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Background Study & Service Standards

County of Brant Simply Grand

Dawdy Park, Paris, ON


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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the County of Brant is located on the lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, the Six Nations of the Grand River, and the traditional territory of the Attiwanderonk, full of rich Indigenous history and home to many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people today. We recognize the significance of their contributions to the past, present, and future of this land.

As a County, we have a shared responsibility for the stewardship of the land on which we live and work and a commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. We commit to continue learning, reflecting on our past, and working in allyship.

The Parks Master Plan pledges to collaboration with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River. We will continue to seek out and foster partnerships with Indigenous governments and Indigenous community members as we work through the objectives of the Parks Master Plan. Our desire to strengthen relationships, engage in meaningful conversations and willingness to learn will inform the implementation of the Parks Master Plan and future work plans.

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Section 1: Introduction



Elliott Field, St. George, ON

Section 1: Introduction

Purpose

This Background Study and Service Standards document serves as the foundation for the County of Brant's Parks Master Plan ("the Plan"). It provides a comprehensive analysis of the current park system, identifies opportunities for improvement, and establishes service standards to ensure the long-term sustainability and quality of these invaluable community assets.

Key components of the document include:

- **Comprehensive Analysis**: A detailed assessment of the County's existing parks, including their size, amenities, accessibility, usage patterns, and overall condition.
- **Identification of Future Opportunities**: Analysis of emerging trends, community needs, and potential partnerships to identify opportunities for new park development, expansion, and enhancement of existing facilities.
- **Establishment of Service Standards:** Development of clear and measurable standards for park design, maintenance, programming, and operations to ensure consistency and high-quality service delivery.

This document provides the foundation for the County of Brant's Parks Master Plan, a long-term vision for the future of the park system. The Master Plan will outline specific strategies and actions to achieve the goals set forth in this Background Study and Service Standards document, ensuring that the County's parks remain vibrant, accessible, and sustainable for generations to come.

Community Engagement

A robust community engagement process was undertaken to gather input from a diverse range of community partners, including residents, businesses, community groups, and local organizations. Through a series of public workshops, online surveys, and in-person consultations, the County sought to understand the community's priorities, concerns, and aspirations for their parks and open spaces. This collaborative approach ensures that the Plan reflects the unique needs and desires of the community it serves.

Planning Context

The County of Brant's distinctive geographic, demographic, and environmental characteristics have been carefully considered in the development of this Plan. Additionally, the Master Plan aligns with the County's broader planning objectives, such as the Official Plan, to ensure consistency and coherence in land use and development decisions.

Plan Foundation

The Plan Foundation outlines the core principles, vision, and goals that will guide the future development and management of the County's parks system. These principles emphasize sustainability, accessibility, equity, and community well-being. The vision articulates a shared aspiration for a vibrant, resilient, and inclusive network of parks and open spaces that enhances the quality of life for all residents. The goals provide a clear roadmap for achieving this vision, addressing key areas such as park development, maintenance, programming, and environmental stewardship.

Walkability and Growth Areas

The Master Plan prioritizes the creation of a walkable and connected park system that encourages active transportation and promotes healthy lifestyles. By identifying opportunities to improve pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, such as constructing new trails and pathways, the County aims to enhance accessibility and connectivity between parks, residential areas, and commercial centers. Furthermore, the Plan considers the impact of future growth and development on the park system, ensuring that adequate green spaces are provided to meet the needs of a growing population.

Service Standards

The establishment of clear and measurable service standards is crucial for maintaining the quality and consistency of park operations. This section outlines specific standards for various aspects of park management, including:

- **Maintenance:** Regular maintenance of park facilities, such as trails, playgrounds, sports fields, and picnic areas, to ensure their safety and functionality.

- **Programming:** A diverse range of recreational and cultural programs and events that cater to the interests of all age groups and abilities.

- **Accessibility**: Ensuring that parks and facilities are accessible to people of all abilities, including those with disabilities, through the provision of ramps, accessible pathways, and adaptive equipment.

- **Environmental Stewardship:** Protecting and preserving the natural environment through sustainable practices, such as water conservation, waste reduction, and habitat restoration.

By adhering to these service standards, the County of Brant can deliver high-quality park experiences that contribute to the overall well-being of the community.

Definitions

Active Park: Public outdoor space specifically designed and managed for intensive recreational use. Active parks focus on physical activity, social gathering, high intensity activity. Eg. Baseball diamonds, tennis courts.

BUA (Built-Up-Area): A geographic area that is predominantly developed with buildings and infrastructure, such as residential, commercial, or industrial areas.

CBC (Community Benefits Charge): A fee imposed by a municipality on development projects to fund community infrastructure and amenities, such as parks, libraries, and community centers.

CIL (Cash-in-Lieu): A monetary payment made to a municipality in lieu of providing a physical contribution, such as land or infrastructure, as required by development regulations.

CPPS (Community Planning Permit System): A streamlined planning approval process used in Ontario to expedite the approval of certain development applications, particularly for smaller-scale projects.

DC (Development Charge): A fee imposed by a municipality on development projects to fund future infrastructure needs related to the development, such as roads, water, and sewer systems.

DGA (Designated Greenfield Area): A specific area of land designated for future development, often located outside of existing urban areas.

MCR (Municipal Comprehensive Review): A process undertaken by municipalities to review and update their official plans and zoning bylaws to align with provincial policies and local needs.

Natural Areas: Natural areas are land or water units, that retain their native biodiversity, vegetation, and ecological processes with minimal human intervention. They include wetlands, forests, ravines, and grasslands used for passive recreation, nature appreciation, and wildlife habitat protection. Includes lands identified as Natural Heritage Lands and may include areas of natural and scientific interest.

OLT (Ontario Land Tribunal): An independent tribunal that hears appeals of land use planning decisions made by municipalities and conservation authorities in Ontario.

Open Green Space -Publicly accessible land without human built structures with vegetation. Includes land or water areas that are undeveloped and are preserved for recreation, conservation, or aesthetic purposes. Eg. multi-use pathways, trails

and linkages, protected or conserved lands, greenways, community gardens, waterfront areas.

Passive Park – Publicly owned low-intensity outdoor recreational space that prioritizes landscapes and features minimal development. These parks are designed for interaction with nature and quiet enjoyment over structured activities. These parks feature walking trails, benches, picnic areas, and open green spaces.

POPS (Privately Owned Public Space): A publicly accessible open space that is owned and maintained by a private entity, such as a developer or property owner.

PPS (Provincial Planning Statement): A provincial policy document that sets out the provincial government's planning policies for land use and development in Ontario.

TRC (Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada): A commission established to document the history and lasting impacts of residential schools on Indigenous peoples in Canada.

Section 2: Community Engagement



Rest Acres Ridge Park, Paris, ON

Section 2: Community Engagement

Community engagement is essential for a successful park system. By involving residents in the planning, design, and management of their parks, we ensure these spaces genuinely reflect their needs and desires. This involvement fosters a sense of ownership and pride, resulting in healthier, happier, and more connected communities.

Who We Engaged

Engaging with community partners, members of the community and staff is essential to creating a collaborative vision and goals for the County of Brant parks system. In Phase 1, members of the general public, community organizations and internal division staff were invited to participate in this initial visioning stage.

Community organizations representing a variety of park users and interests.

How We Engaged

A variety of methods were used to reach a wide and diverse audience. These methods were primarily online, but alternative methods to give feedback were provided, including a paper survey option and community open houses. The following engagement methods were used during Phase 1:

Public Survey: The online survey at engagebrant.ca/parksandrecreation ran throughout Phase 1 (from May 17 - July 11, 2023) and was the main form of engagement with the general public. Paper copies and phone in options of the survey were also available.

Ideas Lab: An online ideas board was available through Engage Brant for community members to share their thoughts, ideas and opinions on future park planning in Brant.

Drop-in Community Open Houses: Community members were invited to participate in drop-in open houses throughout select communities in Brant. Open Houses were utilized as drop-in style atmosphere and invited the community to meet with staff from multiple departments, ask questions and receive updates on current park plans and projects.

Internal Focus Group: Internal focus groups were held with representatives from various positions such as but not limited to Directors, Managers, Supervisors and Coordinators from the Parks and Recreation division. Groups invited to participate were given focus study areas with prompt questions to guide staff engagement. Topics included: Sport Facilities/Programs, Playground Structures, Trails, Open Space & Natural Areas and Climate Change & Sustainability.

Engagement Overview

Engagement with residents revealed a strong desire for improved park amenities and maintenance within the County of Brant. Residents expressed a need for increased diversity in park facilities, particularly emphasizing the enhancement of trail amenities, including better maintenance and the development of additional passive amenities. Concerns were also raised regarding the overall maintenance of existing parks. In terms of park usage, dog walking, hiking, and cycling were identified as popular activities. Residents highlighted the importance of active amenities and emphasized the need for increased tree canopy cover to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

Highlights – Community Survey



512 Respondents - Online & Hard Copy Submissions that were submitted to the County. Online ideas board with a total of 19 idea submissions were received.



1,200 Residents - Number of "aware" Residents by the County through mail letter, Social Media notifications and Public Meetings & Workshops.



1,500 Views - Total Page Visits on Engagebrant's website where information about the Parks Master Plan was provided.

Demographic Overview

Survey respondents represented various communities within the County of Brant, with the highest participation from:

- **66%** of respondents were from **Paris.**
- **6%** of respondents were from **Burford.**
- **6%** of respondents were from **St. George.**
- With smaller representation from additional communities such as Mount Pleasant, Cainsville, and Oakland.

Age Distribution of Households

The following figures support the need for balanced recreational opportunities that cater to diverse age groups.

Children (0-9 years):
39% of respondent households have children between the ages of 0-9 at home, while 25% have no young children of this age.

Youth (10-19 years):
33% of respondent households have youth between the ages of 10-19 at home, while 23% have no youth at home.

Young Adults (20-34 years):
33% of respondent households have young adults between the ages of 20-34 at home, while 15% have no young adults of this age.

Adults (35-54 years):
58% of respondent households have adults between the ages of 35-54 at home, while 12% have no adults of this age.

Seniors (55+ years):
10% of respondent households have seniors ages 55+ at home, while 21% have no seniors 55+.

Key Themes and Considerations

Park Maintenance and Accessibility Improvements

- **Park Safety:** Requests for increased lighting, garbage cans, and improved maintenance remain strong across all demographics.
- **Play Structure Enhancements:** Households with children and youth emphasized the need for shade considerations and updated and accessible play equipment.
- **Inclusive Play Structures:** Equipment should be added to enhance sensory experiences. More rubberized surfaces for increased accessibility should be prioritized in budgets.

Expansion of Multi-Use Trails and Green Spaces

- **Multi-Use Trails:** There is broad support across all age groups for enhanced trail networks including walking, cycling, and skating trails.
- **Tree Canopy and Green Initiatives:** With broad support, increasing tree planting and green initiatives remain a community priority.

Dog-Friendly Park Enhancements

- **K9 Splash Pad at Simply Grand Dog Park:** Particularly favored by households with pet owners.
- **Dog Waste Stations:** Continued support for increased stations in parks.

Supporting the qualitative feedback received, 67% of respondents rated Active Amenities such as sports fields and play structures as very important, 65% rated Passive Amenities such as natural areas and trails as very important, and finally 59% rated Opportunities to increase the tree canopy in the County through tree planting as very important.

These findings press home the community's strong appreciation for parks, trails, and green spaces, highlighting the importance of preserving and enhancing natural areas. The significant support for active and passive amenities underscores a desire for accessible, well-maintained trails and green spaces that promote environmental sustainability and community well-being.

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Public Engagement Report

Burford Lions Art Cadman Park, Burford, ON

Engagement Report - Engage Brant

May 17 - July 11, 2023

Engagement Highlights

1,500	1,200	661	487
Total Page Visits	Aware Visitors	Informed Visitors	Engaged Visitors

Survey

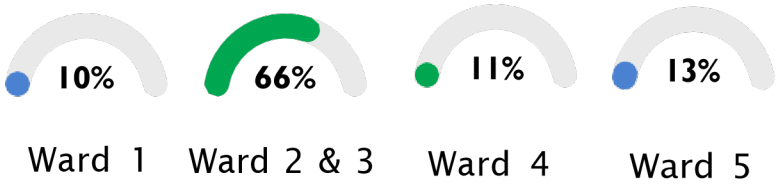
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Contribution

Online/Hard copy submissions

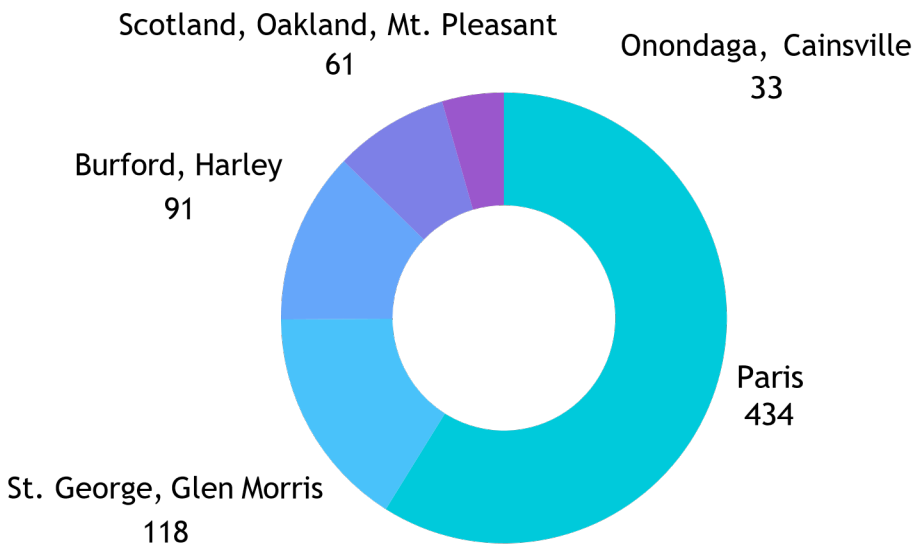
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What Community do you reside in or near?



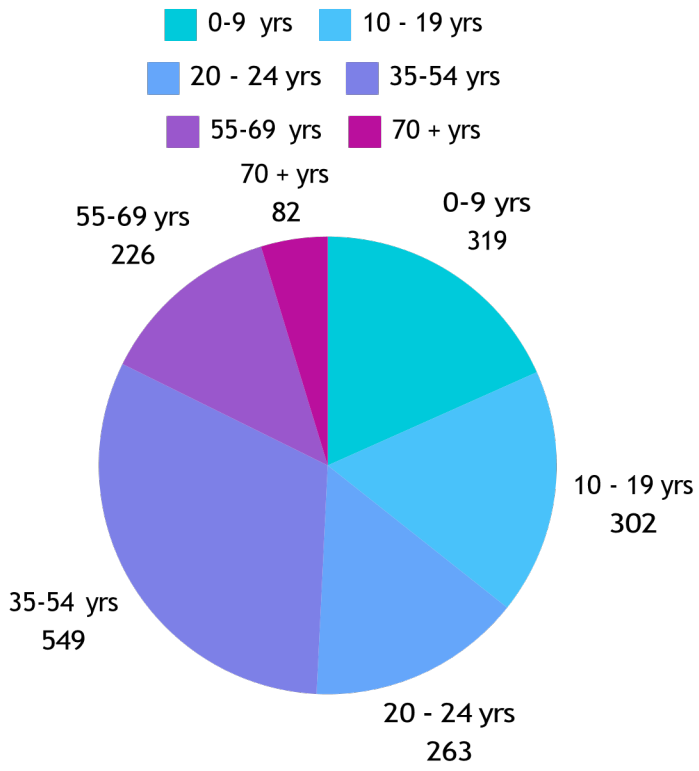
Convenience

What locations are most convenient for you?



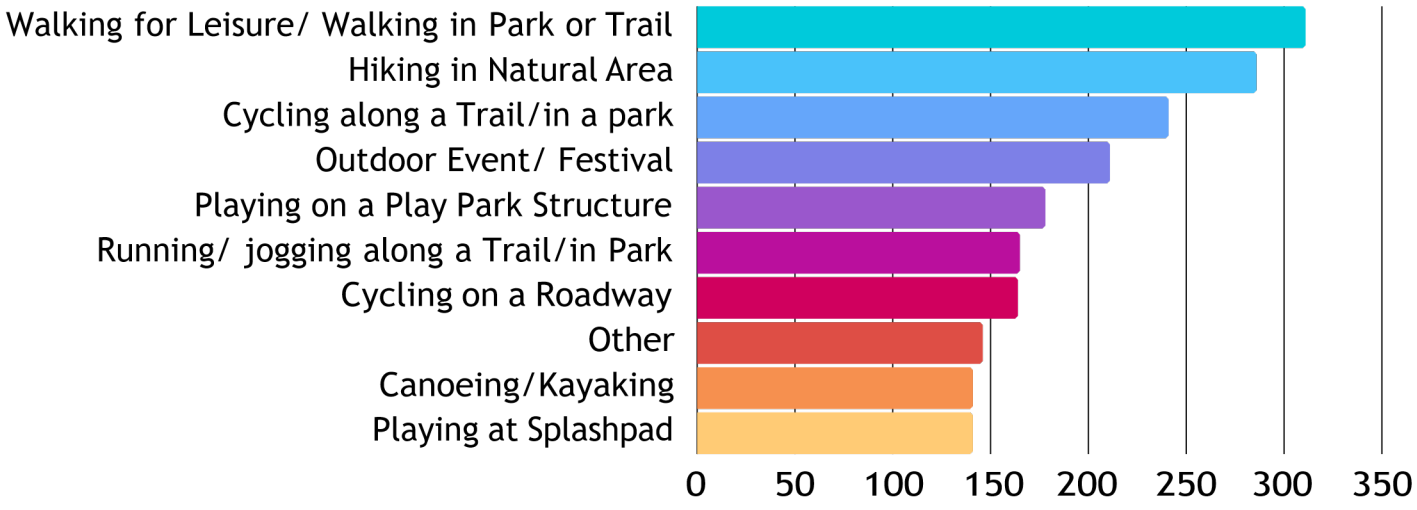
Household

Tell us how many persons in your household fall within the following age groups?



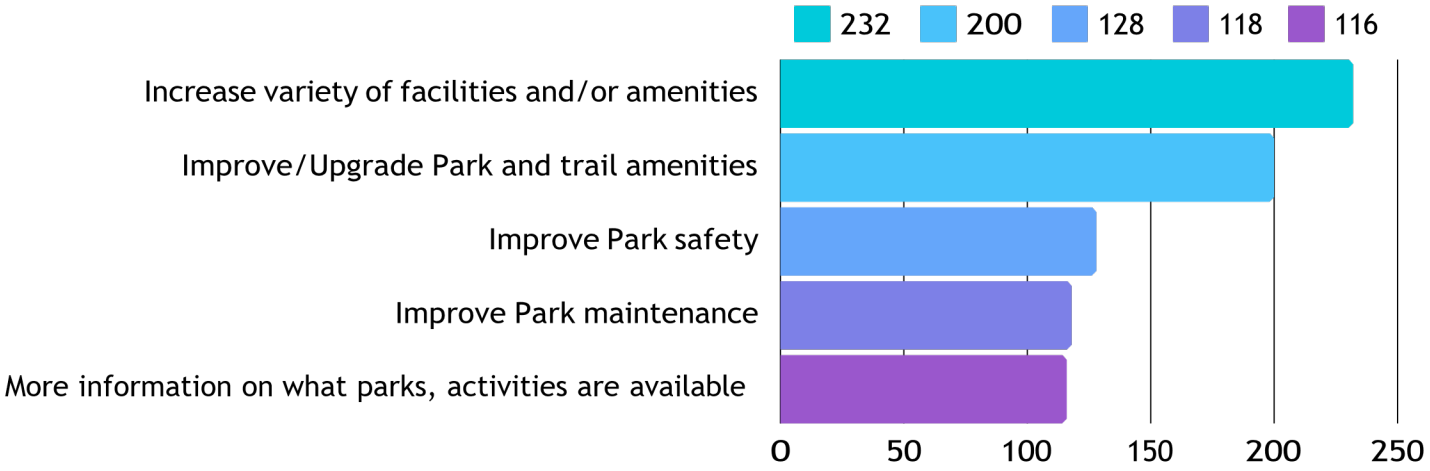
Activity Participation

In the past 12 months, have you or anyone in your household participated in any of the following activities?



Park Improvements

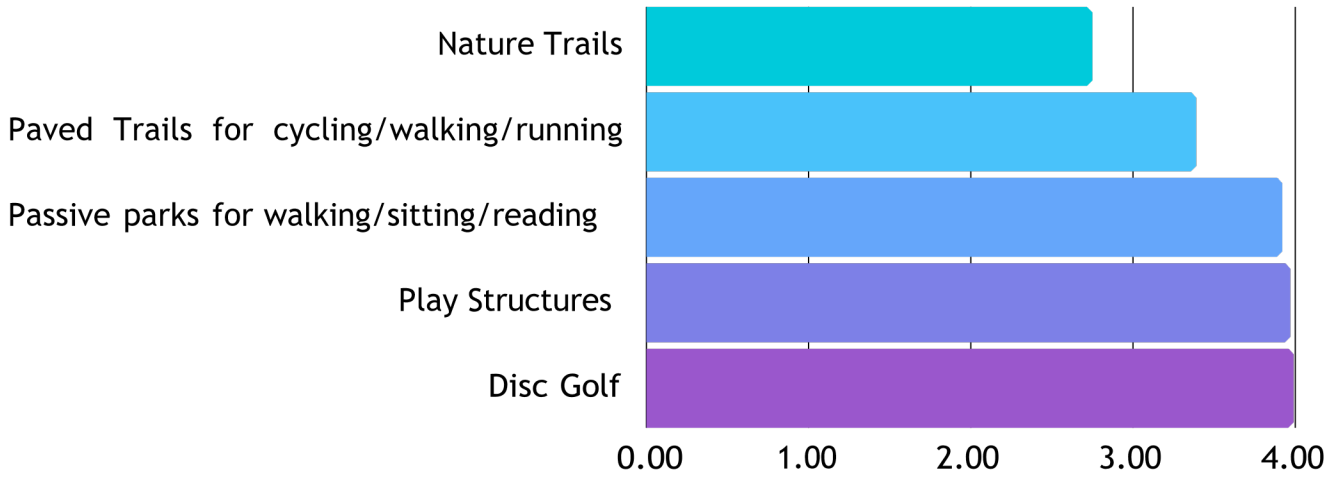
How can we help to improve the parks/trails/sport amenities in the County?



Park Priorities

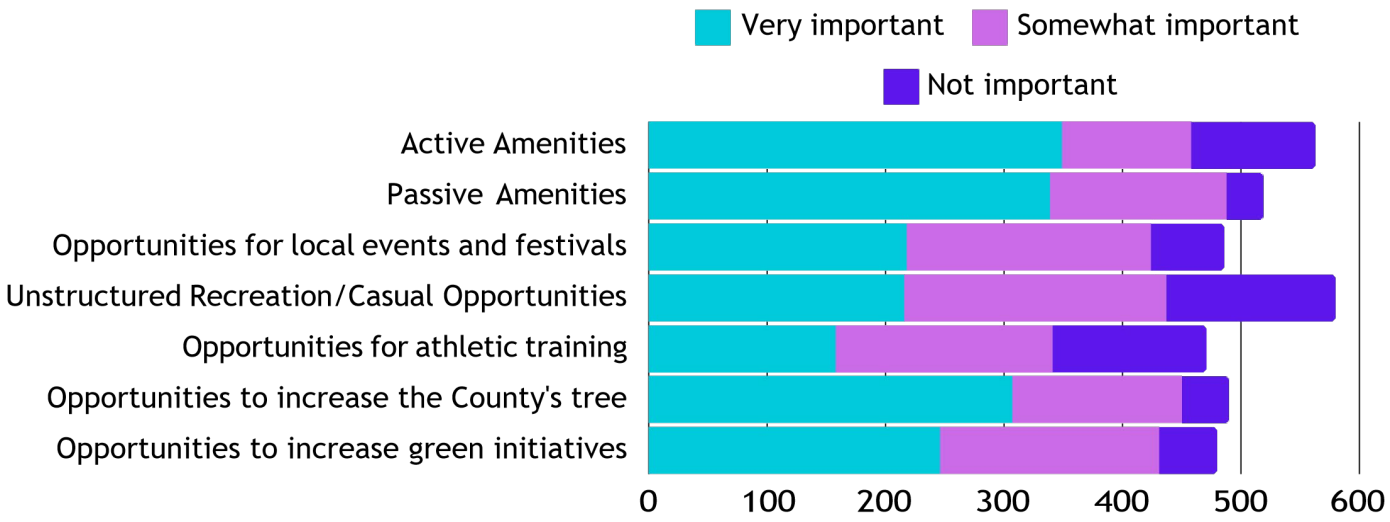
Tell us what park priorities that you will continue to support or want built in Brant?

Please rank your top 5 priorities in order, 1 being your most important.



Park Importance & Ameneties

Tell us how important the following are to you.



Ideas Tool

Share your ideas about long-term park planning!

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Contributions

Online submissions



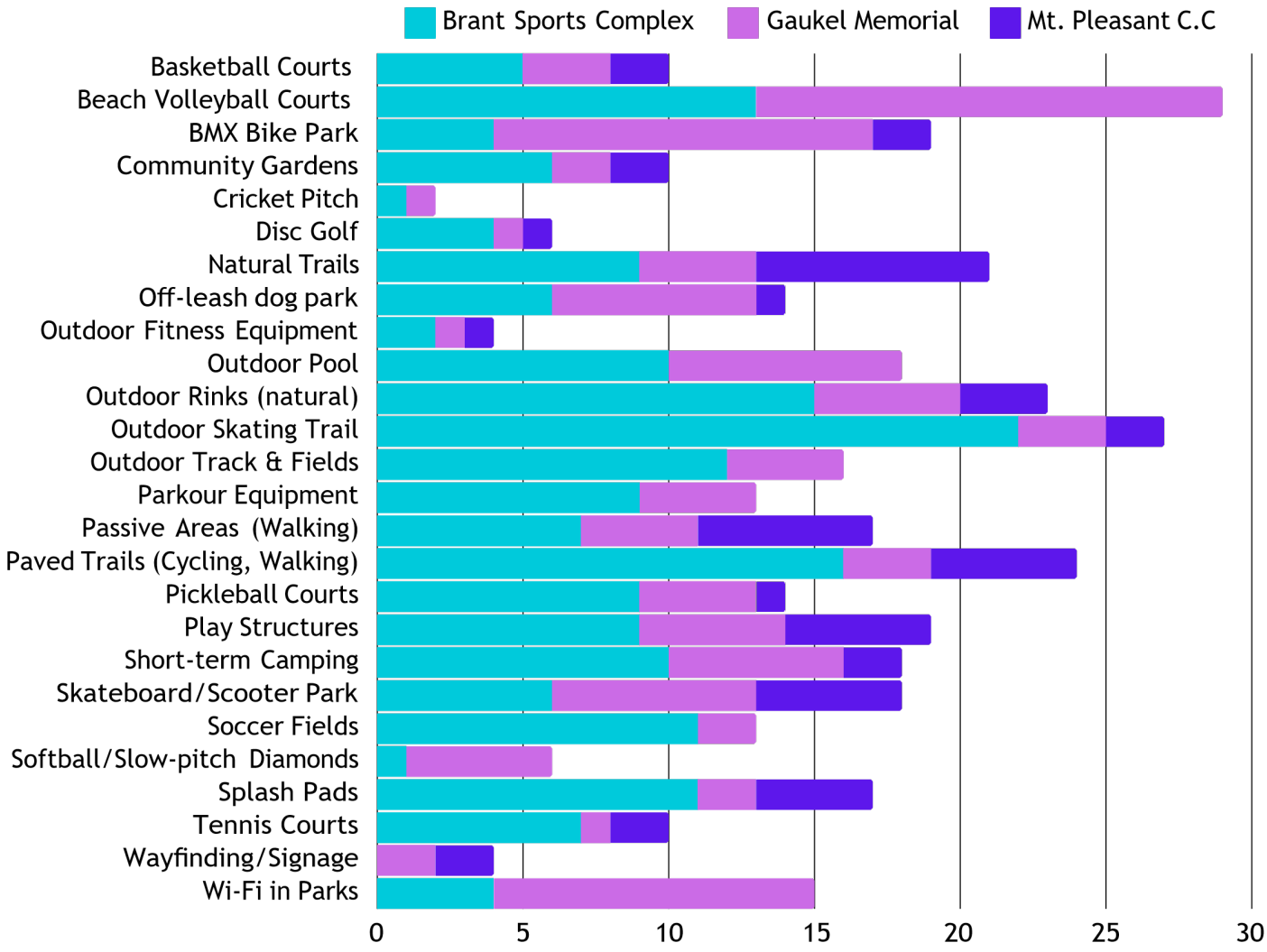
Engagement Report - Open Houses

June 7 - 12, 2023

Engagement Highlights

32	22	11	65
Brant Sports Complex	Gaukel Memorial Community Centre	Mt. Pleasant Community Centre	Total Participants

Tell us what park priorities you will continue to support or want built



What do you like best about County of Brant parks, trails and services?

Strengths

Bean Park/ Natural trees
Native trees
Trees
Variety of outdoor spaces
Climbing equipment
Green Lane Sports Complex facilities
Landscape maintenance
Dog park
Disc golf area
Burtch Road activity park
Mt. Pleasant nature park
Lions Park
River trails
Glen Morris trails
Bike trails
Barkers Bush
Pinehurst Conservation Area
Rail trails TH&B LE&N
Excellent maintenance

What Park improvements would you like to see in the County of Brant?

Weaknesses

Plant more trees (x8)
Install more playgrounds (x2)
Pave gravel bicycle trails
Create waterfront walking trails
Install lighting along trails
Build more soccer fields
Increase maintenance on soccer fields
Build more pickleball courts (x5)
Baseball Park renovations in Mt. Pleasant
Install washrooms at Mt. Pleasant Park
Increase lighting at ball diamonds (x6)
Improve Green Lane beach volleyball courts (x7)
Increase lighting at Green Lane courts
Increase seating at Green Lane courts
Improvements to Mt. Pleasant skate park
Hazard trees in Mt. Pleasant nature park
Mt. Pleasant nature park natural renewal
Drainage issues at Mt. Pleasant nature park



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Internal Engagement Summary

Focus Groups

Internal focus groups were held with representatives from various positions such as, but not limited to, Directors, Managers, Supervisors and Coordinators from the Parks and Recreation division. Groups invited to participate were given focus study areas with prompt questions to guide staff engagement. Topics included Sport Facilities/Programs, Playground Structures, Trails, Open Space & Natural Areas and Climate Change & Sustainability.

Sports Facilities & Programs

Topics of discussion: Soccer Fields, Ball Diamonds, lawn bowling, cricket, tennis, pickleball, disc golf, beach volleyball, including Maintenance, Signage, Gazebos/Washrooms/Shade Structures/Benches.

Strengths

Customer experience & response time
Quality of fields + maintenance
Variety of programs & services
Multi-use facilities
Internal/External collaboration
Various facility locations
Staff communication

Weaknesses

New development area needs
Asset management (physical resources)
Additional equipment needed
No year round bathrooms
Lack of soccer fields for demand
Service overlaps
New diverse services (cricket pitch)
Need Community Partnership Policy
Diamond submissions too late
Staffing training demands

Opportunities

Growth + interest in outdoor activities

Connection to existing plans + strategies
Destination Park - domed turf
Outdoor summer camp locations
Facility to host major events
More amenities to existing parks
Shade structures
Multi-purpose parks, courts, tracks
Senior amenities
Responsive to new trends with sports, leagues

Challenges

Funding
Staffing
Volunteer Management

Maintenance Standards

Positive feedback on service levels
High standard of care
Staff refresher training - mandatory vs optional



Thoughts & Ideas

Centralize sport locations & facilities
Design for diverse needs
Area connections
Need for additional outdoor volleyball courts
Natural spaces in new parks

Park Facilities

Topics included: Parks, Playground/Play Structures, Spray Pads, Outdoor Fitness Equipment, Skate Park, Toboggan Hills, Outdoor Pool, Natural Ice Rinks, Basketball/Multi-Sport Courts, including Maintenance, Signage, Furniture – Gazebo's, Washrooms, Shade Structures, Benches.

Strengths

Good variety
Most playgrounds updated
Playgrounds great for diverse age groups
Very few updates to complete
Accessible playgrounds
Green Lane Park
Disc Golf course
Splash pad usage
Toboggan locations
Outdoor fitness equipment
Pickleball courts

Weaknesses

More benches needed
Staffing shortages
Large area to cover for staff
More washrooms needed
More shade structures needed
Limited multi-use courts
Lack of cycling options - pump track
More agreements with groups

Opportunities

Covered multi-purpose pads
Additional splash + play areas
More pickleball courts
Cultural additions
Youth targeted amenities
Combo splash & play + outdoor rink
Additional toboggan areas
Pocket parks/town squares
Bike/scooter rentals + partners
Paved walking loops
Multi-use structures/ outdoor center

Challenges

Funding

Maintenance Standards

Large service area
Winter maintenance/ annual dog park

Trails, Open Space & Natural Areas

Topics included: Forestry, Horticulture (Flowers/Gardens), including Maintenance, Benches, Signage/Wayfinding/Info Kiosk/Trail Markers

Strengths

Access to natural areas, including water
Acquisition of new natural areas
Regular maintenance
Consistent signage
Variety of trails
External partnerships, agencies, volunteers
Customer service standards - responsive

Weaknesses

Unused, empty spaces for trees, wildflowers
High maintenance areas
Limited multi-use trail functions
Limited trail linkages
Accessible wayfinding and usability
Limited open green space usage
Road trail communication
Understaffed
Limited new development trails/connections

Opportunities

Increased staff compliment (year-round)
Accessibility support
Increase in river access points
Motorized trail usage
Wayfinding
App development (trail maps, usage, etc.)
E-bike rentals
Collaboration Infrastructure Services + Parks
Explore volunteer partnerships
Increase in pollinator gardens

Challenges

Linkages and connectivity between trails
Staff resources
Managing resident expectations (urban vs rural)

Maintenance Standards

Longer to prepare for job than completion
Too many new parks to keep up standard
Public expectations not being met
Trail access points + Emergency Services not met
Lack of consistency



Thoughts & Ideas

Indigenous Education & Inclusion
Increase in full time staff with less training time commitments
Tree canopy coverage should be 30-50 %
Proactive land acquisition
Natural heritage area communications
Utilize green space more effectively
Increase community engagement
Park & trail connectivity is key

Climate Change & Sustainability

Topics include Pollinator Gardens, Street/Park Trees/Canopy, Forestry, Restoration Projects to remove invasive species, Dog Waste

Strengths

Clean + well maintained
Trail use encouragement
Tree planting in new developments
Planned charging stations
Bike racks
Eco-friendly facilities
Energy efficiency
Lighting improvements
Staff friendly environment
Rain barrel program
Community Gardens
Tree planting initiatives
Internal collaborations
Access to natural areas

Weaknesses

Less than optimal land-use
Need more lighting
Off peak usage
Accessibility/walkability for programming
Limited user groups wanting to travel
Lack of internal coordination
Limited natural cover (maintenance reduction)
Travel for waste disposal - limited hours
Increase needed in hazardous waste pick-up
Lack of records
“Climate” as a whole
Preventative tree maintenance
Invasive species
Composting
Pollution

Opportunities

Centralized grass cutting
Signage/education on sustainability
Accessible location for wood chips
Communication Campaign - Newcomers
Partnership opportunities - GRCA
Tree giveaway
Conversions to Pollinator Parks
Flood resiliency
Internal communications
Increase recycling program
River access between Paris + Glen Morris

Challenges

Funding/ Budget
Approval process
Volunteers
Staffing + expertise
Community Partnerships

Maintenance Standards

Signage + access
Financial sustainability
Growing communities will limit service levels
Changing perspective on practices

Section 3: Planning Context



King William Park, St. George, ON

Section 3: Planning Context

Purpose

The County of Brant's distinctive geographic, demographic, and environmental characteristics have been carefully considered in the development of this Plan. A thorough analysis of existing park infrastructure, including its strengths, weaknesses, and capacity, was conducted. Additionally, the Plan aligns with the County's broader planning objectives, such as the Official Plan, to ensure consistency and coherence in land use and development decisions.

A comprehensive review of current planning legislation and policy was conducted in the development of the Parks Master Plan. The following section outlines a summary of background information relevant to parkland development.

Planning Act, RSO 1990, c. 13 (as amended)

The Planning Act, RSO 1990, c. 13 ("Planning Act") is provincial legislation that sets out the ground rules for land use planning in Ontario. The Planning Act includes a wide range of legislative provisions that include various elements of the development approvals framework.

The Planning Act gives the authority to municipalities to require land for parks and recreational purposes at the time of development. This requires any land development application to transfer a predetermined amount of parkland to the County at no cost. The amount of parkland that can be requested is limited by the Planning Act and varies depending upon the proposed uses.

As an alternative to requiring a dedication of specific land, the County is permitted to require the payment of the cash value of the land, referred to as cash-in-lieu of parkland (CIL or CILP). Requiring CIL may be more efficient than the dedication of parkland in some cases, such as where land dedication on the site is impractical or where the County can make better use of the money to acquire parkland elsewhere or improve the capacity of existing parks and recreation facilities in the community. The CIL requirement is referred to in the Planning Act and elsewhere in this Master Plan as the "alternative requirement".

The Planning Act places limitations on the amount of parkland dedication that the municipality can require based on the proposed land use outlined in Sections 42 and 51.1, as follows:

- A maximum of two per cent (2%) of the land area to be developed or redeveloped for commercial or industrial purposes; and

- A maximum of five per cent (5%) of the land area for any other development or redevelopment including residential uses. However, in the case of the development or redevelopment of land for residential purposes, a municipality may choose to utilize an 'alternative rate' that provides up to one hectare of parkland for every 300 dwelling units proposed in the development or, a specified lesser rate if the municipality chooses.
- To use this 'alternative rate', the County must have a by-law, which provides for it. It must also have specific policies dealing with the provision of lands for parks or other public recreational purposes and the use of the alternative requirement in its Official Plan, which policies must be based on a parks master plan that examines the needs for parkland in the municipality.

When the municipality requires the payment of cash instead of land dedication, the cash value cannot exceed the value of the land that would otherwise be required to be conveyed to the municipality. One exception is in the case of land that would be dedicated based on the alternative rate. Where cash is taken in lieu of such land, the maximum amount is calculated based on the rate of one hectare per 600 dwelling units.

Where cash is taken instead of land, the money can be spent only for the acquisition of land to be used for park or other public recreational purposes, including the erection, improvement, or repair of buildings and the acquisition of machinery for park or other public recreational purposes.

New Community Benefits Charges regime introduced through the Planning Act

The COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act Amends Section 37 of the Planning Act to authorize municipalities to impose Community Benefits Charges (CBC) against land to pay for the capital costs of facilities, services and matters required because of development or redevelopment in the area to which the by-law applies. The charges may be imposed on development that requires certain specified development applications and is limited to higher-density residential or mixed-use development.

Municipalities may levy a charge equivalent to up to four per cent (4%) of the land value on a development or redevelopment involving a building of five (5) or more storeys above ground and adding ten (10) or more residential units. Community benefits charges may be used to fund a range of services, including those eligible for development charge funding, and including both parkland acquisition and development projects.

Diminished support for parkland

Bill 23 diminishes park budgets and reduces the amount of parkland dedication required from each developer to support new growth due to a variety of changes to the ways parkland dedication is calculated and in what amounts and ways it can be provided to municipalities. Bill 23 introduced policies regarding a municipality's ability to require parkland conveyance and CIL as follows:

- The by-law that provides for the alternative requirement shall not require a conveyance or CIL of parkland greater than ten per cent (10%) of the land where the land proposed for development is five (5) hectares or less; and fifteen per cent (15%) of the land where the land proposed for development is greater than five (5) hectares. This limitation was previously limited to transit-oriented communities but expanded to all development under the recent amendments.
- Exempting affordable housing, attainable housing, non-profit housing and additional residential dwelling units from parkland conveyance and CIL.
- The determination of parkland dedication for a building permit issued within two years of a Site Plan and/or Zoning By-law Amendment approval would be subject to the requirements in the by-law as at the date of planning application submission.
- Landowners will be allowed to identify lands to meet parkland conveyance requirements, within regulatory criteria. These lands may include encumbered lands and privately owned public spaces (POPS).

Municipalities may enter into agreements with the owners of the land regarding POPS to enforce conditions, and these agreements may be registered on title. The suitability of land for parks and recreational purposes will be appealable to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT).

Development Charges Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, c.27

The Development Charges Act, 1997 permits municipalities to enact development charge by-laws. Subsection 2(1) of the Development Charges Act allows the County to establish the by-law and impose development charges against land to pay for increased capital costs required because of increased needs for servicing arising from development of the area to which the by-law applies.

Development charges can be imposed on certain services designated in subsection 2(4) of the Development Charges Act. As a result of the amendments in the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act and related amendments, which came into effect September 18, 2020, the list of permitted services includes "Parks and recreation services, but not the acquisition of lands for parks".

Regulation O. Reg. 82/98, issued under the Development Charges Act, states that "land for parks" includes "(a) land for woodlots and land that is acquired because it is environmentally sensitive;" and "(b) does not include land for an enclosed structure used throughout the year for public recreation and land that is necessary for the structure to be used for that purpose, including parking and access to the structure."

A municipality is now able to fully recover the growth-related capital costs related to the provision of various services, which were often referred to, informally, as "soft" services. Prior to the amendments which came into force with the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, the growth-related portion of capital costs of parks and recreation services were recoverable through development charges but would have been subject to a 10 per cent (10%) statutory reduction as they were one of the several "soft" services which were prescribed.

Provincial Planning Statement (2024)

The Provincial Planning Statement ("PPS") is a wide-reaching document that seeks to address planning issues within Ontario. Accordingly, the Parks Master Plan is a supporting document to both the County's current and proposed Official Plans, which must be consistent with the PPS and other applicable policy statements.

The PPS provides municipalities direction with respect to public spaces, recreation, trails and open space that support healthy and active communities. The PPS also provides direction on the protection of natural areas and the natural heritage system.

The PPS for Ontario describes its commitment to enhancing its prosperity by prioritizing housing, economic growth, and sustainable development. The provincial government has established a plan to construct 1.5 million homes by the year 2031 to address challenges related to housing affordability and supply scarcity. Furthermore, Ontario will emphasize the importance of compact and transit-oriented design, safeguarding natural resources, and actively engaging Indigenous communities in the land use planning. This initiative aims to cultivate a vibrant, equitable, and sustainable environment for all residents of Ontario.

To be consistent with the PPS, the County shall ensure that parks are or will be available to meet the current and projected needs through to 2051 and that sufficient land is made available through direction provided by the Official Plan.

Chapter 2: Building Homes, Sustaining Strong and Competitive Communities

Chapter 2 of the document, *Building Homes, Sustaining Strong and Competitive Communities*, outlines policies to guide planning authorities in fostering communities that are inclusive, sustainable, and responsive to diverse needs.

Complete Communities: Planning authorities are encouraged to support the development of "complete communities" by accommodating a variety of land uses. This includes housing, multimodal transportation, employment, and public service facilities (like schools, long-term care, parks, and recreational spaces) to meet long-term community needs.

The following is a breakdown of key sections:

2.1 Planning for People and Homes

2.1.6. Planning authorities should support the achievement of complete communities by:

a) accommodating an appropriate range and mix of land uses, housing options, transportation options with multimodal access, employment, public service facilities and other institutional uses (including schools and associated childcare facilities, long-term care facilities, places of worship and cemeteries), recreation, parks and open space, and other uses to meet long-term needs.

2.3 Settlement Areas and Settlement Area Boundary Expansions

2.3.1 General Policies for Settlement Areas:

2.3.1.1 Settlement areas shall be the focus of growth and development. Within settlement areas, growth should be focused in, where applicable, strategic growth areas, including major transit station areas.

2.3.1.2 Land use patterns within settlement areas should be based on densities and a mix of land uses which:

a) efficiently use land and resources;

b) optimize existing and planned infrastructure and public service facilities;

c) support active transportation;

d) are transit-supportive, as appropriate; and

e) are freight supportive.

2.3.2 New Settlement Areas and Settlement Area Boundary Expansions

2.3.2.1 In identifying a new settlement area or allowing a settlement area boundary expansion, planning authorities shall consider the following:

a) the need to designate and plan for additional land to accommodate an appropriate range and mix of land uses.

2.5 Rural Areas in Municipalities

2.5.1 Healthy, integrated and viable rural areas should be supported by:

a) building upon rural character, and leveraging rural amenities and assets;

b) promoting regeneration, including the redevelopment of brownfield sites;

c) accommodating an appropriate range and mix of housing in rural settlement areas;

d) using rural infrastructure and public service facilities efficiently;

e) promoting diversification of the economic base and employment opportunities

f) through goods and services, including value-added products and the sustainable

g) management or use of resources;

h) providing opportunities for sustainable and diversified tourism, including leveraging historical, cultural, and natural assets;

i) conserving biodiversity and considering the ecological benefits provided by nature; and

j) providing opportunities for economic activities in prime agricultural areas, in accordance with policy 4.3.

2.5.2 In rural areas, rural settlement areas shall be the focus of growth and development, and their vitality and regeneration shall be promoted.

Chapter 3: Infrastructure and Facilities

3.1 General Policies for Infrastructure and Public Service Facilities

3.1.4 Public service facilities should be planned and co-located with one another, along with parks and open space where appropriate, to promote cost-effectiveness and facilitate service integration, access to transit and active transportation.

3.9 Public Spaces, Recreation, Parks, Trails and Open Space

3.9.1. Healthy, active, and inclusive communities should be promoted by:

a) planning public streets, spaces and facilities to be safe, meet the needs of persons of all ages and abilities, including pedestrians, foster social interaction and facilitate *active transportation* and community connectivity;

b) planning and providing for the needs of persons of all ages and abilities in the distribution of a full range of publicly accessible built and natural settings for recreation, including facilities, parklands, public spaces, open space areas, trails and linkages, and, where practical, water-based resources;

c) providing opportunities for public access to shorelines; and

d) recognizing provincial parks, conservation reserves, and other protected areas, and minimizing negative impacts on these areas.

Chapter 4: Wise Use and Management of Resources

4.1 Natural Heritage

4.1.1. Natural features and areas shall be protected for the long term.

4.1.2. The diversity and connectivity of natural features in an area, and the long-term ecological function and biodiversity of natural heritage systems, should be maintained, restored or, where possible, improved, recognizing linkages between and among natural heritage features and areas, surface water features and ground water features.



Section 4: Plan Foundation

Summit Park, Paris, ON

Section 4: Plan Foundation

Purpose

The Plan Foundation outlines the core principles, vision, and goals that will guide the future development and management of the County's parks system. These principles emphasize sustainability, accessibility, equity, and community well-being. The vision articulates a shared aspiration for a vibrant, resilient, and inclusive network of parks and open spaces that enhances the quality of life for all residents. The goals provide a clear roadmap for achieving this vision, addressing key areas such as park development, maintenance, programming, and environmental stewardship.

Multi-Year Accessibility Plan & Accessibility Design Standards, 2024 - 2029

The Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and Accessibility Design Standards has been developed concurrently with the Parks Master Plan. These plans align on the same objectives for accessibility and inclusivity in the design of public spaces, which are key themes of this Parks Master Plan.

The Multi-Year Accessibility Plan & Accessibility Design Standards (2024-2029) includes the following recommendations, which outline specific actions that should be taken to:

Recommendations

1. Integration of the County's updated Accessible Design Standards into the County's Development and Engineering Standards s and Park's Master Plan.
2. Finalize full review of all washrooms in the County and evaluate and prioritize needs for upgrades.
3. Evaluate and determine priority areas for updating and installing accessible paths and trails, with consideration for adding an accessible trail network.
4. Continue to prioritize and retrofit existing facilities to upgrade accessibility to meet or exceed legislated requirements.
5. Install of a new fully accessible playground in St. George.
6. The development of Arlington Meadows Park will include a universal washroom and barrier-free splash pad.
7. Development of Gurney Sports Park with consideration in the design process given to barrier-free access to sports field and trail.
8. Continue to include more elements for inclusive play when installing new or redeveloping playgrounds.

9. Accessible elements in public spaces will be maintained through continuous monitoring and regularly planned preventative maintenance.
10. Review of all County-owned parking lots and assess condition of accessible parking spaces. Signage and painted lines will be updated where applicable to ensure legislative compliance.
11. Support the deployment of the County's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategy.
12. Determine the most appropriate outlet to share information about the County's Fun Adaptive Inclusive Recreation Program, to ensure the inclusion and equitable participation of individuals with disabilities in recreation programs.
13. Evaluate daytime recreation programs to identify opportunities for adaptations that ensure inclusivity and accessibility for individuals of all abilities and diverse life situations.

Climate Change Action Plan, 2024

The County's first Climate Action Plan (CAP) provides a roadmap to advance climate mitigation, adaptation, and environmental sustainability throughout the corporation and community. The CAP lists 50 recommendations spread across seven main themes: buildings and infrastructure; transportation; nature; waste; economic development and tourism; safety and emergency preparedness; and data, education, and outreach. Advancing these actions will build capacity and ensure climate change is prioritized across the corporation.

Action items focus on advancing three main goals:

1. Decreasing corporate and community emissions through reducing energy use, improving efficiency, and switching to cleaner sources of energy when suitable.
2. Fostering resiliency to adapt and cope with the impacts of climate change.
3. Promoting overall environmental sustainability.

In addition to these overarching goals, the County aims to achieve the following measurable targets that relate to parks:

- Reduce emissions from County-owned and operated facilities by 40% by 2035 from the baseline year of 2013.
- Reduce emissions from County-owned and operated facilities by 60% by 2040 from the baseline year of 2013.
- Replace a minimum of 10 gas- or diesel-powered vehicles with hybrid/EV alternatives by 2035.
- Add 5 new EV charging stations in high priority areas throughout the County by 2030.

- Plant 55,000 trees throughout the County (public and private land) by 2035.
- Plant 110,000 trees throughout the County (public and private land) by 2045.
- Increase tree canopy on all County land to a minimum of 30% by 2050.
- Add more naturalized areas on County property by reducing mowing requirements by 5% by 2035.

The CAP reinforces and aligns with other important strategies and plans at the County, including the Strategic Plan, Official Plan, Transportation Master Plan, the Economic Development and Tourism Strategy and the Trails Master Plan. When developing the CAP, staff collaborated to ensure alignment with the Parks Master Plan.



Burford Lions Art Cadman Park, Burford, ON – Burford Tree Planting

Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, 2021

The Community Safety and Well-Being Plan aims to create safe and inclusive communities that meet residents' needs for education, healthcare, food, housing, income, and social and cultural expression. It prioritizes addressing mental health and addictions, youth services, and transportation and pedestrian safety among others. These key themes are directly impacted by the level of accessibility of parks in the community and direct the Parks Master Plan to create healthy, inclusive, and mindful spaces.

Age-Friendly Community Plan, 2021

In recognition of the community's aging population, the County of Brant has developed an Age-Friendly Community Plan for those who are 55 and older. This Plan addresses recommendations as identified by the World Health Organization to enhance and develop new strategies to improve the quality of life for all who live, work and play in the County.

Two of the eight main dimensions that the Age-Friendly Community Plan prioritizes is outdoor spaces and buildings, and social participation. Recommended areas of emphasis under these dimensions that directly influence the Parks Master Plan are as follows:

- Continue to install benches and seating in all parks and along the trails;
- Provide awareness training for staff on all aspects of Outdoor Spaces and Building Construction;
- Integrate accessibility measures such as truncated domes and detectible warning pavers into existing infrastructure and upgrades;
- Ensure that all walkways, paths, and trails are of a larger width to accommodate multiple pedestrians and active transportation methods;
- Support the six goals of the 2017 Recreation Master plan that look at policy frameworks to ensure that development and implementation of parks and recreation throughout the County are age-friendly;
- Ensure all public spaces and places and facilities are designed in an equitable and accessible manner to meet the needs and expectations of all ages;
- Prioritize "Healthy, Safe, and Engaged Citizens" which includes an objective to "create and sustain opportunities for residents to be actively engaged in recreational, social and community activities."

Trail Master Plan, 2017

The Trail Master Plan plays a large role in the direction of the Parks Master Plan. The Trail Master Plan works to increase the quality of life for residents as will this Plan. The Trail Master Plan identifies the priorities for trail development based on a range of recommendations and considerations and will guide the development of parks to better suit the needs of the residents.

Transportation Master Plan, 2022

The Transportation Master Plan (2022) provides a framework to guide transportation-related studies, projects, initiatives, and decisions in alignment with the New Official Plan. It includes active and higher-order transportation modes and networks, including cycling, which connects to and through parks. The Transportation Master Plan aims to make active transportation more attractive and responds to the growing need for local and Countywide cycling connections.

Phase I of the Transportation Master Plan speaks specifically to active transportation through both cycling and trail usage and provides the following recommendations:

- Orient land use planning initiatives, including the New Official Plan, to direct development patterns and built forms that encourage walking, cycling and other modes of active transportation (e.g. complete communities with accessible parks).
- Ensure facilities throughout the County are fully accessible, allowing for barrier-free travel for all residents.
- Improve access to the Trans-Canada Trail to make better use of this important feature. Better connections to Downtown Paris and parkland are recommended.

Municipal Pollinator Policy Guide - Policy for Pollinators and Pollinator Habitat Restoration

Parks & Green Spaces

The County of Brant recognizes the importance of pollinators to ecosystem functioning, native biodiversity, food security, culture and the economy.

The County of Brant will thus support the recognition, protection, creation, restoration, and connection of pollinator habitat in municipal parks and greenspace while promoting the use of native plants, like wildflowers, the reduction of pesticide uses or harm, the establishment of pollinator-friendly gardens, and the use of integrated pest management practices.

The County of Brant will support the installation of interpretive signage in pollinator habitats on municipal lands, when possible, to help the community learn about native plants and pollinators.

Development Policy

The County of Brant recognizes that pollinators — including bees, flower flies, butterflies, moths, wasps, beetles and hummingbirds — are essential to ecosystem functioning, native biodiversity, food security, culture and the economy.

The County of Brant also recognizes that habitat loss, like that caused by development, is one of the main drivers of pollinator population decline. To minimize harm to pollinators and other wildlife caused by habitat loss, the County of Brant will promote habitat connectedness in all its landscaping and will require new developments and re-developments on municipal property to use only native and locally appropriate seed and plants whenever possible.

Development and redevelopment on private property will be strongly encouraged or incentivized to use native and locally appropriate seeds and plants in all landscaping. Development and redevelopment proposals must include a list of the plants intended for landscaping to ensure that biodiversity is promoted, and invasive or harmful species are excluded.

- Along newly developed or disturbed roadsides, the County of Brant will investigate restoring right-of-way using locally relevant native seed mixes instead of turf grass whenever possible.

Six Nations of the Grand River Environmental Levy Policy

The Six Nations of the Grand River Environmental Levy Policy outlines the Haudenosaunee's commitment to protecting and enhancing their Treaty Lands for future generations, aligning with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

They recognize their responsibility to safeguard flora, fauna, waters, and all living beings within their territory during interactions with Canada, Ontario, municipalities, developers, and other land users. The policy emphasizes the importance of maintaining healthy natural systems and giving special consideration to Haudenosaunee-specific species, such as medicinal plants and clan animals.

A core principle of the policy is the mitigation of environmental impacts through a hierarchical approach: avoidance, minimization, and mitigation. Six Nations prefers a "Before-After-Control-Impact (BACI)" assessment methodology for accurate habitat evaluations.

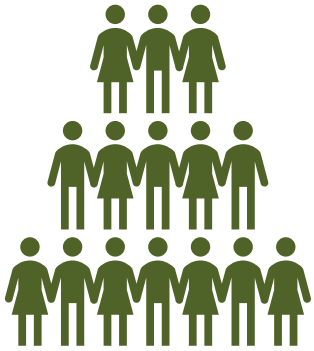
The policy establishes specific buffer requirements to protect sensitive areas, advocating for a 61-meter buffer for various habitats and minimum buffers of 31 meters for flowing water systems and 41 meters for stagnant wetlands. While the Six Nations request a 10:1 tree replacement ratio, the current policy mandates a 2:1 tree replacement ratio, utilizing site-appropriate native species for every tree removed.

Furthermore, a 1:1 replacement ratio is enforced for standing snags and deadfall. Habitat offset for non-treed environments, such as riparian and grassland areas, is required at a 2:1 ratio for on-site replacement and a 3:1 ratio for off-site replacement. Enhanced habitats are to be protected in perpetuity and considered for transfer under Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs).

Current Provision Level & Recommended Provision Level

Figure 14: County of Brant's current parkland provisions and comparators to other municipalities.

Comparators
Population
County of Brant – 2024 • 40,700 Residents **County of Brant - 2051 (Target)** • 59,000 Resident **City of Woodstock – 2021** • 46,620 Residents **Haldimand County – 2021** • 49,216 Residents **City of St. Thomas – 2021** • 42,840 Residents **City of Brantford – 2021** • 104,688 Residents **Norfolk County – 2021** • 67,490 Residents



Parkland Dedication

County of Brant – 2024

- Overall Parkland - 3.50 Ha Per 1,000 Residents

County of Brant - 2051 (Target)

- Proposed Parkland – 4.50 Ha Per 1,000 Residents



City of Woodstock – 2021

- Open Spaces - (Provision/Count Not Specified)

Haldimand County – 2021

- Overall Parkland - 5.35 Ha Per 1,000 Residents

City of St. Thomas – 2021

- Overall Parkland - 5.1 Ha Per 1,000 Residents



City of Brantford – 2021

- Overall Parkland - 4.5 Ha Per 1,000 Residents

Norfolk County – 2021

- Overall Parkland - 2.3 Ha Per 1,000 Residents

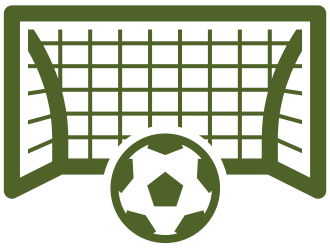
Soccer Fields

County of Brant – 2024

- 1:2,500 per Residents (Count of 16)

County of Brant - 2051 (Target)

- 1:2,680 per Residents (Count of 22)



City of Woodstock – 2021

- 1:1,430 per Residents (Count Not Specified)

Haldimand County – 2021

- 1:50 per *Users* (Count Not Specified)

City of St. Thomas – 2021

- Full Field 1:6,120 per Residents (Count of 7)
- Intermediate 1:2,856 per Residents (Count of 15)
- Mini Soccer Fields 1:1,586 per Residents (Count of 27)
- Mixed Soccer & Football Field 1:42,840 (Count of 1)

City of Brantford – 2021

- Senior Soccer & Multi-use Field (L) (AT) 2.0 Ha per 1,000 Residents (Count Not Specified)
- Senior Soccer & Multi-use Field (L) (NT) 1.5 Ha per 1,000 Residents (Count Not Specified)
- Senior Soccer & Multi-use Field (UL) (NT) 1.00 Ha per 1,000 Residents (Count Not Specified)
- Junior Soccer & Multi-use Field (UL) (NT) 0.75 Ha per 1,000 Residents (Count Not Specified)
- Mini Soccer & Multi-use Field (UL) (NT) 0.50 Ha per 1,000 Residents (Count Not Specified)

**(AT) = Artificial Turf, (L) stands for Lit, and (NT) stands for Natural Turf.*

Norfolk County – 2021

- 1:8,436 per Residents (Count of 8)

Playgrounds

County of Brant – 2024

- 1:1,000 per Residents (Count of 41)

County of Brant - 2051 (Target)

- 1:1,035 per Residents (Count of 57)

City of Woodstock – 2021

- 1:1,230 per Residents (Count Not Specified)

Haldimand County – 2021

- 1:1,493 per Residents (Count Not Specified)

City of St. Thomas – 2021

- 1:1,947 per Residents (Count of 22)

City of Brantford – 2021

- 1:1,700 per Residents (Count of 61)

Norfolk County – 2021

- 1:2,177 per Residents (Count of 31)



Splash Pads

County of Brant – 2024

- 1:13,500 per Residents (Count of 3)

County of Brant - 2051 (Target)

- 1:11,800 per Residents (Count of 5)



City of Woodstock – 2021

- 1:11,655 per Residents (Count Not Specified)

Haldimand County – 2021

- 1:24,000 per Residents (Count of 2)

- **City of St. Thomas – 2021**1:14,280 per Residents (Count of 3)

City of Brantford – 2021

- 1:21,000 per Residents (Count of 5)



Norfolk County – 2021

- 1:33,745 per Residents (Count of 2)

Disc Golf

County of Brant – 2024

- 1:40,700 per Residents (Count of 1)

County of Brant - 2051 (Target)

- 1:29,000 per Residents (Count of 2)



City of Woodstock – 2021

- (Provision/Count Not Specified)

Haldimand County – 2021

- 1:49,000 per Residents (Count Not Specified)

City of St. Thomas – 2021

- 1:21,420 per Residents (Count of 2)

City of Brantford – 2021

- (Provision/Count Not Specified)

Norfolk County – 2021

- (Provision/Count Not Specified)

Ball Diamonds – Softball/Baseball

County of Brant – 2024

- 1:2,260 per Residents (Count of 18)

County of Brant - 2051 (Target)

- 1:2,950 per Residents (Count of 20)



City of Woodstock – 2021

- 1:1,940 per Residents (Count Not Specified)

Haldimand County – 2021

- 1:80 per *Users* (Count Not Specified)

City of St. Thomas – 2021

- 1:2,040 per Residents (Count of 21)



City of Brantford – 2021

- Senior 1:1,000 Hectares per 1,000 Residents (Count Not Specified)
- Junior 0.75:1,000 Hectares per 1,000 Residents (Count Not Specified)

Norfolk County – 2021

- 1:3,970 per Residents (Count of 17)

Cricket Pitches

County of Brant – 2024

- 1:40,000 per Residents (Count of 1)

County of Brant - 2051 (Target)

- 1:29,500 per Residents (Count of 2)

City of Woodstock – 2021

- 1:23,310 per Residents (Count Not Specified)



Haldimand County – 2021

- (Provision/Count Not Specified)

City of St. Thomas – 2021

- (Provision/Count Not Specified)

City of Brantford – 2021

- 2 Shared with other sports

Norfolk County – 2021

- (Provision/Count Not Specified)

Skate Parks

County of Brant – 2024

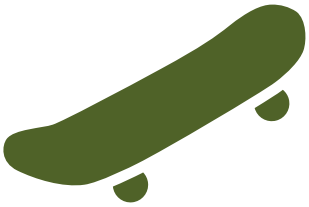
- 1:10,000 per Residents (Count of 4)

County of Brant - 2051 (Target)

- 1:11,800 per Residents (Count of 5)

City of Woodstock – 2021

- 1:5,600 per *Youth* Residents (Count Not Specified)



Haldimand County – 2021

- 1:3,000 per *Youth* Residents (Count Not Specified)

City of St. Thomas – 2021

- 1:42,840 per Residents (Count of 1)

City of Brantford – 2021

- 1:100,000 per Residents (Count of 1) (1 half-pipe at Jaycee Park)

Norfolk County – 2021

- 1:22,500 per Residents (Count of 3)

Beach Volleyball Courts

County of Brant – 2024

- 1:13,500 per Residents (Count of 3)

County of Brant - 2051 (Target)

- 1:9,750 per Residents (Count of 6)



City of Woodstock – 2021

- 1:23,310 per Residents (Count Not Specified)

Haldimand County – 2021

- (Provision/Count Not Specified)

City of St. Thomas – 2021

- (Provision/Count Not Specified)

City of Brantford – 2021

- 1:100,000 per Residents (Count of 1)



Norfolk County – 2021

- (Provision/Count Not Specified)

Basketball Courts

County of Brant – 2024

- 1:2,700 per Residents (Count of 15)

County of Brant - 2051 (Target)

- 1:2,570 per Residents (Count of 23)

City of Woodstock – 2021

- 1: 930 *Youth* (Ages 10 to 19) (Count Not Specified)



Haldimand County – 2021

- 1:750 *Youth* (Count Not Specified)

City of St. Thomas – 2021

- 1:6,120 per Residents (Count of 7)

City of Brantford – 2021

- 1:2,900 per Residents (Count of 36, includes Half Courts)

Norfolk County – 2021

- 1:22,500 per Residents (Count of 3)

Pickleball Courts

County of Brant – 2024

- 1:13,500 per Residents (Count of 3)

County of Brant - 2051 (Target)

- 1:6,500 per Residents (Count of 9)



City of Woodstock – 2021

- 1: 15,540 (Count Not Specified)

Haldimand County – 2021

- (Provision/Count Not Specified)

City of St. Thomas – 2021

- 1:5,355 per Residents (Count of 8)



City of Brantford – 2024

- 1:8,333 per Resident (Count of 12)

Norfolk County – 2021

- (Provision/Count Not Specified)

Tennis Courts

County of Brant – 2024

- 1:10,000 per Residents (Count of 4)

County of Brant - 2051 (Target)

- 1:7,500 per Residents (Count of 8)

City of Woodstock – 2021

- 1:7,770 per Residents (Count Not Specified)

Haldimand County – 2021

- 1:5,000 per Residents (Count Not Specified)

City of St. Thomas – 2021

- 1:4,760 per Residents (Count of 9)



City of Brantford – 2024

- 1:16,670 (Count of 6)

Norfolk County – 2021

- 1:6,750 per Residents (Count of 10)

Mixed-Use Tennis/Pickleball Courts

County of Brant – 2024

- 1:6,780 per Residents (Count of 6)

County of Brant – 2051 (Target)

- 1:5,360 per Residents (Count of 11)

City of Woodstock – 2021

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Haldimand County – 2021

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City of St. Thomas – 2021

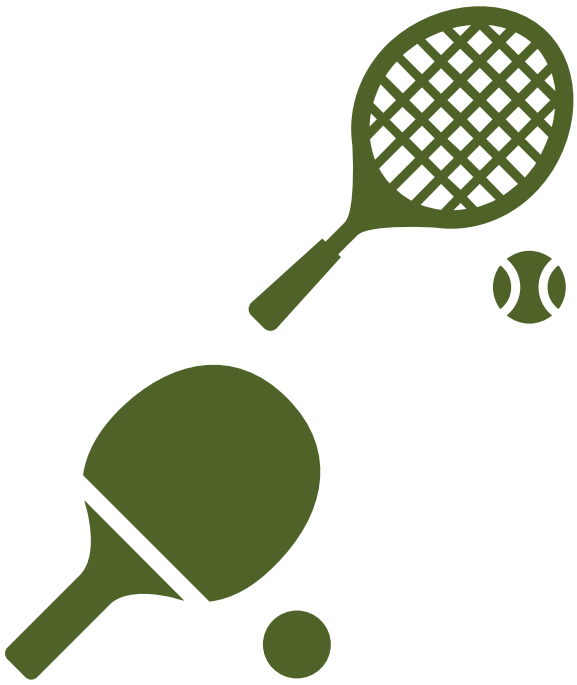
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City of Brantford – 2021

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Norfolk County – 2021

- 1:9,600 per Residents (Count of 7)



Dog Leash Areas & Dog Parks

County of Brant – 2024

- 1:40,000 per Residents (Count of 1)

County of Brant – 2051 (Target)

- 1:14,750 per Residents (Count of 4)

City of Woodstock – 2021

- 1:15,540 per Residents (Count of 3)

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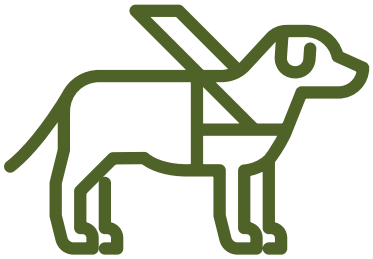
- 1:42,840 per Residents (Count of 1)

City of Brantford – 2021

- 1:50,000 per Residents (Count of 2)

Norfolk County – 2021

- 1:33,745 per Residents (Count of 2)



Outdoor Swimming Pools

County of Brant – 2024

- 1:40,000 per Residents (Count of 1)

County of Brant – 2051 (Target)

- 1:59,000 per Residents (Count of 1)

City of Woodstock – 2021

- 1:11,660 per Residents (Count Not Specified)



Haldimand County – 2021

- 1:16,000 per Residents (Count of 3)

City of St. Thomas – 2021

- 1:42,840 per Residents (Count of 1)

City of Brantford – 2021

- 1:50,000 per Residents (Count of 2)



Norfolk County – 2021

- 1:67,490 per Residents (Count of 1)

Outdoor or Artificial Ice Rinks

County of Brant – 2024

- 1:13,500 per Residents (Count of 3)

County of Brant - 2051 (Target)

- 1:11,500 per Residents (Count of 5)

City of Woodstock – 2021

- 1:6,660 per Residents (Count Not Specified)



Haldimand County – 2021

- 1:24,000 per Residents (Count of 2)

City of St. Thomas – 2021

- (Provision/Count Not Specified)

City of Brantford – 2021

- 1:4,550 per Residents (Count of 23)

Norfolk County – 2021

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Section 5: Parkland Walkability & Growth Areas



Lion's Park - Paris, ON

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Purpose

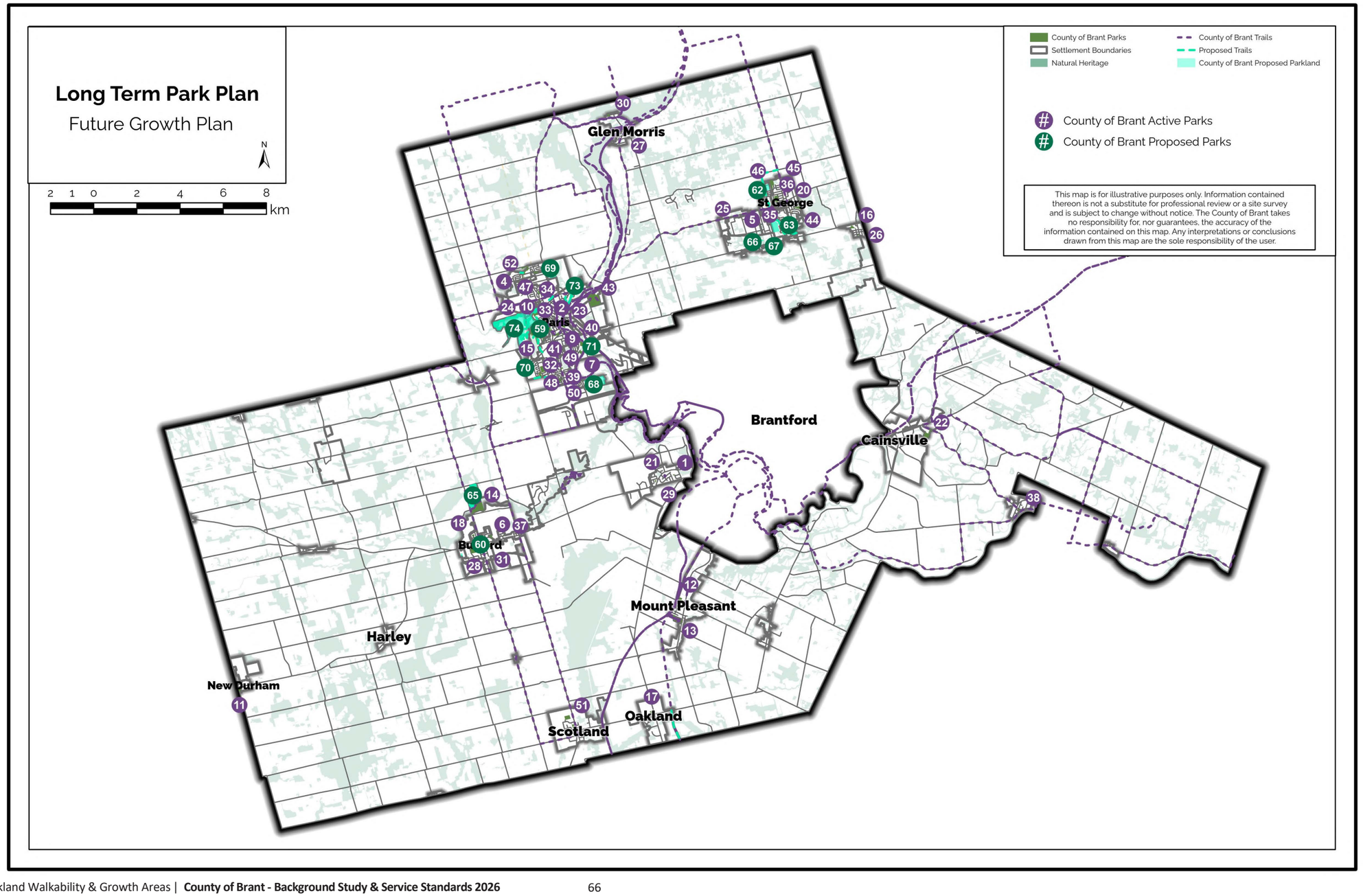
The Plan prioritizes the creation of a walkable and connected park system that encourages active transportation and promotes healthy lifestyles. By identifying opportunities to improve pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, such as constructing new trails and pathways, the County aims to enhance accessibility and connectivity between parks, residential areas, and commercial centers. Furthermore, the Plan considers the impact of future growth and development on the park system, ensuring that adequate green spaces are provided to meet the needs of a growing population.



Burford Optimist and Lions Park (Burford Community Centre), Burford, ON

County of Brant Future Growth Area Plan

Figure 15: County of Brant Future Growth Area



1	Axton Park	Active
2	Bemrose Park	Active
3	Forest Drive Park	Active
4	Charlton Park	Active
5	Jury Street Park	Active
6	Kings Ward Park	Active
7	Garden of Hope	Active
8	Penman's Dam Park	Active
9	Cenotaph War Memorial	Active
10	Cobblestone Commons	Active
11	Twin Rivers Stadium	Active
12	Lions Park - Paris	Active
13	Willow Street Park	Active
14	Victoria Park	Active
15	Rest Acres Ridge Park	Active
16	Optimist Park	Active
17	Bean Park	Active
19	Grandville Park	Active
20	Green Lane Sports Complex	Active
21	Rising Park	Active
22	Harrisburg Ball Park	Active
23	New Durham Ball Park	Active
24	Scotland Optimist Park	Active
25	Oakland Community Centre Park	Active
26	Harrisburg Church Park	Active
27	Eric Thomlinson River Access/Wray and Marilyn Cline Park	Active
28	Art Cadman Lions Park	Active
29	Janice Hunt Memorial Park	Active
30	Broadview Park	Active
31	John St. Park	Active
32	Park Ave. Soccer Park	Active
33	Poplar Hills Park	Active
34	Foxhill Heights Park	Active
35	Oakhill Heights Park	Active
36	Onondaga Ball Park	Active
37	Centennial Park	Active
38	Elliot Field	Active
39	Jacob's Woods	Passive
40	Sunny Hill Park	Active
41	Arena Park	Active
42	Snowball Park	Active
43	Cenotaph War Memorial	Active
44	King William Park	Active
45	Brant/Onondaga Park	Active
46	Mount Pleasant Park	Active
47	Mount Pleasant Nature Park	Active
48	Burford Optimist and Lions Park	Active
49	Summit Park	Active
50	Juliet Wolverton Park	Active
51	Barker's Bush	Active
52	Dawdy Park	Active
53	Jay Wells Park	Active
55	Woodslee Park	Active
56	Mile Hill Meadows Park	Active
57	Watts Pond Trails	Active
58	Doug Hanna Park	Active
59	Deer Ridge Park	Proposed
60	King St. Parkette	Proposed
61	Empire 1	Proposed
62	Empire 2	Proposed
63	Losani St. George Park	Proposed
64	Paris Memorial Forest	Proposed
65	Art Cadmen Expansion (Pit)	Proposed
66	Stremma Park 1	Proposed
67	Stremma Park 2	Proposed
68	Gurney Sports Park	Proposed
69	Cedar North Park	Proposed
70	Sifton Park	Proposed
71	TCA Park 1	Proposed
72	TCA Park 2	Proposed
73	Paris Grand	Proposed
74	North of the Nith	Proposed

County of Brant Parkland Walkability Plan

As highlighted in the Parks Master Plan, several communities within the County are currently designated as parkland deficient. This deficiency stems primarily from a combination of factors, including their rural character, low population densities, limited availability of suitable land for future park development, and existing boundary constraints. These factors conspire to create a challenge in providing equitable access to park amenities across the entire County.

While the County boasts pockets of exceptional parkland walkability, particularly within its more densely populated and developed areas, a stark contrast exists between these vibrant hubs and the more rural communities. In these denser areas, parkland is often seamlessly integrated into the urban fabric, creating a continuous network of green spaces with minimal gaps, fostering a pedestrian-friendly environment where residents can easily access recreational opportunities on foot. The walkability in these areas is a testament to thoughtful planning and investment in park infrastructure.

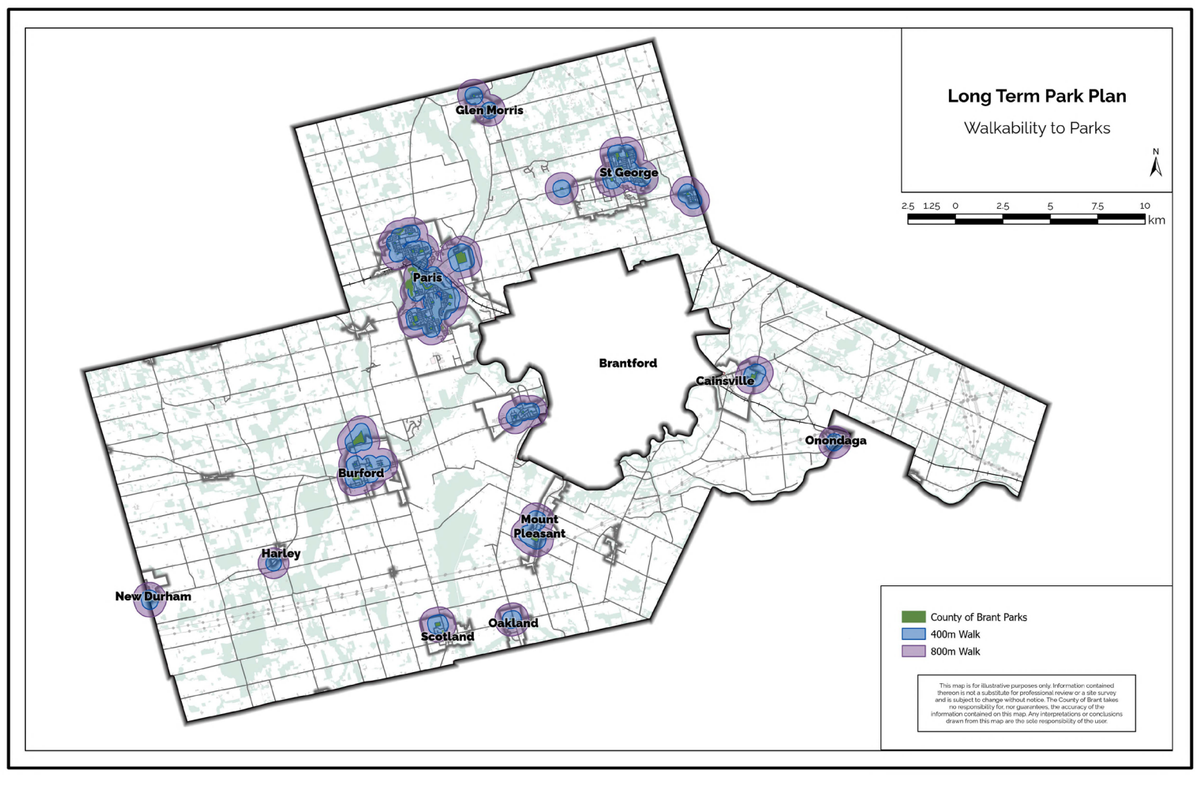
Conversely, most of the parkland walkability is concentrated within these denser communities, leaving rural areas significantly underserved. Residents of these rural communities often face the necessity of traveling by vehicle to access the nearest park, highlighting the disparity in recreational access. This reliance on vehicular transportation not only reduces the spontaneity of park visits but also poses potential barriers for individuals lacking access to private vehicles, further exacerbating the inequity in park access. This underscores the need for strategic planning and targeted investment to address the parkland deficiencies in these rural areas and ensure that all residents, regardless of location, have equitable access to quality park and recreational facilities.

Table 1: Community Servicing by the County of Brant

Location*	Serviced By
Burford	Burford
Burtch*	Mt. Pleasant
Cainsville,	Cainsville
Cathcart*	Burford
Fairfield Plains*	Scotland
Falkland*	Paris
Glen Morris	Glen Morris
Gobles*	Paris, & Blandford - Blenheim Township
Harley*	Burford
Harrisburg	Harrisburg
Kelvin*	Scotland
Middleport*	Onondaga
Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant
Muir*	Burford
New Durham	New Durham
Oakhill	Oakhill
Oakland	Oakland
Onondaga	Onondaga
Paris	Paris
Scotland	Scotland
St. George	St. George

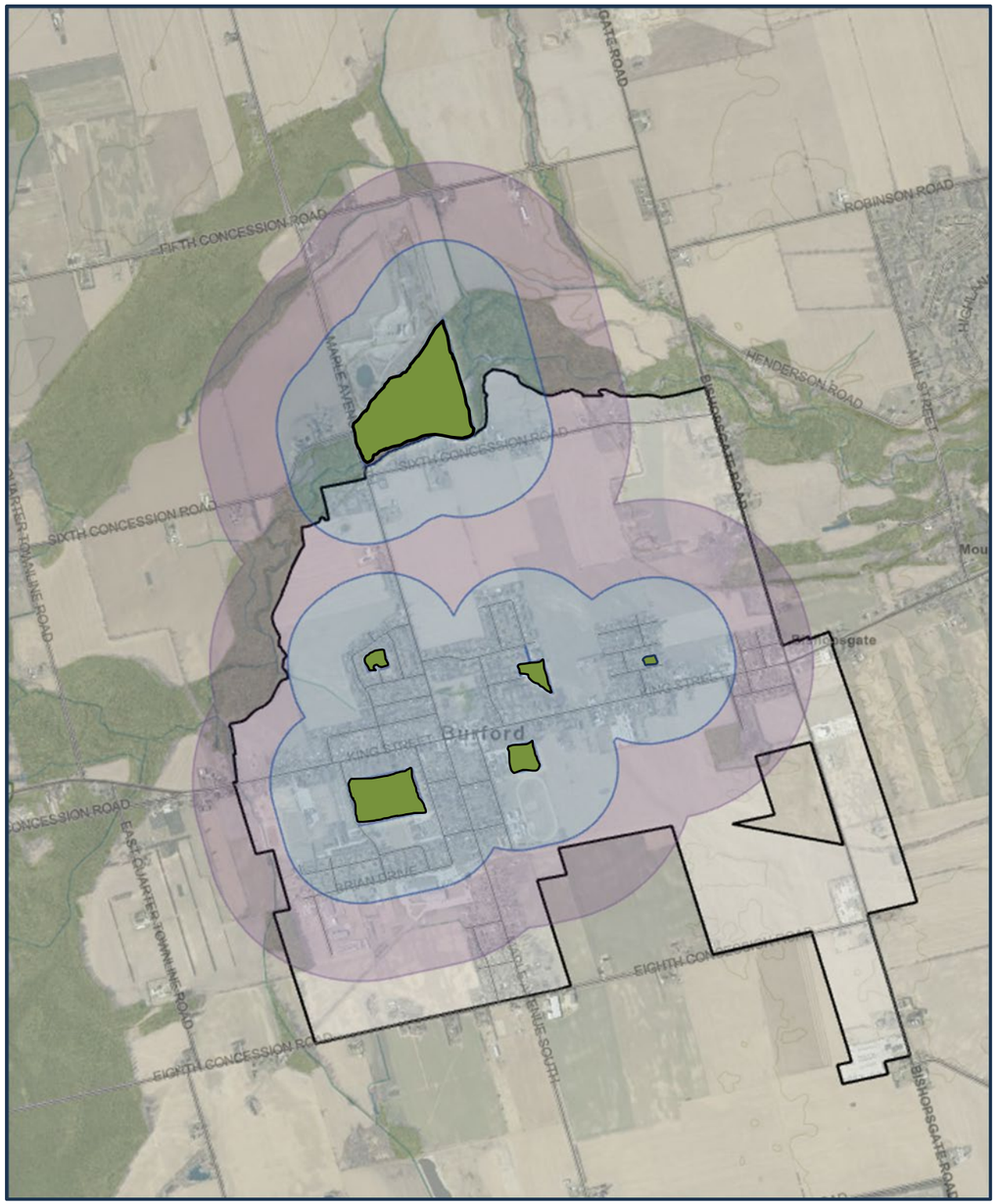
*Areas that exhibit minimal or no Parkland Dedication are served by the nearest region that offers greater availability of such spaces.

Figure 16: Parkland Walkability in the County of Brant.



Parkland Walkability – Burford

Figure 17: Burford boundaries and parkland walkability in the County of Brant.



While the charming community of Burford boasts a collection of eight parks, a closer look reveals a potential imbalance in their distribution. Currently, the southeast corner of Burford, particularly around Eighth Concession Road and Bishopsgate Road, faces a noticeable shortage of parkland.

This area, while presently characterized by sprawling farmland and limited residential development, is poised for future growth. This anticipated development presents a unique opportunity to strategically address the existing parkland deficiency and ensure ample recreational spaces for the residents of tomorrow.

The current park inventory, including popular spots like Burford Lions Art Cadman Park, Janice Hunt Memorial Park, Broadview Park, the Burford Gravel Pit, John St. Park, the Burford Optimist & Lions Park and Park Ave. Soccer Fields, serves the existing population well. However, the potential future expansion of Burford into the southeast will necessitate a thoughtful approach to park planning, ensuring that this developing area enjoys the same access to green spaces and recreational facilities as the rest of the community.

By proactively planning for parkland acquisition and development in this currently less populated region, the County of Brant can guarantee that Burford continues to be a vibrant and well-served community for generations to come. This proactive approach will not only rectify the current imbalance but also prevent future parkland shortages as the community expands.

Burford

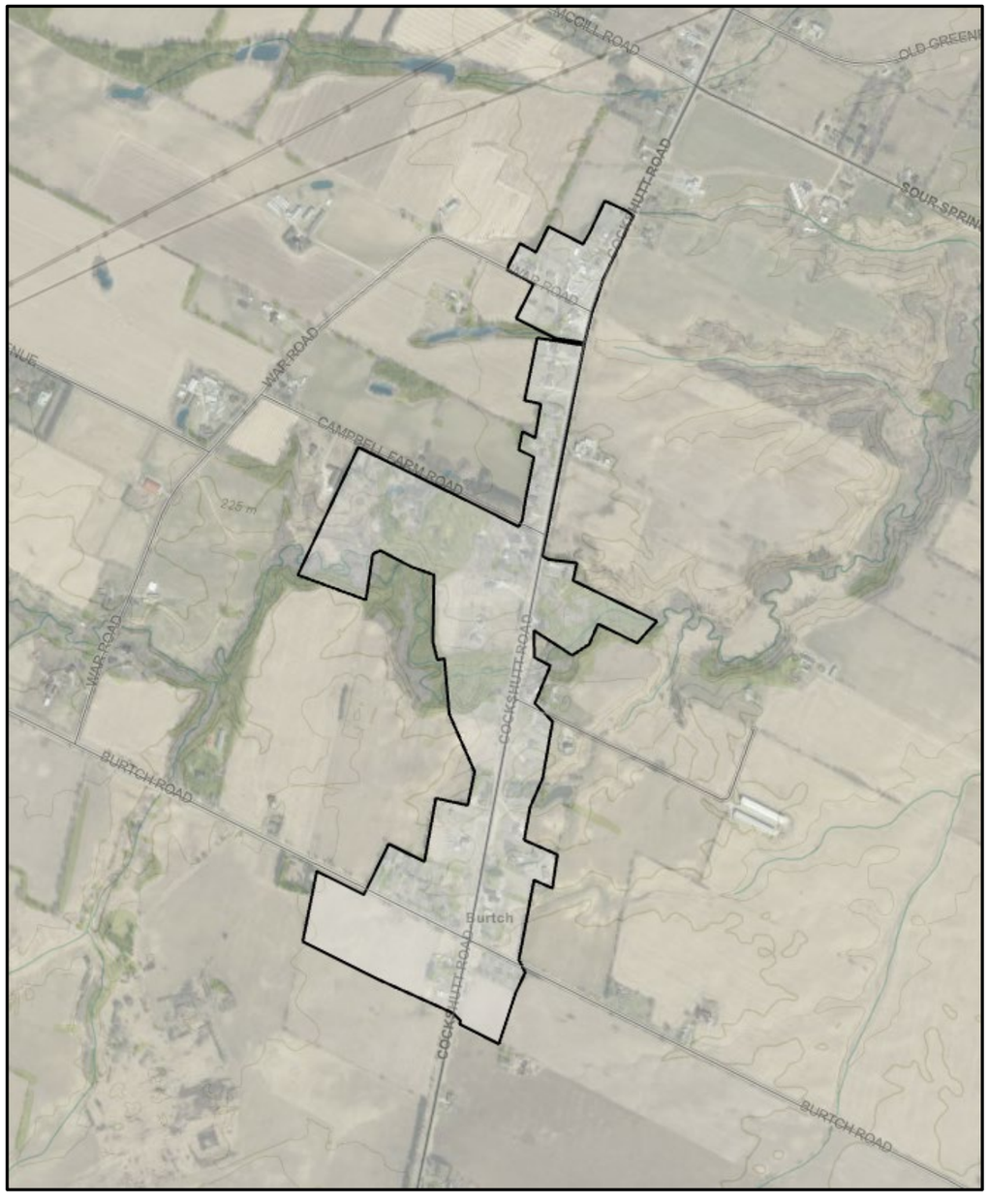
- Parkland Total of 35.63 Hectares
- Total Region Area of 774.79 Hectares
- Total Count - 6 Parks
- Current Population (2021) - 1,800 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

Parkland Walkability – Burtch

Figure 18: Burtch community boundaries in the County of Brant.



The rural community of Burtch faces a significant deficiency in parkland. With a population of approximately 60 residents as of 2021, the area's low density makes it difficult to justify the development of park amenities. Future development in Burtch would likely require a substantial increase in population to warrant the inclusion of such recreational spaces.

Currently, Burtch relies on the services of nearby Mt. Pleasant, the closest community with existing park facilities. This underscores the need for careful planning and consideration of parkland development should Burtch experience future growth.

Burtch

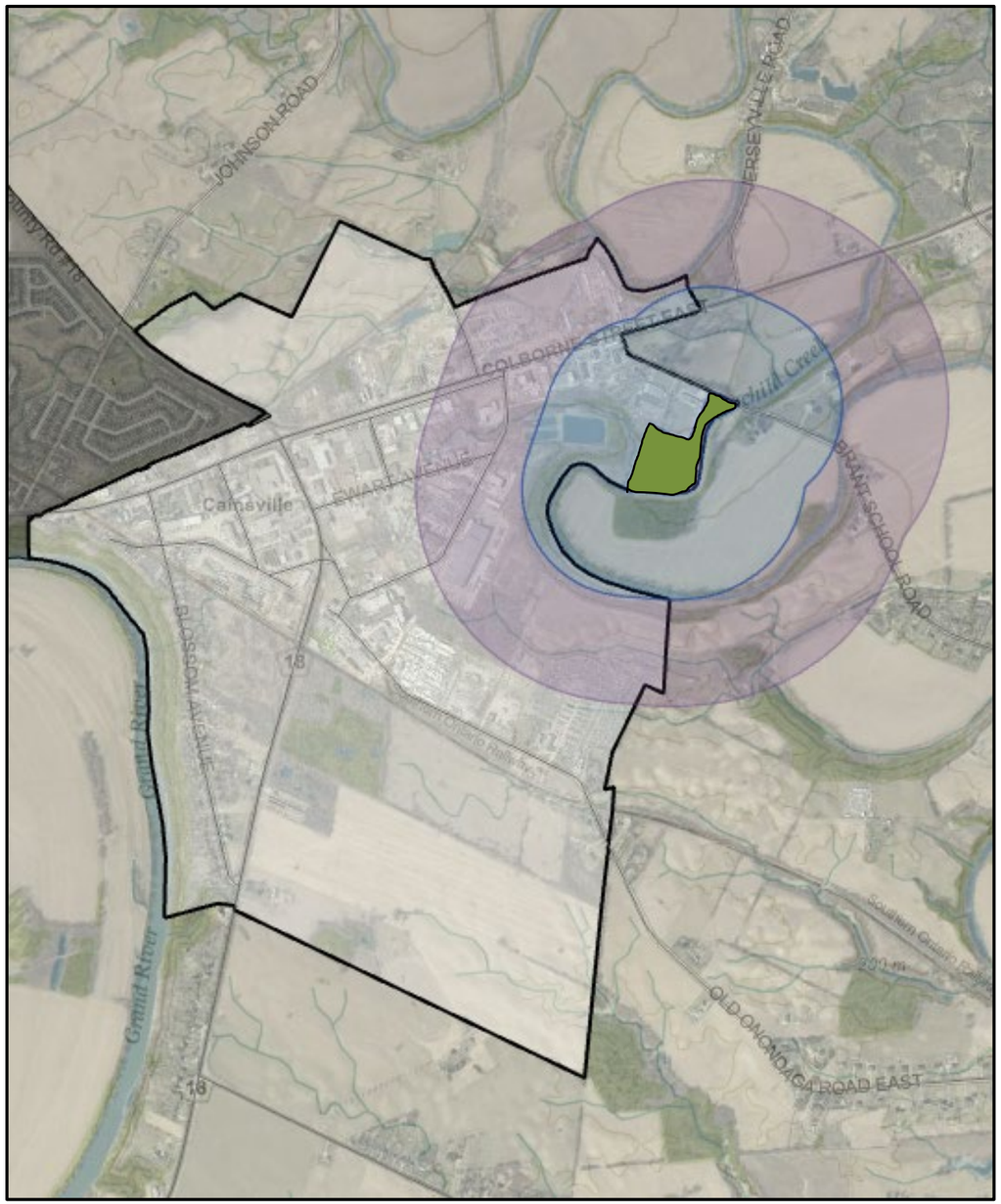
- Parkland Total of 0 Hectares
- Total Region Area of 59 Hectares
- Total Count - 0 Parks
- Current Population (2021) - 60 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

Parkland Walkability – Cainsville

Figure 19: Boundaries of Cainsville, ON and parkland walkability in the County.



The Cainsville community currently faces a significant challenge in providing adequate parkland for its residents. With only one existing park, Brant - Onondaga Park, the community's recreational needs are not being fully met. This area may see some infilling from development, and the lack of accessible park space creates a clear deficiency in recreational opportunities for current and future residents.

This single park serves the entire community, placing a strain on its capacity and limiting the ability of residents in the southwest to easily access green space and recreational facilities. When the opportunity arises to acquire parkland, this area should be prioritized. There may be some opportunity to develop some park facilities within the TF Warren Cainsville Community Centre property, which could partially alleviate the walkability issue.

This expansion of park facilities will not only enhance the quality of life for residents in the southwest but also contribute to the overall well-being and vibrancy of the entire Cainsville community.

Cainsville

- Parkland Total of 5.59 Hectares
- Total Region Area of 483.35 Hectares
- Total Count - 1 Park
- Current Population (2021) - 180 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

Parkland Walkability – Cathcart

Figure 20: Cathcart community boundaries in the County of Brant.



Cathcart, a small rural community encompassing roughly 35 hectares and home to approximately 180 residents (as of 2021), faces a significant challenge: a stark absence of dedicated parkland. This deficiency stems from a combination of factors. Firstly, the limited amount of readily available land within Cathcart's boundaries makes developing traditional parks difficult. Secondly, the existing layout of residential areas further complicates the situation, as there may be few suitable locations for centrally located recreational spaces.

The community's predominantly rural character, while charming, underscores the need for accessible green spaces, even on a smaller scale. Currently, Cathcart's parkland inventory stands at zero – a clear indication of the problem. While the nearby community of Burford, Ontario, offers some amenities, it doesn't fully address the need for easily accessible recreational areas within Cathcart itself.

This lack of parkland not only limits recreational opportunities for residents but also potentially impacts community cohesion and overall quality of life. Providing even small, thoughtfully designed green spaces could significantly benefit Cathcart, fostering a stronger sense of community and enhancing its appeal.

Cathcart

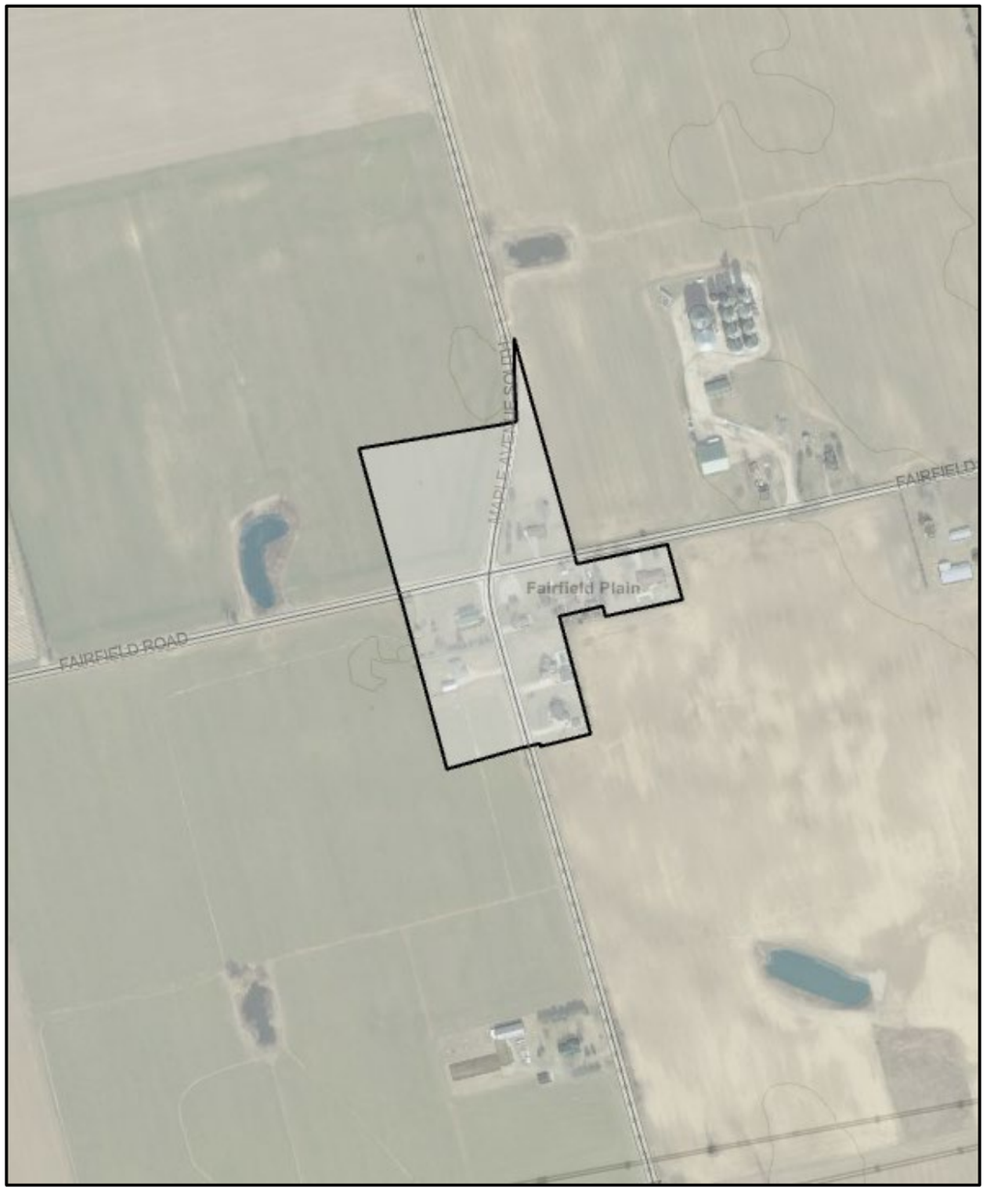
- Parkland Total of 0 Hectares
- Total Region Area of 34.2 Hectares
- Total Count - 0 Parks
- Current Population (2021) - 180 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

Parkland Walkability – Fairfield Plains

Figure 21: Fairfield Plains community boundaries in the County of Brant.



Fairfield Plains, a small and close-knit community of just 30 residents, faces a unique challenge: the complete absence of parkland. While the demand for recreational space may seem low given the population size, the lack of even a single park nearby impacts the quality of life for residents. Children have no designated public area to play, families lack a place to gather outdoors, and individuals are deprived of the simple pleasure of enjoying nature within their own community.

Furthermore, the limited space available within Fairfield Plains presents a significant obstacle to addressing this deficiency. With no room for expansion, the possibility of incorporating parkland in the future seems increasingly remote. This absence of green space will be known and those who chose to live in the area will need to travel to Burford or other areas for recreation.

Fairfield Plains

- Parkland Total of 0 Hectares
- Total Region Area of 6.9 Hectares
- Total Count - 0 Parks
- Current Population (2021) - 30 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

Parkland Walkability – Falkland

Figure 22: Falkland community boundaries in the County of Brant.



Nestled in the County of Brant, just west of the charming town of Paris, lies the quaint community of Falkland. With its sprawling 59 hectares, Falkland exudes a tranquil rural charm, offering a peaceful haven for its close-knit community of 180 residents.

Despite its idyllic setting and strong sense of community, Falkland faces a significant challenge: the complete absence of dedicated parkland. This lack of recreational space poses a considerable concern for residents, limiting opportunities for outdoor activities, community gatherings, and children's play.

While future development in Falkland remains a possibility, the limited availability of suitable land presents a significant hurdle. The community's desire to preserve its unique rural character further complicates the prospect of extensive development.

The pressing need for parkland in Falkland cannot be overstated. The addition of even a small park would provide a vital community hub, fostering social connections, promoting physical activity, and enhancing the overall quality of life for Falkland's residents.

Falkland

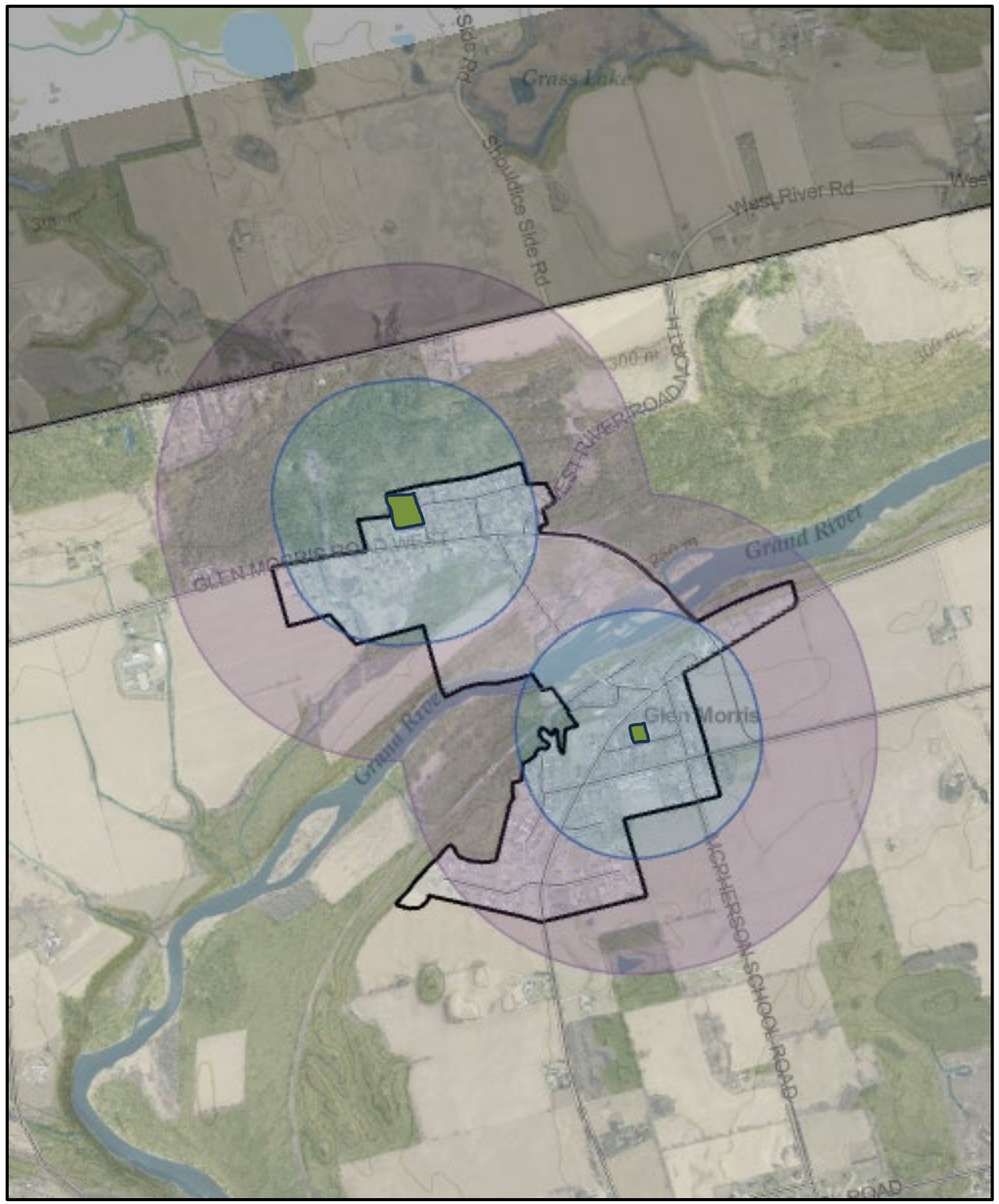
- Parkland Total of 0 Hectares
- Total Region Area of 58.3 Hectares
- Total Count - 0 Parks
- Current Population (2021) – 180 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

Parkland Walkability - Glen Morris

Figure 23: Glen Morris boundaries and parkland walkability in the County of Brant.



Glen Morris, a vibrant community of 540 residents (2021 census), truly prioritizes accessible green spaces. With two parks and school grounds on opposite sides of town, nearly every resident enjoys the convenience of a park within an easy 800-meter stroll.

Park accessibility meets standard walkability guidelines currently, however park locations may change during this study period, so re-evaluation may be required to ensure Glen Morris residents have ample opportunities to enjoy recreational amenities. Having a section of the Trans Canada trail and a river access point also adds recreational opportunities that are highly valued by local residents.

Glen Morris

- Parkland Total of 1.42 Hectares + 6.79 Hectares of Tract
- Total Region Area of 118.93 Hectares
- Total Count - 3 Parks, 1 Tract
- Current Population (2021) - 540 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

Parkland Walkability – Gobles

Figure 24: Gobles community boundaries in the County of Brant.



Tucked away in the County, Gobles stands as its most diminutive community. With a mere 12 hectares to its name and a population of just 40 residents as of 2021, it's a picture of rural seclusion. This geographic isolation, coupled with its small size and scattered population, presents a unique challenge: Gobles lacks even the most basic parkland, leaving residents without a space to connect with nature.

The reality is that Gobles exists in a sparsely populated rural area, where future development is highly unlikely. This makes the prospect of acquiring land for park development a formidable task, perhaps even an insurmountable one.

Residents closest available parkland is about 4 km away in Princeton, which is part of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim.

Gobles

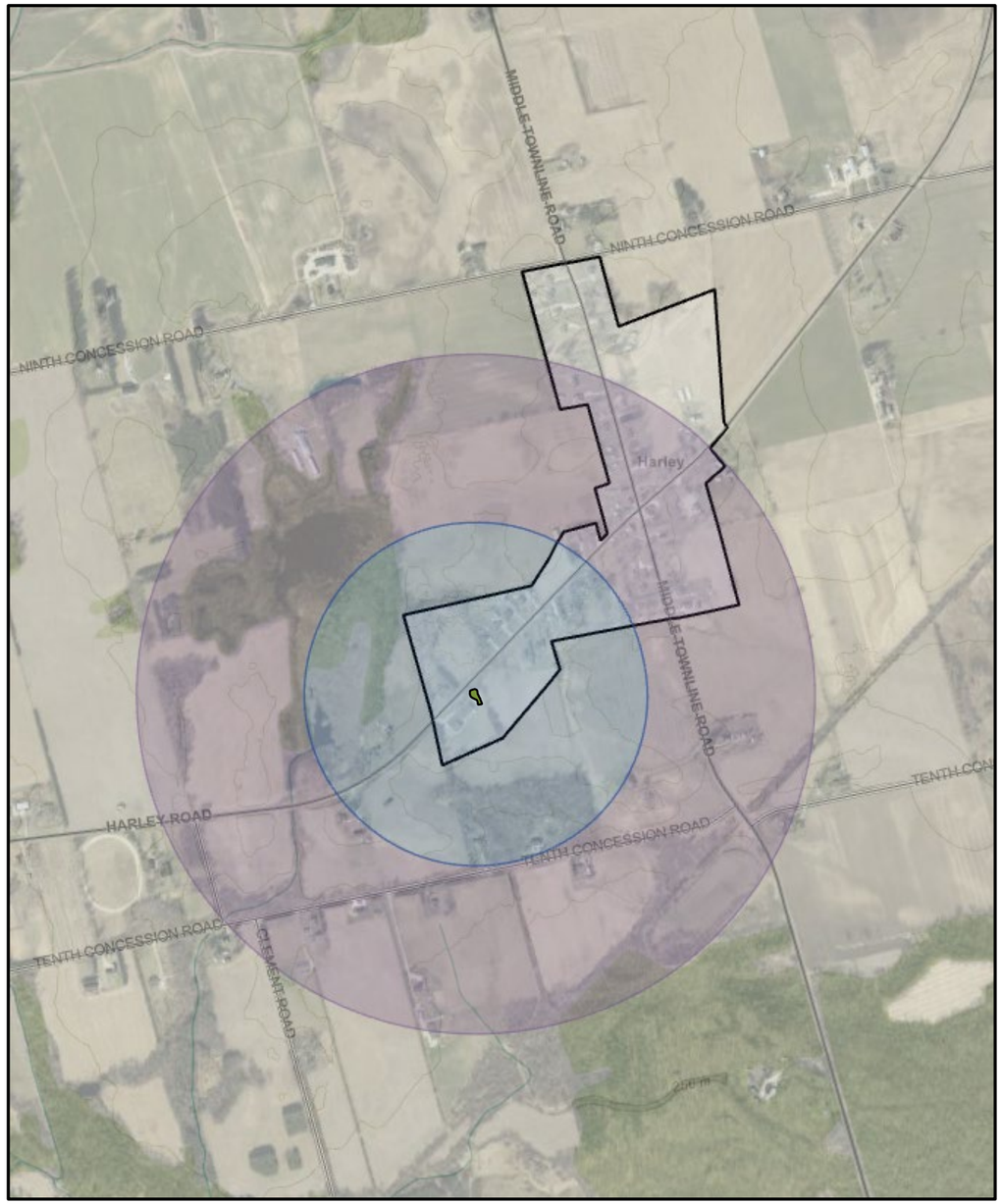
- Parkland Total of 0 Hectares
- Total Region Area of 12 Hectares
- Total Count - 0 Parks
- Current Population (2021) - 40 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

Parkland Walkability – Harley

Figure 25: Harley community boundaries in the County of Brant.



The charming community of Harley has a small amount of green space used infrequently at the Harley Museum property where neighbours can connect. The County has an agreement with the property owner at 161 Harley Road where a playground is located. The provision of this park generally meets the community needs, however, a critical challenge looms: the land on which this park resides is subject to a public access agreement that expires in 2031.

This means that if the property owner decides to sell or not renew, the agreement could be terminated, and the park could be lost.

Unless a new park is established or a solution is found to secure the future of the existing one, Harley faces a potential parkland deficiency. This would not only diminish the quality of life for current residents but also deter future families from calling Harley home.

Harley

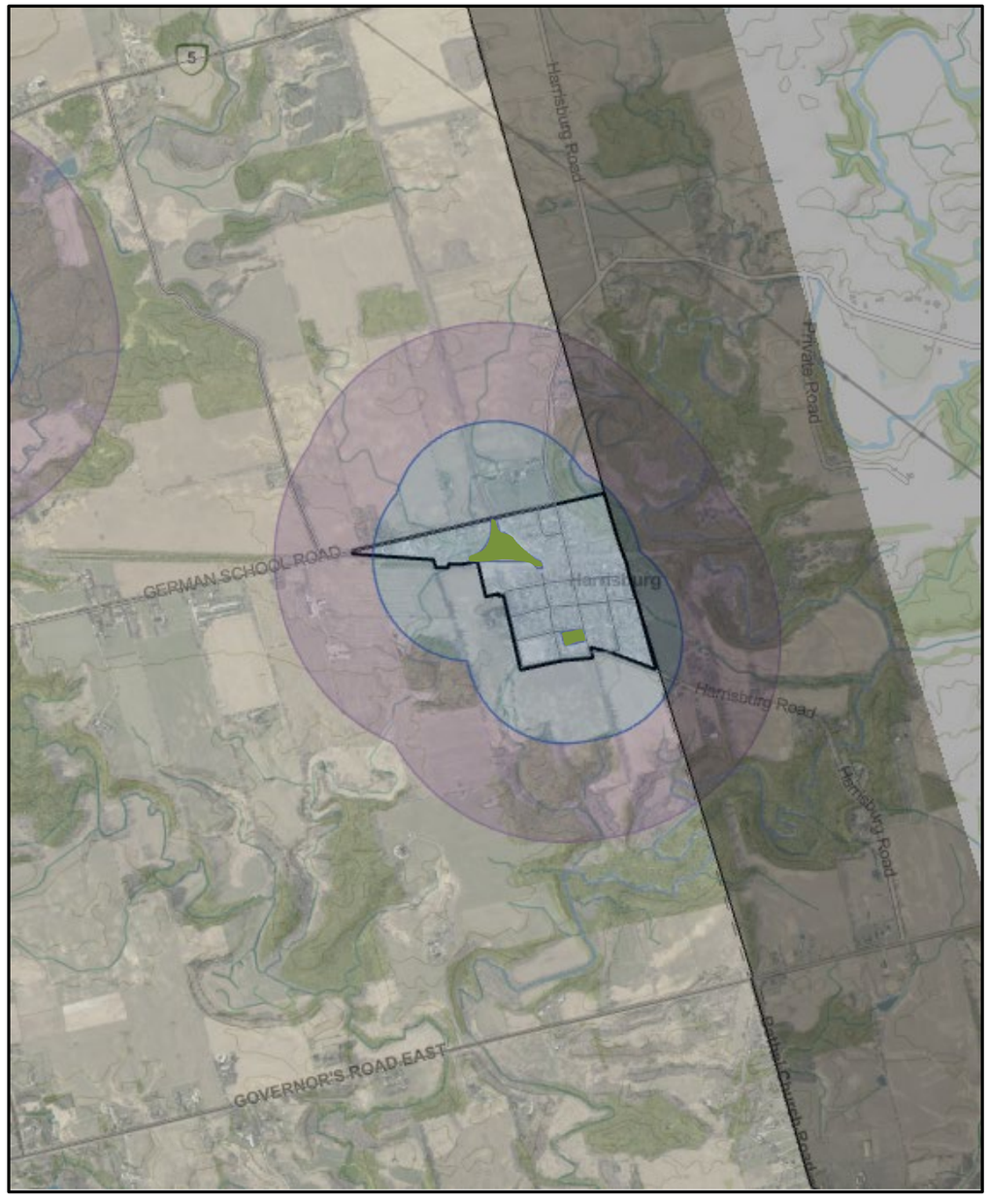
- Parkland Total of 0.11 Hectares
- Total Region Area of 40 Hectares
- Total Count - 1 Park
- Current Population (2021) - 110 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

Parkland Walkability – Harrisburg

Figure 26: Harrisburg community boundaries and parkland walkability in the County of Brant.



While Harrisburg may have a smaller number of parks compared to larger communities, the existing two parks are strategically located and well-maintained, providing ample green space for residents. Their central locations ensure that most residents can easily reach a park within a short walk, fostering a strong sense of community and promoting an active lifestyle.

Harrisburg

- Parkland Total of 2.32 Hectares
- Total Region Area of 40 Hectares
- Total Count - 2 Parks
- Current Population (2021) - 230 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

Parkland Walkability - Kelvin

Figure 27: Kelvin community boundaries in the County of Brant.



This community faces a parkland shortage as there is no public green space available. While many homes here enjoy generous private yards, this contributes to the problem.

The large lot sizes leave very little land available for the creation of public parks. With just 70 residents, building a full-scale park with extensive facilities isn't currently feasible, but the need for some kind of community green space is noted. If the opportunity arises to acquire some land in this area, that would benefit area residents. The park closest to serve this area is Scotland Optimist Park.

Kelvin

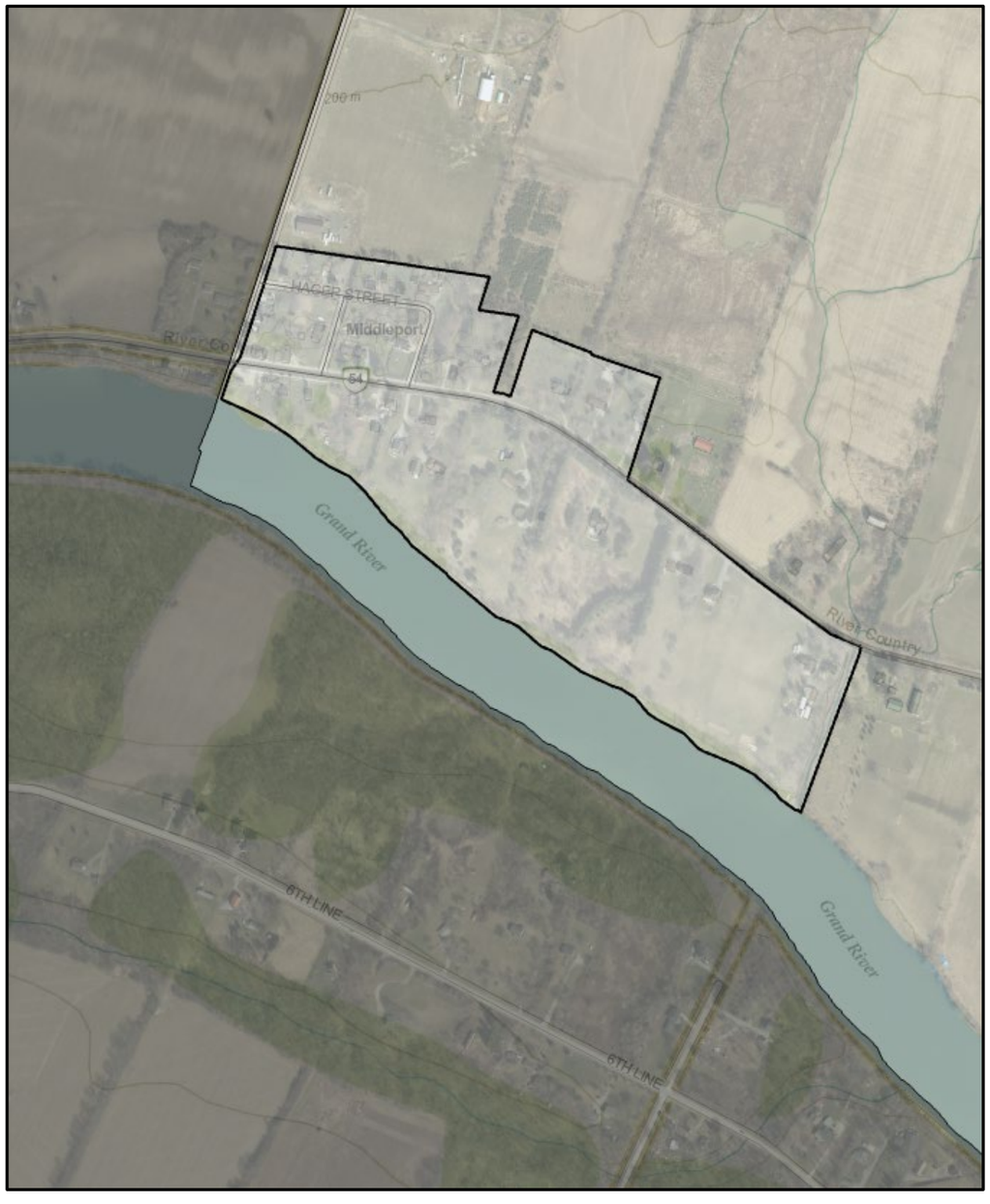
- Parkland Total of 0 Hectares
- Total Region Area of 9.8 Hectares
- Total Count - 0 Parks
- Current Population (2021) - 70 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

Parkland Walkability - Middleport

Figure 28: Middleport community boundaries in the County of Brant.



The picturesque community of Middleport, nestled along the Grand River, faces a significant challenge: a severe lack of parkland and green spaces. Currently, Middleport has no designated park areas whatsoever, leaving residents without accessible outdoor recreational facilities.

Furthermore, the prospect of creating new parks in Middleport is daunting. The existing residential landscape is characterized by large, privately owned lots, making land acquisition for public park development both difficult and expensive. This situation presents a significant hurdle for local authorities seeking to enhance the quality of life in Middleport by providing much-needed recreational spaces. Residents need to travel 5km to access a public park in Onondaga.

Middleport

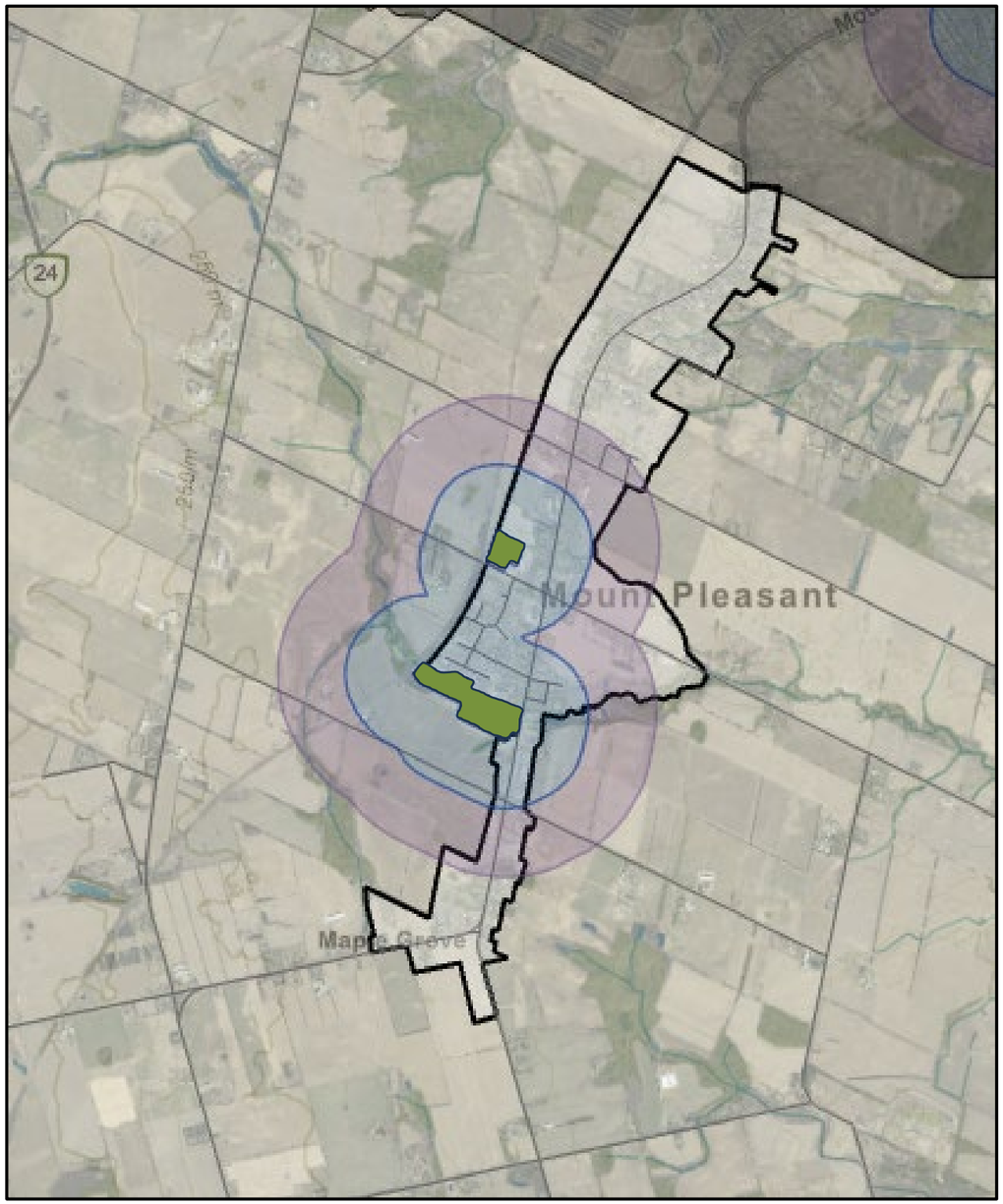
- Parkland Total of 0 Hectares
- Total Region Area of 21.2 Hectares
- Total Count - 0 Parks
- Current Population (2021) - 110 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

Parkland Walkability - Mt. Pleasant

Figure 29: Mt. Pleasant community boundaries and parkland walkability in the County of Brant.



The northern section of Mt. Pleasant, particularly around McGill Road and Mt. Pleasant Road, faces a significant challenge in terms of walkability. This is primarily due to the area's low population density, which makes it difficult to support the kind of amenities and infrastructure that encourage walking.

While upcoming developments in Mt. Pleasant are expected to bring more residents to the area, it's likely that this walkability gap in the north will persist. Consideration for extending sidewalks north of Ellis Ave. could improve access to the LE & N and TH & B trails. This means that people living in this part of Mt. Pleasant may have to rely more on cars or other forms of transportation, which can have implications for their health, the environment, and the overall livability of the community.

Mt. Pleasant

- Parkland Total of 13.63 Hectares + 6.98 Hectares of Tract
- Total Region Area of 346.73 Hectares
- Total Count - 2 Parks, 1 Tract
- Current Population (2021) - 950 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

Parkland Walkability – Muir

Figure 30: Muir community boundaries in the County of Brant.



Muir, nestled on the very edge of the County of Brant, is a truly unique and exceptionally small community. Encompassing a mere 5 hectares – that's about the size of a small farm – and home to just 20 residents (as of 2021), it's easy to see why Muir retains such a strong rural charm. Its location, somewhat secluded from the hustle and bustle of larger towns, reinforces this tranquil, countryside atmosphere.

Because of its limited land area, future growth and parkland acquisition in Muir is not forecasted. The closest location to access public greenspace is in New Durham approximately 8 km away. Residents are apt to choose Burford or Woodstock communities to meet their recreational needs.

Muir

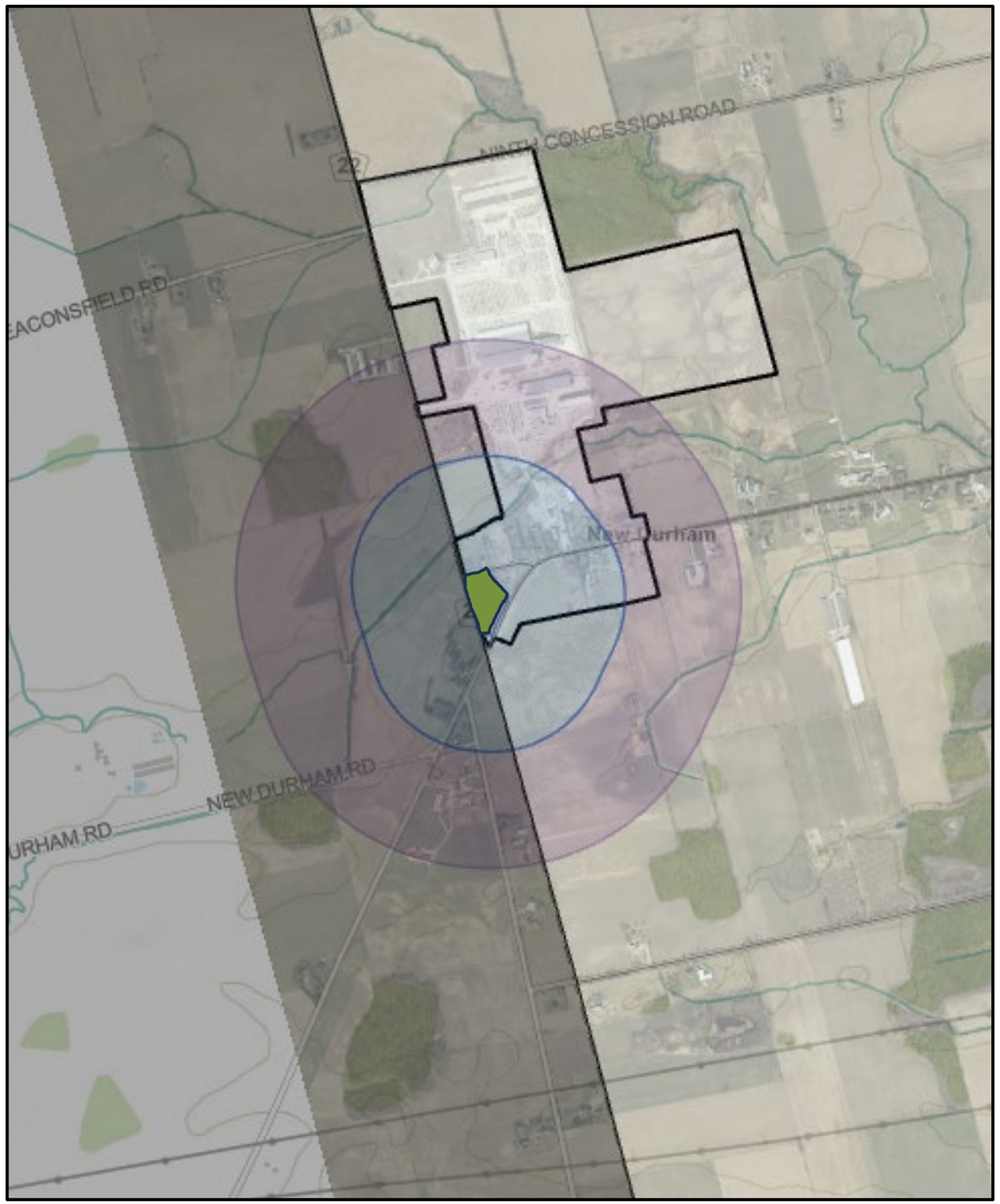
- Parkland Total of 0 Hectares
- Total Region Area of 4.8 Hectares
- Total Count – 0 Parks
- Current Population (2021) - 20 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

Parkland Walkability - New Durham

Figure 31: New Durham community boundaries and parkland walkability in the County of Brant.



New Durham is a pleasant community with a good level of parkland walkability for its size. However, the presence of a large industrial company within the community's boundaries presents a challenge. It’s anticipated the current parkland will be invested in, to create a functional park space for this community in the near future. This will create a valuable recreational hub for residents to enjoy.

New Durham

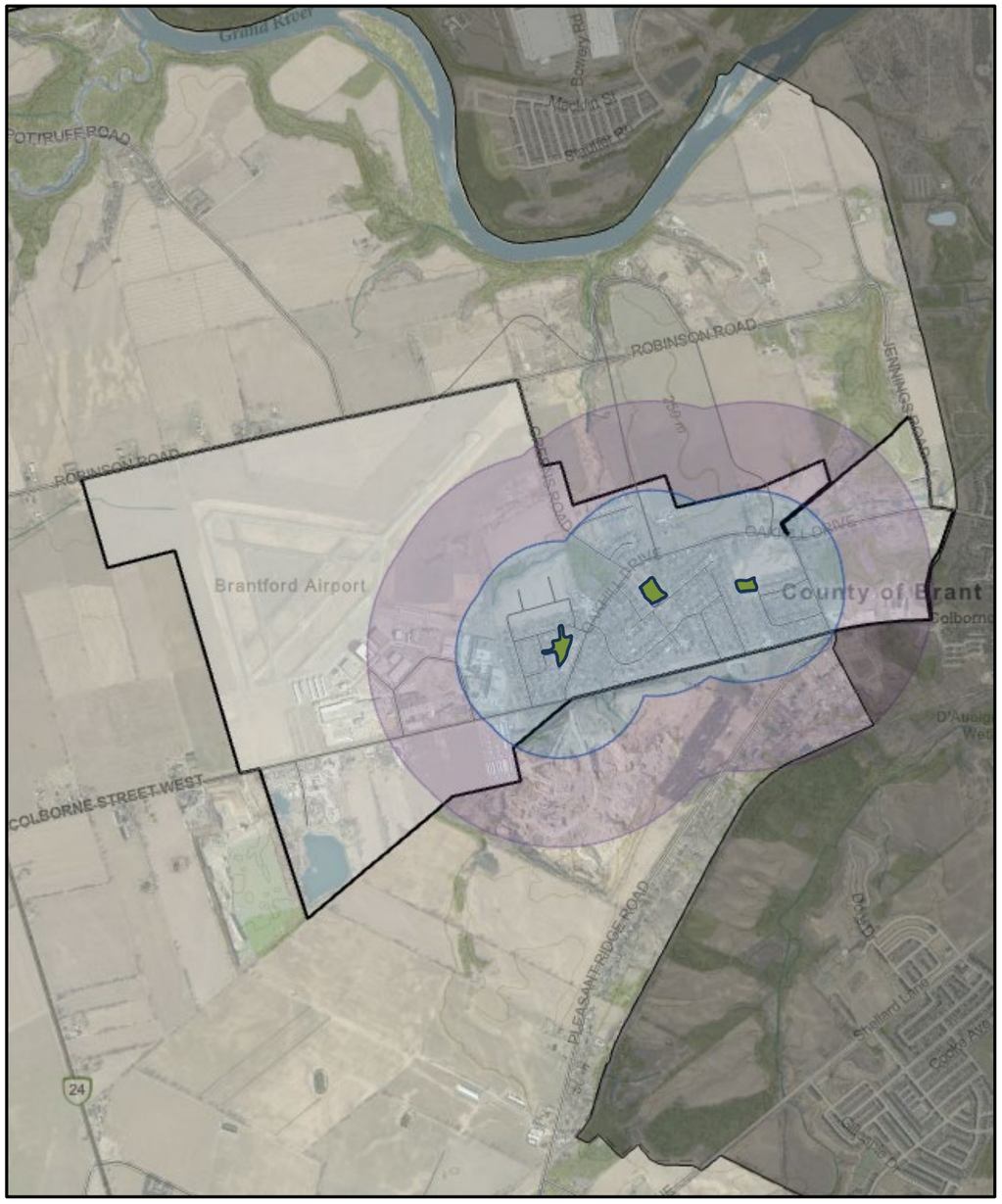
- Parkland Total of 1.77 Hectares
- Total Region Area of 116.3 Hectares
- Total Count - 1 Park
- Current Population (2021) - 50 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

Parkland Walkability – Oakhill

Figure 32: Oakhill community boundaries and parkland walkability in the County of Brant.



Oakhill boasts excellent walkability, especially for those who enjoy spending time outdoors. The community features several well-maintained parks, providing residents with ample green space for recreation and relaxation. It's worth noting that most of these parks are strategically located in this area, making it a particularly desirable area for park users.

Oakhill

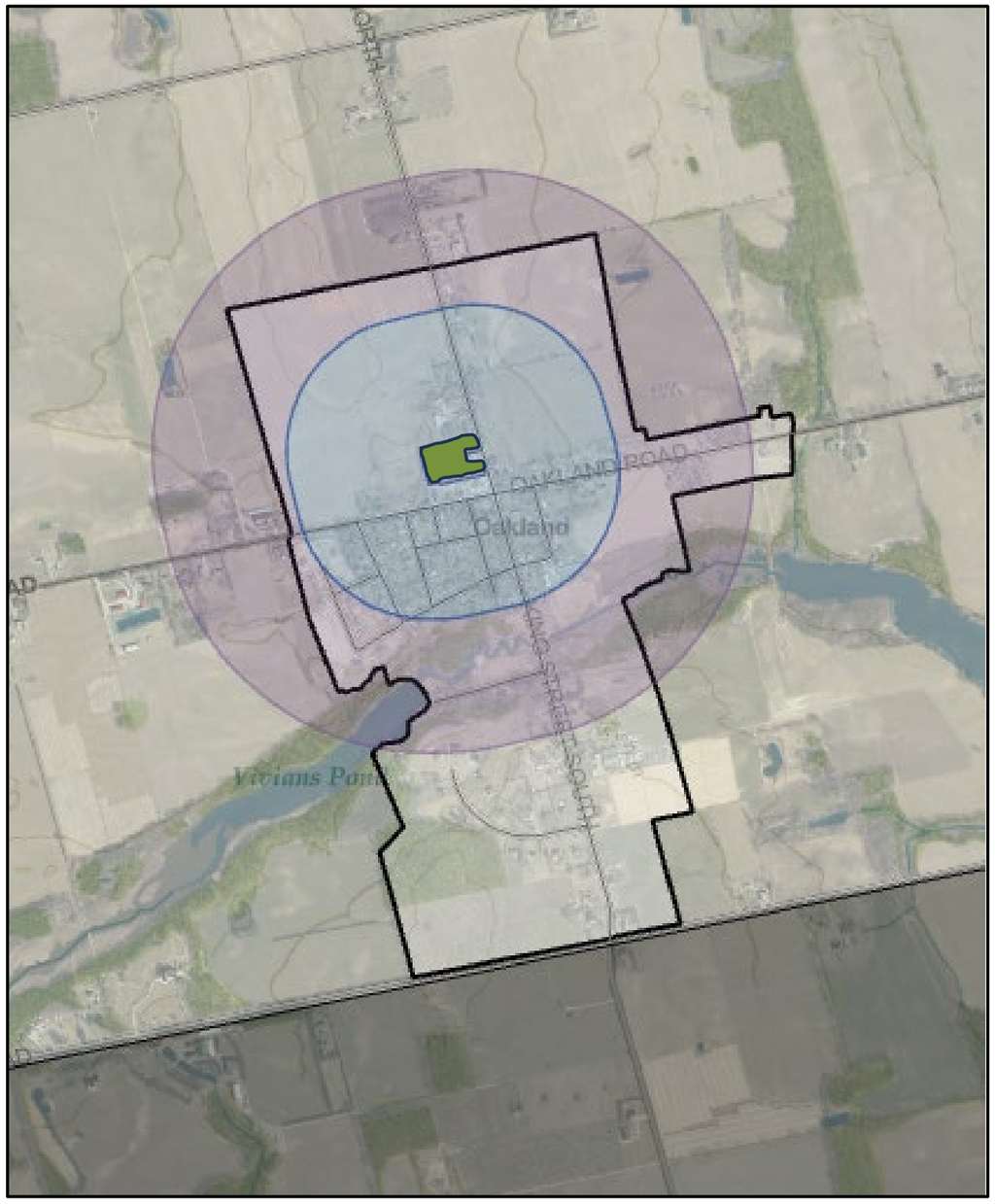
- Parkland Total of 1.63 Hectares + 4.45 Hectares of Tract
- Total Region Area of 440.40 Hectares
- Total Count - 3 Parks, 1 Tract
- Current Population (2021) - 800 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

Parkland Walkability – Oakland

Figure 33: Oakland community boundaries and parkland walkability in the County of Brant.



Oakland features a centralized park that's easily accessible to many residents. A second park owned by the Oakland Lions Club also serves the community and provides a sufficient amount of parkland for the village's activities.

However, the sprawling, more rural southern portion of Oakland will require more parkland through parkland dedication when development applications are processed. It is anticipated that a sufficient amount of parkland will be able to be acquired for this area.

Oakland

- Parkland Total of 1.64 Hectares + 1.21 Hectares of Tract
- Total Region Area of 208.58 Hectares
- Total Count - 1 Park, 1 Tract
- Current Population (2021) - 460 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

Parkland Walkability – Onondaga

Figure 34: Onondaga community boundaries and parkland walkability in the County of Brant.



Onondaga possesses ample parkland, thoughtfully distributed to ensure convenient access for every resident. The current park provisions comfortably meet established standards, effectively eliminating any deficiency in recreational space.

Given the limited opportunities for expansion within the community's boundaries, there's no pressing need to dedicate additional land to park development currently.

Onondaga

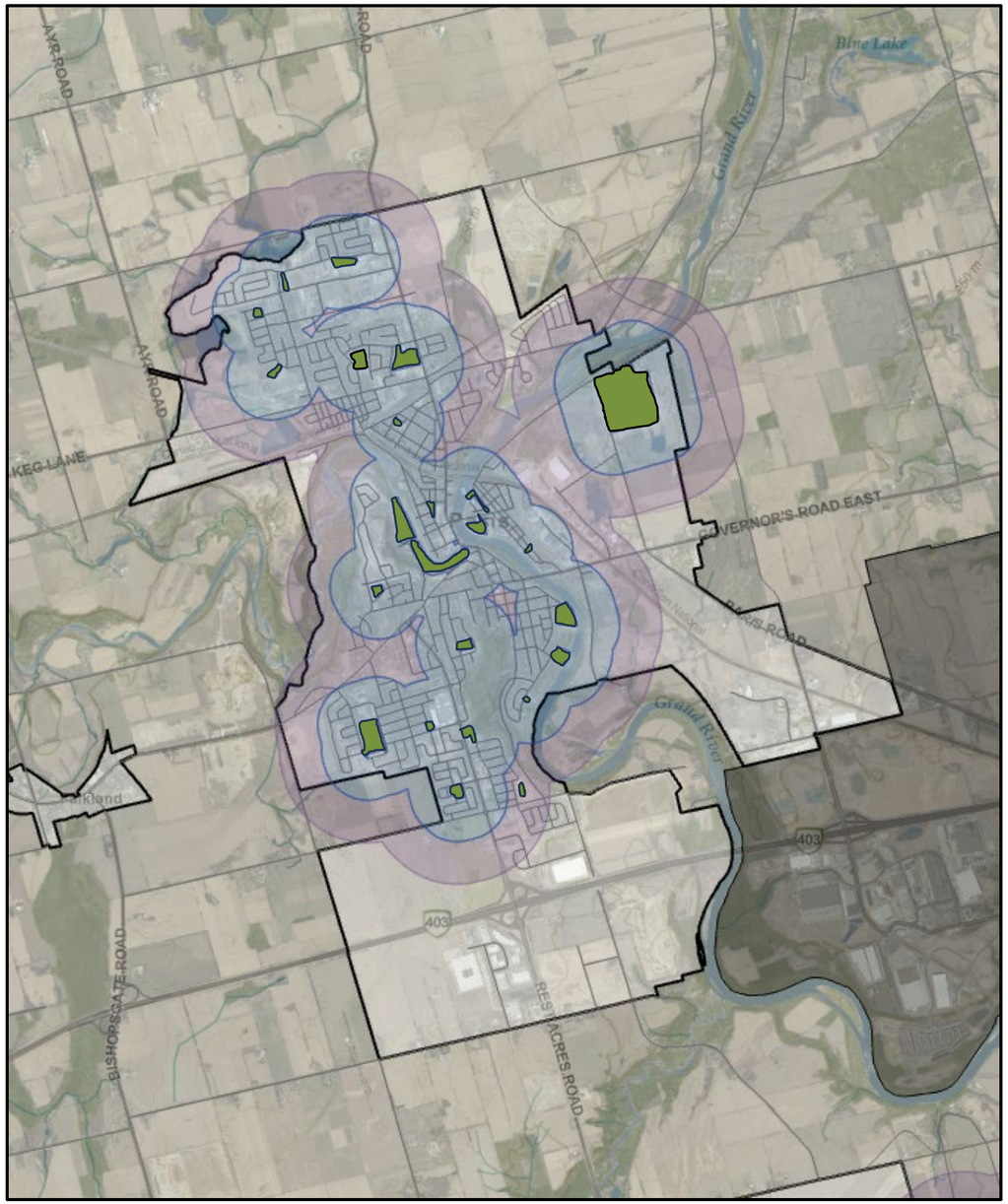
- Parkland Total of 6.15 Hectares + 2.29 Hectares of Tract
- Total Region Area of 66.97 Hectares
- Total Count - 1 Park, 1 Tract
- Current Population (2021) - 210 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

Parkland Walkability – Paris

Figure 35: Paris community boundaries and parkland walkability in the County of Brant.



Paris offers residents a respectable amount of parkland, enhancing the community's quality of life. However, a temporary imbalance exists, with areas south of the town, especially around Highway 403 and Rest Acres Road area.

New developments are underway in these areas, and as these projects progress, it is anticipated a significant increase in available park space will be realized, bringing these southern neighbourhoods in line with the rest of Paris. Paris boasts an impressive 24 parks, offering a diverse range of recreational opportunities.

Paris

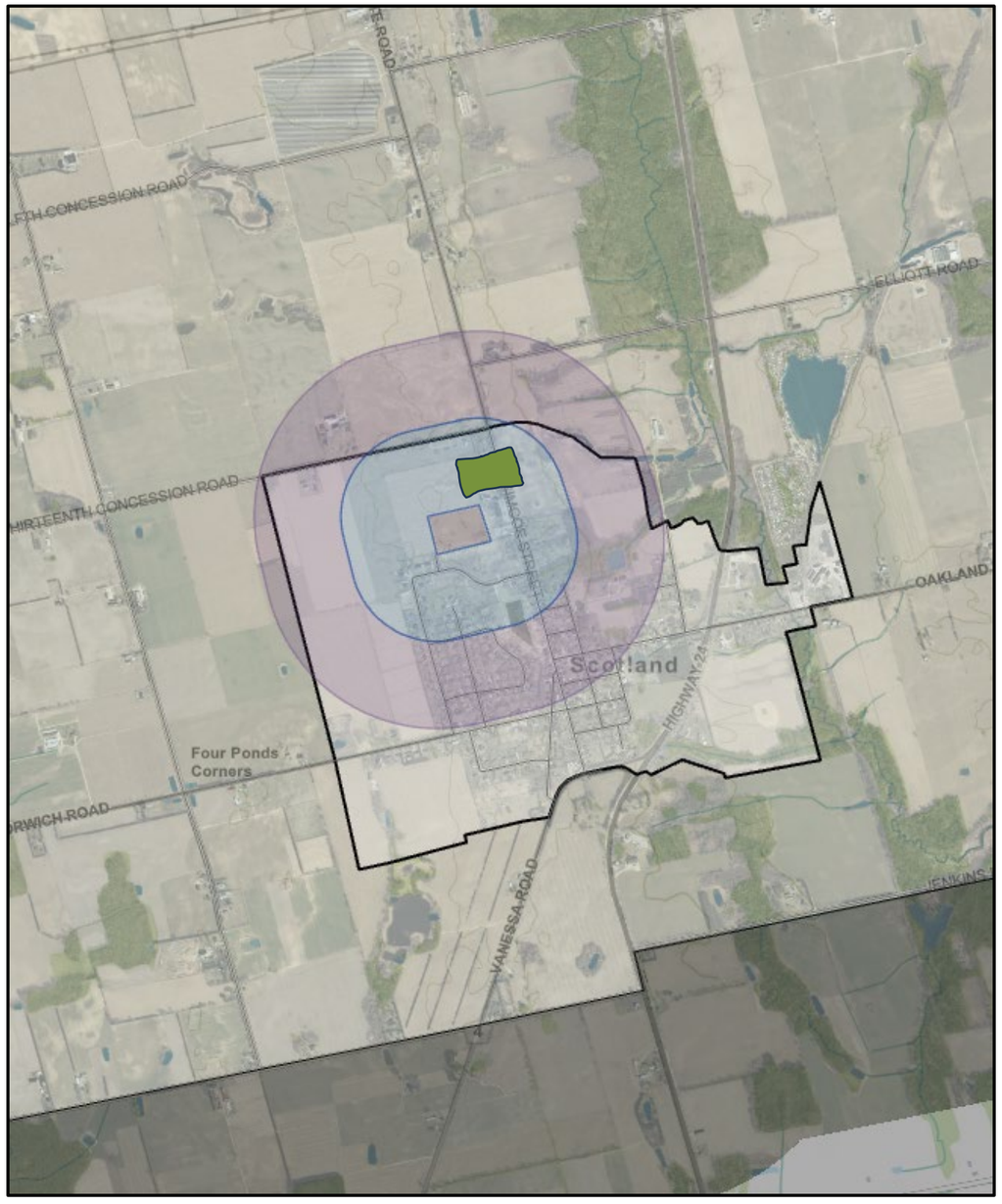
- Parkland Total of 125.24 Hectares
- Total Region Area of 1,024 Hectares
- Total Count - 29 Parks
- Current Population (2021) – 15,400 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

Walkability - Scotland

Figure 36: Scotland community boundaries and parkland walkability in the County of Brant



Scotland's residents require more developed parkland for the community. Currently, the entire region relies on a single park. The parkland/storm water area off Augustus Street will see further development, which will increase access to this property in the next few years and meet the walkability standards for this area.

There is limited park access in the southeast, in the Highway 24 and Oakland Road area. Residents there face a significant gap in recreational opportunities, falling short of the recommended 800-meter walkability standard for park access.

As development occurs in this area, additional parkland will be acquired through Parkland Dedication to meet the walkability standards for residents in this zone. This much-needed addition will finally provide equitable access to green space for everyone in Scotland.

Scotland

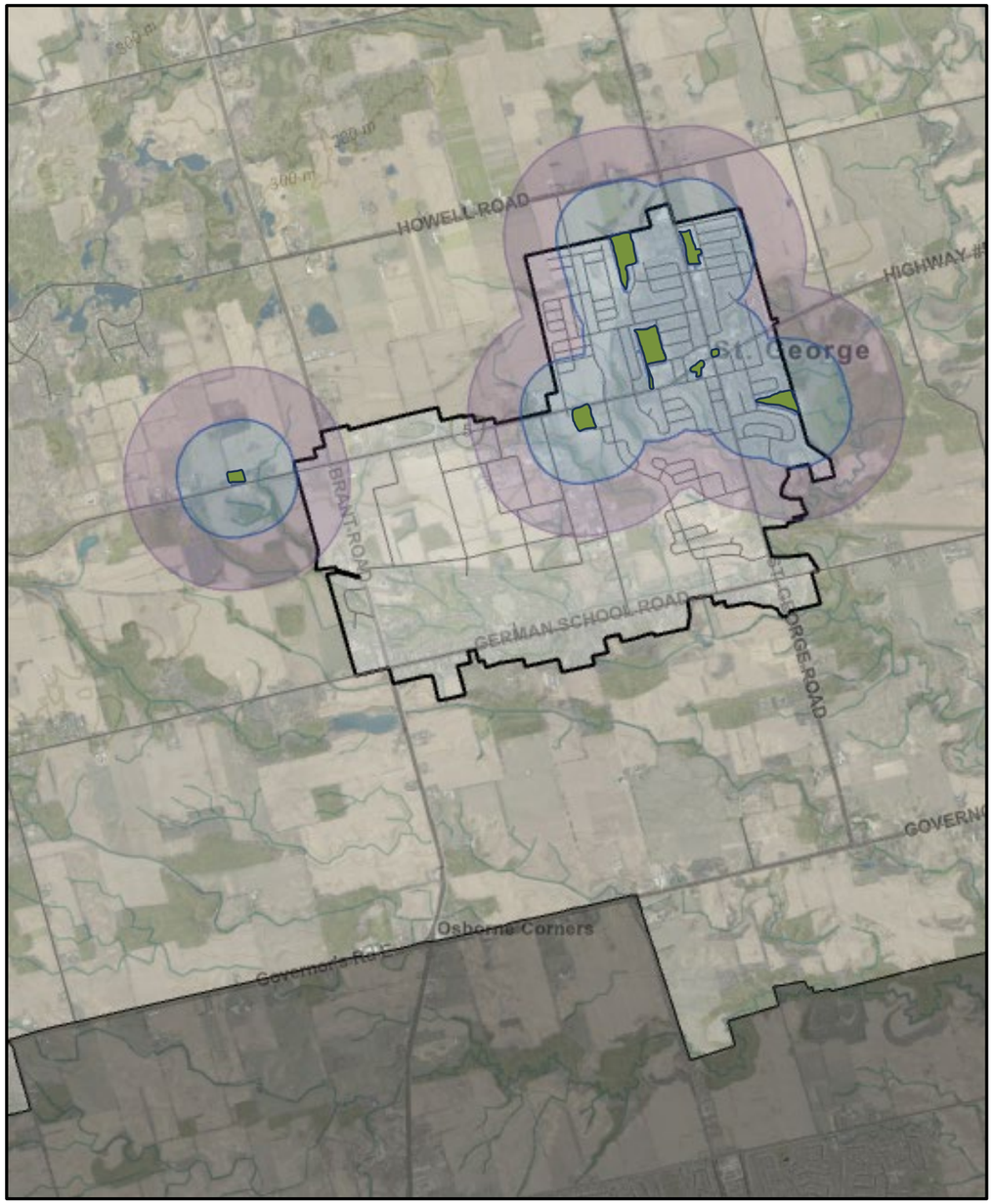
- Parkland Total of 5.15 Hectares
- Total Region Area of 356.41 Hectares
- Total Count - 1 Park
- Current Population (2021) - 900 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

Parkland Walkability - St. George

Figure 37: St. George community boundaries and parkland walkability in the County of Brant.



St. George boasts a beautiful network of parks, but the distribution isn't ideal. While the northeast corner enjoys abundant green space, residents in the south around German School Road, the west near Brant Road, and the northern reaches close to Highway 5 and Brant Road unfortunately have limited park access.

Although planned developments promise to enhance walkability and add more parkland, the northwest, particularly along Highway 5, is projected to remain underserved. With a total of nine parks serving the community, this uneven distribution creates a future challenge to ensure everyone has easy access to nature.

St. George

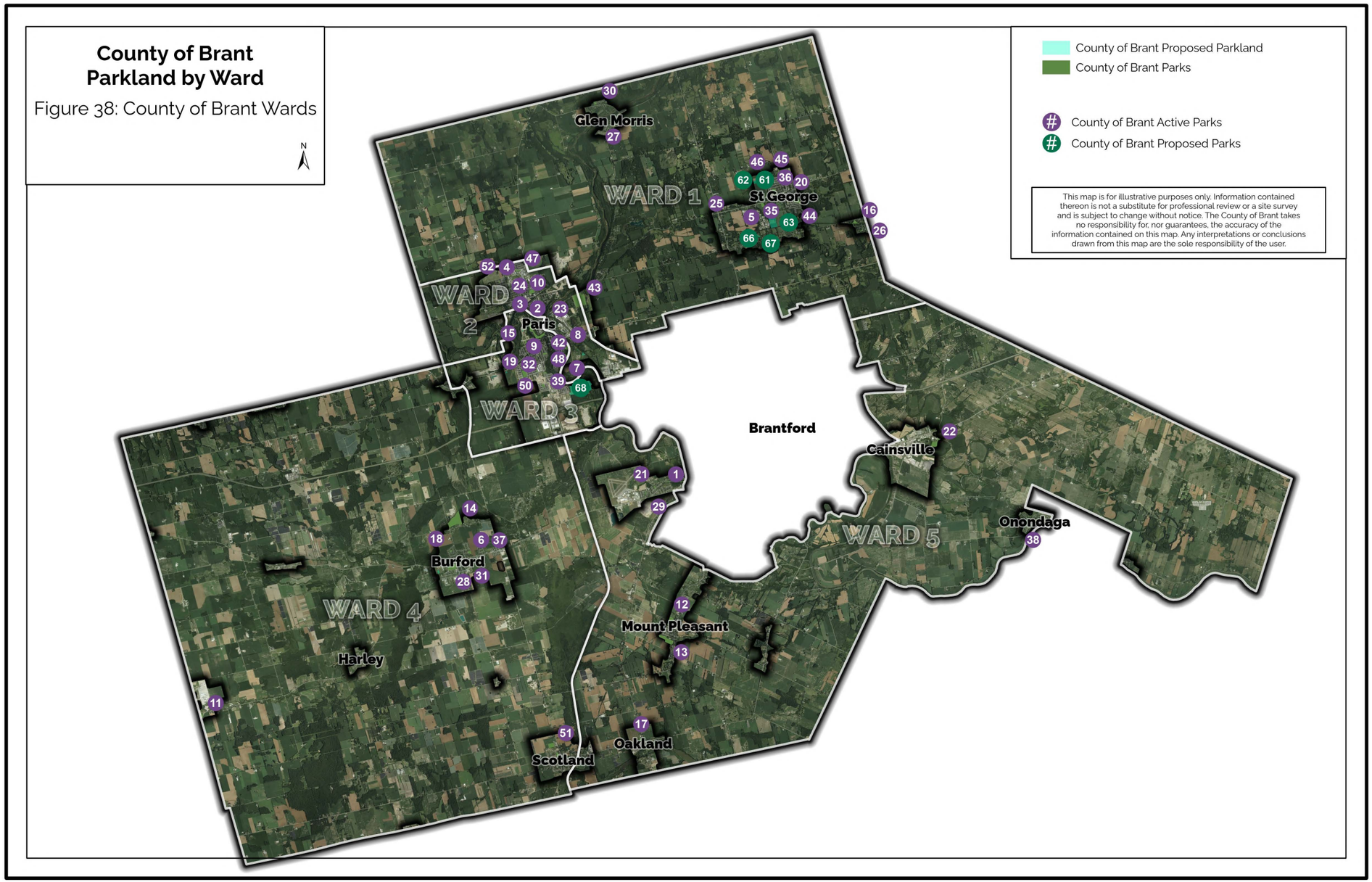
- Parkland Total of 16.95 Hectares + 21.63 Hectares of Tract
- Total Region Area of 897.12 Hectares
- Total Count - 9 Parks, 2 Tracts
- Current Population (2021) – 3,500 Residents

Legend

- 400 Meter Parkland Walkability
- 800 Meter Parkland Walkability
- Existing Parkland
- County of Brant Settlement Boundary

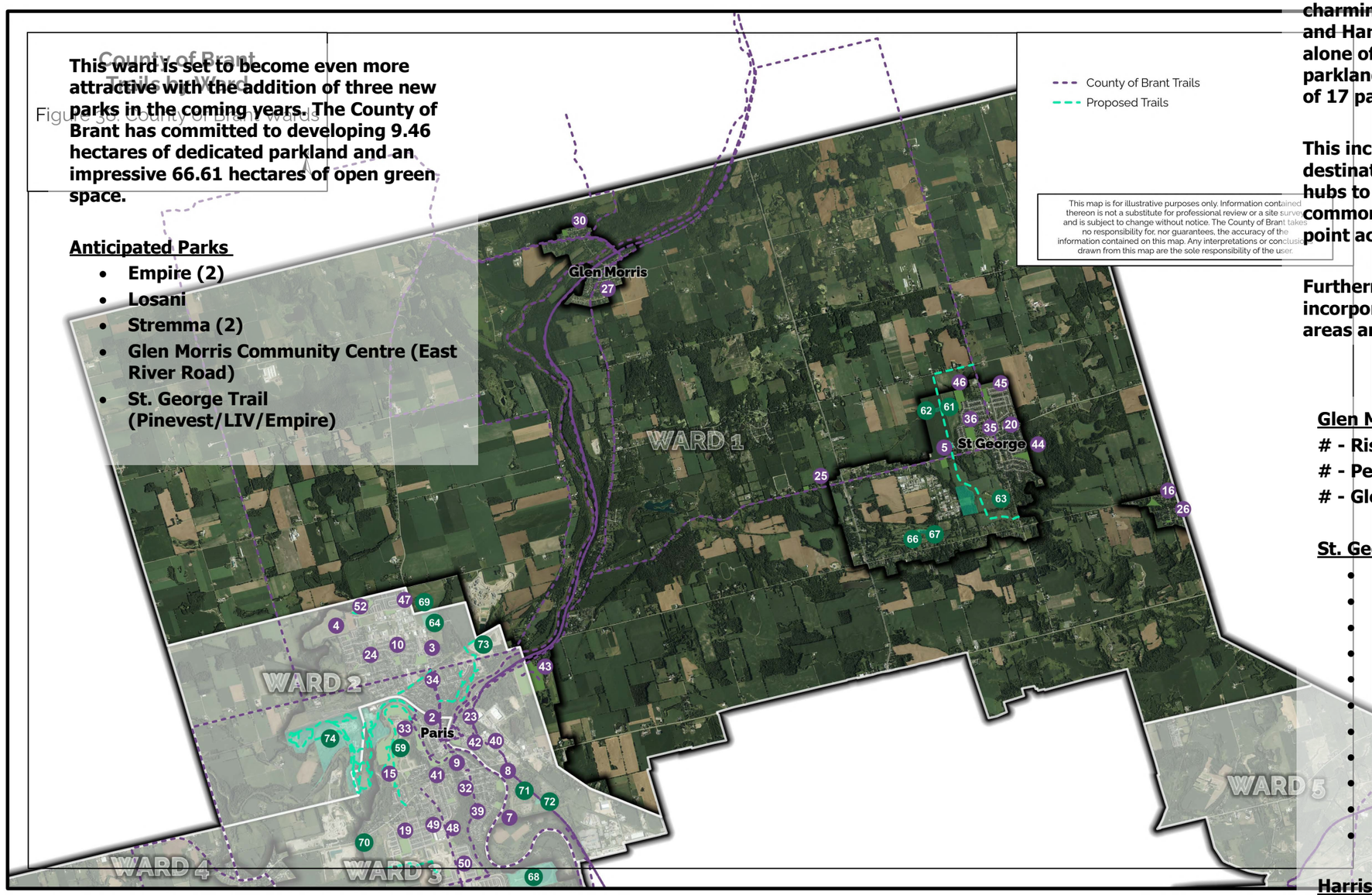
County of Brant Parkland by Ward

Figure 38: County of Brant Wards.



Ward 1

Figure 39: Ward 1 Overview



This ward is set to become even more attractive with the addition of three new parks in the coming years. The County of Brant has committed to developing 9.46 hectares of dedicated parkland and an impressive 66.61 hectares of open green space.

Anticipated Parks

- **Empire (2)**
- **Losani**
- **Stremma (2)**
- **Glen Morris Community Centre (East River Road)**
- **St. George Trail (Pinevest/LIV/Empire)**

The County of Brant, comprised of five distinct wards, boasts a rich tapestry of communities. Within Ward 1, you'll find the charming locales of St. George, Glen Morris, and Harrisburg. These three communities alone offer an impressive 49.11 hectares of parkland, encompassing a diverse network of 17 parks.

This includes a variety of park types, from destination parks and vibrant community hubs to quiet neighborhood greens, common urban spaces, and even vital river point access.

Furthermore, this impressive park system incorporates significant tracts of natural areas and open space, particularly within

Glen Morris Parks & Tracts

 # - Rising Park (Glen Morris Ball Park
 # - Pearson Tract
 # - Glen Morris Centennial Hall

St. George Parks & Tracts

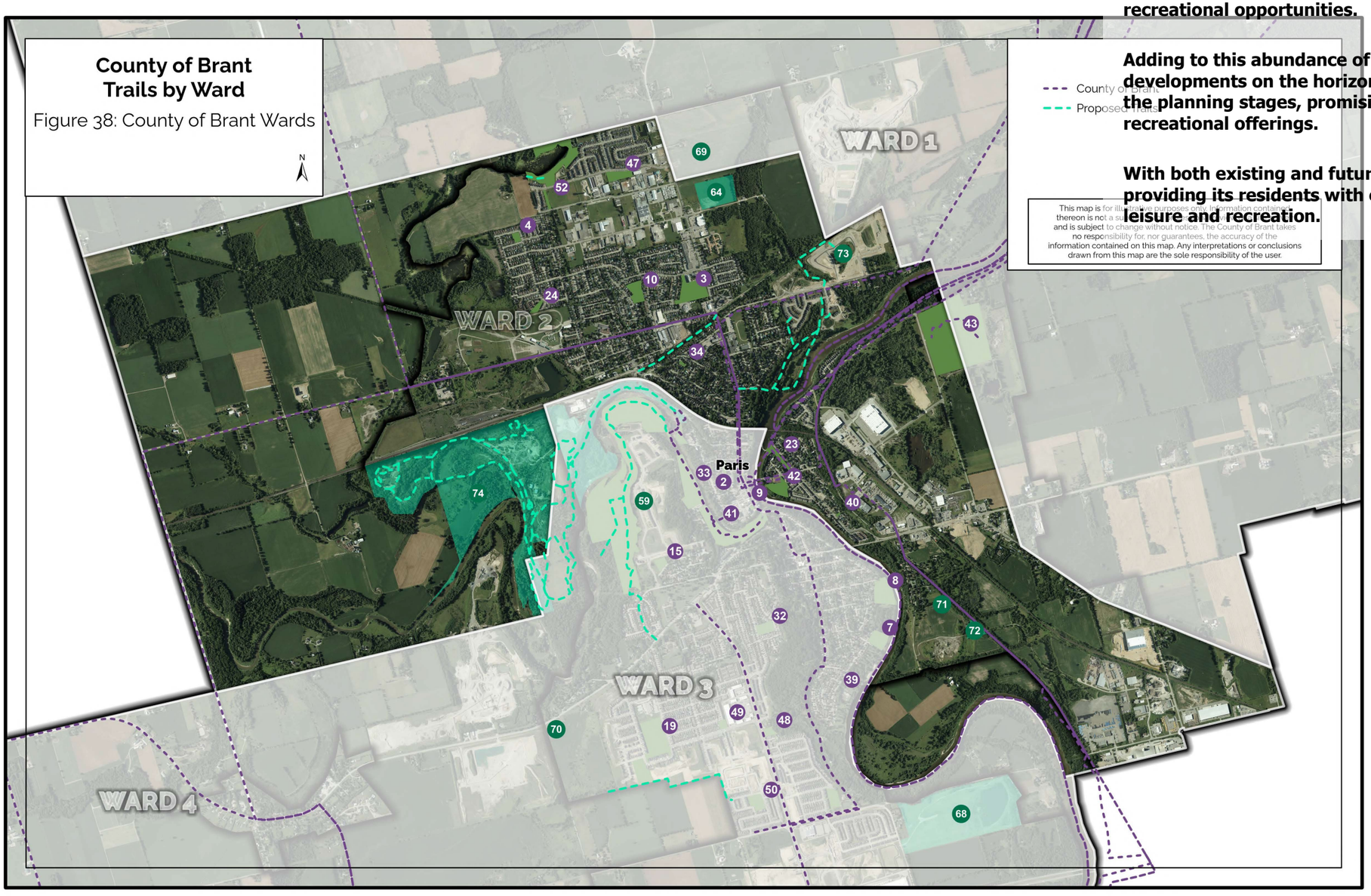
- **Jacob's Woods**
- **Blue Lake Tract**
- **McLean Tract**
- **St. George - Cenotaph War Memorial Park**
- **St. George Parking Lot (Truck Tech)**
- **Snowball Park**
- **Centennial Park**
- **Arena Park (Gaukel Memorial Community Centre)**
- **Sunny Hill Park**
- **Elliott Field**
- **King William Park**

Harrisburg Parks

 # - Harrisburg Ball Park
 # - Harrisburg Church Park

Ward 2

Figure 40: Ward 2 Overview



Ward 2 boasts an impressive 26.59 hectares of parkland, providing ample green space for residents to enjoy.

The eleven parks located in this ward offer a variety of recreational opportunities.

Adding to this abundance of parkland are several new developments on the horizon. A 1.18-hectare park is currently in the planning stages, promising to further enhance the ward's recreational offerings.

With both existing and future parkland, Ward 2 is committed to providing its residents with exceptional outdoor spaces for leisure and recreation.

<u>Paris Parks</u>

- **Bemrose Park**
- **Axton Park**
- **Woodslee Linear Park**
- **Dawdy Park**
- **Forest Drive Park**
- **Charlton Park**
- **Jury Street Park**
- **Green Lane Sports Complex & Simply Grand Dog Park**
- **Twin Rivers Stadium**
- **Penman's Dam Park**
- **Willow Street Park**

<u>Paris Anticipated Parks/Trails</u>

- **Cordon**
- **Paris Memorial Forest**
- **Green Lane Sports Complex (further development)**
- **Watt's Pond Trails (Phase 2 and 3)**
- **North of the Nith**
- **Golf North/Paris Riverside Park and Trails**
- **TCA (2)**
- **Capron St. Trail**

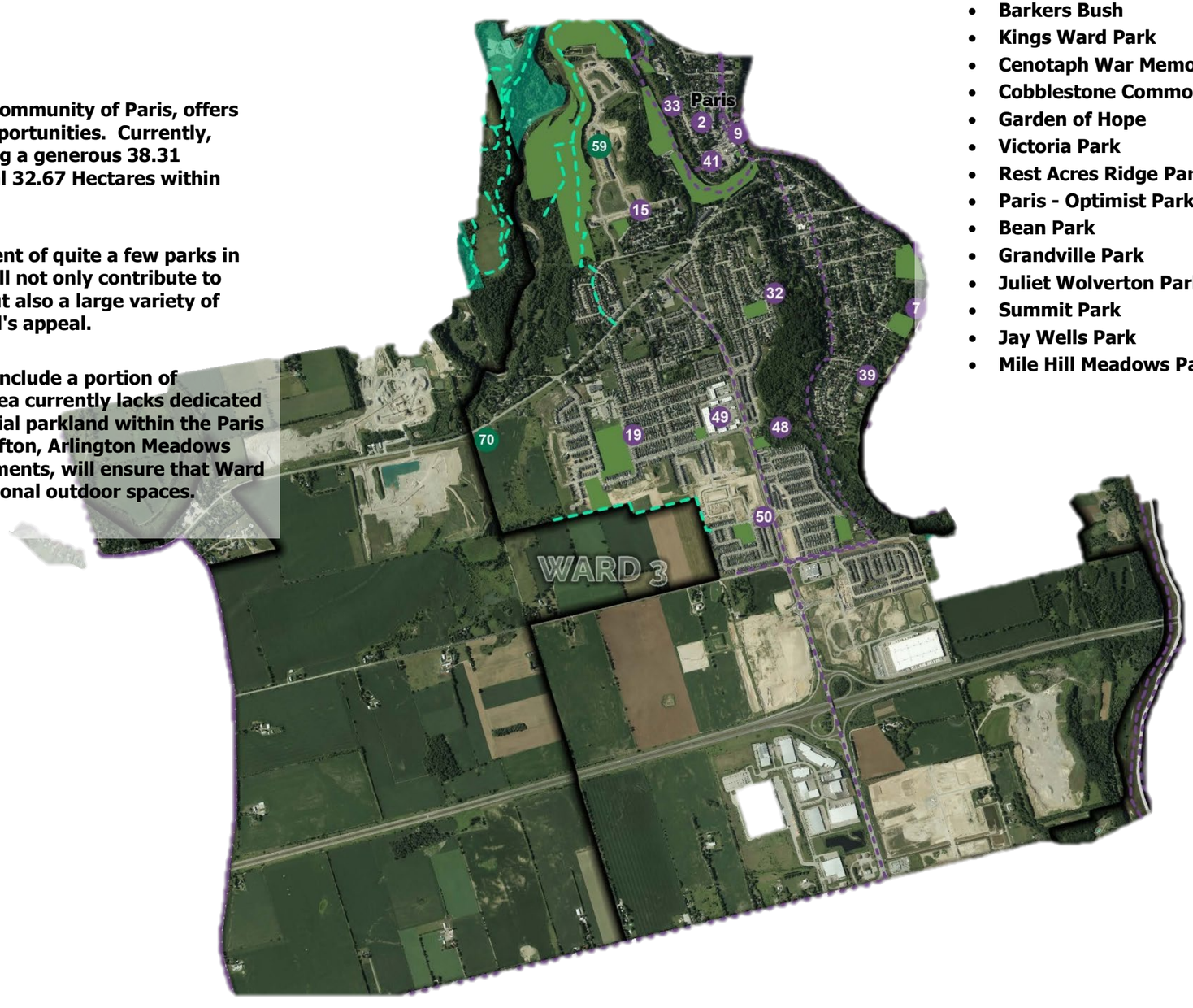
Ward 3

Figure 41: Ward 3 overview.

Ward 3, centered around the vibrant community of Paris, offers an impressive array of recreational opportunities. Currently, residents enjoy 14 parks encompassing a generous 38.31 hectares of parkland plus an additional 32.67 Hectares within Barkers Bush.

Plans are underway for the development of quite a few parks in Ward 3. These significant additions will not only contribute to more access to dedicated parkland, but also a large variety of amenities, further enhancing the ward's appeal.

While Ward 3's boundaries extend to include a portion of Falkland, it's worth noting that this area currently lacks dedicated park facilities. However, the substantial parkland within the Paris Ward 3, coupled with the upcoming Sifton, Arlington Meadows Park and Gurney Sports Park developments, will ensure that Ward 3 residents will have access to exceptional outdoor spaces.



Paris Parks

- **Lions Park-Paris Community Pool and Pete Lavoie Ball Park**
- **Barkers Bush**
- **Kings Ward Park**
- **Cenotaph War Memorial (Paris Cenotaph)**
- **Cobblestone Common**
- **Garden of Hope**
- **Victoria Park**
- **Rest Acres Ridge Park**
- **Paris - Optimist Park**
- **Bean Park**
- **Grandville Park**
- **Juliet Wolverton Park**
- **Summit Park**
- **Jay Wells Park**
- **Mile Hill Meadows Park**

Paris Anticipated Parks

- **Nith Peninsula**
- **Victoria Park (retrofit)**
- **Arlington Meadows**
- **Sifton**
- **Gurney Sports Park**

Ward 4

Figure 42: Ward 4 overview.



Ward 4 encompasses a significant portion of the County of Brant, comprising ten distinct local communities. Currently, this ward features nine parks totaling an impressive 42.55 hectares of parkland, offering valuable recreational space for residents.

Looking to the future, three parkland developments are planned for Burford and Scotland, promising to add a substantial 25 hectares to Ward 4's park inventory. This significant expansion will greatly enhance recreational opportunities within the ward.

While Ward 4 consists of ten communities, park facilities are currently concentrated in only four. The remaining communities, often more rural and sparsely populated, face challenges in developing parkland due to their size and location.

Parks List

- **Scotland - Optimist Park**
- **New Durham Ball Park**
- **Burford Optimist and Lions Park (Burford Community Centre)**
- **Burford Lions Art Cadman Park**
- **Janice Hunt Memorial Park**
- **John St. Park**
- **Park Ave. Soccer Park**
- **Broadview Park**
- **Harley Playground**

Anticipated Parks List

- **Burford Gravel Pit – Maple Ave**
- **King St. Parkette (Burford)**
- **Scotland Retention Pond – Redevelopment (Trails/Bike Park)**
- **Haley**

Ward 5

Figure 43: Ward 5 overview.

Anticipated Parks

- **Oakland Road**
- **Scotland Development (Highway 24)**
- **Expansion of Mt. Pleasant Park**
- **LE and N Trail expansion to Smith's Mill Pond**



Parks & Tracts List

- **Brant Onondaga Park**
- **Oakland Community Centre Park**
- **Oakland Tract (Clayton Thompson Tract)**
- **McEwan Tract**
- **Mount Pleasant Nature Park**
- **Mount Pleasant Park**
- **Poplar Hills Park**
- **Oakhill Heights Park**
- **Foxhill Heights Park**
- **Mason Tract**
- **Onondaga Ball Park**

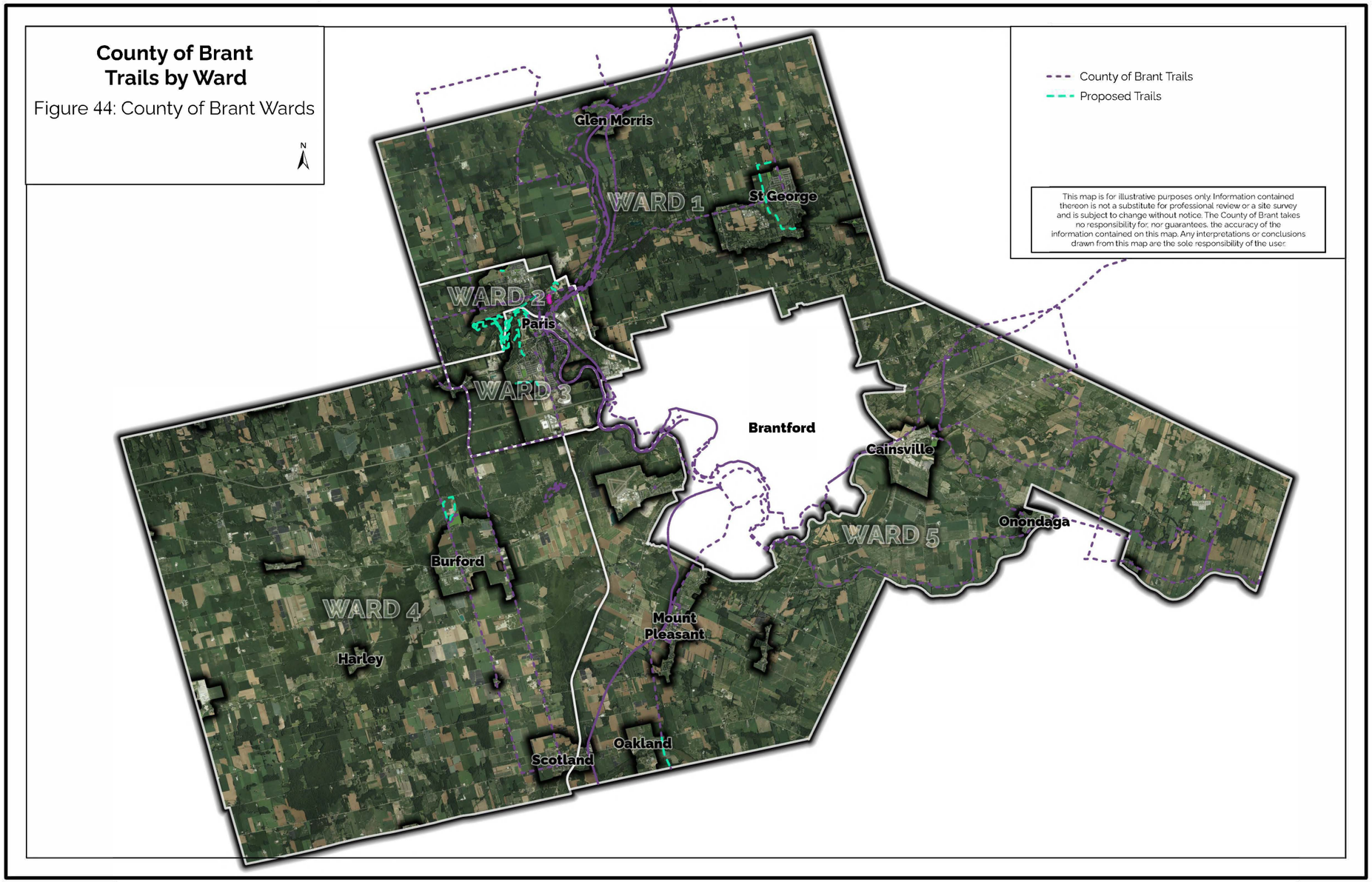
Ward 5 completes the comprehensive ward breakdown for the County of Brant. Comprising eight distinct communities, this ward currently boasts eight parks, providing residents with a total of 33.53 hectares of parkland.

Like other wards in the County, Ward 5 includes some more rural communities. While these areas may not currently contribute to the overall parkland acreage, the Ward is host to 14 km of well travelled multi-use trails.

Looking ahead, Ward 5 has exciting plans for future development. Over the next few years, planned projects will add 1.33 hectares of dedicated parkland and an impressive 9.47 hectares of open green space, further enhancing the recreational opportunities available to residents.

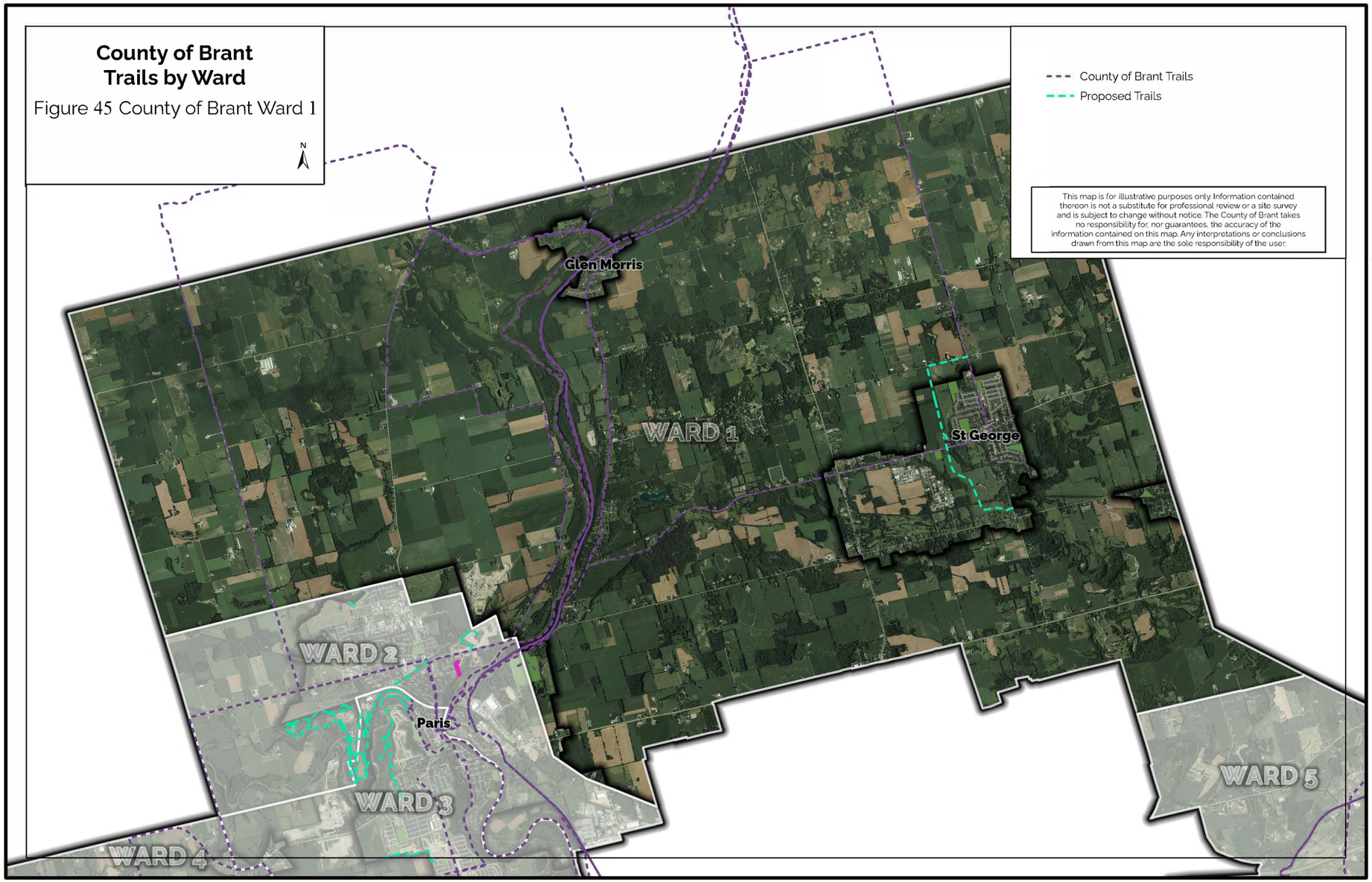
County of Brant Trails by Ward

Figure 44: County of Brant Trails



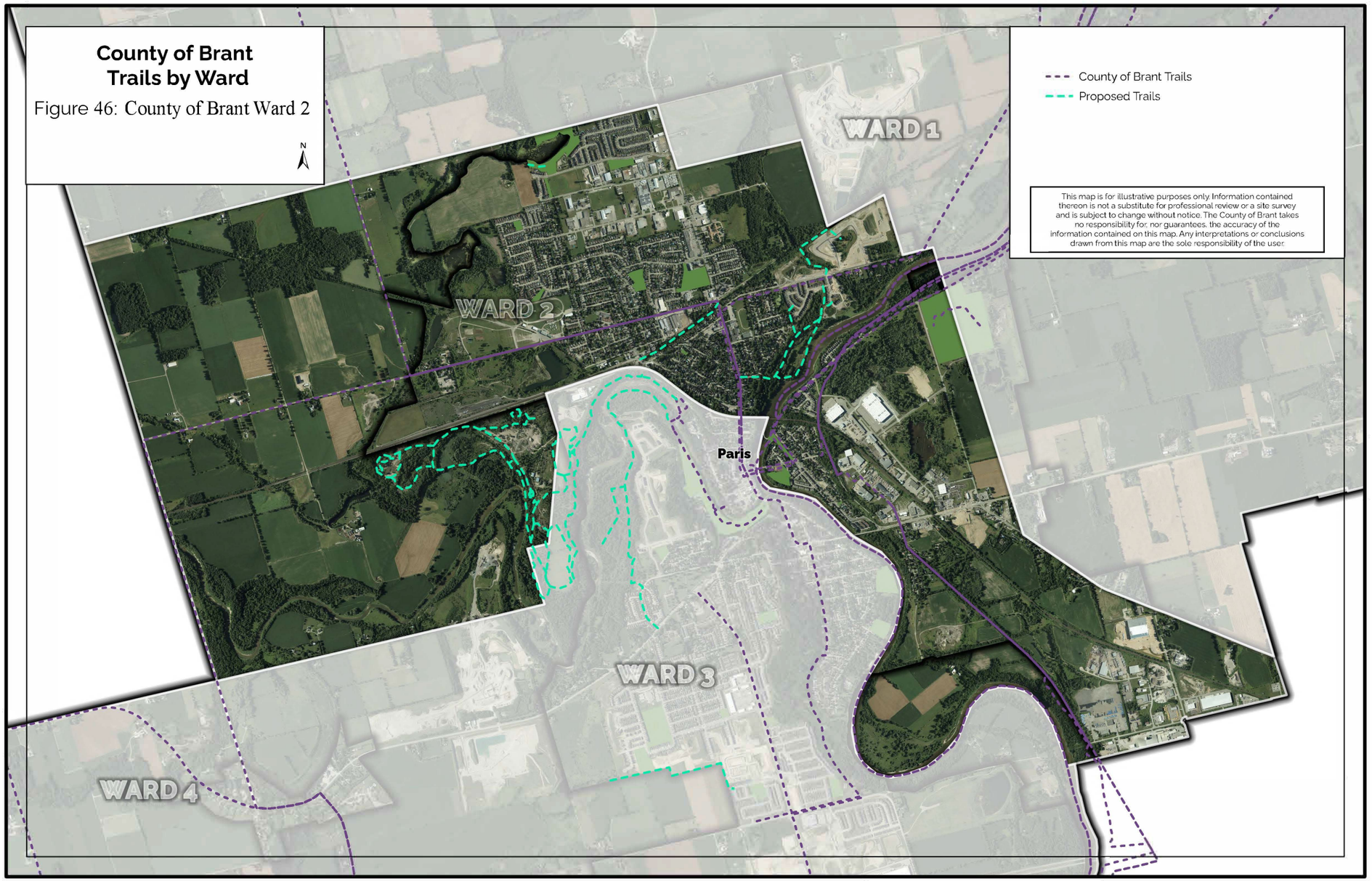
Ward 1

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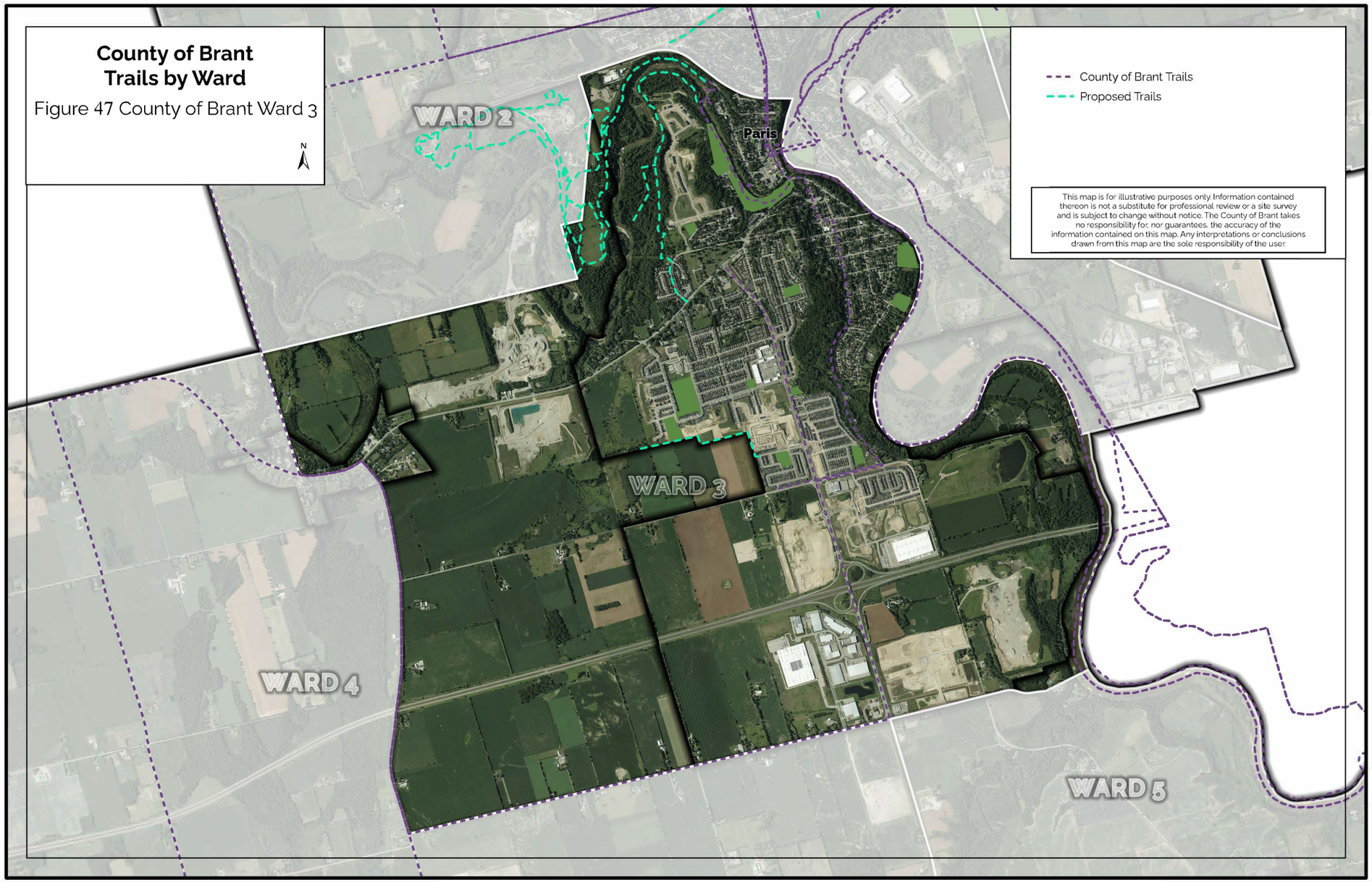
Ward 2

Figure 46: Ward 1 Overview



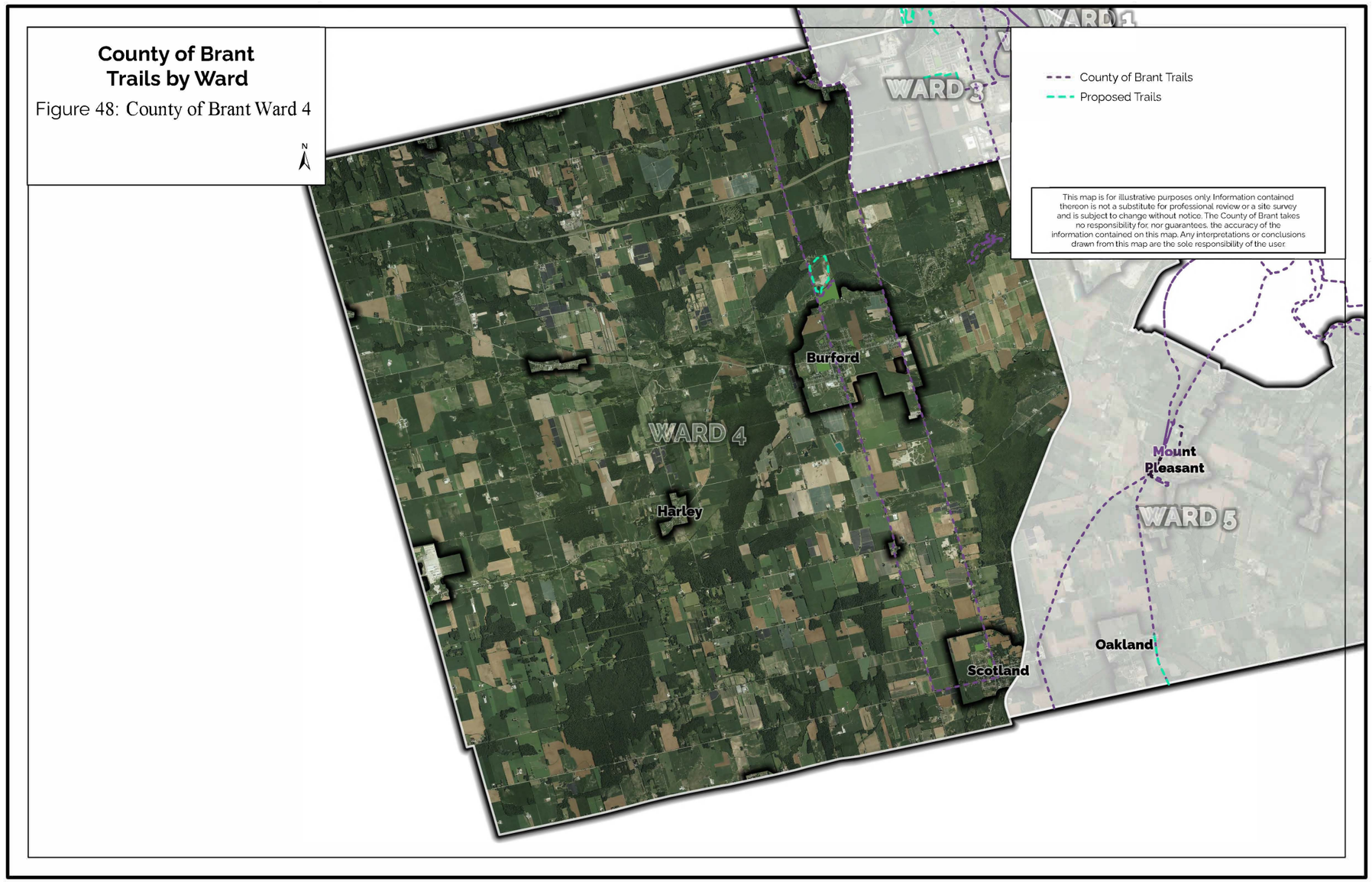
Ward 3

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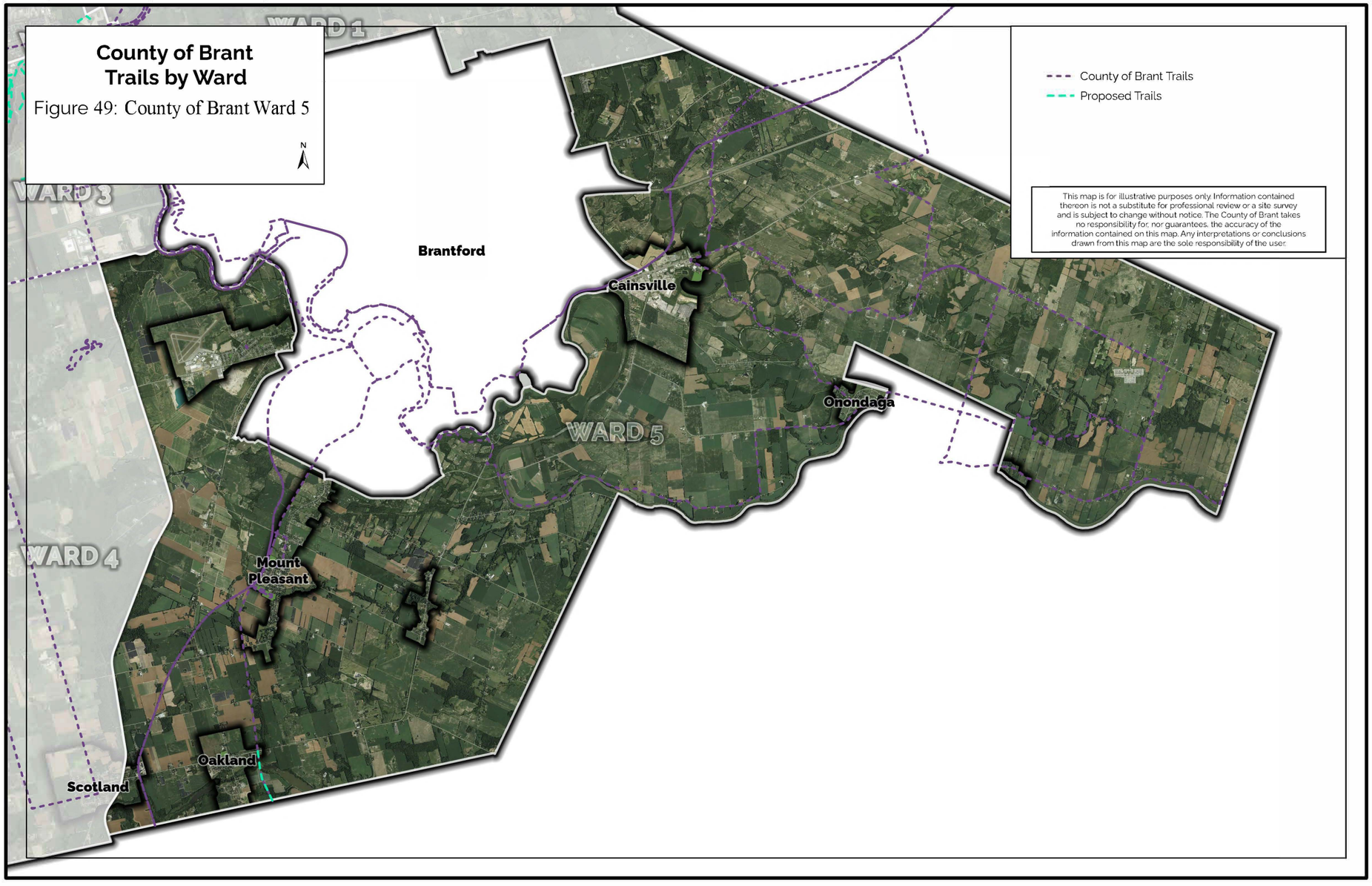
Ward 4

Figure 48: Ward 1 Overview



Ward 5

Figure 49: Ward 5 Overview





Section 6: Park & Facility Bookings

Lion's Park - Paris, ON

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Park Bookings

The County of Brant offers various park and facility booking options across its various communities. These include reservations for picnic areas within our scenic parks, as well as bookings for sports fields such as soccer fields and baseball diamonds. Beyond individual bookings, Brant also hosts numerous tournaments throughout the year, showcasing a variety of sports and attracting participants from across the region. These tournaments contribute to the vibrant sporting culture within many communities.

The following section provides a detailed breakdown of booking activity for ball diamonds and park fields in each community for the years 2018 and 2022. This comparison allows an analysis of trends in usage and creates a better understanding of how demand for these facilities has evolved. The data includes the total hours booked, providing a clear picture of the level of activity at each location. By examining these figures, a better understanding is known regarding the needs which will help inform decision-making about future park and recreation planning.

Community Park Bookings

Table 2: Park & Ball Diamond Bookings for 2018 and 2022 for the community of Paris.

2018 Bookings (Total Hours)	2022 Bookings (Total Hours)
Paris	
Soccer Fields • Green Lane Sports Complex **157** Hours • Charlton Park **0** Hours • Forest Drive Park **116** Hours • Optimist Park **108** Hours **Ball Diamonds** • Green Lane Sports Complex **1,525** Hours • Optimist Park **132** Hours • Paris Lions Park **226** Hours • Victoria Park **322** Hours • Two Rivers Stadium **442** Hours	**Soccer Fields** • Green Lane Sports Complex **298** Hours • Charlton Park **198** Hours • Forest Drive Park **116** Hours • Optimist Park **36** Hours **Ball Diamonds** • Green Lane Sports Complex **1,120** Hours • Optimist Park **41** Hours • Paris Lions Park **1,179** Hours • Victoria Park **259** Hours • Two Rivers Stadium **325** Hours

Table 3: Park & Ball Diamond Bookings for 2018 and 2022 for the community of St. George.

2018 Bookings (Total Hours)	2022 Bookings (Total Hours)
St. George	
Soccer Fields • Elliott Field **233** Hours • Sunny Hill Park **124.5** Hours **Ball Diamonds** • GMCC Ball Diamonds **832** Hours • Harrisburg Ball Park **179.5** Hours • King William Ball Park **177** Hours	**Soccer Fields** • Elliot Field **434** Hours • Sunny Hill Park Field **162** Hours **Ball Diamonds** • GMCC Ball Diamonds **613** Hours • Harrisburg Ball Diamond **170** Hours • King William Ball Diamond **203** Hours

Table 4: Park & Ball Diamond Bookings for 2018 and 2022 for the community of Burford.

2018 Bookings (Total Hours)	2022 Bookings (Total Hours)
Burford	
Soccer Fields • Burford Optimist & Lions Park **348** Hours • Park Ave. Soccer Park **120** Hours **Ball Diamonds** • Burford Optimist & Lions Park **975** Hours	**Soccer Fields** • Burford Optimist & Lions Park **187** Hours • Park Ave. Soccer Park **48** Hours **Ball Diamonds** • Burford Optimist & Lions Park **677** Hours

Table 5: Park & Ball Diamond Bookings for 2018 and 2022 for Cainsville, Onondaga and Mount Pleasant.

2018 Bookings (Total Hours)	2022 Bookings (Total Hours)
Cainsville, Onondaga, & Mt. Pleasant	
Soccer Fields • Mt. Pleasant Park **38** Hours **Ball Diamonds** • Mt. Pleasant Park **121** Hours	**Soccer Fields** • Mt. Pleasant Park **24** Hours **Ball Diamonds** • Mt. Pleasant Park **30** Hours

Picnic Bookings - 2023

Table 6: County of Brant's Picnic Bookings of 2023.

Locations	Usage Hours	Available Hours
Total Booking Areas – 12 Locations	**Total Booking Hours – 1399.25 Hours**	
Art Cadman Burford Lions Park Shelter	10 Hours	646 Hours
Dwayne Bereziuk Memorial Disc Golf Course	102.75 Hours	646 Hours
Dale Weatherbee Pavilion	127.5 Hours	646 Hours
Green Lane Sports Complex Picnic Shelter	123 Hours	646 Hours
King William Picnic Shelter	32.5 Hours	646 Hours
Mt. Pleasant Picnic Shelter	53.5 Hours	646 Hours
Paris Firefighters Pavilion	151 Hours	646 Hours
Paris Lions Park Open Space North	75.5 Hours	646 Hours
Paris Lions Park Picnic Area	143.5 Hours	646 Hours
SC Johnson Picnic Shelter	286 Hours	646 Hours
Sunny Hill Park Picnic Shelter	166.5 Hours	646 Hours
Walter Williams Amphitheatre	127.5 Hours	646 Hours

Soccer Field Bookings - 2023

Table 7: County of Brant's Soccer Field Bookings of 2023.

Locations	Usage Hours	Available Hours
Total Booking Areas – 12 Locations	**Total Booking Hours – 1830.5 Hours**	
Burford CC Soccer Fields	175.5 Hours	2,816 Hours
Charlton Park Soccer Field	162 Hours	704 Hours
Elliot Fields	462 Hours	2,112 Hours
Forest Drive Soccer Field	110 Hours	704 Hours
Sunny Hill Soccer Field	173 Hours	704 Hours
Mt. Pleasant Soccer Field	24 Hours	704 Hours
Green Lane Sports Complex	620 Hours	1,408 Hours
Park Ave. Soccer Field	104 Hours	1,408 Hours

Beach Volleyball Bookings - 2023

Table 8: County of Brant's Beach Volleyball Bookings of 2023.

Location	Usage Hours	Available Hours
Total Booking Areas – 1 Location	**Total Booking Hours – 536 Hours**	
Green Lane Sports Complex	Court 1 183 Hours Court 2 181 Hours Court 3 172 Hours	Court 1 704 Hours Court 2 704 Hours Court 3 704 Hours

Disc Golf Bookings

Table 9: County of Brant's Disc Golf Bookings of 2023.

Location	Usage Hours	Available Hours
Total Booking Areas – 1 Location	**Total Booking Hours – 102.75 Hours**	
Dwayne Bereziuk Memorial Disc Golf Course	102.75 Hours	646 Hours

Ball Diamond Bookings

Table 10: County of Brant's Ball Diamond Bookings.

Facility	Usage Hours	Hours Available
Total Booking Areas – 10 Locations	**Total Booking Hours – 5231.5 Hours**	
Burford Community Centre	837 Hours	3,036 Hours
Gaukel Memorial CC/Arena Park	748 Hours	1,870 Hours
Paris Optimist Park Ball Diamond	264 Hours	704 Hours
Green Lane Sports Complex	1,260.5 Hours	3,740 Hours
Harrisburg Ball Diamond	226 Hours	704 Hours
King William Park Ball Diamond	204 Hours	704 Hours
Mt. Pleasant Ball Diamond	43 Hours	704 Hours
Paris Lions Park	1,054 Hours	1,870 Hours
Two Rivers Ball Diamond PYSA Contract	290 Hours	704 Hours
Victoria Park Ball Diamond PYSA Contract	305 Hours	704 Hours

Tournament & Special Event Teams Participants

Table 11: County of Brant's Tournament and Special Event Teams Participants overview.

Groups	2018 Bookings	2023 Bookings	2024 Bookings
BCC (Burford Community Centre)			
Total Booking Hours	**475**	**412**	**384**
Brantford Christian Men Slo-Pitch	125	100	100
Burford Co-ed Slo-Pitch	144	50	40
Burford Youth Soccer	206	262	244

Groups	2018 Bookings	2023 Bookings	2024 Bookings
GLSC (Green Lane Sports Complex)			
Total Booking Hours	**753**	**2,719**	**2,603**
Little Kickers Soccer	0	48	68
Paris Rotary Club Ball Tournament	0	0	45
Beach Wave Volleyball	0	282	414
Rehoboth Christian School Tournament	300	325	380
Paris Disc Golf Club - app tracking for use	0	1,000	1,000
Word and Deed Tournament	176	176	176
Brant Senior Slo-Pitch	25	27	30
Bay Lynx Ball Tournament	0	50	50
Paris Disc Golf Tournament	0	140	80
Paris Disc Golf Provincial Tournament	0	300	0
Brant Youth Volleyball Club	52	171	160
Green Lane Slo-Pitch	200	200	200

Groups	2018 Bookings	2023 Bookings	2024 Bookings
GMCC (Gaukel Memorial Community Centre)			
Total Booking Hours	**670**	**566**	**619**
St. George Men Slo-Pitch	160	160	160
St George Old Masters Slo-Pitch	90	60	75
St. George Soccer Club	325	251	289
St George Ladies Slo-Pitch	95	95	95

Groups	2018 Bookings	2023 Bookings	2024 Bookings
Paris Optimist			
Total Booking Hours	**56**	**56**	**56**
Paris Ladies 3 pitch	56	56	56

Groups	2018 Bookings	2023 Bookings	2024 Bookings
Onondaga 2023; Mt. Pleasant 2024			
Total Booking Hours	**0**	**14**	**14**
Panthers Cricket Club	0	14	14

Groups	2018 Bookings	2023 Bookings	2024 Bookings
GMCC & GLSC (Gaukel Memorial Community Centre & Green Lane Sports Complex)			
Total Booking Hours	**240**	**240**	**213**
St. George Minor Ball	240	240	213

Groups	2018 Bookings	2023 Bookings	2024 Bookings
2023- GLSC; 2024- GMCC (Green Lane Sports Complex & Gaukel Memorial Community Centre)			
Total Booking Hours	**0**	**105**	**85**
Tigercat Social Club Soccer Tournament	0	105	85

Adult & Youth Group Registration Trends

Table 12: County of Brant's Adult & Youth Group Participant Registration Trends Overview.

Registration Groups	2017	2018	2019	2022	Tournaments	5 Year Trend
Brant CO-ED Three Pitch	100	100	100	100	1	Neutral
Word & Deed	200	200	200	200	1	Neutral
Brant Christian Co-Ed Slo-Pitch League	250	250	200	180	---	Downward
Brant Youth Volleyball Group	42	46	58	137	---	Upward
Brant County Co-ed Softball	168	168	168	168	---	Neutral
Beach Wave Volleyball	---	---	84	189	2	Upward



Foxhill Heights Park, Brant, ON



Section 7: Service Standards

John St. Park, Burford, ON

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Service Standards have been developed based on the current standards that will need to be met by park operations as the community continues to change through population growth and park expansion. This section is organized starting with general Parkland Service Standards for each classification of parkland, then is further broken down into more specific park asset or amenity classifications.

Service Standards Recommendations

This document outlines service standard recommendations for various aspects of parkland management. These recommendations aim to enhance park functionality, sustainability, accessibility, and overall user experience. They address diverse areas, from waste management and field maintenance to playground development, building improvements, and urban forestry. Each recommendation includes a justification for its implementation, a proposed timeframe (short, medium, or long term), identification of the responsible department(s), and consideration of the necessary capital funding and staff resources. The recommendations are categorized by park feature or service area, including Parkland, Soccer Fields, Softball & Slo-Pitch, Sport Courts, Play Structures, Park Buildings & Structures, Open Space/Trails/Pathways, Entrance/Signage/Wayfinding, Parking Lots/Park Roads, Urban Forestry, and Horticulture. The following list details the specific recommendations for each category.

Recommendations	Reasons for Implementation	Timeline	Key Departments	Capital Funding /Staff Resources
Parkland Service Standard Recommendations:				
1. Pilot Dog Waste program in urban areas and dog parks.	• Having different strategies for managing dog waste can improve public health, environmental sustainability, and community well-being.	Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Outdoor Recreation Facilities, Parks and Trails	Capital Funding / Staff Resources
2. Implement recycling program in all parks.	• To reduce waste, conserve resources, and promote environmental sustainability.	Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Outdoor Recreation Facilities, Parks and Trails	Capital Funding / Staff Resources
3. Increase park operations staff.	• To meet the increased use of park facilities and system expansion, it is necessary to increase operations staff to maintain service standards in parkland areas.	Short	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Outdoor Recreation Facilities, Parks and Trails	Operational Funding / Staff Resources
Soccer Fields Service Standard Recommendations:				
4. Create Landscape Design Guideline for new park development.	• Ensure that new parks are not only functional but also sustainable, accessible, and enjoyable for everyone.	Short	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Planning & Development	Capital Funding / Staff Resources
5. All new premium fields are to be irrigated.	• A level of maintenance achieved allows for improved playing surface quality and extends the playing season.	Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Outdoor Recreation Facilities, Parks and Trails	Capital Funding / Staff Resources

Recommendations	• Reasons for Implementation	Timeline	Key Departments	Capital Funding /Staff Resources
6. Increase soccer field inventory to have one (1) lit soccer field.	• Allows more usage where lights can extend playing hours.	Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Outdoor Recreation Facilities, Parks and Trails	Capital Funding / Staff Resources
Softball & Slo-Pitch Service Standard Recommendations:				
7. Replace Syl Apps Diamond in Paris at Arlington Subdivision Community Park.	• Provides a better recreational experience for the community.	Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Outdoor Recreation Facilities, Parks and Trails	Capital Funding / Staff Resources
8. Refurbish existing diamonds, including Optimist Park, and repurpose inadequate diamonds i.e. Victoria Park.	• Improves the quality and accessibility of sports fields, provides better utilization of existing resources and provides more opportunities for residents to play sports.	Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Outdoor Recreation Facilities, Parks and Trails	Capital Funding / Staff Resources
9. Install new diamonds with lighting in St. George	• Increases recreational opportunities and provides a safe space for night-time sports activities.	Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Outdoor Recreation Facilities, Parks and Trails Planning & Development	Capital Funding / Staff Resources
Sport Courts Service Standard Recommendations:				
10. Provide lighting at Community Parks and designated Neighbourhood Parks where there is limited interference with adjacent residences.	• Improves safety and encourages greater use of community and neighbourhood parks, especially during evening hours.	Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Outdoor Recreation Facilities, Parks and Trails Planning & Development	Capital Funding / Staff Resources

Recommendations	Reasons for Implementation	Timeline	Key Departments	Capital Funding /Staff Resources
11. To meet the needs of its population, the County of Brant should add new sport courts for growing sports like pickleball and basketball, and for other sports where current facilities are inadequate.	• Addresses the lack of facilities for activities below the current service standard.	Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Outdoor Recreation Facilities, Parks and Trails Planning & Development	Capital Funding / Staff Resources
Play Structures Service Standard Recommendations:				
12. Investigate refrigerated skate trail/rink.	• Provides a reliable ice-skating surface, while the retrofitted splash pad and winterized washroom building would extend the recreational use of the Burford Community Centre year-round.	Long	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Outdoor Recreation Facilities, Parks and Trails	Capital Funding / Staff Resources
13. Investigate bike parks – North of the Nith (Paris) and a bike skills park at other County Parks.	• Provides recreational additional opportunities.	Underway (North of the Nith) Medium Long	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Outdoor Recreation Facilities, Parks and Trails Planning & Development	Capital Funding / Staff Resources
14. Explore the viability of low- and/or high-ropes course – well-suited to Burford Lions Art Cadman Park.	• Provides additional opportunities for physical activity.	Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies	Staff Resources
15. Develop a 20-year playground capital replacement program.	• Ensures that playgrounds remain safe, accessible, and enjoyable for children of all ages and abilities.	Short	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Planning & Development	Staff Resources
16. Construct one or more additional disc golf courses throughout the County.	• Promotes health and well-being, repurposes neglected spaces, and stimulates the local economy. • Disc golf is an affordable and accessible sport that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and skill levels.	Short Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Planning & Development	Capital Funding / Staff Resources
17. Construct one or more toboggan hills.	• Provides recreational opportunities for residents, especially during winter months and promotes physical activity and a sense of community.	Long	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Planning & Development	Capital Funding / Staff Resources

Recommendations	Reasons for Implementation	Timeline	Key Departments	Capital Funding /Staff Resources
18. Construct playgrounds with the walkability of 400-800m for new parks, where suitable.	• Creates spaces for children to engage in physical activity, develop social skills, and foster a sense of belonging. • Enhances the quality of life for families and residents by offering recreational opportunities within their neighbourhoods.	Short Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Planning & Development	Capital Funding / Staff Resources
Parks Buildings & Structures Service Standard Recommendations:				
19. Provide lighting at Destination, Community Parks and designated Neighbourhood Parks where there is limited interference with adjacent residences.	• Extends recreational opportunities and improves safety.	Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Planning & Development	Capital Funding
20. Explore energy efficient and carbon-conscious building methods for new and retrofitted park buildings and lighting.	• Helps reduce energy consumption, lowers greenhouse gas emissions, and creates more sustainable park spaces.	Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Brant Municipal Enterprises	Staff Resources
Open Space, Trails & Pathways Service Standard Recommendations:				
21. Construct trails as part of developments and ensure sufficient connectivity between neighbourhoods.	• Improves connectivity between neighbourhoods.	Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Planning & Development	Capital Funding / Staff Resources
22. Continue to acquire open space and construct appropriate types of trails based on Environmental Impact Study recommendations.	• Preserves natural areas, promotes outdoor recreation, and complies with Environmental Impact Study recommendations.	Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies	Staff Resources
Entrance Features, Signage & Wayfinding Service Standard Recommendations:				
23. Design park structures and features as public art pieces, where appropriate.	• Attracts visitors and boosts local economy. • Enhances community identity and pride. • Beautifies the environment and creates a welcoming atmosphere.	Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Planning & Development Arts, Culture & Heritage	Staff Resources
24. Standardize park signage for all parks.	• Standardized park signage will enhance the user experience by creating a sense of cohesion and easy recognition across all County-owned park spaces.	Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies	Staff Resources

Recommendations	Reasons for Implementation	Timeline	Key Departments	Capital Funding /Staff Resources
25. Complete an inventory and assessment of existing signs and develop a replacement program.	• Helps identify any signs that are damaged, outdated, or no longer needed.	Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies	Staff Resources
Parking Lots & Park Roads Service Standard Recommendations:				
26. Work with Developers to grade and construct parking lots and connecting pathways/linkages for new parks, when applicable	• Leads to better, integrated park designs, improved accessibility, and reduced costs for taxpayers.	Medium	Planning & Development	Staff Resources
Urban Forestry Service Standard Recommendations:				
27. Develop an invasive species management program.	• Protects park ecosystems by controlling invasive species and restoring damaged areas, will also help maintain biodiversity, improve water quality, and enhance recreational opportunities.	Short Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Forestry and Horticulture	Capital Funding / Staff Resources
28. Develop, approve, and implement a Tree Management Policy, Technical Tree Guidelines, and Community Forest Strategy.	• Provides guidance on tree care and maintenance, as well as promote the planting of new trees. • Identifies potential hazards and health issues early on, allowing for timely intervention and prevents damage to property or injury to people. • Helps maintain the overall health of the parkland's trees and complies with local regulations. • Identifies the tree species and current health of the tree.	Short Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Forestry and Horticulture Operations	Staff Resources
Horticulture Service Standard Recommendations:				
29. Continue to expand County of Brant horticulture division with additional technical staff to maintain new gardens/green infrastructure due to development.	• Allows the County to stay on top of new park development. • Helps mitigate and adapt to the impacts of Climate Change.	Short Medium	Long-Term Capital Planning and Operational Efficiencies Forestry and Horticulture	Capital Funding / Staff Resources

Maintenance Practices by Park Classification

A full inventory of the County of Brant's park system and parkland classifications is in Section 5: Park System Assessment

Table 13: County of Brant's Service Standards for different parkland classification types.

Service Types	Description of Service	Service Standards	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Park Turf Areas: • Community Parks • Neighbourhood Parks • River Access Points • Commons & Urban Greens	• Inspection, litter pickup, grass cutting, trimming and maintenance of unprogrammed turf areas in parks.	• Healthy, maintained turf cut to an even 2" to 3.5" maximum height. • Areas around structures, beds, trees and hard surfaces are consistently trimmed. • Parks and public spaces are free of litter and dumped material. • Turf along trails and pathways is consistently cut.	• Visual inspection, vandalism, and litter pickup (every week from May 1 to September 1). • Grounds inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff. • Cut & trim turf (biweekly from May 1 to September 1), or as needed due to weather. • Blow off all hard surfaces following turf cutting and trimming. • Minimum 24" (one mower width) on each side of trails, furnishings, and pathways, if possible.	• Repair park turf. • Cut & trim (within 7 days of report). • Litter pickup (within 7 days of report). • Dead animal removal (within 2 days of report).
Turf Areas: • Other- Streetscapes & Entrance Features	• Inspection, litter pickup, and maintenance of turf areas in boulevards adjacent to County parks and facilities.	• Turf along roadways is consistently cut and free of litter and dumped material.	• Visual inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff. • Litter pickup (weekly from May 1 to September 1), or as needed due to weather. • Cut & trim turf (every two weeks from May 1 to September 1), or as needed due to weather. • Garden maintenance (biweekly from May 1 to September 1).	• Missed collection (within 3 days of report). • Illegal dumping (within 7 days of report). • Dead animal removal (within 2 days of report).

Service Types	Description of Service	Service Standards	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Park Turf Areas: • Destination Parks • County Buildings (Landscaped Areas)	• Inspection, litter pickup, grass cutting, trimming and maintenance of unprogrammed turf areas in parks.	• Healthy, maintained turf cut to an even 2" to 3.5" maximum height. • Areas around structures, beds, trees and hard surfaces are consistently trimmed. • Parks and public spaces are free of litter and dumped material.	• Visual inspection, vandalism, and litter pickup (checked twice weekly May 1 to September 1). • Grounds inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff. • Cut & trim turf (once a week from May 1 to September 1), or as needed due to weather. • Blow off all hard surfaces following turf cutting and trimming.	• Litter pickup (within 5 days of report). • Repair Park turf. • Cut & trim (within 5 days of report). • Fertilize, roll, aerate/ top-dress, and overseed turf. Frequency is based on the weekly conditions report. • Dead animal removal (within 2 days of report).
Garbage/Waste Removal: • Neighbourhood and River Access Points	• Emptying of waste receptacles and removal of waste for disposal.	• Receptacles are emptied when they are more than 50% full.	• Neighbourhood parks: biweekly collection (summer). • River Access: weekly collection (summer). • Both: monthly (winter).	• Missed collection (within 3 days of report). • Illegal dumping (within 7 days of report). • Dead animal removal (within 2 days of report).
Garbage/Waste Removal: • Destination & Community Parks • Urban Squares • County Buildings	• Emptying of waste receptacles and removal of waste for disposal.	• Receptacles are emptied when they are checked.	• Sanitation collection – summer (minimum 2 times/week). • Sanitation collection - winter (biweekly for Destination Parks; monthly for Community Parks).	• Missed collection (within 5 days of report). • Illegal dumping (within 7 days of report). • Dead animal removal (within 2 days of report).

Soccer Fields Service Standards by Classifications

Table 14: Service Standards of Soccer Fields.

Classification	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Class A & C & E: • Soccer/Rectangular Fields (Premium – Full, Jr, Mini's)	• Prepare, inspect and maintain soccer/rectangular fields to ensure a safe field of play.	• Field amenities are in a state of good repair.	• Sports field inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff. • Cut & trim turf to maintain a 2" height. • Field lining – weekly or as required. • Detailed inspection (annually).	• Repair field, fill worn areas and remove any hazards based on inspection or user requests. • Paint field structures as required. • Repair field structures as required. • Fertilize, aerate, top dress and overseed based on biannual inspection.
Class B & D: • Soccer/Rectangular Fields (Recreational – Full & Jr)	• Prepare, inspect and maintain soccer/rectangular fields to ensure a safe field of play.	• Field amenities are in a state of good repair.	• Sports field inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff. • Cut & trim turf to maintain a 2-2.5" height. • Field lining – weekly or as required. • Detailed inspection (annually).	• Repair field, fill worn areas and remove any hazards based on inspection or user requests. • Paint field structures as required. • Fertilize, aerate, top dress and overseed based on biannual inspection.
Class F: • Practice Fields	• Prepare, inspect and maintain soccer/rectangular fields to ensure a safe field of play.	• Field amenities are in a state of good repair.	• Sports field inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff. • Cut & trim turf to maintain a 2.5-3" height. • Field lining – as required. • Detailed inspection (annually)	• Repair field, fill worn areas and remove any hazards based on inspection or user requests. • Paint field structures as required. • Fertilize, aerate, top dress and overseed based on biannual inspection.

Soccer Field Construction Specifications by Classification

Table 15: Classifications of Soccer Field Construction.

Classification	Class A:	Class B:	Class C:	Class D:	Class E:	Class F:
	Premium, full size	**Recreational, full size**	**Premium Junior**	**Recreational Junior**	**Premium Mini**	**Recreational Mini, Practice or School Fields**
Irrigated	• Yes, for Playing Areas	• No	• Yes	• No	• Yes	• No
Drainage	• Yes	• Yes	• No	• No	• No	• Yes
Ground Maintenance	• Yes, maintained turf cut to and even maximum 2.53" height.	• Yes, maintained turf cut to and even maximum 2.53" height. • Areas around structures, beds, trees and hard surfaces are consistently trimmed. • Parks and public spaces are free of litter and dumped material.	• Consistently cut. • Parks and public spaces are free of litter and dumped material.	• Parks and public spaces are free of litter and dumped material. • Cut on a weekly basis	• Parks and public spaces are free of litter and dumped material. • Cut on a weekly basis	• Maintained turf cut to an even maximum 2.53" height. • Areas around structures, beds, trees and hard surfaces are consistently trimmed. • Parks and public spaces are free of litter and dumped material.
Size	• Regulation	• Regulation or may be undersized.		• May be undersized.	• Undersized.	
Soil Profile (Target)	• Less than 25% Silt plus Clay	• Up to 40% Silt and Clay.		• Greater than 40% Silt and Clay	• Native Soil.	
Amenities	• Bleachers, Washroom/Change Room, Perimeter Fencing, Goals, Parking.	• Bleachers, Benches, Goals.		• Goals	• Goals	
Existing Quantity (2025)	4 Existing: • Green Lane (2) • Sunny Hill (1) • Burford CC 1)	6 Existing: • Forest Dr Park (1) • Park Ave (1) • WIFO (2) • Charlton (1), • Elliott (1) (E/W)	1 Existing: • Mile Hill (1)	5 Existing: • Optimist (2) • Burford CC (2) • Burford Elementary (1)	7 Existing: • Elliot - N/S (3) • WIFO (3) • Burford (1)	3 Existing: • Mt. Pleasant (1) • Park Ave (2) 14 Existing: • School Sites (14)
Target Quantity by 2051	Target Quantity 2-3: • Gurney Sports Park (1) • Losani St. George (2)		Target Quantity 1: • Cordon (1) • Losani or Empire (1)		Target Quantity 5: • Gurney Sports Park (3) • Losani St. George (2)	Target Quantity 6 • Cordon or Sifton (3) • Empire (St. George) or Losani (3) or Stremma

Softball & Slo-Pitch Service Standards by Classifications

Table 16: Service Standards of Softball & Slo-Pitch.

Classification	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Class A: • Softball Premier Lit Fields (with irrigation system)	• Inspect, prepare and maintain diamond and field to ensure safety and acceptable condition for the level of play.	• Infield and warning track are level and drain properly with smooth transition to turf. • Field amenities are in a state of good repair.	• Sports field inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff. • Cut & trim turf to 2-2.5" height (weekly – May to September or as needed based on conditions) • Groom infield, infield lining (daily and/or as booked) • Warning track inspection (daily) • Outfield lining (inspect daily) • Detailed inspection (annually) and required maintenance (bi-annually) • Drag warning track (bi-weekly) to ensure it is free of weeds as required.	• Repair field, fill low areas in infield & outfield and remove any hazards based on inspection or user requests. • Paint field structures as required. • Repair field structures, including fences as required. • Fertilize, aerate, top dress and overseed based on regular inspection. • Spraying for weeds considered where permitted.
Class B: • Softball Unlit (Premium)	• Inspect, prepare and maintain diamond and field to ensure safety and acceptable condition for the level of play	• Infield and warning track are level and drain properly with smooth transition to turf. • Field amenities are in a state of good repair.	• Sports field inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff • Cut & trim turf to 2-2.5" height (weekly – May to September or as needed based on conditions) • Groom infield, infield lining (daily and/or as booked) • Warning track inspection (daily) • Outfield-lining (inspect daily) • Detailed inspection (annually) and required maintenance (bi-annually)	• Repair field, fill low areas in infield & outfield and remove any hazards based on inspection or user requests. • Paint field structures as required. • Repair field structures, including fences as required. • Fertilize, aerate, top dress and overseed based on regular inspection.

			• Drag warning track (bi-weekly) to ensure it is free of weeds, as required.	
Classification	**Description of Service**	**Target Condition**	**Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition**	**Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition**
Class C: • Softball Lit Fields (Recreational)	• Inspect, prepare and maintain diamond and field to ensure safety and acceptable condition for the level of play	• The infield is level and drains properly with smooth transition to turf. • Field amenities are in a state of good repair.	• Sports field inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff • Cut & trim turf to 2-2.5" height (weekly – May to September or as needed based on conditions) • Groom infield, infield lining (daily and/or as booked) • Warning track inspection (daily) • Outfield-lining (inspect daily) • Drag warning track (bi-weekly) to ensure it is free of weeds, as required.	• Repair field, fill low areas in infield & outfield and remove any hazards based on inspection or user requests. • Paint field structures as required. • Repair field structures, including fences as required. • Fertilize, aerate, top dress and overseed based on regular inspection.
Class D: • Softball/T-Ball (Recreational)	• Inspect, prepare and maintain diamond and field to ensure safety and acceptable condition for the level of play.	• The infield is level and drains properly with smooth transition to turf. • Field amenities are in a state of good repair.	• Sports field inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff • Cut & trim turf to 2-2.5" height (weekly – May to September or as needed based on conditions) • Groom infield (weekly May-September or as required) • Field lining (weekly for scheduled games) • Detailed inspection (annually)	• Repair field, fill low areas in infield & outfield and remove any hazards based on inspection or user requests. • Paint field structures as required. • Repair field structures, including fences as required. • Fertilize, aerate, top dress and overseed based on annual inspection.

Classification	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Class E: • Informal Fields (School or Practice)	• Prepare, inspect and maintain diamond to ensure a safe field of play.	• Safe field of play	• Sports field inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff • Cut & trim turf to 2-2.5" height (weekly – May to September or as needed based on conditions) • Grooming (monthly or as required to accommodate bookings) • School fields are not maintained by County of Brant	• Repair field and structures as required

Softball Diamond Construction Specifications by Classification

Table 17: Classifications of Softball Diamond Construction.

Classification	Class A: Softball Lit, Premium	Class B: Softball Unlit, Premium	Class C: Softball Lit Fields, Recreational	Class D: Softball & T Ball, Unlit & Recreational	Class E: Informal Fields, School or Practice
Irrigated	• Yes	• Yes	• No	• No	• No
Infield	• Mix or Clay • Pitching • Rubber	• Mix or Clay • Pitching • Rubber	• Mix	• Mix	• Maybe Mixed
Size	• Adult	• Adult	• Adult or Youth	• Youth & Adult	• Varies
Outfield Soil Profile	• Less than 25% Silt or Clay	• Less than 25% Silt or Clay	• Silt and Clay	• Greater than 40% Silt plus Clay	• Native Soil
Amenities	• Backstop • Bleachers • Warning Track • Dugouts • Home Plate • Washrooms & Portable Washrooms • Lighting • Typically Fenced • Home Run Fence	• Backstop • Bleachers • Warning track • Dugouts • Home plate • Washrooms/ portable washrooms • Typically fenced. • Home Run Fence	• Backstop • Home Run Fence • Washroom & Portable Washrooms	• Backstop • Washrooms & Portable washrooms	• May have Backstop
Drainage	• Yes	• Yes	• Partial	• No	• No
Existing Quantity (2025)	6 Existing: • Green Lane (2) • Burford CC (2) • GMCC - Arena Park (1), Paris Lions -Pete Lavoie A (1)	4 Existing: • GMCC-Arena Park (1) • Green Lane (2) • Lions Park/Pete Lavoie B (1)	1 Existing: • Scotland Optimist (1)	5 Existing: • Optimist (1) • Victoria (1) • King William (1) • Harrisburg (1) • Burford (1) • School sites (6)	
Target Quantity by 2051	Target Quantity: 1 • St. George Empire (1)	Target Quantity: 2 • Arlington Meadows • TCA	Target Quantity: 1 • St. George - Stremma (1)	Target Quantity: 2 • Mt Pleasant (1) • Burford CC (1) • School site (1)	• Retrofit existing if required

Sports Courts Service Standards by Type

Table 18: Service Standards of Sports Courts by classifications.

Classification	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Class A: • Basketball and Multi-use Courts	• Maintenance of outdoor courts including backboards and baskets, lining and surface repair	• Courts surfaces are level, free of cracks and lined. • Goals, hoops, backboards and nets are in state of good repair	• Inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff • Monthly debris removed. • Detailed inspection (annually)	• Replace net (order replacement or repair within 10 days of report) • Repair structures i.e. backboards, posts, rims, perimeter fencing etc. (order replacement or repair within 10 days of report) • Repair surfacing, or trip hazards through crack sealing, leveling coating where present (annually, or as needed). • Re-paint lines and resurface once every 7-10 years, or as required.
Class B: • Tennis Courts (Coated Surface)	• Maintenance, sweeping, lining and surface repair of tennis courts	• Courts surfaces are level, free of cracks and lined. • Nets are in a state of good repair	• Inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff • Detailed inspection (annually)	• Replace net (order replacement or repair within 10 days of report) • Repair structures i.e. posts, perimeter fencing etc. (order replacement or repair within 10 days of report) • Repair surfacing, or trip hazards through crack sealing, levelling where present (annually, or as needed). • Re-paint lines and resurface once every 7-10 years or, as required.

Classification	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Class C: • Pickleball Court	• Maintenance, sweeping, lining and surface repair of courts	• Courts surfaces are level, free of cracks and lined. • Nets are in a state of good repair	• Inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff • Detailed inspection (annually)	• Replace net (order replacement or repair within 10 days of report) • Repair structures i.e. posts, perimeter fencing etc. (order replacement or repair within 10 days of report) • Repair surfacing, or trip hazards through crack sealing, levelling where present (annually, or as needed). • Re-paint lines and resurface once every 7-10 years, or as required.
Class D: • Lawn Bowling Green	• Inspection and turf maintenance of bowling green	• Bowling green turf is healthy, free of weeds, and level	• Inspection (bi-weekly) during grass cutting season. • Fertilization (monthly) in growing season • Rolling and aeration (monthly)	• Mowing and trimming as required
Class E: • Beach Volleyball Court	• Inspection and repair of court	• Court surface is level and free of debris	• Inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff • Raking & pre-season clean-up • In season – weekly raking • Annual sand top-up • Net repair/replace as required.	• Repair surface as required. • Replace net (within 10 days) • Remove debris (within 3 days) • Repair standards (within 10 days)

Classification	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Class F: • Cricket Field	• Inspect, prepare and maintain field to ensure safety and acceptable condition for the level of play	• Field amenities are in a state of good repair.	• Sports field inspection – (monthly) by Parks Staff • Cut and trim turf to 2" height (one time per week) • Field lining (bi-weekly, as required) • Detailed inspection (annually)	• Repair field, fill low areas and remove any hazards based on an inspection or uses required. • Paint field and amenities as required. • Fertilize, aerate and add top dress based for annual inspection.

Sport Courts Ward Quantities

Table 19: County of Brant's Sport Courts quantities by classification.

Classification	Class A: Basketball & Multi Sport Courts	Class B: Tennis Courts, Coated Surface	Class C: Pickleball Courts	Class D: Lawn Bowling Greens	Class E: Beach Volleyball Courts	Class F: Cricket Fields
Activity Description	• Useable Court Space	• Tennis	• Pickleball	• Lawn Bowling	• Beach Volleyball	• Cricket
Existing Quantity (2024)	• Ward 1: **2** • Ward 2 & 3: **7** • Ward 4: **2** • Ward 5: **4**	• Ward 1: **2** (Inclusive of Pickleball) • Ward 2 & 3: **4** • Ward 4: **2** (Inclusive of Pickleball) • Ward 5: **0**	• Ward 1: **3** • Ward 2 & 3: **3** • Ward 4: **2** (inclusive of Tennis) • Ward 5: **0**	• Ward 1: **1** • Ward 2 & 3: **1** • Ward 4: **0** • Ward 5: **0**	• Ward 1: **0** • Ward 2 & 3: **3** • Ward 4: **0** • Ward 5: **0**	• Ward 1: **0** • Ward 2 & 3: **0** • Ward 4: **0** • Ward 5: **1**
Target of New Sport Courts by 2051	Ward 1: **3** • Losani (1) • Stremma (1) • Empire (1) Ward 2/3: **3** • Arlington (1) • Nith – mini (1) • Cordon (1) • Sifton (1) • TCA (1) Ward 4: **2** • Mt. Pleasant (1) • Janice Hunt (1) Ward 5: **1** • Onondaga (1)	Ward 1: **2** (Inclusive of pickleball) • Empire or Losani (2) Ward 2 & 3: **4** • Gurney Sports Park (4) Ward 4: **0** Ward 5: **0**	Ward 1: **4** (inclusive of tennis) Ward 3: **8** • Gurney Sports Park (8) Ward 4: **1-2** • Mt. Pleasant (1-2) Ward 5: **1** • Onondaga (1)	Ward 1: **0** Ward 2 & 3: **0** Ward 4: **0** Ward 5: **0**	Ward 1: **2** Ward 2 & 3: **6** • Green Lane (3) Ward 4: **0** Ward 5: **0**	Ward 1: **0** Ward 2 & 3: **1** • Gurney Sports Park (1) Ward 4: **0** Ward 5: **0**

Play Structure and Element Service Standards & Classifications

Table 20: Service Standards & Classifications of Play Structures & Elements.

Classification	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Class A: • Playgrounds, Junior & Senior Structures	• Inspection of playgrounds; repair and maintenance of playground components and surfaces	• All play structures compliant with to CSA Z614, including Annex H • No glass or other hazards on playground surfaces. • Surface material to include engineered wood fiber, or rubber composite materials. • Sand or pea gravel acceptable on existing playgrounds. • Fully Accessible Standard to include ramps and rubber surfacing per Annex H CSA Z614.	• Sand/pea stone rototill and sift/wood chip raking and weeding (weekly) • Blowing of artificial playground surface on grounds maintenance cycle (weekly) • Detailed inspection by certified playground practitioner (monthly) for compliance with CSA Z614 standards. • Annually assess playground condition for replacement • Third party inspection every 3 years for structure and surfacing	• Natural surfacing maintenance. • Top up of surface material (as needed). • Safety surfacing replacement (10 years, or as needed). • Play structure repair (within 3 days of report or 7 days after delivery of parts). • Replacement of play structures are on a 20–25-year lifespan. • Prior to Use Compliance inspection by third party inspector, to be verified by County of Brant (certified playground practitioner) staff for new structures.
Class B: • Outdoor Fitness Equipment	• Inspection, repair and maintenance of outdoor fitness equipment components and surrounding surfaces	• All components of the equipment are safe and fully functioning	• Detailed inspection (monthly)	• Equipment repair based on inspection or user concerns

Classification	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Class C: • Water Play	• Inspection, repair, and maintenance of water play components and surrounding surfaces.	• All water play components fully functioning. • Surfaces clean and free of hazards. • Mechanical equipment and buildings maintained and operational.	• Inspection (daily) • Cleaning (daily) • Seasonal start-up (annually) • Seasonal shut-down (annually) • Preventative maintenance (annually or as needed) • Daily start-up testing 30 minutes prior to open. • Chemical testing every 2-3 hours for recirculating systems - measure chemical levels as per Provincial Protocol for Recreational Water Facilities Per ON Reg. 565 - Class C pool	• Equipment repair • Surface repair • Water Play facility maintenance (within 3 days of report) • Renew paint on surfaces as required. • Replacement or retrofit of play structures are on a 15-year lifespan.
Class D: • Skate Parks	• Inspection, repair, and maintenance of skate park features and surfaces	• All components of the equipment are safe and fully functioning • No graffiti • No hazards on surfaces	• Documented inspection of skate park components and surfaces (monthly)	• Sweeping • Repair surface • Repair equipment • Graffiti removal (within 1 week of report)
Class E: • Toboggan Hills	• Prepare toboggan hills for safe use by installing clear and visible safety signage. • Team regularly removes obstacles and debris from the hill surfaces to maintain smooth and safe riding conditions.	• Snow cover • Safety signage installed, hills cleared of obstacles, debris	• Weekly inspection during winter season, including signage for designated toboggan areas.	• Policy updates every 3 years. • Closure notices and notified on webpages

Classification	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Class F: • Natural Ice Rinks	• Equipment to include mini boards, water access & hose bib, shovels, storage of equipment • No Storm Ponds permitted as per County Outdoor • Free of debris and holes	• Rinks are safe, cleared and in good condition for skating.	• Volunteer teams to monitor rink (daily) • Ice surface minimum of 1". • Reinspect at least 1 time per week. • Weekly ice thickness checked by Parks Staff and closure notification issued if not to standard.	• Update current winter activities policies. • Closure notices to the public. • Ice surface repairs and maintenance by volunteer group.
Class G: • Disc Golf – 18-hole course	• Equipment to include baskets, tee-off mats, hole signage, on-line course map.	• All components of the equipment are safe and fully functioning.	• Inspected weekly. • Garbage/debris (weekly) • Annual detailed inspection • Grass cut (bi-weekly, May – September) • Repair tees (10 days) • Basket repair (10 days)	• Remove debris (branches, leaves) that could interfere with throws. • Ensure signs are clear, accurate, and in good condition. • Regularly inspect the course for potential hazards (exposed roots, low-hanging branches).

Play Structures Classifications

Table 21: County of Brant's Play Structures Classifications.

Classification	Class A:	Class B:	Class C:	Class D:	Class E:	Class F:	Class G:
Activity Description	**Junior Play Structure**	**Senior Play Structure**	**Outdoor Fitness Equipment**	**Water Play – Spray Pads & Outdoor Pool**	**Skate Parks**	**Toboggan Hills**	**Disc Golf – 18-hole course**
Existing Quantity (2025)	Ward 1: **6** Ward 2 & 3: **9** Ward 4: **2** Ward 5: **3**	Ward 1: **5** Ward 2 & 3: **14** Ward 4: **5** Ward 5: **6**	Ward 1: **0** Ward 2 & 3: **1** Ward 4: **1** Ward 5: **0**	Ward 1: **1** Ward 2 & 3: **2** Ward 4: **1** Ward 5: **0**	Ward 1: **0** Ward 2 & 3: **1** Ward 4: **1** Ward 5: **0**	Ward 1: **0** Ward 2 & 3: **1** Ward 4: **0** Ward 5: **0**	Ward 1: **1** Ward 2 & 3: **0** Ward 4: **0** Ward 5: **0**
Target Quantity by 2051	Ward 1: 4 • Losani (1) • Empire (1) • Glen Morris (1) • Stremma (1) Ward 2 & 3: 7 • Nith (1) • Arlington (1) • Cordon (1) • Sifton (1) • Gurney (1) • Victoria (1) • TCA (1) Ward 4: **5** • New Durham (1) • Harley (1) • Janice Hunt (1) • Art Cadman expansion (1) • Scotland (1) Ward 5: **3** • Mt. Pleasant (1) • Oakland (1) • Onondaga (1)	Ward 1: **3** • Empire (1) • Losani (1) • Sunny Hill Replacement • Stremma (1) Ward 2 & 3: 6 • Nith (1) • Arlington (1) • Cordon (1) • Sifton (1) • Gurney (1) • TCA (1) Ward 4: 4 • New Durham (1) • Art Cadman (1) • John St. (1) • Scotland (1) Ward 5: 3 • Oakland (1) • Mt. Pleasant (1) • Scotland (1)	Ward 1: **1** • Losani (1) Ward 2 & 3: **4** • Dawdy (1) • Jay Wells (1) • Lions (1) • Gurney Sports Park (1) Ward 4: **1** • Art Cadman (1) Ward 5: **2** • Mt. Pleasant (1) • Scotland (1)	Ward 1: **0** Ward 2 & 3: **2** • Arlington (1) • Cordon (1) Ward 4: **0** Ward 5: **1** • Cainsville (1)	Ward 1: **1** • Losani or Empire (1) Ward 2 & 3: 1 • Sifton (1) Ward 4: **1** • Bike Scotland (1) Ward 5: **1** • Skate/bike spot Onondaga (1)	Ward 1: **1** • Stremma (1) Ward 2 & 3: **0** Ward 4: **1** • Art Cadman Expansion (1) Ward 5: **1** • Oakland (1)	Ward 1: **1** • Jacobs Woods (1) Ward 2 & 3: **1** • Gurney Sports Park (1) Ward 4: **1** • Art Cadman (1) Ward 5: **0** • Private one available

Parks Buildings & Structures Service Standards & Classifications

Table 22: County of Brant's Parks Buildings & Structures Service Standards & Classifications.

Service Types	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Washrooms	• Routine cleaning of park washrooms, shelters and other park buildings. • Opening and closing of washrooms.	• Washrooms are functioning, clean, tidy, free of graffiti and inviting for users (during seasonal use).	• Inspection (every shift for Destination Parks). • Inspection (daily for Community and Neighbourhood Parks). • Clean and stock (daily). • More frequent inspection, cleaning and stocking for special events, tournaments and holidays.	• Clean and stock washroom & complete maintenance (within 1 day of report).
Shelters, Gazebos, and Shade Structures	• Inspection, maintenance and repairs to picnic shelters, gazebos, and shade structures.	• Structures are safe, tidy, in clean condition, and in a state of good repair. • Free of debris and graffiti.	• Inspection (weekly) by Parks Staff, or as needed due to bookings. • Detailed inspection (annually) • Cleaning daily in Destination Parks; as part of the ground's maintenance cycle for other parks	• Repairs within 10 days. • Cleaning of picnic tables and pads, as required.
Portable Washrooms	• Regular cleaning and servicing of portable washrooms located within the park. Servicing includes pumping, sanitizing, and restocking supplies. • Routine cleaning of permanent park washrooms, shelters, and other park buildings. Cleaning includes disinfecting, trash removal, and restocking supplies.	• Washrooms are functioning, clean, tidy, free of graffiti and inviting for users.	• Inspection and clean-out (weekly by supplier) • More frequent inspection, cleaning and stocking for special events, tournaments and holidays • Visual inspection by staff • For portable washrooms with enclosures, staff will also inspect the enclosures themselves for cleanliness, structural integrity, and proper operation (e.g., locks, lighting).	• Repairs within 10 days.

Service Types	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Park Furniture	• Inspection, maintenance and repair of park furniture (benches, picnic tables, waste receptacles).	• Park furniture is safe, free of graffiti, and in a state of good repair.	• Inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff.	• Repair park furniture. • Replace park furniture. • Request for additional furniture (respond within 10 days of report).
Fencing	• Inspection, maintenance, and repair of park perimeter fencing.	• Fencing is safe and intact. • Fencing is visually acceptable.	• Inspection (monthly).	• Repair fencing based on staff observation, user concerns, or public feedback. • Replacement as per capital project budget allocation.
Water Service	• Inspection, maintenance and repair of County-owned water services in parks which serve washrooms, drinking fountain, water play, and irrigation systems.	• All water systems are functioning with no loss of water through leakage.	• Seasonal start-up (annually). • Inspection (monthly). • Seasonal shut-down (annually). • Seasonal start-up and water quality monitoring by Water Department and reporting to Brant County Health Unit prior to opening.	• Repair water service.
Irrigation System	• Repair and seasonal maintenance (start-up & shutdown) of irrigation systems at sports fields, horticultural beds, planters and turfed areas.	• All irrigation systems are fully functioning, providing optimum amounts of water for healthy growth with no leaks or malfunctioning heads.	• Seasonal start-up (annually). • Inspection (monthly testing). • Seasonal shut-down and line blowing (annually).	• Repair, as required. • Calibration, adjustment of heads and resetting of timers as required. • Cleanout/ pond liner replacements per capital project planning of asset cycle.

Service Types	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Electrical Service	• Inspection, maintenance and repair of County electrical services feeding washrooms, shelters, sport fields/courts and pathway lighting.	• Electrical services functioning, safe and meeting code.	• Inspection (annually) by ESA.	• Repair electrical service based on outages. • 30 days for repairs based on ESA directed maintenance.
Septic Systems	• Inspection, maintenance, and repair of County-owned septic systems for parks.	• All septic systems are functioning.	• Inspected (annually) by contractor. • Compliance with Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks Certificate of Approval or condition.	• Repairs scheduled within 30 days from notice of issue by contractor.
Lighting	• Inspection, maintenance and repair of pathway, parks, and sports facility lighting.	• All lights and timers functioning. • Timers set to provide for safe playability while minimizing hydro use. • Illumination meets regulatory requirements.	• Inspection (annually). • Parks and pathway lighting testing (annually). • Sports field lighting testing (annually), or as needed for bookings. • Timer adjustment (2 times per year), or as needed for bookings. • Aiming and cleaning (2 yr cycle), per inspection.	• Replace lightbulb. • Replace light fixture. • Repair light standard. • Lighting maintenance (within 30 days of report).
Drainage Culverts	• Inspection, maintenance and repair of drainage culverts.	• Free flowing at 90% capacity. • No significant heaving of pathway at culvert. • No flooding from backup and culvert/drain.	• Inspection (monthly) by Lead Hand. • Detailed inspection (annually).	• Flooding notice within 24 hours of storm event. • Clear debris (bi-annually). • Repair or replacement as required based on annual inspection.

Service Types	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Drainage Catch Basins	• Inspection, maintenance, and repair of drainage catch basins.	• Unobstructed flow of stormwater into the catch basin. • Catch basin cover in state of good repair.	• Inspection (monthly) by Lead Hand. • Detailed inspection (annually). • Preventative maintenance as required based on the needs of the drainage infrastructure (i.e. cleanout annually, bi-annually).	• Clearing as required based on inspection. • Flooding repair (within 30 days of report).

Parks Buildings & Structures Classifications

Table 23: County of Brant's Parks Buildings & Structures Classifications.

Activity Description	Washrooms	Shelters, Gazebos & Shade Structures
Existing Quantity (2024)	Existing Quantity (2025) **8**	Existing Quantity (2025) **12**
Target Quantity of New Assets by 2051	Ward 1: 2 • Gaukel Memorial Community Centre (1) • Losani (1) Ward 2 & 3: **2** • Arlington (1) • Gurney Sports Park (1) Ward 4: **0** Ward 5: **1** • Mt. Pleasant (1)	Ward 1: **2** • Empire or Losani (1) • Stremma (1) Ward 2 & 3: **9** • Dawdy Park (1) • Nith (2) • Arlington Meadows (1), • Cordon (1) • Sifton (1) • Rest Acres Ridge Park (1) • Jay Wells Park (1) • TCA (1) Ward 4: **3** • King St. Parkette (1) • Janice Hunt (1) • New Durham (1) Ward 5: **2** • Onondaga Ball Park (1) • Oakland (1)

Trails Service Standards & Classifications

Table 24: Service Standards of Trail types by classifications.

Classifications	Trails - Type 0	Trails - Type 1A	Trails - Type 1B	Trails - Type 2	Trails - Type 3	Trails - Type 4
Description	• Urban multi-use pathway. • Paved or hardpacked surface, all weather use with no obstacles on surface. • Minimum tread width of 2 meters. • Little to no meandering, direct route, encourages efficient movement to one place from another. • Sidewalks and on-road Active Transportation infrastructure not included.	• Urban multi-use path; non motorized; rail trail. • Paved or hardpacked surfaced double track trail, all weather use with no obstacles on surface. • Compacted crushed rock, asphalt, mineral soil, or chip-seal coat surface. • Minimum tread width of 1.5 meters. • Typically, machine built. • Provide interpretive and directional signage, benches, and viewing areas, where appropriate. • Winter maintenance.	• Urban multi-use path; park or natural area pathway; non motorized; rail trail. • Paved or hardpacked surfaced double track trail, all weather use with no obstacles on surface. • Compacted crushed rock, asphalt, mineral soil, or chip-seal coat surface. • Minimum tread width of 1.5 meters. • Typically, machine built. • Provide interpretive and directional signage, benches, and viewing areas, where appropriate. • No winter maintenance.	• Urban, natural space, or wilderness multi-use trail with constructed tread; rail trail. • Typically, natural surface packed single track or double track trail; occasionally paved surface trail. • Use natural mineral soils or rock for surfacing, or natural material present on site. • Minimum tread width of 1 meter. • Machine or hand built and maintained. • Provide interpretive and directional signage, benches, viewing areas, where appropriate.	• Natural surface single track trail developed in a natural area or wilderness, hike, bike, horse, mountain bike trails. • Trail tread may be constructed or established by clearing a corridor and marking the route. • Use of natural/native material from site. • Minimum tread width of 0.25 meters. • Most often hand-built and maintained. • Minimal signage.	• Undeveloped natural environment pathway; wilderness or backcountry trail, path or portage. • Unmaintained or low level of maintenance. • Includes unauthorized pathways in populated areas. • Minimal or no signage.
Distance	• No minimum or maximum distance.	• Typically, does not exceed 5 km. • In certain cases, a Type 1A trail may exceed 5 km.	• Typically, does not exceed 10 km. • In certain cases, a Type 1B trail may exceed 10 km.	• Typical distance of trail does not exceed 20 km. • In certain cases, a Type 2 trail may exceed 20 km.	• May exceed 20 km.	• N/A

Classifications	Trails - Type 0	Trails - Type 1A	Trails - Type 1B	Trails - Type 2	Trails - Type 3	Trails - Type 4
Typical Visitor Type	• Suitable to all users.	• Suitable to all users.	• Suitable to all users.	• Suitable for users with trail experience and who are prepared (proper footwear, water). • May have a difficulty rating for intended activity or no rating.	• Suitable for users with trail experience and who are prepared (proper footwear, water). • May have difficulty rating for intended activity or no rating.	• Suitable for users with exceptional trail and navigational experience and who are well prepared. • May have difficulty rating for intended activity or no rating.
Trail Rating	• Easy.	• Easy to moderate.	• Easy to moderate.	• Easy, moderate, or difficult.	• Moderate, difficult, or unrated.	• Difficult or unrated.
Trail Surface	• Mainly flat to gently rolling. • Follows roadside terrain. • Typical elevation gain or gradient: 0-100 meters or average under 5% gradient. • May be greater in certain situations.	• Flat to gently rolling. • Typical elevation gain or gradient: 0-100 meters. • May be greater in certain situations.	• Flat to gently rolling. • Typical elevation gain or gradient: 0-100 meters. • May be greater in certain situations.	• Gently rolling with short steep sections. • Typical elevation gain or gradient: 0-1000 meters.	• Rolling with steep sections that may continue for long periods. • Typical elevation gain or gradient: 0-1000 + meters.	• Follows natural topography. • Typical elevation gain or gradient: N/A.
Trail Surface	• Paved or hard surfaced. • Typical average width: 2.0+ meters wide or wider in certain situations.	• Paved or hard surfaced. • Hard-packed and stable. • Typical average width: 1.5 - 3.0 meters wide.	• Paved or hard surfaced. • Hard-packed and stable. • Typical average width: 1.5 - 3.0 meters wide.	• Hard-surfaced or natural. • Firm and stable • Typical average width: 1.0 - 1.5 meters wide.	• Natural surface. • May be loose in areas. • Typical average width: 0.25 - 1.0 meters wide singletrack.	• Unsurfaced natural environment. • Typical average width: Variable.
Corridor	• Typically, 1+ meters either side tread, and 3+ meters tall.	• Typically, 1+ meters either side tread, and 3+ meters tall.	• Typically, 1+ meters either side tread, and 3+ meters tall.	• Typically, 0.5 meters either side tread, 2.5 meters tall.	• Typically, 0 meters either side tread, 2.5 meters tall.	• Variable.
Quality of Marking	• Surface markings, traffic signs, crossings, route identification and destination signage, users expected to follow basic pedestrian etiquette. • Maximum information provided.	• Trailhead information, interpretive panels, route markers, trail orientation maps. • Maximum information provided.	• Trailhead information, interpretive panels, route markers, trail orientation maps. • Maximum information provided.	• Basic trailhead information, minimal route markers, minimal or no signage. • Minimal information provided.	• Basic trailhead information, minimal route markers, minimal or no signage. • Minimal information provided.	• Little to no signage and information provided.

Classifications	Trails - Type 0	Trails - Type 1A	Trails - Type 1B	Trails - Type 2	Trails - Type 3	Trails - Type 4
Obstacles & Stairs	• No obstacles or stairs. • Hardened surface cracks and bumps; minimal effect on users.	• Few to no obstacles, no stairs or minimal use of stairs. • Hardened surface cracks and bumps; minimal effect on user.	• Few to no obstacles, no stairs or minimal use of stairs. • Hardened surface cracks and bumps; minimal effect on user.	• Variable - natural or compacted loose surface, minimal obstruction. • Stairs may be present.	• Roots, rocks, variable surface. • Obstacles common, stairs may be present.	• Rough surface with natural obstacles (rocks, roots, water, sand).
Hazard Marking	• Yes, i.e. road crossing signs, warning signs, tactile plates, traffic signage.	• Yes, i.e. road crossing signs, warning signs.	• Yes, i.e. road crossing signs, warning signs.	• Yes, near population; little to none otherwise.	• Minimal; trail closure signs.	• No.
Visitor Facilities	• Minimal visitor facilities; may have benches, waste receptacles.	• Parking lot, washroom, bridges, benches. • Maximum visitor facilities.	• Parking lot, washroom, bridges, benches. • Maximum visitor facilities.	• Parking lot, portable washroom, bridges. • Moderate visitor facilities.	• Bridges or other water crossing features. • Minimal visitor facilities.	• No visitor facilities.
Maintenance Effort	• As determined by Roads Department. • Maintenance of corridor - minimum monthly (mowing, tree trimming, garbage collection). • Winter maintenance.	• Maintenance will depend heavily on volume of use: higher for high traffic trails, lower for low traffic trails. • Maintenance of corridor - monthly (mowing, tree trimming, garbage collection, snow plowing, salting). • Winter maintenance.	• Maintenance will depend heavily on volume of use: higher for high traffic trails, lower for low traffic trails. • Maintenance of corridor - monthly (mowing, tree trimming, garbage collection). • Winter maintenance.	• Seasonal, as needed for volume of use. • Maintenance of tread surface and corridor.	• Seasonal, as needed for volume of use. • Minimal maintenance of tread surface and corridor.	• No maintenance of tread. • Low to no maintenance of corridor.
Installed Features	• Engineered.	• Engineered.	• Engineered.	• Engineered when or where warranted; otherwise overbuilt for intended use.	• Rustic, minimalist construction.	• Minimalist construction to none.
Level of Use	• High to very high.	• High to very high.	• High to very high.	• Moderate to high.	• Low to moderate.	• Low.

Classifications	Trails - Type 0	Trails - Type 1A	Trails - Type 1B	Trails - Type 2	Trails - Type 3	Trails - Type 4
AODA Compliance	• Yes, consideration required.	• Yes, consideration required.	• Yes, consideration required.	• Yes, near population, otherwise no in natural spaces or designated use trails (i.e. mountain bike, cross-country ski trail).	• No.	• No.
Mitigation Efforts	• Determined by volume of use and proximity to population.	• Determined by volume of use and proximity to population. • Prioritized based on severity of hazard.	• Determined by volume of use and proximity to population. • Prioritized based on the severity of a hazard.	• Determined by volume of use and proximity to population. • Prioritized based on the severity of a hazard.	• Determined by volume of use and proximity to population. • Prioritized based on the severity of a hazard. • Low effort in natural spaces / woodlots.	• Low to no effort. • Periodic inspections and user reporting to identify hazards.
Inspection Interval (Regular Visual Inspection)	• Minimum monthly.	• Determined by volume of use and proximity to population. • Monthly (when open) for high-volume / proximity trails; annually for low volume / distant trails.	• Determined by volume of use and proximity to population. • Monthly (when open) for high-volume / proximity trails; annually for low volume / distant trails.	• Determined by volume of use and proximity to population. • Monthly (when open) for high-volume / proximity trails; annually for low volume / distant trails.	• Annual.	• No.
Description	• Asphalt pathway with delineated direction.	• Stone dust surface.	• Stone dust surface (rail trail).	• Crushed rock or natural mineral soil surface.	• Natural mineral soil surface.	• Backcountry trail.

Open Space, Trails & Pathways Classifications

Table 25: County of Brant's Open Space, Trails & Pathways Classifications.

Classification	Trails - Type 0	Trails - Type 1A	Trails - Type 1B	Trails - Type 2	Trails - Type 3	Trails - Type 4	Trails - Type 0
Description	Asphalt Trails & Concrete Walkways.	Interlocking Paving Stones.	Limestone, Gravel Paths & Trails.	Wood Chip Trails – Nature Areas.	Bridges, Culverts & Boardwalks.	Open Spaces & Natural Areas.	Farm/Road Crossings.
Existing Quantity (Km/Count) (2025)	16 Km	1 Km	5 Km	2 Km			10 (LE & N and TH & B and SC Johnson)
Target Quantity by 2051 (Km/Count)	10 – 20 km Burford Community Centre Janice Hunt Memorial Park Forest Drive Park (280m) Capron St. Trail (750m) Various New Parks Multi-use along roadways as per Transportation MP	Maintain existing, some small specialty sites	7 – 12 km Oakland Pond (350m) Watt's Pond Phase 2 & 3 (2.8 km) Paris Grand (2 km) St. George N/S Trail (2 km) TCA (300m) Art Cadman Expansion (1 – 4 km) Other	2 – 4 km Jacob's Wood (.5 km-2 km) Other	3 to 6 Barkers Bush Oakland Pond Other	12 -20 km North of the Nith 2.2 - 10 km, Other areas	5 to 10 St. George N/S (1 -3) TCA (1-2) Other

Open Space, Trails & Pathways Service Standards & Classifications

The Trails Master Plan, 2017 identified the types and classification of trails and pathways. The previous section identifies maintenance principles based on detailed trail and pathway types found in County of Brant parks and trails network. Service standards have been identified below.

Table 26: County of Brant's Parks Open Space, Trails & Pathways Service Standards & Classifications.

Service Standards	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Natural Trails/Areas – (Stone Dust/Wood Chip/Soil)	• Inspection, maintenance and repair of trails and pathways to create safe and passable trails that provide enjoyment for all residents/visitors.	• Consistent walking surface appropriate for sensitive environments. • Clear of debris.	• Detailed inspection (annually). • Inspection (bi-monthly).	• Regrade and fill trail surfaces (annually, or as needed). • Wood chip replacement as required, or every 5 years. • Debris removal, as required. • Tree maintenance, as required.
Bridges & Boardwalks	• Inspection, maintenance and repair of bridges and boardwalks.	• Bridge surfaces are maintained to be safe and even, accommodating both pedestrians and cyclists. • All bridges are in state of good repair. • Clear of debris. • Flow beneath bridge is unobstructed. • Boardwalks provided in wet areas.	• Inspection (monthly). • Detailed structural assessment (every 3 years) per OSIM. • Repairs per inspection reports.	• Handrail/decking repair. • Signage. • Lighting. • Debris & graffiti removal, as required.
Granular Trails & Pathways (Limestone/Gravel)	• Safe and passable trails that provide enjoyment for all residents/visitors. • Inspection, maintenance and repair of trails and pathways.	• Consistent, level walking surface. • Trails are clear of debris and at least 1 meter wide, ideally 1.8 to 3 meters for two-way traffic. • Vertical clearance of 1.5-2m. • AODA compliant for new and replaced pathway construction.	• Inspection (monthly). • Detailed inspection (annually). • Vegetation cutback 6" on each side 3 times per year.	• Regrade and fill trail surfaces (annually, or as needed). • Granular replacement or top-up as required, or every 5 Years. • Tree maintenance, as required.

Service Standards	• Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Paved Trails & Pathways	• Safe and passable trails that provide enjoyment for all residents/visitors. • Inspection, maintenance and repair of trails and pathways.	• Vertical clearance of 1.5-2m • Smooth, clean, durable trip free hard surface. Clear of debris, minimum width of 1m and height of 1.58 m on two-way traffic trails. • Boardwalks provided in wet areas. • No ponding shall be permitted. • AODA compliant for new and replaced pathway construction.	• Debris removal, as required. • Type 0: Weekly inspection and maintenance during the period of April through October. • Type 1A & 1B: Monthly inspection and maintenance. • Detailed inspection (annually). • Edge grass cutting (monthly) – height is typically 7.5 cm to 12.5 cm. • Sweeping / blowing (monthly).	• Sweeping. • Crack sealing. • Asphalt cold patch. • Asphalt hot patch. • Repairs to occur within 24 hours for immediate hazards. • Repairs within 30 days.
Snow Removal, Snow & Ice Control	• Clearing of snow and sanding/salting of urban walkways for safe school routes and multi-use trails on Rest Acres Rd., Summit Park, Lion's Park (main and bridge), Juliet Wolverton Park, and 2 Beverly Street, St. George.	• Smooth, clean, durable trip-free walking surface. • Clear of snow and ice. • No ponding.	• Cleared of snow within 48 hours of snowfall. • Sand/salt applied when required for pedestrian safety.	• Inspected after snowfall and daily until melted.
Concrete Walkways	• Inspection, maintenance, and repair of walkways.	• Consistent, level walking surface. • Clear of debris, min width of 1m, desired 1.8m-3.0m for two-way traffic walkway. • Vertical clearance of 1.5-2m. • No ponding.	• Sweeping / blowing (semi-annually). • Inspection (twice annually, minimum). • Detailed inspection (annually).	• Sweeping. • Concrete grinding. • Asphalt cold patch. • Mud jacking. • Walkway bay replacement. • Debris removal, as required. • Replacement per capital project on replacement interval.

Service Standards	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Farm Crossing	• Farmers are permitted access across the County-owned trail system.	• Safe for farm activity to cross. • Clear of debris and branches for visibility.	• Inspection (monthly). • Branch and brush trimming (biweekly).	• Visibility clear for crossing within 24 hours of report.
Interlocking Pathways	• Inspection, maintenance, and repair of pathways.	• Smooth, clean, durable trip-free walking surface. • Clear of debris. • No ponding.	• Sweeping/ blowing (semi-annually). • Inspection (monthly). • Detailed inspection (annually).	• Sweeping. • Interlocking leveling and repair. • Debris removal as required.

Entrance Features, Signage & Wayfinding Service Standards & Classifications

Table 27: County of Brant's Entrance Features, Signage & Wayfinding Service Standards & Classifications.

Sign Types	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Class A: • Park Entrance Signs	• Repair or cleaning of constructed entrance features and parks entrance signs.	• Park entrance signs are legible, in good repair and free of graffiti. • Entrance feature and structures are inviting and in a state of good repair.	• Detailed inspection (annually). • Cleaning (annually).	• Repair, as needed. • Replacement every 10 years. • Graffiti removal.
Class B: • Regulatory and Information Signage	• Replacement of worn, faded, damaged, or missing signs.	• Signs are legible, in good repair, and free of graffiti.	• Inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff. • Detailed inspection (annually).	• Sign and post repair. • Sign replacement. • Post replacement. • Graffiti removal.
Class C: • Kiosks	• Clean and well-maintained park kiosks provide essential information to visitors. Regular maintenance, including repairs and cleaning, ensures this information remains accessible and legible.	• Park kiosks are in a state of good repair and free of graffiti. • Kiosks are legible, informative and inviting	• Inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff. • Detailed inspection (annually). • Cleaning annually.	• Repair. • Replacement every 20 years. • Graffiti removal. • Update content information as required.

Parking Lots & Park Roads Service Standards

Table 28: County of Brant's Parking Lots & Park Roads Service Standards & Classifications.

Service Types	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Asphalt Surfaces	• Inspection maintenance and repair of asphalt roads and parking lots in parks and cemeteries • Clearing of snow for funeral services and cemetery roadways • Park roadways	• Parking lots and roads have a smooth, clean, safe, durable surface. • Cleared of snow and ice.	• Inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff. • Detailed inspection (annually). • Sweeping / blowing (annually). • Clearing of snow within 48 hours of end of snowfall for Destination Parks. • Sand/salt as required. • No snow clearing or winter maintenance for non-Destination Parks.	• Debris removal. • Street sweeping. • Crack sealing. • Asphalt cold patch. • Asphalt hot patch.
Gravel Surfaces	• Inspection maintenance and repair of gravel roads and parking lots in parks.	• Parking lots and roads have a consistent traveling surface. • Minimal dust.	• Inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff. • Detailed inspection (annually).	• Regrading & granular application (bi-annually, or as needed). • Dust Control – 1-2 applications per year, or as needed.
Permeable Paving	• Inspection maintenance and repair of surface roads and parking lots in parks.	• Parking lots and roads have a consistent traveling surface.	• Inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff. • Detailed inspection (annually).	• Debris removal. • Sweeping. • Vacuuming voids and top up of fill.
Curbs & Gutter	• Inspection maintenance and repair of curbs and gutters along roads in parks	• Parking lot surfaces are free of standing water, and asphalt edges are intact and undamaged due to proper drainage.	• Inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff. • Detailed inspection (annually).	• Debris removal. • Sweeping. • Cold asphalt patch (temporary). • Curb replacement.

Service Types	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Catch basin & Manhole Covers	• Inspection maintenance and repair of catch basins along roads and in parks.	• Catch basin and manhole covers are free of debris and damage, ensuring unimpeded water flow into the storm sewer system and providing safe and easy access for maintenance. • Ensure smooth interface with asphalt. • Access points for underground services are clear, unobstructed, and readily available for maintenance and repair.	• Inspection (monthly) by Parks Staff. • Detailed inspection (annually).	• Asphalt cold patch. • Frame/cover replacement.
Line Painting and Pavement Markings	• Inspection and repainting of lines in park parking lots and roads.	• Visible and easily understood. • Accessible parking stalls signed and painted on asphalt, if available.	• Line inspection (annually).	• Line and marking repainting based on inspection (approximately every 3-5 years).

Urban Forestry Service Standards & Classifications

Below is a summary of tree and forestry maintenance service standards that should be achieved. Further alignment with the upcoming Tree Management Policy, Technical Tree Guidelines, and Community Forest Strategy will identify funding methods and technical recommendations on forestry operations within parks and trails.

Table 29: County of Brant's Urban Forestry Service Standards & Classifications.

Classification Types	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Class A: • Roadside Trees (Performed by Operations and/or Arborist)	• Team maintains roadside trees to ensure public safety, enhance aesthetics, and promote healthy growth. This includes inspection, pruning, removal of hazardous trees, and general tree care.	• Trees are healthy, safe, and do not hinder sightlines.	• Block pruning (every 7 years). • Inspection (annually).	• Hazard Tree mitigation (within 5 days of report). • Branch cleanup (within 5 days of report) or per priority and hazard level.
Class B: • Park Trees	• Inspection, pruning, maintenance, removal, and planting of trees in County parks	• Trees are healthy, safe, do not hinder sightlines. • An urban forest that is continuously growing. • Increase tree planting in parks and cemeteries. • Follows Technical Tree Guidelines.	• Block pruning (every 7 years). • Inspection (annually). • 10:1 replacement ratio for areas within natural heritage features. • 2:1 replacement ratio for trees removed.	• Hazard Tree mitigation (within 5 days of report). • Branch cleanup (within 5 days of report) or per priority and hazard level. • Tree replacement, within 365 days of request as per budget allocated. • New tree planting as planned in operational budget. • Inspection request to be inspected (within 5 days of complaint/request). • Routine tree removal (within 365 days of report).

Classification Types	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Class C: • Trees in Natural Areas/Woodlots	• Inspection, pruning, maintenance, and removal of trees in the County that are in maintained natural areas, woodlots, and along watercourses. • Harvesting and replanting	• Trees in natural areas/woodlots are managed to support ecological function, provide safe public access, and protect public and private property.	• Inspection in target areas (annually). • Creation of management plans for properties every 15 years.	• Within the span of 180 days of being reported. • Schedule tree removal within a few weeks after being reported. • Inspection request (to be inspected within 5 days of complaint/request). • Forest health assessments (to be completed annually). • Address prescribed management actions.

Horticulture Service Standards & Classifications

Table 30: County of Brant's Horticulture Service Standards & Classifications.

Classification Types	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Class A: • Annual Beds	• Planting, weeding, watering, and maintenance of horticultural displays, planting beds, baskets, and barrels. Assist with community gardens.	• Beds are weed free. • Plants are healthy and properly spaced. • Dead plants are removed and replaced, as needed.	• Horticultural inspection (once per week from June to September). • Prepare & install beds (annually). • Remove dead annuals (annually each fall). • Weed beds (1-2 times weekly). • Maintain annuals - water/fertilize (2 times weekly). • Watering regularly.	• Fertilize. • Replace dead plants. • Weed control (within 10 days of request).
Class B: • Perennial and Shrub Beds (highly visible)	• Maintain these beds and pollinator gardens in a healthy, aesthetically pleasing condition, enhancing the visual appeal of the park and providing an attractive environment for visitors. • This includes activities such as planting, weeding, mulching, pruning, watering, and pest/disease management.	• They are free of weeds, dead or diseased plant material, and excessive overgrowth. • Mulch is applied to appropriate depth to retain moisture and suppress weeds. • Beds are well-defined and edged, creating a neat and tidy appearance.	• Fertilization, planting of new plants, application of pre-emergent weed control, mulching. • Regular weeding, watering as needed, deadheading of flowers, pruning of shrubs as needed, monitoring for pests and diseases, supplemental fertilization if required. • Removal of dead foliage, pruning of shrubs as needed, dividing overcrowded perennials (if applicable). • Watering as needed.	• Spot weeding as needed. • Inspection of shrubs for pruning needs. • Inspection of mulch depth and replenishment as needed. • Inspection for plant health issues. • Plant replacement as needed. • Monitoring for and addressing any signs of pest infestation or disease.

Classification Types	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Class C: • Perennial, Shrub and Ornamental Grass Beds (lower visibility)	• Planting, weeding, mulching, and maintenance of perennial beds. • Pruning of shrubs.	• Horticultural displays are healthy and attractive. • Shrubs are pruned for maximum health and appropriate shape. • Sightlines are maintained perennials are divided and appropriately spaced.	• Horticultural inspection (monthly). • Mulch (annually). • Watering regularly.	• Fertilize. • Replace dead plants. • Divide perennials and ornamental grasses. • Shrub pruning. • Weed control (within 10 days of request).
Class D: • Small non-native Tree Species and Shrub Beds	• Pruning of shrubs adjacent to walkways and park buffers.	• Sightlines are maintained.	• Watering regularly.	• Shrub pruning. • Invasive tree removal on a complaint basis.
Class E: • Community Horticulture	• Both County staff and volunteer groups contribute to the maintenance of perennial beds, including planting, weeding, and mulching, as well as the pruning of shrubs. • Provide support and attend events	• Beds are weed free. • Planters are healthy and properly spaced. • Dead plants are removed and replaced, as needed.	• Annual communication regarding volunteer capacity. • Watering regularly. • Plant order request solicited.	• Assistance with plant selection. • Fertilizing.
Class F: • Hanging Baskets	• Supply and maintenance of hanging baskets.	• Plants are healthy and properly spaced. • Dead plants are removed and replaced, as needed.	• Ordering of materials and supplies. • Installation of buckets. • Watering regularly.	• Hanging and removal of buckets (Operations). • Fertilizing. • Replacement, if required.

Winter Maintenance Service Standards & Classifications

Table 31: County of Brant's Winter Maintenance Service Standards.

Service Types	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Winter Event Response Priority 1 • **Area 1** - Downtown location areas are Priority 1	• Plowing, sweeping, and hand shoveling of snow. • Application of salt and/or sand to hard surfaces to melt or prevent ice.	• All maintained areas are accessible and safe for users.	• Inspection (monitor) (hourly or daily). • Forecast monitoring. • Order sufficient supplies. • Prepare equipment (annually). • Snow removal to be completed within 48 hours of the finish of a snowfall for all downtown location area in the County. • Clearing begins once 5 cm of snow has accumulated.	• Plowing, snow blowing, and hand clearing. • Salt and sand. • Order sufficient supplies. • Building to be cleared on an ongoing basis during a sustained snowfall. • Forecasted monitoring. • Prepare equipment annually.
Winter Event Response Priority 2 • **Area 2** – General Parks locations are Priority 2	• Plowing, sweeping, and hand shoveling of snow. • Application of salt and/or sand to hard surfaces to melt or prevent ice.	• All maintained areas are accessible and safe for users	• Inspection (monitor) (hourly or daily). • Forecast monitoring. • Order sufficient supplies. • Prepare equipment (annually). • Clearing begins once 5 cm of snow has accumulated. • Snow removal to be completed within 48 hours of the finish of a snowfall for general parks in the County, this would be for park classifications of destinations, neighbourhoods and community parks.	• Plowing, snow blowing, and hand clearing. • Salt and sand. • Order sufficient supplies. • Building to be cleared on an ongoing basis during a sustained snowfall. • Forecasted monitoring. • Prepare equipment annually.

Service Types	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Sidewalks/Designated Pathways	• Keeping sidewalks/pathways safe for residents during winter by clearing snow, applying salt and sand as needed.	• All maintained areas are accessible and safe for users. • Clear walking paths. • Safe walking surface with minimal snow accumulation.	• Inspection (monitor). • Snow removal to be completed within 48 hours of the finish of a snowfall for Priority 1 locations. • Clearing begins once 5 cm of snow has accumulated.	• Prioritize walking routes to school during the morning before 8:00 am and in the afternoon before 3:00 pm. • Plowing, snow blowing, and hand clearing. • Salt and sand. • Order sufficient supplies. • Forecasted monitoring. • Prepare equipment annually. • Building to be cleared on an ongoing basis during a sustained snowfall.

Community Services Winter Maintenance Current Zones

Table 32 Community Services Park Winter Maintenance Current Zones.

Classification	Priority 1	Priority 2
Areas for Maintenance ***County of Brant does not maintain trails or park assets from November 1st to May 1st, except those listed in this chart.** ***Highway minimum maintenance standards do not apply to parks.**	**Key Entrances:** • The Lion's Park Mechanic St./Penman's Pass Bridges and other primary access points must be addressed first to ensure safe and welcoming entry. **High-Traffic Parking Areas:** • The parking lots at Lions Park Paris, Green Lane Sports Complex require immediate attention due to high usage. **Critical Access Points:** • The Summit Park and Juliet Wolverton walkway must be prioritized to maintain safe passage to connect to the multi-use trail and street crossing. **Essential Pathways:** • Sidewalks within parks and school zones are also high-priority areas for clearing and maintenance.	**Paved Pathway Maintenance:** • Lions Park Paris (designated pathways) • Burford Lions Art Cadman Park (entrance) • Cobblestone Common **Parking Areas:** • Mt. Pleasant Park (for outdoor rink) • Green Lane Sports Park (dog park parking) • Sunny Hill Park (for outdoor rink)

Special Events, Tournaments and Holidays & Celebration Service Standards & Classifications

Table 33: County of Brant's Special Events, Tournaments & Holiday & Celebrations Service Standards.

Service Types	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
County Special Events in Parks	• Operational support of County-run special events in County-owned parks/open spaces. (Ex. Movie in the Park)	• Requested amenities are delivered on time. • The park remains clean and in operational condition.	• Pre-event planning. • Supply & remove picnic tables & waste receptacles (before and after event). • Supply & remove portable toilets (before and after event). • Supply & remove portable stage (before and after event). • Portable washrooms and signage provided and removed by vendor. • Event day inspection (before event). • Sanitation (as required). • Litter pickup (as required). • Clean and stock washrooms (every 2 hours). • Deliver event support. • Pre-event planning. • Coordination of electrical services, if available.	• Sanitation litter pickup. • Event support as agreed with event organizers per SEAT application. • Remediation of grounds following event within 5 days.

Service Types	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Permits – Picnic & Weddings	• Operational support for picnic & wedding permits in County parks.	• Requested amenities are delivered on time. • Park remains clean and in operational condition.	• Supply & remove picnic tables & waste receptacles (before and after event). • Supply & remove portable toilets (before and after event). • Supply & remove portable stage (before and after event). • Portable washrooms and signage provided and removed by vendor. • Event day inspection (before event). • Sanitation (as required). • Litter pickup (as required). • Clean and stock washrooms (every 2 hours). • Deliver event support. • Pre-event planning. • Coordination of electrical water services if available and requested.	• Sanitation litter pickup. • Event support as agreed with event organizers, per SEAT application. • Remediation of grounds following event within 5 days.

Service Types	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Photography & Film Shoots	• Operational support for filming permits and photographic collection.	• Requested amenities are delivered on time. • Park remains clean and in operational condition.	• Supply & remove picnic tables & waste receptacles (before and after event). • Portable washrooms and signage provided and removed by vendor. • Event day inspection (before event). • Sanitation (as required). • Litter pickup (as required). • Deliver event support. • Pre-event planning. • Coordination of electrical water services if available and requested.	• Sanitation litter pickup. • Event support as agreed with event organizers, per SEAT application. • Remediation of grounds following event within 5 days.

Service Types	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Tournaments	• Operational support for sports tournaments.	• Requested amenities are delivered on time. • Park remains clean and in operational condition.	• Supply & remove picnic tables & waste receptacles (before and after event). • Supply & remove portable toilets. • Supply & remove portable signage (before and after event). • Pre-event planning. • Event day inspection (before event). • Sanitation (as required). • Litter pickup (as required). • Clean and stock washrooms (every 2 hours) • Deliver event support. • Coordination of electrical water services if available and requested. • Coordinate concession use. • Mowing prior to event. • Line painting prior to event. • Daily and mid-day grooming and lining for baseball. • Supply of bases or portable pitching mound, if requested.	**Grounds:** • Mow, edge, and roll/level playing surfaces. • Address bare spots/damage. **Facilities:** • Clean/stock washrooms, ensure working fixtures. • Inspect/clean seating, stands, and surrounding areas. **Equipment:** • Inspect/repair/replace sports equipment (nets, goals, bases, etc.). • Check/maintain field lighting. **Safety:** • Remove debris, address tripping hazards. • Ensure clear signage and emergency access. **Amenities:** • Ensure adequate garbage/recycling receptacles. • Check water fountains/bottle filling stations.

Service Types	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Cultural Heritage Events	• Operational support for Cultural Heritage Events in County parks. (Ex. Music in the Park, Festivals)	• Requested amenities and materials are delivered on time.	• Supply & remove picnic tables & waste receptacles (before and after event). • Supply & remove portable stage (before and after event). • Pre-event planning. • Event day inspection (before event). • Sanitation (as required). • Litter pickup (as required). • Clean and stock washrooms (every 2 hours). • Deliver event support. • Coordination of electrical water services if available and requested.	• Sanitation litter pickup • Event support as agreed with event organizers, per SEAT application. • Remediation of grounds following event within 5 days.

Other Services Service Standards & Classifications

Table 34: County of Brant's Other Services Service Standards.

Service Classifications	Description of Service	Target Condition	Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition	Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition
Class A: • Ponds (natural, stormwater, irrigation)	• Maintain ponds to be safe and operational through maintenance practices specific to the type of use. • The management of ponds should be a collaborative effort, with support from departments/division like Operations, Forestry and Horticulture.	• Stable, free flowing watercourse through parks and natural areas. • Ponds should have minimal to no algae. If present, algae must be managed to prevent negative impacts on the pond's health and appearance. This involves regular monitoring and acting when needed, such as adding oxygen, reducing nutrients, or using treatments carefully. • Pond banks within designated natural areas shall maintain structural integrity and resist erosion. • Overflow & piped areas maintained. • Pumps operating.	• Annual inspection to ensure ponds are reactive to major weather events. • Coordinate applications of larvicide with the County of Brant Health Unit. • Use of algaecide as required.	• Debris removal as required. • Remediation of pond banks. • Aeration of pond. • Repair to irrigation pump and water intake, as required based on inspections. • Pond cleanout per capital project planning, every 15 years or as needed.
Class B: • Canoe Launch	• Ensure launch areas are maintained to allow for safe, stable access to the river and that amenities are maintained such as benches, buoys, docks, ramps, waste receptacles and signage.	• Parking lots and walkways/approaches are walkable • Safe and stable entrances at water's edge. • Docks and entry ramps kept in good repair. • Docks are anchored securely. • Entrances clear of obstructions. • Regulatory, warning and wayfinding signage is in place	• Annual inspection. • Monthly inspection from May – September. • Tree trimming. • Surface grading – filling, as required. • Sign replacement, as required. • Docks cleaned and installed properly. • Waste and recycling receptacles maintained regularly	• Debris removal, as required. • Seasonal startup. • Regrading of pathways. • Dock installation. • Respond to reports within 5 days. • Remediate banks.

		• Amenities are in good condition		
Service Classifications	**Description of Service**	**Target Condition**	**Scheduled Actions to Achieve Target Condition**	**Service & Inspection Action to Achieve Target Condition**
Class C: • Public Art	• Display of art within parks that contributes to the aesthetic value of the overall space	• Safe, stable and attractive	• Paint assessment and remediation to maintain good condition. • Anchor bases and sculptures inspected and maintained in good condition	• Inspect semi-annually, remediate within 30 days.
Class D: • Dog Park	• Designated park space that is fenced for off-leash dog use. • Annual membership is required.	• Safe stable walking surfaces. • Trees are healthy, safe, and do not hinder sightlines. • Fence lines and gates are intact. • Waste receptacles are being used.	• Tree management. • Walkway management. • No litter/waste within park boundaries. • Mowing weekly. • Weed control as needed. • Turf repair quarterly.	• Waste receptacles refills performed bi-weekly. • Waste Management emptying conducted daily. • Vegetation management bi-monthly during growing season. • Tree inspection as required, monthly. • Weekly inspection. • Change lock entry annually.

Grass Cutting Summary – County of Brant

Table 35: County of Brant's Contracted Grass Cutting Services Areas Overview (2024)

Contracted Grass Cutting Services Areas

Town	Contracted Parks Total	Contracted – Hectares (Acres)
Paris, ON	9 Parks	**14.17** Hectares (35.03 Acres)
St. George, ON	5 Parks	**12.72** Hectares (31.43 Acres)
Mt. Pleasant, ON	2 Parks	**4.69** Hectares (11.58 Acres)
Harrisburg, ON	2 Parks	**2.32** Hectares (5.73 Acres)
New Durham, ON	1 Park	**1.77** Hectares (4.37 Acres)
Oakland, ON	2 Parks	**5.77** Hectares (14.25 Acres)
Onondaga, ON	1 Park	**0.59** Hectares (1.46 Acres)
Oakhill, ON	3 Parks	**1.66** Hectares (4.10 Acres)
Scotland, ON	1 Park	**10** Hectares (24.70 Acres)
Burford, ON	1 Park	**22.12** Hectares (54.6 Acres)
Glen Morris, ON	1 Park	**2.61** Hectares (6.49 Acres)

Table 36: County of Brant's Contracted Parkland Overview.

Contracted Parkland Total

Total Locations Contracted	Total Contracted Parks	Total County Park Locations	Total Contracted Parkland Area	Total Parkland Supply
12 Regions	29 Parks Contracted Out	**67 Current Parks**	**92.12** Hectares (227.61 Acres)	**198.33** Hectares (490.08 Acres)


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