

Appendix A

Relevant Official Plan Policies (Current and Adopted Official Plan)

Current Official Plan:

Section 2.3.6(b) – Is naturally inviting and environmentally aware (Environment)

“Lakeshore will ensure that our Town is naturally inviting and environmentally aware.”

The Town of Lakeshore accommodates a variety of significant natural features and environments that provide ecological, cultural and recreational benefits. It is the desire of the Town to not only protect and enhance significant natural features and environments, but also expand these natural systems. While there are Provincial requirements to protect certain natural features, there is also an opportunity to promote the creation of a linked system of Natural Heritage Features and functions. The new Official Plan will ensure that the Town is naturally inviting and environmentally aware through the following strategies:

- a) Protect Provincially Significant Wetlands and the significant habitat of endangered species and threatened species from development and site alteration;
- b) Promote the protection, preservation and expansion of woodlots through such practices as sustainable forestry, conservation agreements, the

Section 5.4.2.2 – Air Quality

Air quality may be improved by reducing emissions of noxious gases, particulates, and dust. There are many emission sources but primary contributors include industrial operations and motor vehicles. The following will be the policy of the Town:

- a) The Town encourages Provincial and Federal initiatives to develop and enforce improved emission standards for motor vehicles and industrial operations.
- b) The Town supports government programs and encourages industries to substantially reduce the production of chemical products known to have negative impacts on air quality.
- c) The presence of trees in Urban Areas improves air quality and reduces energy use through shading and protection as well as having aesthetic value. The Town will prepare and adopt an urban forestry program for the maintenance and planting of trees.
- d) The Town will undertake tree planting, landscaping, and naturalization initiatives, where appropriate, on Town property to improve air quality.

Section 5.0 – Protecting Natural Resource Assets

In partnership with the Federal and Provincial governments, the Conservation Authorities, and the County of Essex, the Town strives to protect natural resources and Natural Heritage Features and functions. It is a priority of the Town to ensure the sustainable use of resource assets, to protect and enhance significant natural features and functions, and to reduce the risk to public safety and property from hazards, such as flooding, unstable slopes and humanmade hazards.

Section 5.1.2(c) – Watercourses

The following will be the policy of the Town:

The Town will promote tree planting along watercourses, where possible, to enhance the natural corridor function, provide for cool water temperatures and protect watercourse banks from erosion.

Adopted Official Plan

Section 2.3.6(c)

Maintain and enhance the Municipality's urban tree canopy on municipal and privately-owned lands and require tree preservation and enhancement plans as part of every development application, where it may apply;

Section 5.2.2(e) – Natural Heritage System

The County encourages private individuals and businesses to participate in tree planting, restoration and stewardship programs/agreements and opportunities that will ultimately enhance the natural heritage system. The Municipality will encourage that, wherever possible and appropriate, trees be replanted to replace trees removed if a development proceeds. The Municipality will encourage the conservation or replanting of roadside and fence-line shrubs and trees, and riparian area vegetation, wherever possible and appropriate in the context of new development. Financial compensation for tree loss is not considered the preferable means of appropriate mitigation for development.

Section 5.2.2.i.iii – Natural Heritage System

Require that when considering development proposals, the Municipality may require the land owner to enter into an agreement regarding the preservation and enhancement of the trees and vegetation on the property. Where forest cover is to be provided as a condition of a development approval, the use of a variety of indigenous species of vegetation is encouraged.

Section 5.4.2.2(e) – Air Quality

The Municipality is committed to a program of replacing trees that must be removed from Municipal road allowances. The Ministry of Transportation is encouraged to enact a similar program along Provincial Highways.