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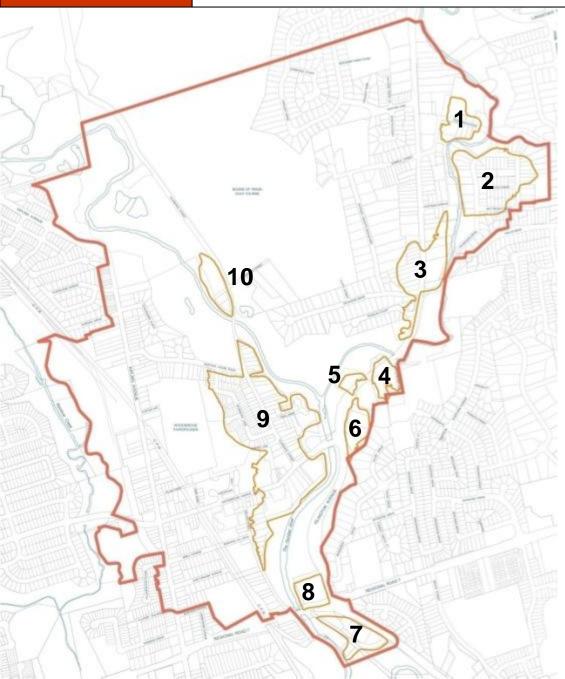
Definition

Special Policy Area:

means an area within a community that has historically existed in the flood plain and where site-specific policies, approved by both the Ministers of Natural Resources and Municipal Affairs and Housing, are intended to provide for the continued viability of existing uses (which are generally on a small scale) and address the significant social and economic hardships to the community that would result from strict adherence to provincial policies concerning *development*. The criteria and procedures for approval are established by the Province.

A Special Policy Area is not intended to allow for new or intensified development and site alteration, if a community has feasible opportunities for development outside the flood plain.

SPA Policies Current Status



Over 300 parcels

Approximately 900 dwelling units in the SPA

• Over 600 units in multiresidential buildings

10 disjunct parts of the SPA

The comprehensive SPA review, including a flood risk assessment, has resulted in recommendations incorporated into the land use plan.

The two main land use recommendations are to:

- maintain the low rise residential character of Islington Avenue; and
- limit any further density increase in the Woodbridge Commercial Core to the area at the NW of Woodbridge Avenue and Clarence Street.