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Agriculture

Type	Link to resource
Guidelines	Classifying Prime and Marginal Agricultural Soils and Landscapes (OMAFRA)
Legislation	<i>Farming and Food Production Protection Act, 1998</i> (OMAFRA)
Guidelines	Guidelines for detailed soil survey for agricultural land use planning (OMAFRA)
Guide	Minimum distance separation (MDS) formulae (OMAFRA)
Legislation	<i>Nutrient Management Act, 2002</i> (OMAFRA)

Appeals and mediation

Type	Link to resource
Guide	Citizens' guide #6 - Local Planning Appeal Tribunal citizens' guide (MMAH)

Clean air, energy conservation and renewable energy

Type	Link to resource
Guide	Guideline on community emissions reduction planning (MECP)
Information	Energy conservation, efficiency and supply (ENDM)
Legislation	<i>Green Energy Act, 2009</i> (ENDM)
Information	Planning for electricity infrastructure (ENDM)

Cultural heritage and archaeology

Type	Link to resource
Information	Designating heritage properties (MTCS)

Environmental assessment

Type	Link to resource
Legislation	<i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (MECP)

General information

Type	Link to resource
Guide	Citizens' guides (MMAH)
Information	Ontario Building Code (MMAH)

Mining, minerals and aggregates

Type	Link to resource
Legislation	<i>Aggregate Resources Act</i> (MNRF)
Tools	CLAIMaps (ENDM)
Legislation	<i>Mining Act</i> (ENDM)

Municipal planning

Type	Link to resource
Guide	Citizens' guide #2 - Official Plans (MMAH)
Case study	Municipal-aboriginal relationships: Case studies (MMAH)

Natural heritage, endangered species and wild life habitat

Type	Link to resource
Legislation	<i>Endangered Species Act, 2007</i> (MNRF)
Guide	Natural heritage reference manual (MNRF)
Guide	Significant wildlife habitat guide (MNRF)

Provincial plans

Type	Link to resource
Plan	Greenbelt Plan (2017) (MMAH)
Plan	Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2017 (MMAH)
Plan	Growth Plan for Northern Ontario, 2011 (MMAH)
Plan	Niagara Escarpment Plan (2017) (MNRF)
Legislation	<i>Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act</i> (MNRF)
Plan	Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (2017) (MMAH)

Transportation

Type	Link to resource
Guidelines	Corridor management guideline (MTO)
Guidelines	Guidelines traffic impact studies (MTO)
Guidelines	Guidelines for municipal official plan (MTO)
Legislation	<i>Public transportation and highway improvement Act</i> (MTO)

Water

Type	Link to resource
Legislation	<i>Clean Water Act, 2006</i> (MECP)
Legislation	<i>Conservation Authorities Act</i> (MNRF)
Guide	Drinking Water Source Protection - Implementation resource guide (CO)
Legislation	<i>Ontario Water Resources Act</i> (MECP)
Legislation	<i>Safe Drinking Water Act 2002</i> (MECP)

Legend

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ENDM = Ministry of Energy, Northern
Development and Mines
OMAFRA = Ministry of Agriculture, Food and
Rural Affairs
MMAH= Ministry of Municipal Affairs and
Housing
ENDM = Ministry of Energy, Northern
Development and Mines
MNRF = Ministry of Natural Resources and
Forestry
MECP = Ministry of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks
MTCS = Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport
MTO = Ministry of Transportation

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