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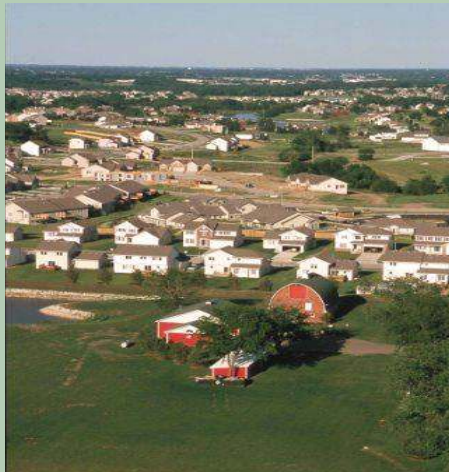
- Replace urban sprawl with urban villages
- Promote sustainable, compact and healthy communities
- Ensure people are involved in the planning process

• **Currently 60 members**

www.smartgrowth.on.ca

Our Challenge

- Accommodate four to six million new people in 25 years
- Build compact, vibrant, healthy communities that do not focus on the car
- Use scarce tax dollars wisely



We need to change this



to this...



What is smart growth?



1. Mixed land uses



- Creates walkable communities
- Safety & vitality of neighbourhood increases

- Increase in economic activity
- Creates commercial base for public transit



2. Communities are compact and walkable

3. A variety of housing choices accommodates life changes



4. Growth occurs within existing built areas



Infill development



Transform brownfields



Resources – Brownfield remediation

www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca

www.oceta.on.ca

www.aboutremediation.com

www.canadianbrownfieldsnetwork.ca

5. Provide transportation choices



• Efficient public transit

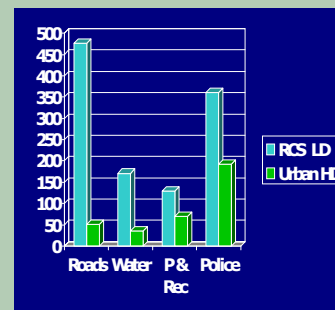


• Accommodate cyclists & pedestrians

6. Preserve green space, natural heritage and farm land



Compact development is fiscally responsible



Rural low density dwelling costs about 150% more per year in municipal service costs than a compact urban dwelling

Provincial smart growth policies

Places to Grow – Growth Plan for GGH
Greenbelt Act
Revised Provincial Policy Statement



Municipal role

- Significant provincial support & assistance is needed
- Provincial role in overseeing & supporting local implementation is unclear
- Mandatory public open houses for major planning matters

OMB

- Likely to play central role in oversight of municipal implementation of Prov. Policies
- Amendments to Planning Act now requires OMB decisions to "be consistent" with provincial policy
- No reforms to OMB appointment process
- No intervenor funding

Transportation

- Transportation policies have not been integrated with land use policies
- Criteria for decisions on capital funding for transit projects is lacking

Farm land

- Protection of agricultural land, except for specialty crops, not much better
- Some restrictions on expanding settlement areas into prime agricultural lands

Ontario is at a crossroad

Mississauga's growth has been "haphazard, unplanned, poorly considered, and a textbook example of how NOT to build a city"



*Hazel McCallion, Mayor of Mississauga
Toronto Star August, 2002*

Mississauga type sprawl
Or
Smart growth?



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