

**City of Vaughan Official Plan
Cultural Heritage Landscape Inventory and Policy Study**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Vaughan retained Archaeological Services Inc. (ASI), in collaboration with Unterman McPhail Associates and AECOM to: develop a preliminary cultural heritage landscape inventory; and prepare cultural heritage landscape policies for inclusion into the City's new Official Plan. The protection and integration of significant cultural heritage landscapes into the land use planning process is recognized through new definitions and policy statements contained in the 2005 Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). Although some types of cultural heritage landscapes have been conserved for years in various municipalities through designation of heritage conservation districts under Part V of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the 2005 PPS defines cultural heritage landscapes much more broadly and provides municipalities with a clear mandate to develop programs for identifying, evaluating, and protecting these types of cultural heritage resources.

To establish a conservation framework for cultural heritage landscapes in the City of Vaughan, the following report provides the following:

- Historic land use themes significant in the City of Vaughan, traces of which may still be extant.
- Cultural heritage landscapes typologies relevant for application in the City of Vaughan.
- Compilation of a preliminary cultural heritage landscape inventory, consisting of a range of cultural heritage landscape types.
- Mapping of potential cultural heritage landscapes on a GIS platform.
- Demonstration of a framework for analyzing cultural heritage landscapes through a case study analysis of the Skandatut-Kleinburg cultural heritage landscape.
- Overview of relevant cultural heritage landscape policy and practice used in other jurisdictions.
- Proposed cultural heritage landscape policies for inclusion into the City of Vaughan's new Official Plan.

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