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# **REVIVE FUND 2025**



# PARTNERSHIP

Halton Region Federation

Hamilton-Wentworth Federation

Niagara Federation

Ontario Federation of Agriculture



# **THE POWER OF DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP**

A ONE-DAY TRAINING SESSION  
ON RURAL LAND USE PLANNING

TRAINING WAS CUSTOMIZED  
FOR PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL  
ISSUES.

TRAINING COVERED THE  
FUNDAMENTALS OF LAND USE  
PLANNING IN RURAL AREAS,

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES WERE  
HIGHLIGHTED

FULSOME DISCUSSION OF THE  
CHALLENGES FACED IN  
PARTICIPATING IN THE LAND  
USE PLANNING PROCESS.

## WORKSHOP PLANNING

Apply to the Revive Fund

Request a proposal from Planscape

Provided issues of interest from the partners

Workshop logistics



## THE AUDIENCE

- Target audience was the Board of Directors of each participating Federation and other interested parties
- Approximately 40 people attended
- Session was 7 hours in length including 2 - 15 minute breaks and a 30 minute lunch
- Refreshments and lunch were provide

# THE MEETING AGENDA

## AGENDA

Time	Activity
9:30am	Introductions
9:45am	The Planning Framework in Ontario
10:15am	Recent Legislative and Policy Changes
11am	BREAK
11:15	On-Farm Diversified Uses
12:30pm	LUNCH

Time	Activity
1pm	Planning Application Processes and Timelines
1:45pm	Agricultural Systems Approach, Natural Heritage systems and AIAs
2:30pm	BREAK
2:45pm	Ontario Land Tribunal Appeals
3:15pm	Strong Mayor Powers
3:30pm	Open Discussion

## REQUESTED INFORMATION



- **Provincial Policy Statement, Golden Horseshoe Growth Plan, Greenbelt, NEC, Regional Official Plans, and local Official Plans:** review recent changes and updates to these plans
- **Additional Residential Uses, On-Farm Diversified Uses:** status, how are those being implemented at the local level
- **Agricultural Systems, Natural Heritage Systems, Agricultural Impact Studies:** changes, how are those being implemented at the local level
- **Implementation Timelines:** PPS and growth plan changes getting into municipal OPs, OP reviews, urban expansions
- **Official Plans vs. secondary plans, site plans, minor variances, committees of adjustment, etc:** what are opportunities for community input.
- **Strong Mayor Powers:** how does this apply to land use issues, council decision making process work; differences between Halton, Niagara - different regional govt structures/responsibilities vs. single tier (Hamilton)
- **- Ontario Land Tribunal Appeals:** opportunities for community/ag input, process, changes compared to OMB

# SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE PLANNING ACT



**Bill 109**, More Homes for Everyone Act was given Royal Assent on April 14, 2022

**Bill 23**, More Homes, Built Faster passed November 29, 2022. OSLEP has provided a [Summary of the Changes](#).

• **Bill 97** June 8, 2023. Helping Homeowners, Protecting Tenants Act was given Royal Assent on June 8, 2023

- **Bill 185**, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act
- The new Provincial Planning Statement came into force October 2024
- **Bill 109** **Bill 23** , **Bill 97**, and **Bill 185** and the changes to the PPS are all discussed in the slide presentation.

## GENERAL COMMENTS

- PLANSCAPE PROVIDED A 77 PAGE PRESENTATION ADDRESSING OUR QUESTIONS AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION
- AUDIENCE WAS FOCUSED ON THE PRESENTATION
- THIS EVENT CREATED A STRONGER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE THREE FEDERATIONS INVOLVED, AND A FEW INDIVIDUALS FROM OTHER AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL.
- THIS EVENT ALSO CREATED A RELATIONSHIP WITH PLANSCAPE, AND NEW FUNDERS TO OUR ORGANIZATIONS.





## THE PRESENTATION

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