

Concurrent studies and Class EA process



Studies are underway to inform the Conceptual Master Plan:

Subwatershed

These studies are being undertaken to understand the natural heritage features and functions associated with the Berczy, Bruce, Eckhard and Robinson Creeks.

Transportation

This study will identify a transportation system (including walking, cycling, transit and roads) to service the new community.

Water and Wastewater Servicing

This study will identify water and Wastewater servicing strategies to support the new community.

These studies are following a Master Planning Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process.



Study timelines

Phase 1

Develop understanding of the Conceptual Master Plan/Class EA process and what needs to be achieved (Public Open House 1 – Jan 15, 2015)

Phase 2

Identify and review land use, transportation and servicing options and determine a preliminary preferred Community Structure Plan (Public Open House 2 – later in 2015)

Phase 3

Confirm preferred Community Structure Plan and projects (Public Open House 3 – early 2016)



We want to know what you think

For more information or to provide comments, please visit the north Markham Future Urban Area page at markham.ca, or contact us at fua@markham.ca, or Development Services
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NORTH MARKHAM FUTURE URBAN AREA

Planning for a New Community



Markham is planning a new community in north Markham.

This brochure provides information on how this community is being planned and how you can participate.



Why do we need a new community in north Markham?

Since 2006, through the Provincial Growth Plan, the Province has been establishing regional population and employment forecasts, as well as intensification and density targets, to more carefully manage the amount of growth that is accommodated through urban expansion.

Regional municipalities must, in turn, assign population and employment growth to their local municipalities. The 2010 York Region Official Plan identifies the following 2031 forecasts for Markham:

Population: about 422,000 residents

Employment: about 240,000 jobs



After extensive public consultation, Markham Council made the decision in 2010 that a portion of this growth would be accommodated through the development of a new community on the lands referred to as the Future Urban Area.



What is the Future Urban Area?

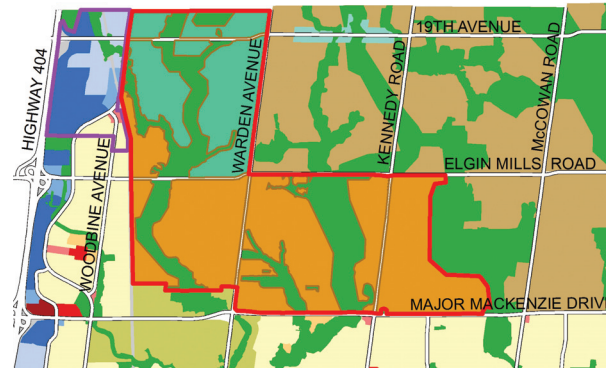
The Future Urban Area is located north of Major Mackenzie Drive and east of Woodbine Avenue.

The lands between Major Mackenzie Drive and Elgin Mills Road (shaded orange on the map below) will be developed with new neighbourhoods.

The majority of the lands between Elgin Mills Road and the northerly City limits (shaded in teal) will be developed for employment uses.

The lands shaded green are part of the protected Greenway System and will not be developed.

- Future Neighbourhood Area
- Future Employment Area
- Boundary of the Future Urban Area



Vision for the community

The new neighbourhood and employment areas in the Future Urban Area will be designed as a complete, compact, healthy, and accessible community.

This community will reflect the City's leadership in sustainable development - demonstrating innovation, adaptability and resilience.



How are we planning for the new community?

Markham's Official Plan identifies a comprehensive planning process for the development of the Future Urban Area.

Subwatershed Studies

Will address environmental matters associated with each major watercourse

Conceptual Master Plan/ Master Transportation and Servicing Studies

For the entire Future Urban Area - will confirm Greenway System, neighbourhoods, mixed-use areas, employment areas, high level road/transit network, servicing and phasing

Secondary Plans/ Master Environmental Servicing Plans

Specific land use policies for smaller areas

Plans of Subdivision/Building Permits

Creation of lots and buildings

The Subwatershed Studies and Conceptual Master Plan (including Transportation and Servicing Studies) are underway.

The Conceptual Master Plan

The new community in the Future Urban Area is intended to accommodate approximately 38,000 people and 12,000 homes. The majority of the housing is expected to be in a low-rise (detached, semi-detached, townhouse) form. The lands are also intended to accommodate approximately 19,000 jobs.

The Conceptual Master Plan will identify high level land use designations to demonstrate how and where people and jobs will be accommodated, and also where the necessary shopping areas, schools, parks and open spaces, and other community facilities will be located.

It will also identify the transportation, stormwater, water and wastewater systems necessary to support this new community.