



Preserving Trees and the Planning Process

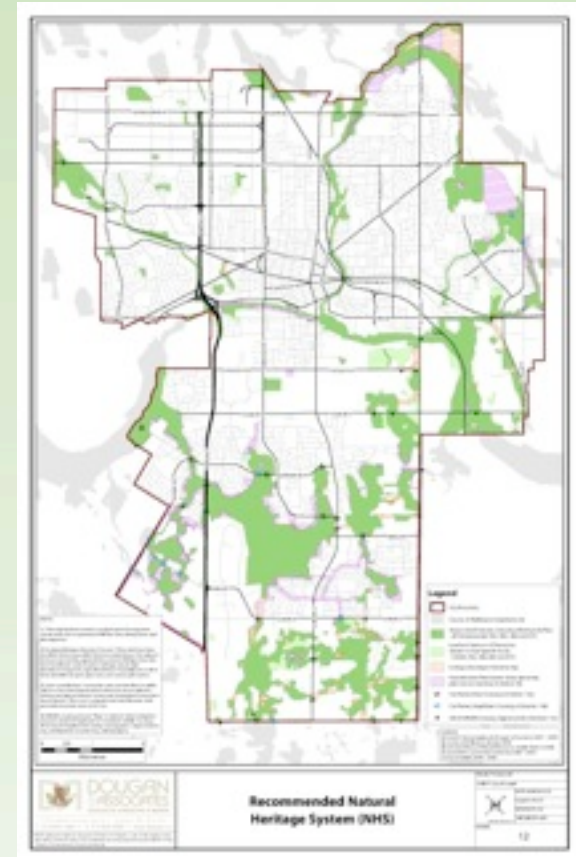
Round Table Discussion

Ontario Urban Forest Council 2009 Conference and Annual Meeting



Planning Process

- **Policy**
 - Official Plan
 - Natural Heritage System
 - Subwatershed Plans
 - Secondary Plans
- **Development Applications**
 - Plans of Subdivision
 - Official Plan Amendments
 - Zoning By-law Amendments
 - Severance Applications
 - Site Plans



Tree Preservation is Achieved Through

- **Environmental Impact Studies/Environmental Assessments**
- **Tree Conservation Plans**

- **These studies identify:**
 - Significant Woodlands
 - Locally Significant Woodlands
 - Cultural Woodlands
 - Plantations
 - Hedgerows
 - Wetlands
 - All trees $\geq 10\text{cm}$ at dbh



Tree By-Law

- Adopted in 1986
- Approvals required from the City Engineer
- Only applies to properties 30,000 square feet (0.69 acres) or larger
- A long list of exemptions
- Currently preparing a new by-law

We Are Working On..

- Official Plan Update
- Natural Heritage Strategy
- New Tree By-Law
- Strategic Urban Forest Management Plan
- Restoration Policies and Guidelines
- Tree Plantings
- Pruning Cycles

