



Town of Erin

Ontario Farmland Trust

Working Collaboratively to Protect Ontario's Farmland

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Farmland Loss

A provincial issue requiring local action.

Challenges:

- Population growth + housing shortages
- Gaps in knowledge about agriculture + agricultural land use planning
- No 3rd party appeals
- Reduction in density targets
- Aggregate demand
- Aging population in agriculture
- Increase cost of agricultural land

The good news: municipalities don't have to tackle this alone.

	Town of Erin	Province - Wide
Total acres of farmland (2011)	36,411	12,668,236
Total acres of farmland (2021)	16,222 <i>55% less in 10 years*</i>	11,766,071 <i>7% less in 10 years</i>
Cost of land (2011)	\$9,907/acre	\$5,985/acre
Cost of land (2021)	\$20,423/acre +106%	\$14,326/acre +139%



OFT Programs



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Direct Farmland Protection

- Farmland Easement Agreements
- Donations or Purchase of Farmland

Farmland Access

- Supporting the next generation of farmers by providing alternative and affordable access to farmland

Education & Community Engagement

- Annual Farmland Forum
- Webinars
- Policy Discussion and Development
- Special Projects (Vision for DRAP)

Farmland Easement Agreements



- Work with private landowner to permanently protect farmland
- Current landowner retains ownership, and retains assets upon selling
- Limits future use to agriculture and conservation purposes only
- Effective tool for succession planning
- Landowner receives a charitable tax receipt

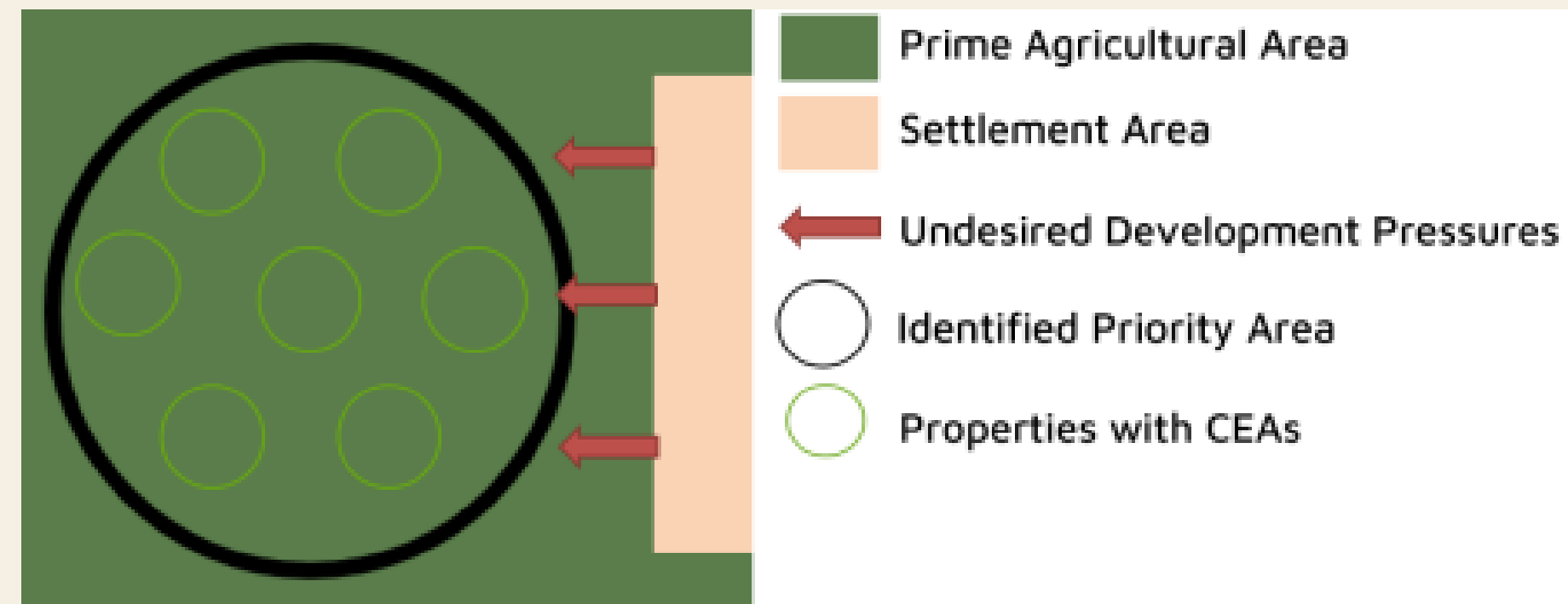


Concept of a Local Agri - Food Protected Area



A designated area of land where farming and other elements that support agriculture, such as Agri - Food Businesses, are protected from non - agricultural uses, while ensuring activities support a viable agriculture system

- Work with municipality and farming community to identify high priority areas for protection
- Work with willing landowners to place farmland easements on their properties
- Ensures permanent protection of farmland as a legacy of today's farmers and will provide resilience for future generations
- Bonus: OFT Farmland Access Program and other education and training initiatives





Goal for Ontario Farmland Trust: Develop a Farmland Protection Resource Centre

A digital hub that local communities, planners, municipal officials and farmers can get equipped with evidence - based resources, services, and practical tools that will empower them to advocate for and implement stronger farmland protection measures leading to systemic changes in land use policies, municipal decision - making, and community - driven farmland conservation efforts

Thank you!

OFT looks forward to collaborating with you in the future!

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