

#### Midtown Oakville Growth Area Review

# What is an Official Plan?

An official plan is a legal document containing goals, objectives, and policies intended to guide land use, development and growth within a municipality.

Oakville's official plan is comprised of the Livable Oakville Plan and the North Oakville Secondary Plans.

To view these documents, visit oakville.ca.



## What is an Official Plan Review?

We are required to review and update the town's official plan policies every five years.

We are now planning to the year 2041.

The town's policies must be updated in conformity with the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement, the 2017 Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the 2017 Greenbelt Plan, and Halton's Regional Official Plan (also under review).

The town's Official Plan review projects include studies such as:

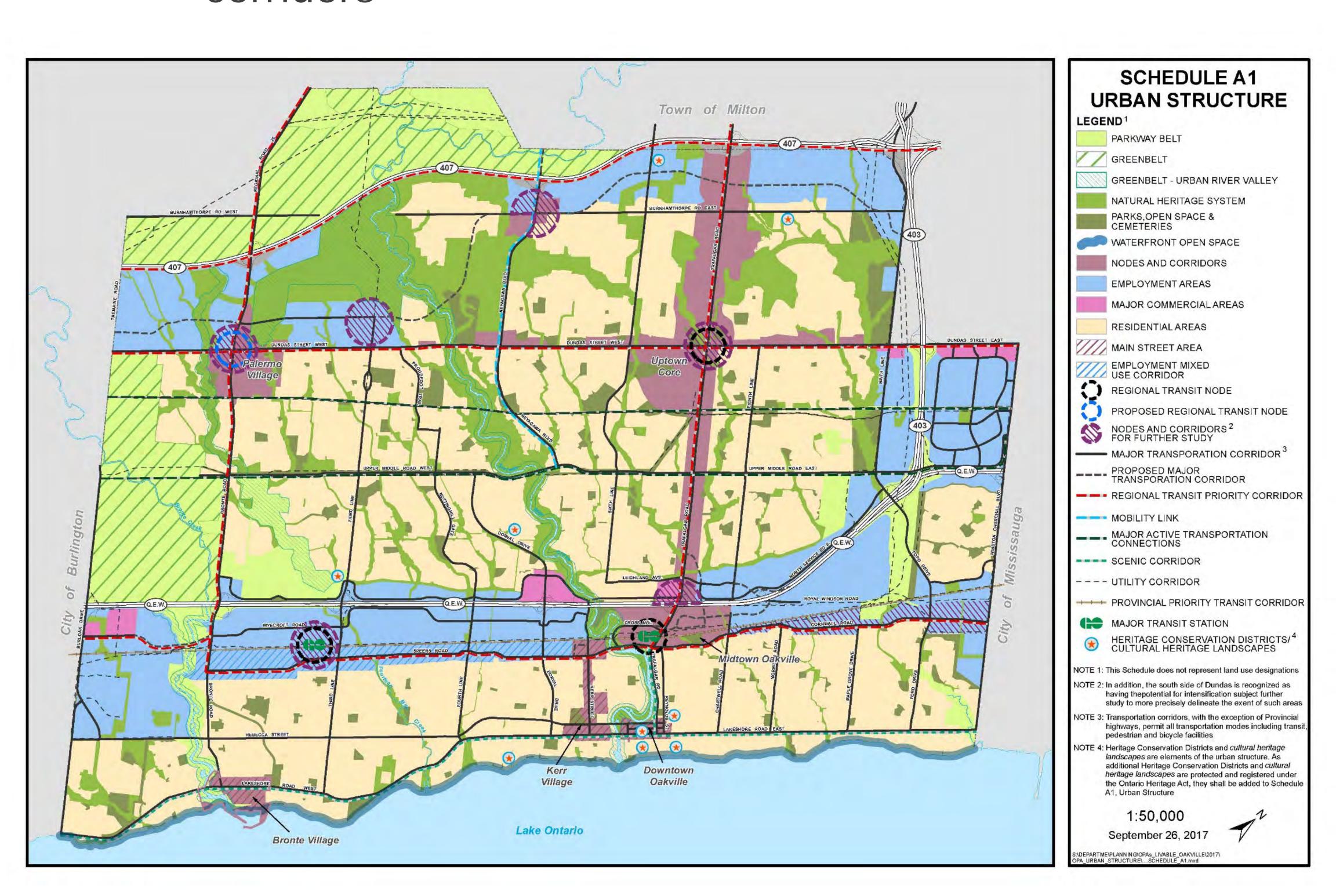
- ✓ Urban Structure Review
- ✓ Main Street Growth Area Reviews (Bronte Village, Kerr Village and Downtown Oakville)
- ✓ Employment and Commercial Review
- ✓ Speers Road Corridor Study
- ☐ North Oakville Secondary Plans Review
- □ Primary Growth Area Reviews (Midtown Oakville,Uptown Core and Palermo Village)
- Residential Policy Review
- ☐ Transportation Policy Discussion Paper

#### Urban Structure

The town's approved Urban Structure shows how and where we're accommodating growth to the year 2041.

#### The Urban Structure:

- protects natural and cultural heritage features and open spaces
- maintains the character of residential areas
- directs growth to an identified system of nodes and corridors



# What is a Growth Area Review?

As part of the ongoing Official Plan Review, we are updating the policies that guide development-related decisions in all of the town's growth areas.

The growth area policies were adopted as part of the Livable Oakville Plan in 2009, and approved by the Ontario Municipal Board in 2011.

## Main Street Growth Areas Reviews completed in 2017

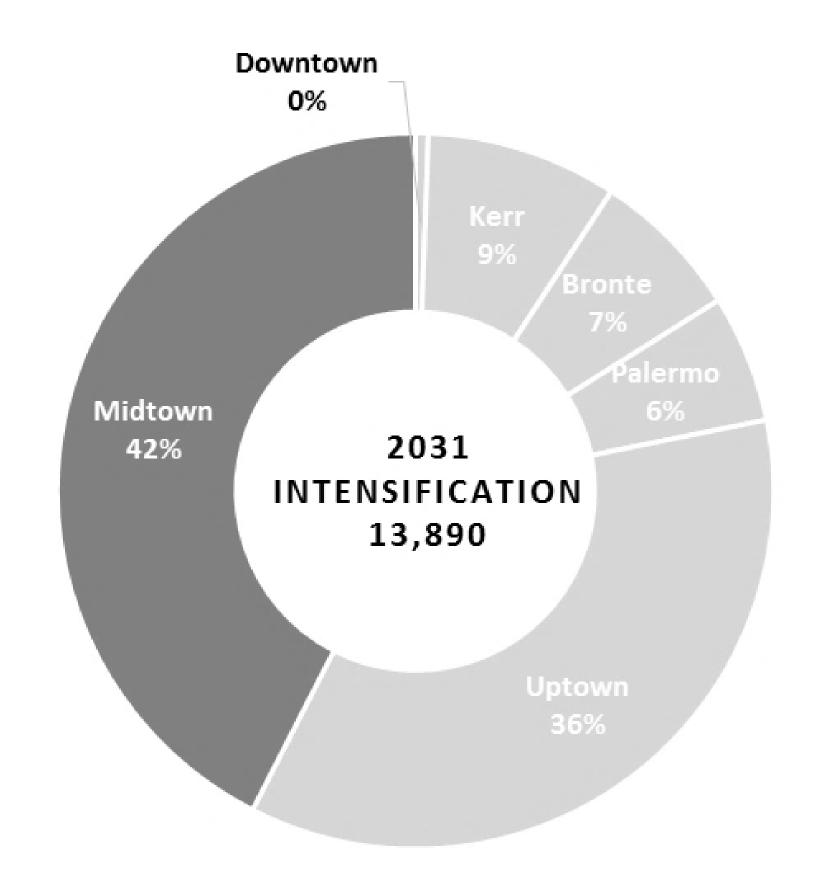
- Bronte Village (OPA 18)
- Kerr Village (OPA 19)
- Downtown Oakville (OPA 20)

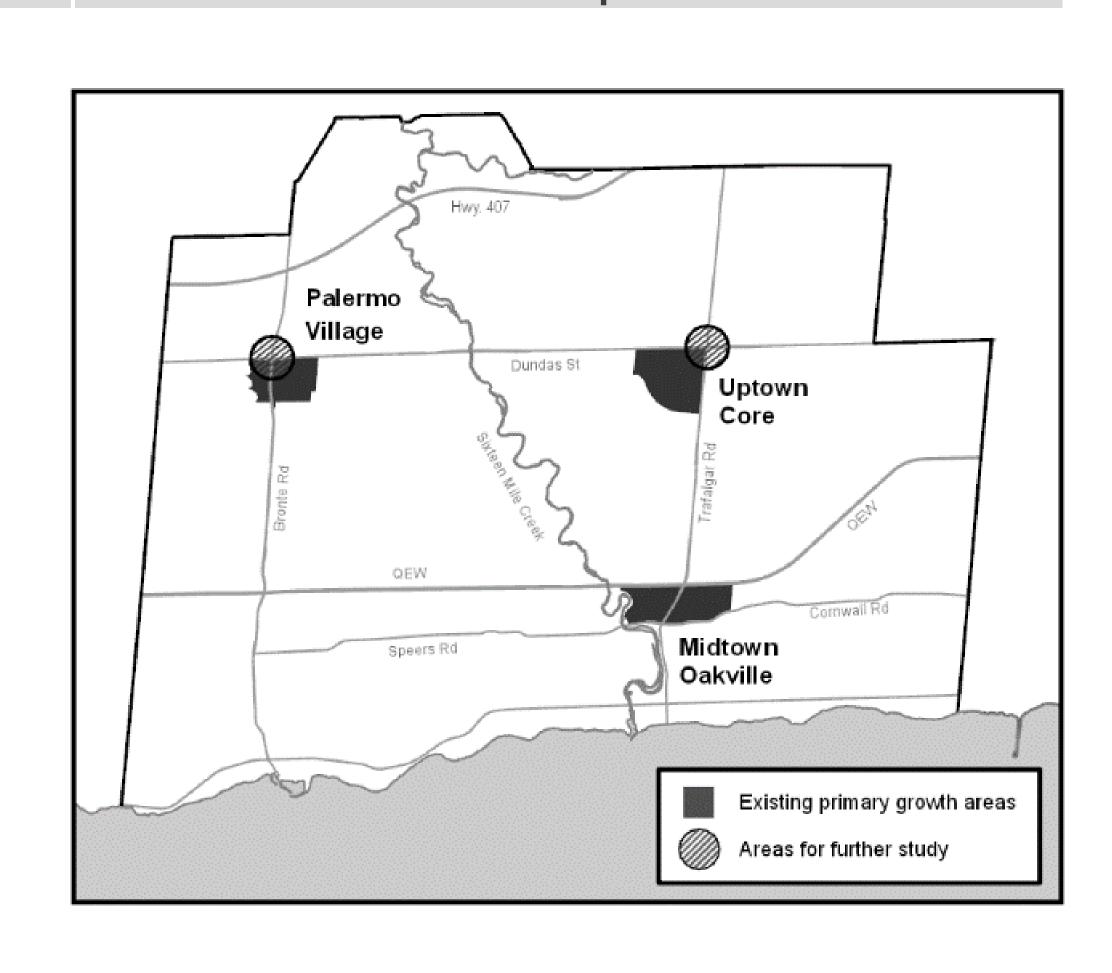
These areas are intended to develop as mixed use centres with viable main streets.

### Primary Growth Areas Reviews launched in 2018

- Midtown Oakville
- Uptown Core
- Palermo Village

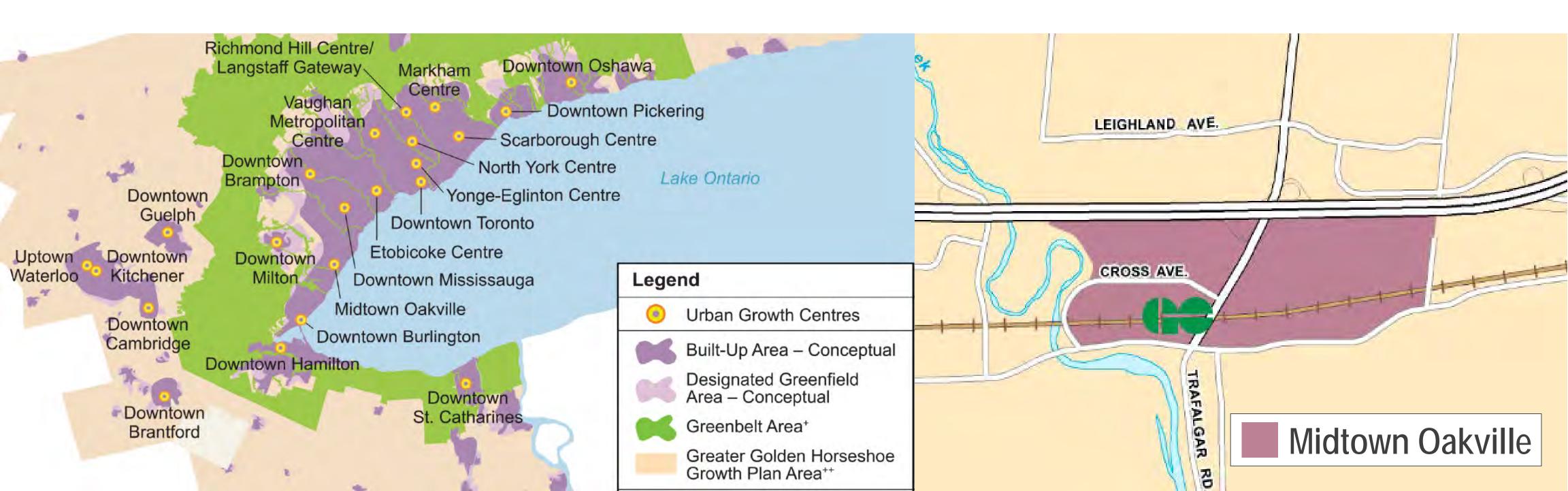
These areas are intended to accommodate a higher intensity or scale of development.





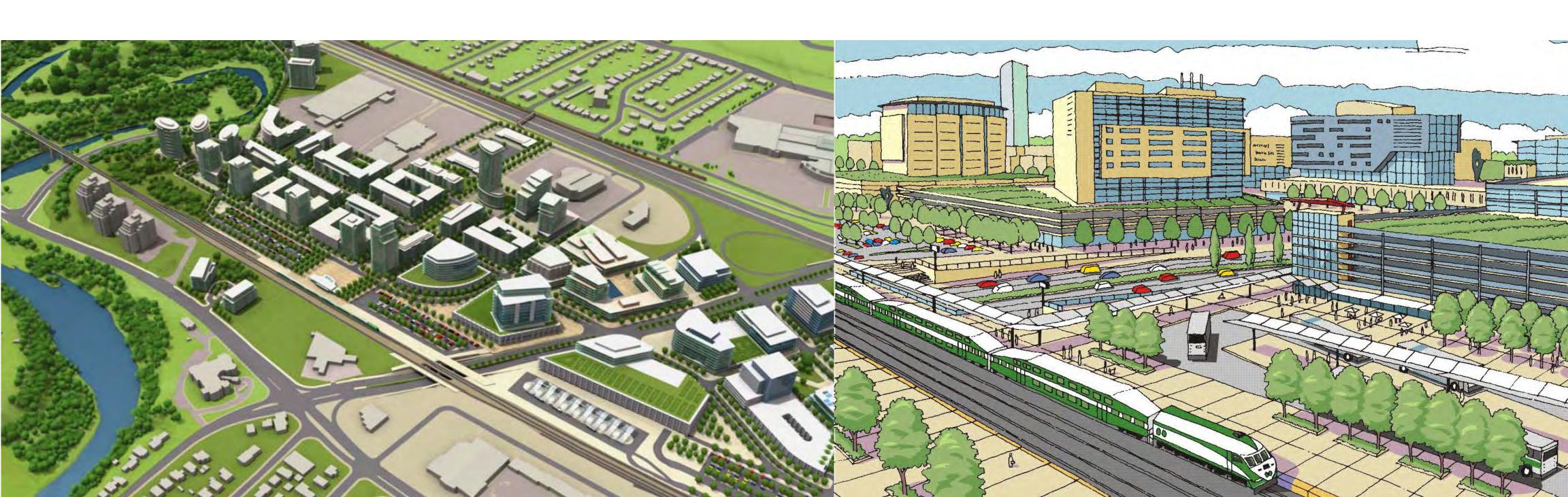
## What is Midtown Oakville?

- the area around the Oakville GO Station Ontario's second busiest GO station
  - about 100 hectares between Cornwall Road and the QEW from Chartwell Road to Sixteen Mile Creek
- an Urban Growth Centre identified in the Province of Ontario's Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe since 2006
  - required to be planned for a minimum of 200
     residents and jobs combined per hectare by 2031
- a growth area in the town's Livable Oakville Plan planned for about 12,000 residents and 8,000 jobs by 2031, in conformity with the *Growth Plan*
- home to about 830 residents and 3,260 jobs in 2014



### History, 1999-2009

- 1999: Major land use changes were first planned for Midtown due to its location and the number of vacant or underutilized properties
- 2001: Official plan policies approved to permit denser and taller mixed use and employment development, supported by major transportation network changes
- 2006: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe identified Midtown as an Urban Growth Centre and required it to be planned for a minimum of 200 residents and jobs combined per hectare by 2031 (about 20,000 residents and jobs)
- 2008-2009: Midtown planned for about 12,000 residents and 8,000 jobs based on a conceptual new transportation network (to be confirmed through an environmental assessment)



#### History, 2011-2014

- 2011: Livable Oakville, including existing Midtown policies, was approved by Ontario Municipal Board
- 2011-2012: Metrolinx completed the Midtown Oakville Mobility Hub Study focused on the redevelopment of its Oakville GO Station lands
- 2012: Midtown Strategy (staff) team formed to work on infrastructure and policy changes needed to meet longterm objectives for Midtown
- 2014: Zoning By-law 2014-014 passed, including two transition zones for Midtown (under appeal) that allow minimal change pending an amendment to implement recommendations of the Midtown Strategy studies



#### History, 2014-2018

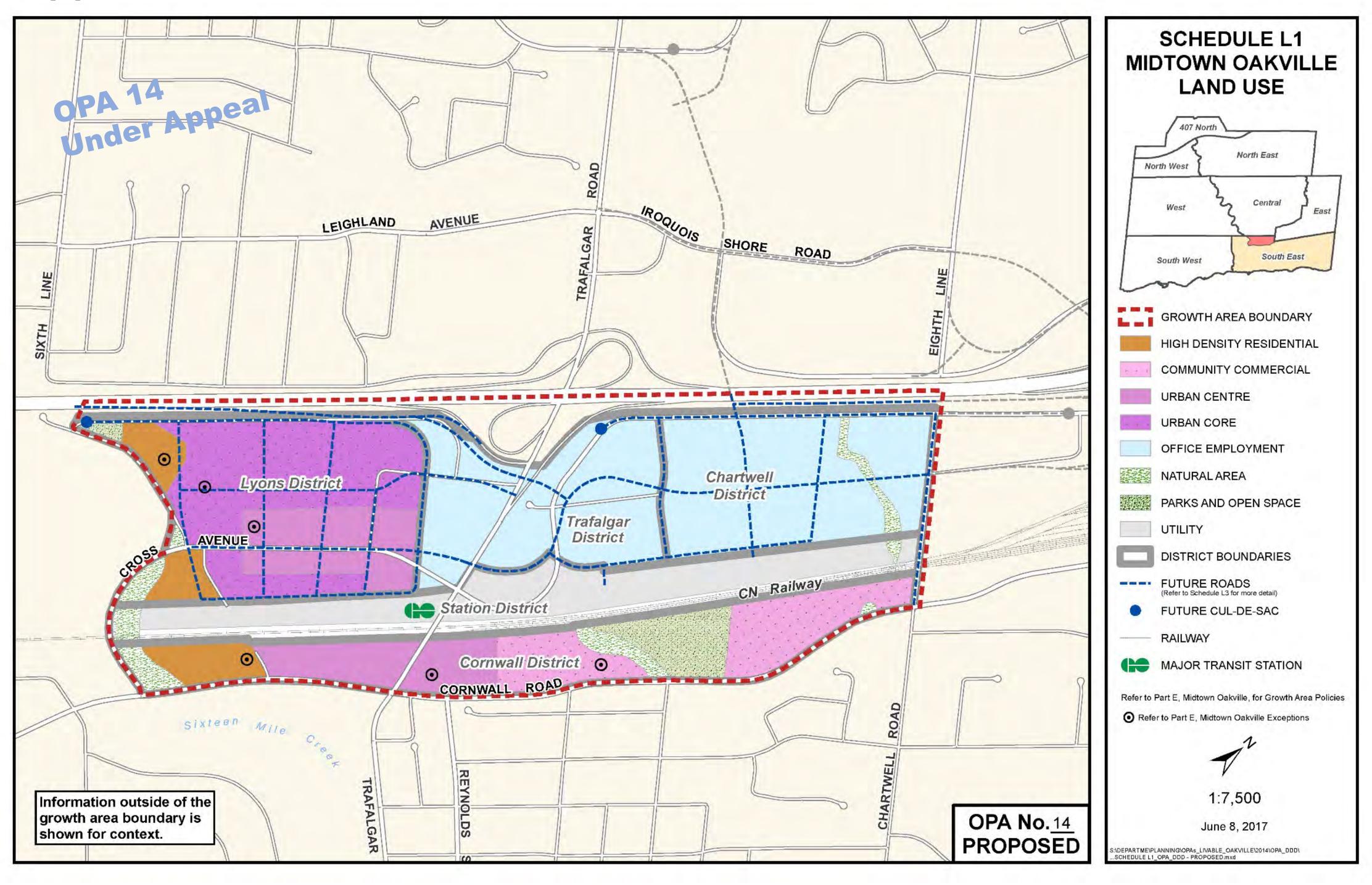
- 2014: Town completed the Midtown Strategy studies the Midtown Oakville Transportation and Stormwater Class Environmental Assessment, which recommends major transportation network changes, plus parking and urban design strategies
- 2014: Draft official plan and zoning by-law amendments were proposed to implement the Midtown Strategy studies, then put on hold
- 2015: Minister of Environment and Climate Change dismissed the Part II Order requests (like appeals) in relation to Council's approval of the *Midtown Oakville* Environmental Assessment
- 2017: Council approved OPA 14 to implement the recommended transportation and municipal stormwater networks from the approved the *Midtown Oakville Environment Assessment*, and provide a revised local road network within Midtown Oakville
- 2018: Midtown Oakville Growth Area Review is launched as part of the town's Official Plan Review

### Existing Policies

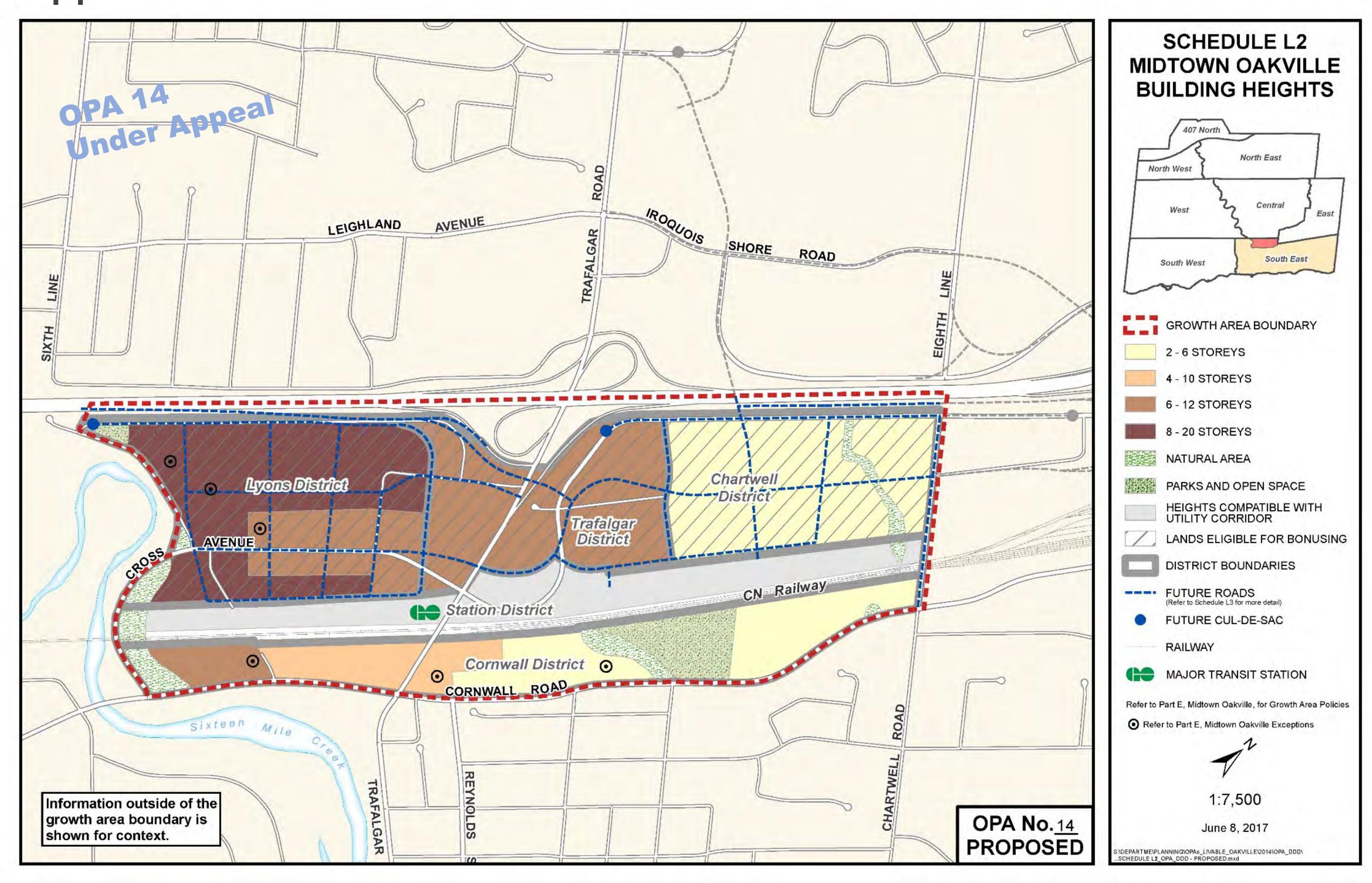
The existing Midtown Oakville policies enable the area to transform into an urban mixed use community for about 12,000 residents and 8,000 jobs by 2031 – a density of about 200 residents and jobs combined per hectare.

OPA 14, approved in 2017, provided an updated transportation network to support the required growth based on the 2014 *Midtown Oakville Environmental Assessment*.

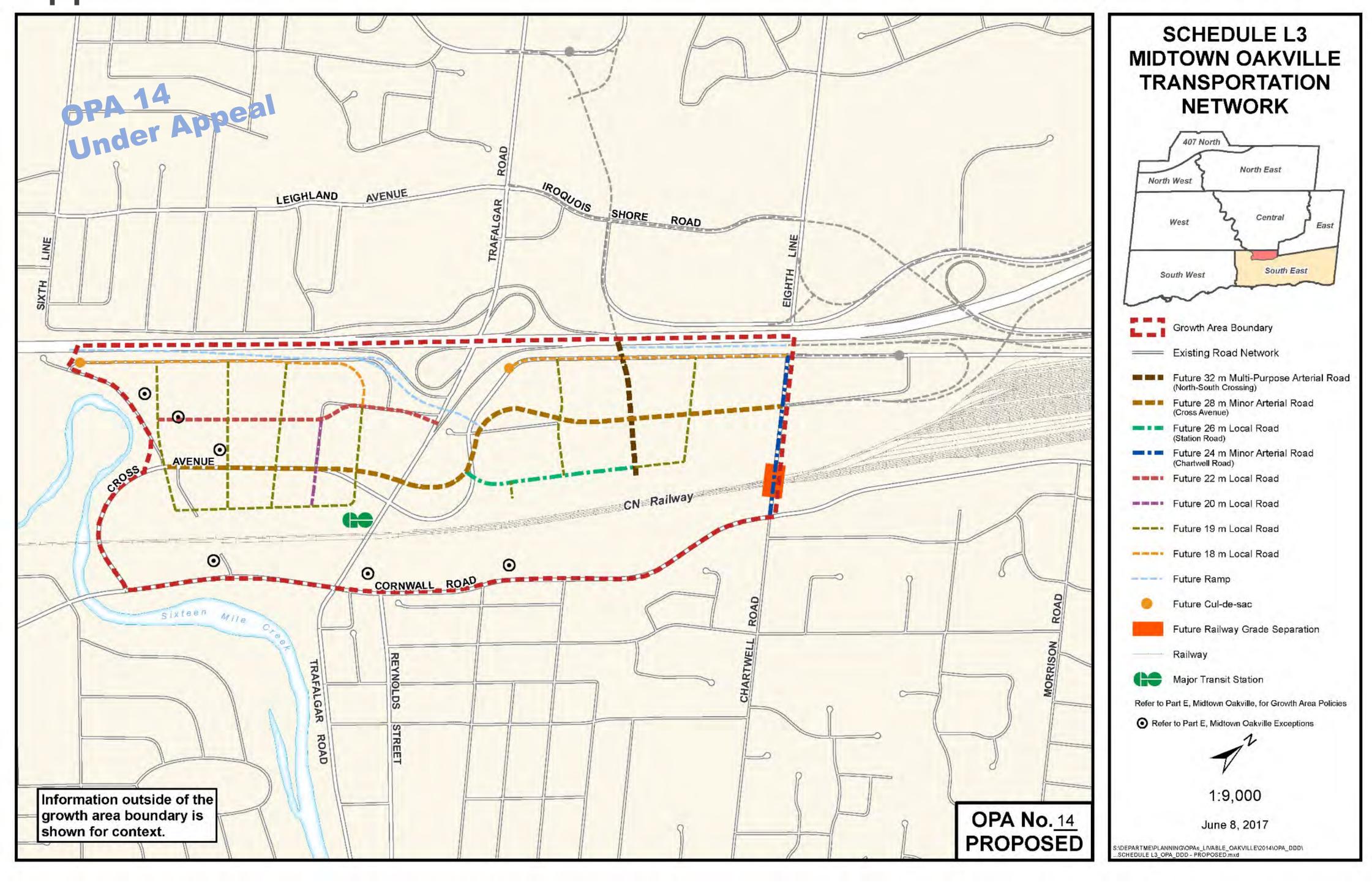
#### Approved Schedule L1 to the Livable Oakville Plan



#### Approved Schedule L2 to the Livable Oakville Plan



#### Approved Schedule L3 to the Livable Oakville Plan



### Share your thoughts

- What should Midtown Oakville look like in 20 years?
- What policy updates would ensure the achievement of the required growth in Midtown Oakville by 2031?
- What elements of a mixed use urban community do you value?

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