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3.1 Agricultural System	
3.1.1 Description	The Agricultural System is described in the preamble to Section 9.2 and defined in Chapter 13, and the provincial prime agricultural areas are identified in Section 9.2.2. Conformity with the Agricultural System of the Greenbelt Plan will be addressed in more detail through the Municipal Comprehensive Review being undertaken by the Region.
3.1.2 Specialty Crop Area Policies	Not applicable. Specialty crop areas have not been identified in Burlington.
3.1.3 Prime Agricultural Area Policies	Section 9.2 protects Prime Agricultural Areas and supports agricultural activities. It permits agricultural uses and, through Section 9.2.3 a) (xvi), agriculture related and on-farm diversified uses. The Municipal Comprehensive Review being undertaken by the Region will address conformity to the prime agricultural area policies in more detail.
3.1.4 Rural Lands Policies	Not applicable. The Halton Region and City Official Plans do not designate Rural Land in Burlington where additional forms of non-farm development might be permitted in accordance with Section 1.1.5 of the <i>PPS</i> . All of the lands outside the Rural Settlements Areas are designated Agricultural Area, Natural Heritage System or Mineral Resource Extraction Area.
3.1.5 Agri-Food Network	<p>New OP includes policies in Chapters 4, 5, 8 and 9 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sustain and enhance the Ag. System • support urban agriculture & local food • consider agricultural needs in transportation planning • to accommodate industries that are components of the <i>agricultural system</i> in <i>Areas of Employment</i> within the Urban Area. <p>The OP commits the City to collaborating with the Region and other stakeholders in implementation of Halton’s Rural Agricultural Strategy.</p> <p>The OP facilitates the development of farm markets in the Urban Area and on farm retail outlets in the Rural Area.</p>

***Note: The Official Plan sections identified below are the primary sections that address conformity; however there may be other policies in the Official Plan that further address conformity to the Greenbelt Plan.**

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	The City has an informal agricultural Advisory committee. Conformity with the agri-food network policies of the Greenbelt Plan will be further addressed through the Municipal Comprehensive Review being undertaken by the Region.
3.1.6 Agricultural System Connections	Chapter 9 identifies the agricultural system and includes policies to support it, such as requirements for Agricultural Impact Assessments to address impacts on the Agricultural System. The Region's Municipal Comprehensive Review will address the Agricultural System in more detail.
3.2 Natural System	
3.2.1 Description	The OP addresses connections with the broader natural heritage system. See Sections 4.2.2 I) (iii) and (iv).
3.2.2 Natural Heritage System Policies	The policies of Section 4.2.2 address the protection, restoration and enhancement of the Natural Heritage System, and identify the provincial Natural Heritage System. Section 4.2.3 contains policies applying specifically to the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System. The Region's Municipal Comprehensive Review will address conformity with the natural heritage system policies of the Greenbelt plan in more detail.
3.2.3 Water Resource System Policies	
3.2.3.1 & 3.2.3.2	Policies in Section 4.4 address watershed management and other water resource considerations. Key hydrologic features will be more fully addressed through Halton Region's Municipal Comprehensive Review.
3.2.3.3	A Water Resource System crosses municipal boundaries and as such will be fully addressed through the Regional Municipal Comprehensive Review. Elements of the water resource system are addressed in Sections 4.2 and 4.4.
3.2.3.4	Chapter 2 and Sections 4.4, 6.2 and 12.1.3 address infrastructure and watershed planning.
3.2.3.5 & 3.2.3.6	Policies in Section 4.4 address these considerations of watershed planning.
3.2.4 Key Hydrologic Areas	Policies in Section 4.4 address Key Hydrologic Areas in watershed planning, and identify the requirements of the Greenbelt Plan related to Key Hydrologic Areas. Key Hydrologic Areas will be fully addressed through the Regional

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	Municipal Comprehensive Review.
3.2.5 Key Natural Heritage Features and Key Hydrologic Features Policies	<p>Section 4.2.3 addresses the protection of Key Natural Heritage Features and Key Hydrologic Features. The Key Natural Features as set out in Section 4.2.3 b) include key hydrological features and so would also be protected through the policies of Section 4.2.3.</p> <p>The Municipal Comprehensive Review being undertaken by the Region will further address conformity with the key natural heritage features and key hydrologic features policies of the Greenbelt Plan.</p>
3.2.6 External Connections	<p>The NHS designated in the City's OP connects the Greenbelt NHS to broader natural heritage systems at the regional and provincial scale. Stream valleys and associated riparian lands connect the Greenbelt to Lake Ontario. Associated policies are directed at maintaining and enhancing these connections. Policies in Section 4.4 address development abutting watercourses and watershed planning.</p>
3.2.7 The Rouge River Watershed and Rouge National Urban Park	Not applicable
3.3 Parkland, Open Space and Trails	
3.3.1 Description	<p>The Green System shown on Schedule A identifies the network of private and public open spaces and natural areas in Burlington. In addition, there are significant private recreational facilities that are not shown on the OP Schedules but, as existing uses, are permitted to continue under the permitted uses policies in Chapter 9.</p>
3.3.2 Parkland, Open Space and Trail Policies	<p>Not applicable. The Greenbelt Plan policies address Provincial collaboration with other agencies and interested parties in developing a system of parkland, open space and trails.</p>
3.3.3 Municipal Parkland, Open Space and Trails	<p>The Greenbelt encompasses only a small part of Rural Burlington. The rural area is served by a variety of accessible recreational facilities in the rural area and in nearby settlement areas.</p> <p>Only non-intensive recreation facilities are permitted in the Rural Area outside settlement areas in order to protect agriculture and the NHS from the impacts of more intensive</p>

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	<p>recreation uses.</p> <p>The OP supports the Bruce trail and the development of improved public access to the Trail.</p> <p>The City is preparing an update to the Parks Master Plan.</p>
3.4 Settlement Areas	
3.4.1 Description	The Protected Countryside in Burlington does not contain any Settlement Areas. It is served by facilities in adjacent urban areas (Burlington and Milton).
3.4.2 General Settlement Area Policies	<p>Highways 403 and 407 separate the Urban Area from the Greenbelt Plan Area. Section 2.2.3 d) (i) states that “The Urban Boundary represents the fixed boundary that identifies the Urban Area. An Urban Boundary expansion <i>may</i> only occur through a <i>municipal comprehensive review</i> and is not intended or permitted within the planning horizon of this Plan.”</p> <p>The OP has committed the City to collaborating with the Region and other stakeholders in supporting the Agricultural System through implementation of Halton’s Rural Agricultural Strategy (Section 5.5.2 d)).</p> <p>Climate change considerations are incorporated into planning and managing growth and development through Sections 4.1 and 7.4 of the Plan.</p> <p>Policies in Section 4.4 address excess soil, and policies in Section 7.4 and the related Sustainable Building and Development Guidelines encourage soil reuse. The city’s site alteration bylaw further addresses excess soil management.</p>
3.4.3 Town/Village Policies	Not applicable. In Burlington there are no Settlement Areas within the Protected Countryside.
3.4.4 Hamlet Policies	Ibid.
3.4.5 Additional Policies for Settlement Area Expansion	Ibid.
4 General Policies for the Protected Countryside	Ibid.
4.1 Non-Agricultural Uses	
4.1.1 General Non-Agricultural Use	

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4.1.1.1	Section 9.2.4 c) prohibits the re-designation of lands within Prime Agricultural Areas in the Greenbelt Plan Area for non-agricultural uses, except where permitted by the Greenbelt Plan.
4.1.1.2	The OP does not designate rural lands. See response to 3.1.4.
4.1.1.3	Not applicable. See response to 4.1.1.2.
4.1.2 Recreational Use Policies	Not applicable. The OP permits only non-intensive recreation uses in the Protected Countryside.
4.1.3 Developed Shoreline Area Policies	Not applicable.
4.2 Infrastructure	
4.2.1 General Infrastructure Policies	The OP is more restrictive than the Greenbelt Plan. Only essential linear infrastructure is permitted in the OP designations that are in the Greenbelt Plan Area. See Sections 9.2.3 q) (vii) and 9.3.2 c) (xii). Section 6.1.2 h) requires that new or expanding infrastructure avoid the NHS, the Water Resource System and prime agricultural areas and addresses adverse or negative impacts.
4.2.2 Sewage and Water Infrastructure Policies	
4.2.2.1 Planning and design	Section 6.1.2 a) acknowledges that the Region of Halton is responsible for the planning, design, delivery and maintenance of municipal water and wastewater systems.
4.2.2.2 Extension of municipal services outside settlement areas	Section 6.1.2 a) (iii) stipulates that no servicing extensions beyond the Urban Area <i>shall</i> be permitted, unless exempted by the policies of the Regional Official Plan, which prohibits such service extensions with some exceptions. Section 9.1.2 f) requires that all development in the Rural Area be on private, on-site, individual water and wastewater services.
4.2.3 Stormwater Management and Resilient Infrastructure Policies	Policies in Section 4.4 address the requirements of the Greenbelt Plan for stormwater management infrastructure.
4.3 Natural Resources	
4.3.1 Renewable	Renewable resource use activities are addressed when they

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Resource Policies	are related to, or may be impacted by, <i>Planning Act</i> applications. They are addressed through the policies in Sections 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 of the Plan.
4.3.2 Non-renewable Resource Policies	
4.3.2.1	Section 4.10 recognizes the significance of mineral aggregate resources.
4.3.2.2 Non-renewable resources permitted	Section 4.10.2 (2) g) provides that a new Mineral Resource Extraction Area or an expansion to an existing Mineral Resource Extraction Area may be permitted by Official Plan amendment.
4.3.2.3 New aggregate operations and accessory uses	Section 4.10.2 (2) i) does not permit new or expanded aggregate operations in: significant wetlands; significant woodlands; or the habitat of endangered and threatened species, except in accordance with Provincial and Federal requirements. Section 4.10.2(2) m) (iii) specifies that within the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System the policies of Section 4.3.2 of the Greenbelt Plan apply, in addition to the policies of the OP.
4.3.2.4 Agricultural impacts	Section 9.2.2 f) (v) requires submission of an Agricultural Impact Assessment for any proposed non-agricultural land use that may have adverse impacts on an adjacent agricultural operation or on the Agricultural System.
4.3.2.5 Rehabilitation	Section 4.10.2 (2) p) specifies that rehabilitation must conform to the applicable policies of the Greenbelt Plan.
4.3.2.6 Rehabilitation	See response to 4.3.2.5.
4.3.2.7 Rehabilitation	See response to 4.3.2.5.
4.3.2.8	Section 4.10.2 (2) q) encourages public use of former aggregate sites after rehabilitation.
4.3.2.9	Not applicable. Applies only to the Niagara Peninsula Good Tender Fruit and Grape Area.
4.3.2.10	Not applicable.
4.3.2.11	Section 4.10.2(1) p) requires that rehabilitation conform with the Halton source protection plan and with relevant watershed and subwatershed plans.
4.4 Cultural Heritage Resources	Section 3.5 contains policies to identify and conserve cultural heritage resources.

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4.5 Existing Uses	
4.5.1	Sections 9.2.3 a) and 9.3.2 c) permit existing uses.
4.5.2	Sections 9.2.3 a) and 9.3.2 c) permit single detached dwellings on existing lots subject to Section 9.1.2 c).
4.5.3	Sections 9.1.2 g) and h) permit secondary dwelling units outside Key Natural Features.
4.5.4	Section 9.1.2 o) permits expansions to existing uses provided that the expansion is not within a Key Natural Feature and meets other criteria.
4.5.5	Section 4.2.3 l) permits the expansion of existing agricultural buildings and residential dwellings within Key Natural Features.
4.6 Lot Creation	Section 12.1.12(4.1) c) limits lot creation in the Rural Area. It does not provide for lot creation for agricultural and agriculture-related uses.
5 Implementation	
5.3 Municipal Implementation of Protected Countryside Policies	The Protected Countryside policies are implemented through the policies of Chapter 4 and Chapter 9, including Section 4.2.3 dealing specifically with the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System.
5.4 Boundaries, Schedules and Appendices	
5.4.1 Boundary of the Greenbelt Plan	Not applicable.
5.4.2 Boundaries Internal to the Greenbelt Plan	The Protected Countryside boundary is shown on and the Greenbelt Natural Heritage System are shown on Schedule A-1 as well as on other Schedules to the Plan. The Prime Agricultural Area is shown on Schedules J and J-1. The provincial natural heritage system is shown on Schedule M-1. Key Natural Features are shown on Schedule M. Key Natural Features include both natural heritage and hydrologic features.
5.4.3 Schedules and Appendices	Not applicable.
5.5 Plan Review	Not applicable.
5.6 Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan and	Not applicable.

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5.6.1 Growing the Greenbelt	Not applicable.
5.7 Monitoring/ Performance Measures	Not applicable.
6 Urban River Valley Policies	The Municipal Comprehensive Review being undertaken by Halton Region will address mapping and policies respecting Urban River Valleys. The only Urban River Valley in Burlington is designated City's Natural Heritage System on Schedule C and protected through the policies of Sections 4.2.and 8.4.
7 Definitions	Conformity with the Greenbelt Plan definitions will be addressed through Halton Region's Municipal Comprehensive Review.