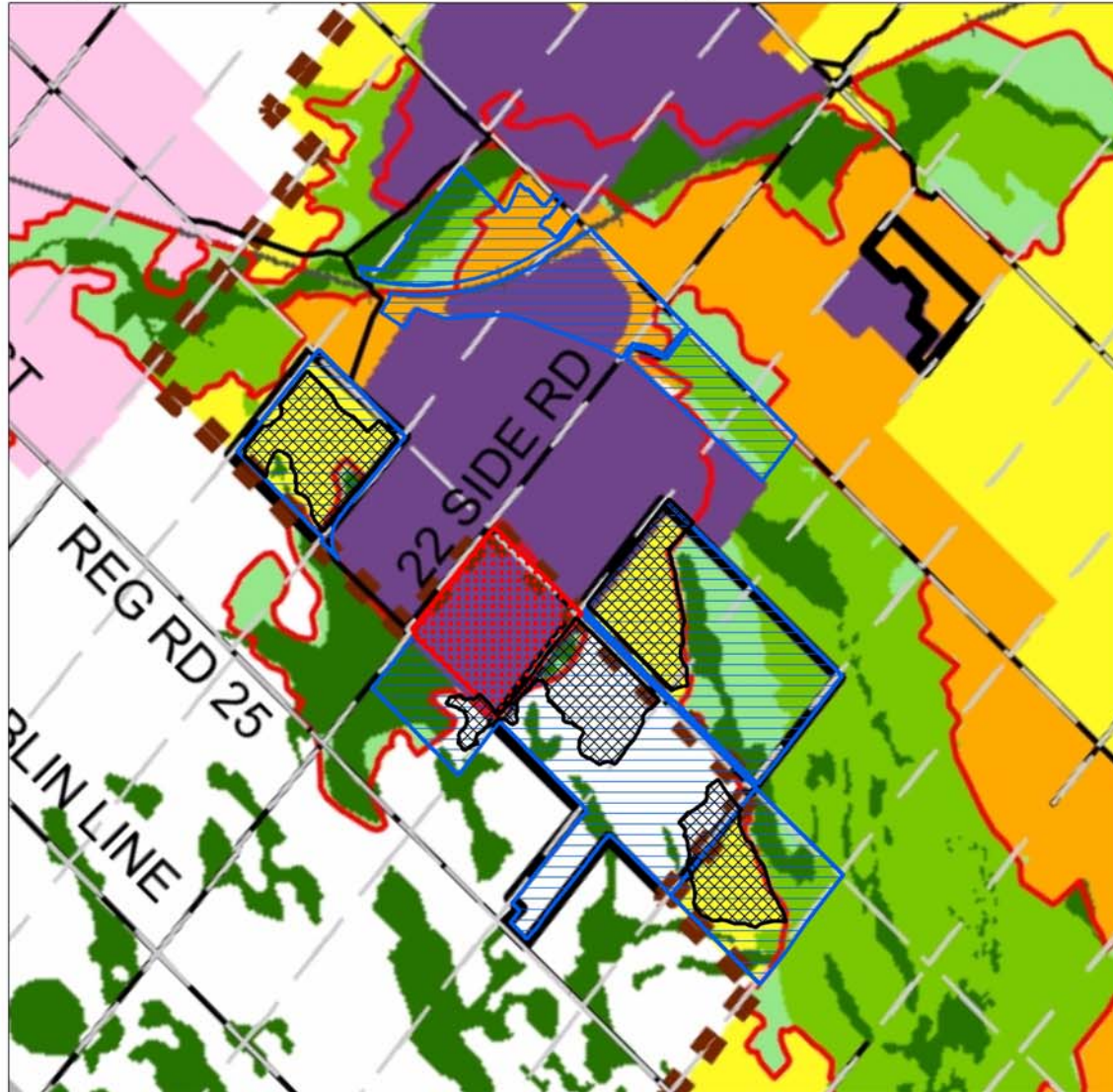
- ◆ From Escarpment Rural Area to Aggregate Extraction

# Halton Regional Plan Amendment

- ◆ From Agricultural Rural Area and Escarpment Rural Area to Mineral Resource Extraction Area
- ◆ From Greenlands Designation to Mineral Resource Extraction Area

# Halton Land Use Designations

## Proposed Acton Quarry Applications Region of Halton Land Use Designations



### LEGEND

Proposed Extraction Limit (Draft)  
Data Provided by MHBC

Existing Licensed Area Outside  
Niagara Escarpment Plan

Additional Lands Owned by Dufferin

### NIAGARA ESCARPMENT PLAN DESIGNATIONS

Escarpment Natural Area

Escarpment Protection Area

Escarpment Rural Area

Mineral Resource Extraction Area

### REGION OF HALTON OFFICIAL PLAN

MA 1- REGIONAL STRUCTURES

NOTE:

CONSOLIDATED: AUGUST 17, 2006.

### THE RURAL SYSTEM

Escarpment Protection Area

Escarpment Rural Area

Agricultural Rural Area

Mineral Resource Extraction Area

### THE URBAN SYSTEM

Urban Area

### THE GREENLANDS SYSTEM

Environmental Sensitive Area

Greenlands A

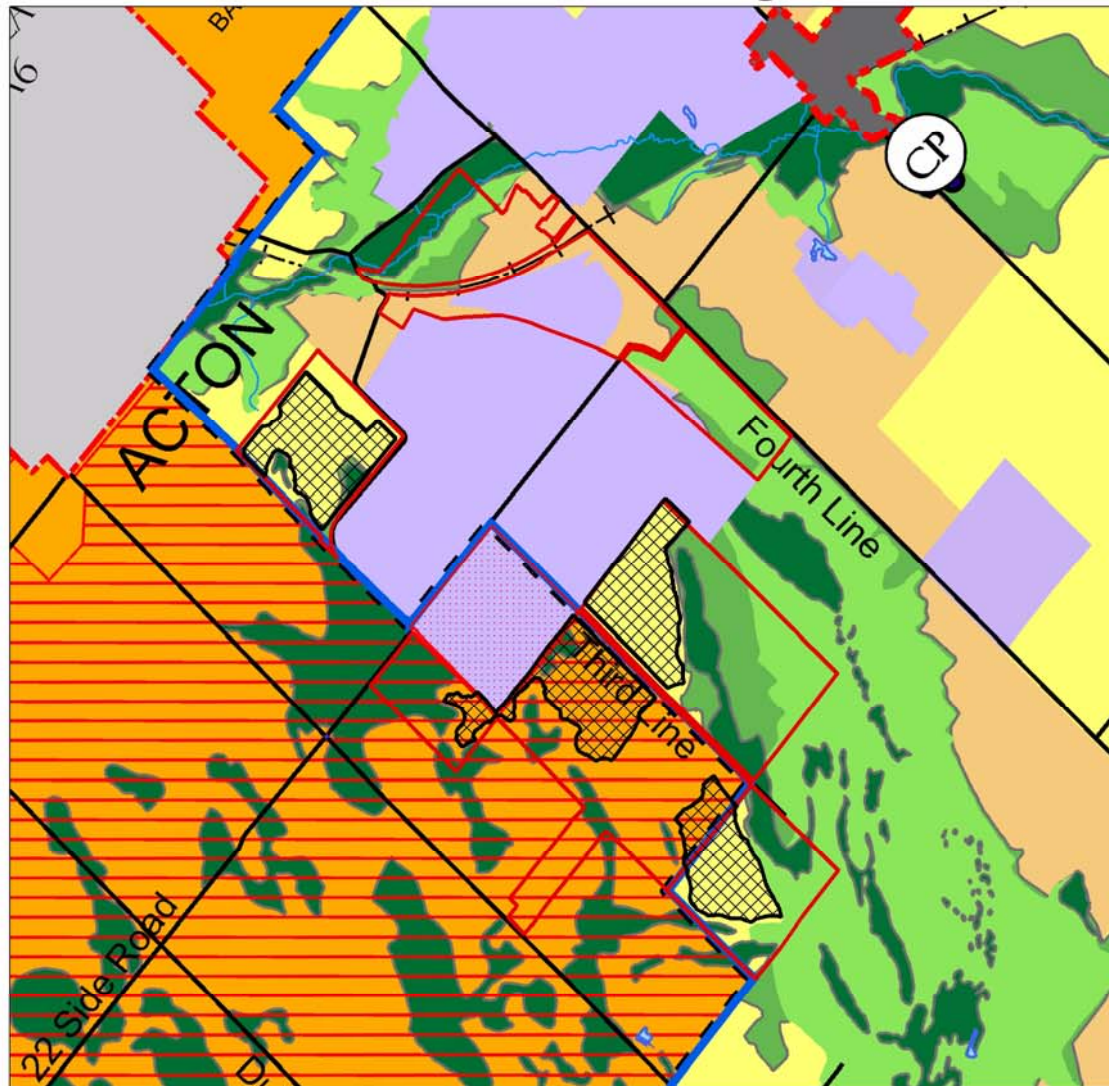
Greenlands B

### OTHER AREAS

Niagara Escarpment Plan Boundary

# Halton Hills Planning Designations Map

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### TOWN OF HALTON HILLS OFFICIAL PLAN

SCHEDULE A2- GREENBELT PLAN

NOTE:

THIS SCHEDULE FORMS PART OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN AND  
MUST BE READ TOGETHER WITH THE TEXT.

### ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACE

Greenlands A

Greenlands B

Major Parks and Open Space

### GREENBELT PLAN AREA

Protected Countryside Area

Natural Heritage System Overlay  
NOTE: Subject to refinement pursuant  
to Section E2.5.1 of this Plan

Greenbelt Greenlands

### BOUNDARIES

Niagara Escarpment Plan Boundary

Urban Area

Rural Cluster Area

# Town of Halton Hills Zoning By-Law Amendment

- ◆ Applications would require a change in zoning from “Rural” to M2-1 Extractive Industrial - Special

# New Quarry Licence

- ◆ Site plan to be prepared under the *Aggregate Resources Act* as part of Licence application
- ◆ Separate public process for aggregate licence
- ◆ Application would be considered by the Minister of Natural Resources

# Future Steps

- ◆ Initiate peer review of applications (April 2008)
- ◆ Present initial peer review findings at first JART PIC
- ◆ Finalize peer review
- ◆ Present final peer review findings at second PIC
- ◆ JART Report (est. August 2009)
- ◆ Statutory Public Meetings, Council decision on Planning Act applications
- ◆ Staff reports to NEC, Councils, and Decisions
- ◆ ARA Process (est. Spring 2010)
- ◆ Prospect of Ontario Municipal Board hearing

# Written Comments Recommended

- ◆ Letter, comment form or email
- ◆ JART will summarize all written comments for consideration by decision-makers



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