

Principle 1: Protect What is Valuable

Creating a place that respects natural and built heritage resources, making citizens stewards of the resources for current and future generations.



Objectives

- a) Preserve and enhance the extensive Natural Heritage System, including the Eramosa River valley.
- b) Respect the existing topography and sightlines, including river vistas and views of both Downtown and the historic Reformatory Complex.
- c) Ensure compatible public access opportunities to the Natural Heritage System and cultural heritage resources, including those designated in the Official Plan, and promote their celebration, especially river vistas and edges, the Provincially Significant Earth Science Area of Natural and Scientific Interest, and the historic Reformatory Complex.
- d) Integrate the Natural Heritage System and cultural heritage resources with surrounding land uses and provide opportunities for compatible research, educational, recreational, transportation and urban agricultural uses.
- e) Ensure, where appropriate and feasible, the preservation and adaptive reuse of cultural heritage resources, including the historic Reformatory Complex and associated cultural heritage landscape.
- f) Create a sustainable open space and parks network which provides both active and passive recreational opportunities.

Policy Highlights

- Reinforce that development and site alteration are not permitted within Significant Natural Areas of the Natural Heritage System
- Support essential transportation infrastructure that is part of an active transportation facility
- Recognize the importance of Provincially Significant Earth Science ANSI and allow for opportunities for scientific and educational activities
- Respect the existing topographic views of the District and minimize re-grading
- Enhance existing surface water features – improve water quality and fish habitat
- Support historic Reformatory Complex and Turfgrass Institute building



