

*Welcome!*

To an Open House for the potential

**Brooklyn College Hill  
Heritage Conservation District  
Study Area**

January 27, 2011



## Strategic objectives:



5.1

The highest municipal customer service satisfaction rating of any comparable-sized Canadian community

5.2

A consultative and collaborative approach to community decision making

5.3

Open, accountable and transparent conduct of municipal business

5.4

Partnerships to achieve strategic goals and objectives

5.5

A high credit rating and strong financial position

5.6

Organizational excellence in planning, management, human resources and people practices; recognized as a top employer in the community

5.7

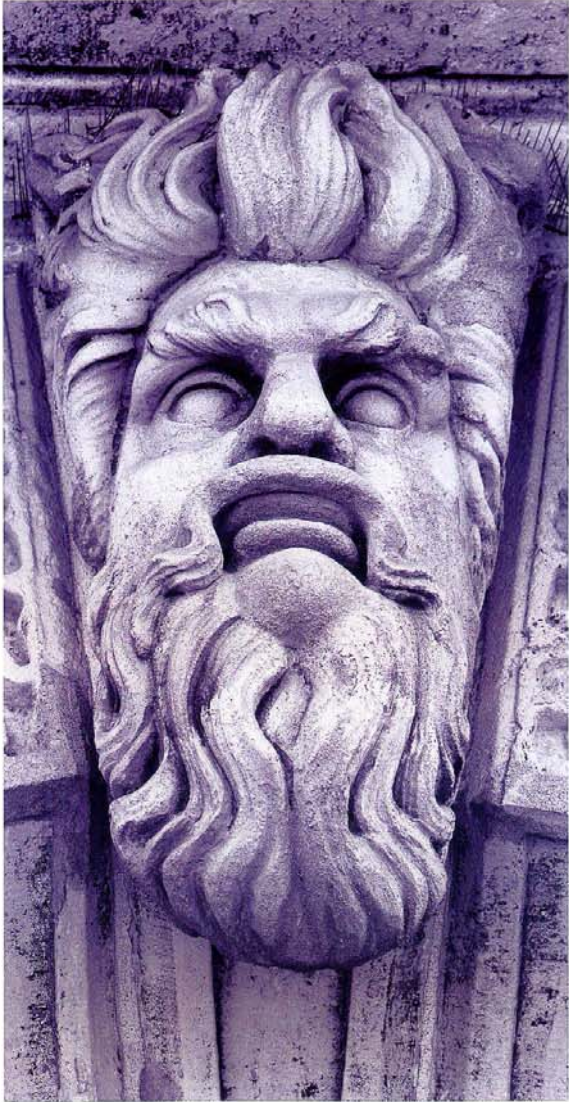
The highest per capita municipal election voter turnout of any city in Ontario

Government and community

*involvement*

Goal 5

*A community-focused, responsive and accountable government*



Arts, culture and

# heritage

Goal 4

*A vibrant and valued arts,  
culture and heritage identity*



# Strategic objectives:



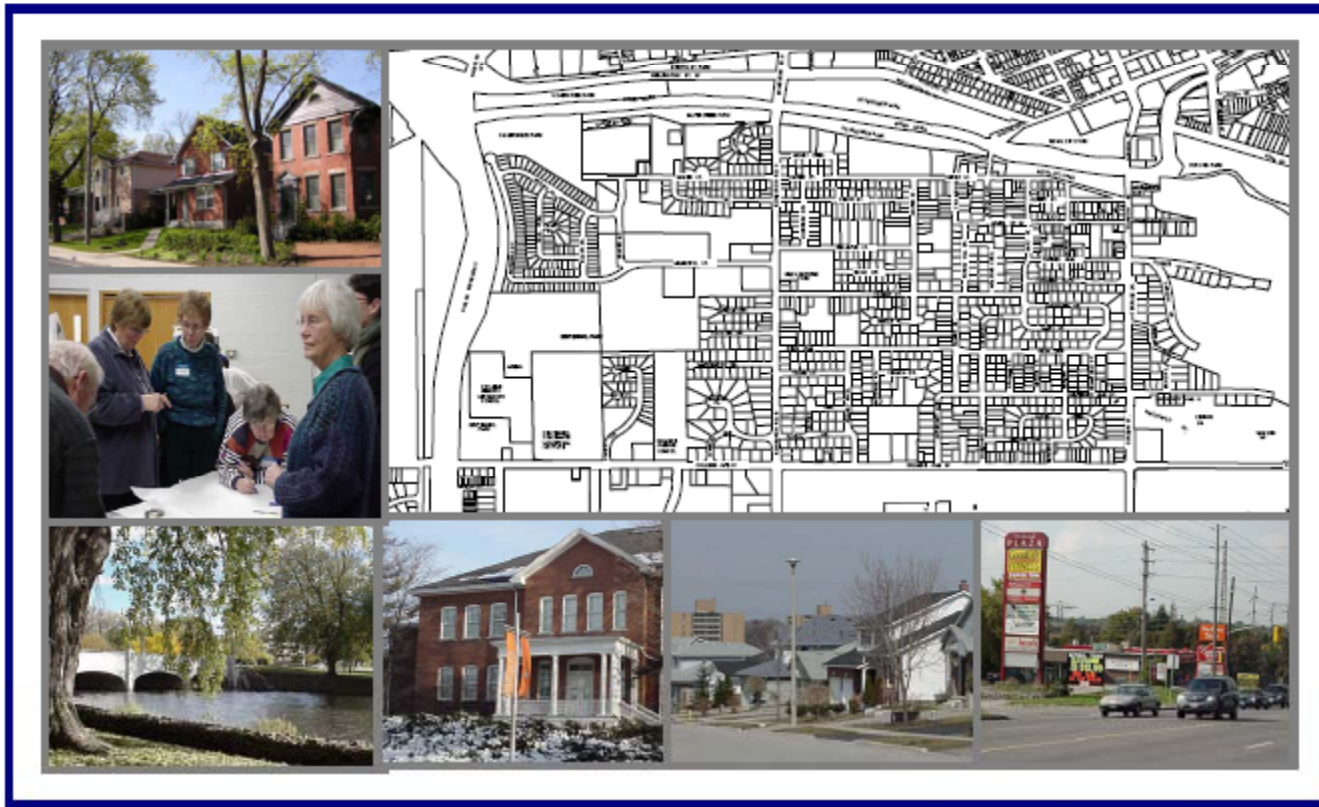
- 4.1 A designated cultural capital of Canada
- 4.2 Numerous opportunities for artistic appreciation, expression and development
- 4.3 Highest per capita use of city libraries, museums and cultural facilities among any comparable Canadian city
- 4.4 Intact and well managed heritage resources
- 4.5 Capitalize on our cultural and heritage assets to build economic prosperity, quality of life and community identity



15



## OLD UNIVERSITY AND CENTENNIAL NEIGHBOURHOODS



## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN – 2006

## OLD UNIVERSITY AND CENTENNIAL NEIGHBOURHOODS

The Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Old University and Centennial Neighbourhoods made recommendations that included:

- *“There is a strong desire from both the City of Guelph and residents to conserve heritage resources and the historic fabric of the area.”*
- *“Future development in the OUCN area should respect the heritage character of the area.”*
- *“The best method to protect clusters/groupings of heritage properties and ensure that compatible development occurs is to designate a heritage conservation district through the Ontario Heritage Act.”*

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN – 2006

## OLD UNIVERSITY AND CENTENNIAL NEIGHBOURHOODS

The Brooklyn and College Hill area has been chosen as the City's first HCD study area for the following reasons:

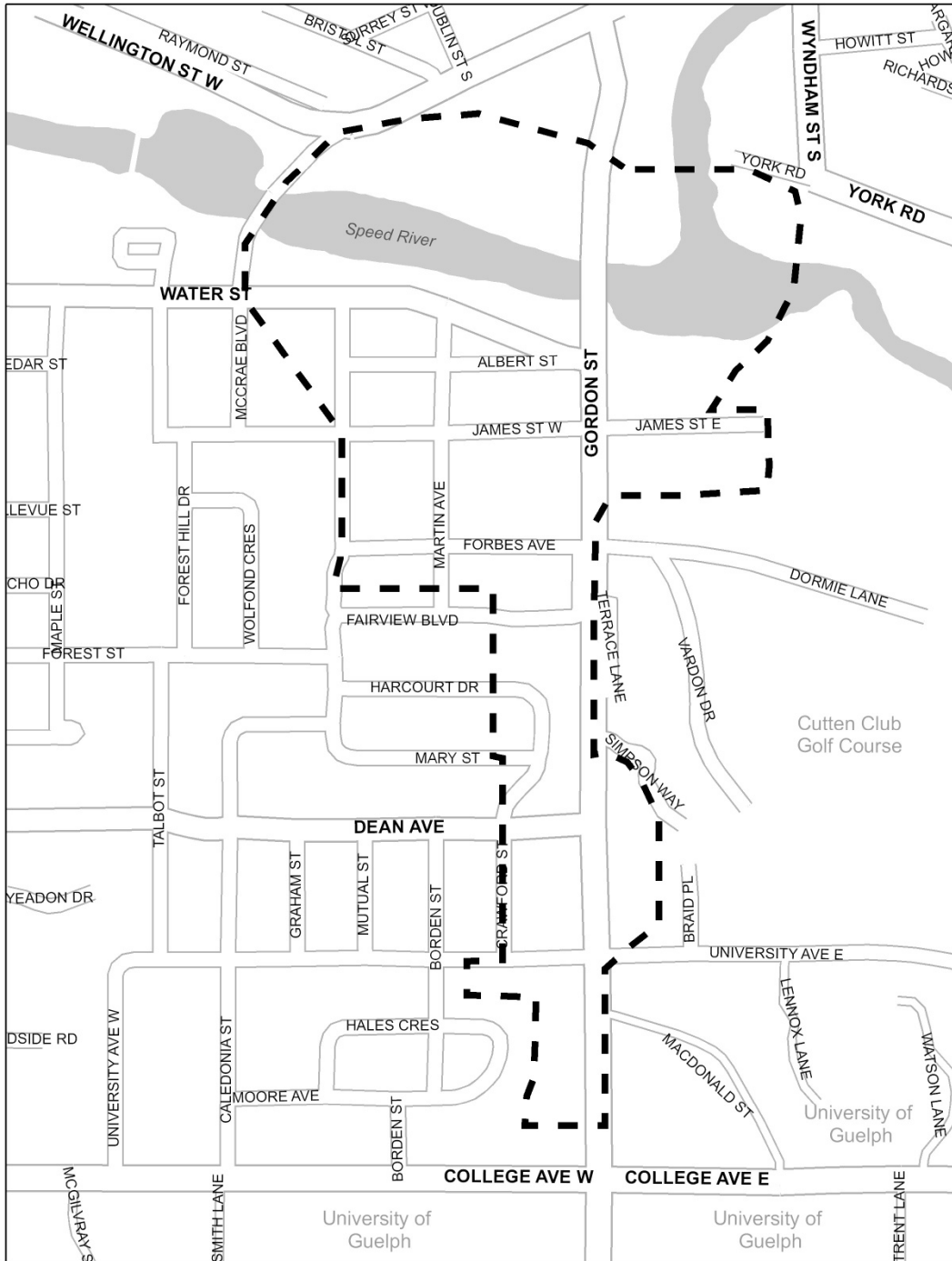
a) it has a high percentage of individual heritage resources currently designated under the Ontario Heritage Act,

b) it represents a distinctive time and character in Guelph's history,

c) it contains architectural, natural, and cultural resources that are of significant importance to the community, and

d) it has been identified through a comprehensive Community Improvement Plan process as being an area under pressure for change and therefore, in need of planning measures in order to preserve its historic character.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN – 2006



Suggested boundary for a potential

**Brooklyn College Hill  
Heritage Conservation District  
Study Area**

As depicted in:  
*Old University and Centennial  
Neighbourhoods Community  
Improvement Plan 2006  
(CIP)*





Policy 3.5.8 for Cultural Heritage Resources in the Official Plan

**Pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act and in consultation with Heritage Guelph, Council may, by by-law, designate any area of the Municipality as a heritage conservation district....**

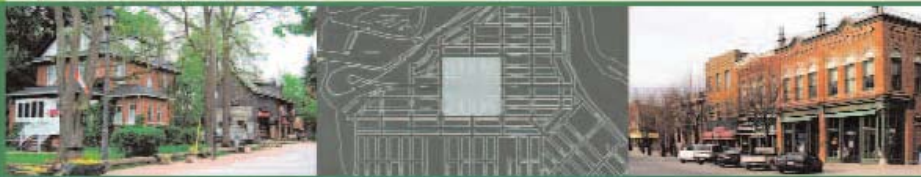
The first official step in the Heritage Conservation District (HCD) process would be a request, in the form of a staff report , for Council to direct staff to initiate a Heritage Conservation District Study

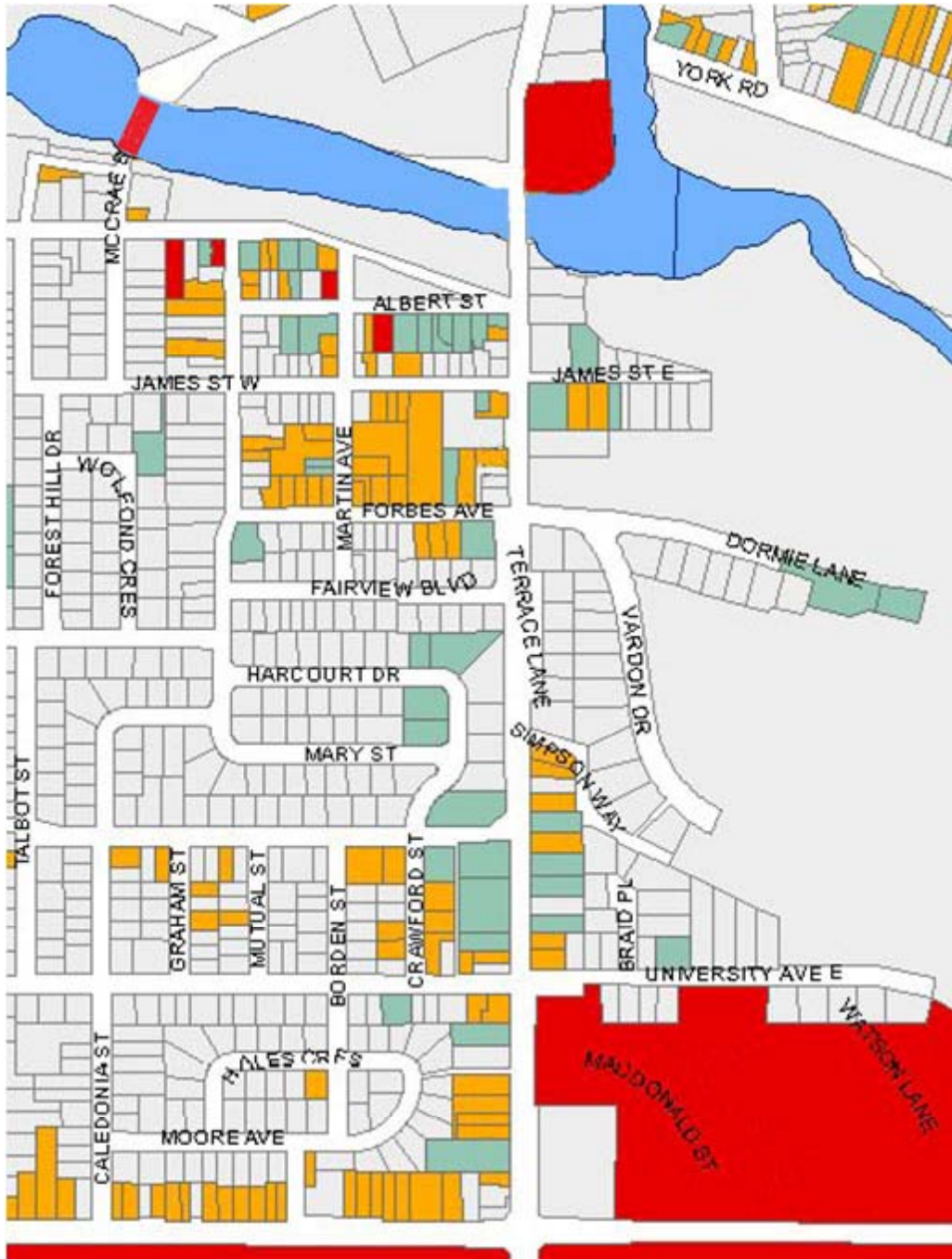
An excellent source of information that describes the Heritage Conservation District (HCD) process is the Ministry of Culture's *Ontario Heritage Toolkit...*

# HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

*A Guide to District Designation Under  
the Ontario Heritage Act*

Ontario Heritage Tool Kit





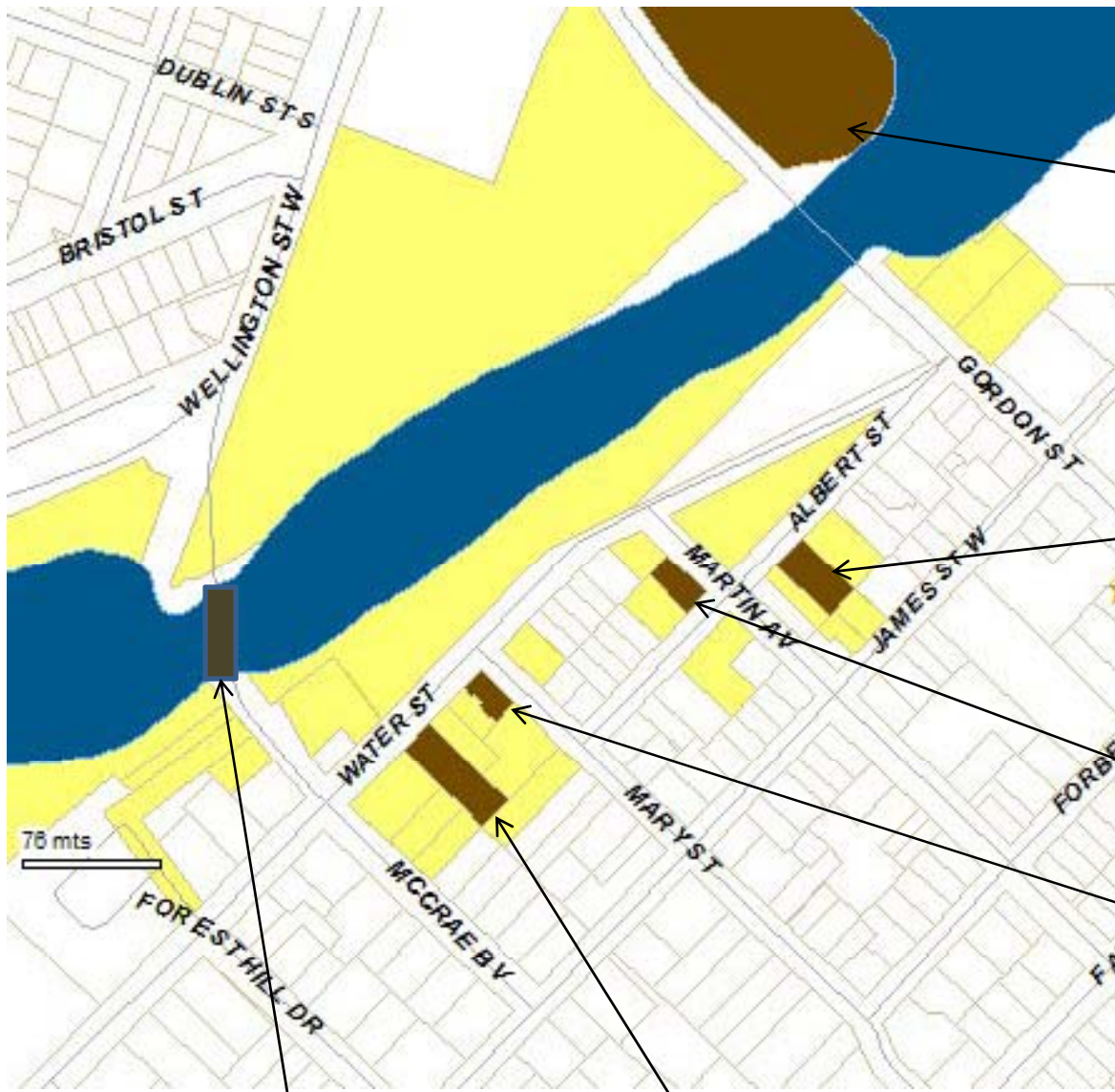
- Heritage Designated Properties
- Burcher-Stokes Properties
- Couling Properties

Of the 191 properties within the potential study area...

6 properties  
are listed in the **Municipal Register** as  
**Designated Properties**

40 properties  
(from the Burcher-Stokes Inventory)  
are now included in the **Municipal Register** as  
**Non-Designated Properties**

(approx.)  
60 Properties  
Are in the Gordon Couling Inventory as  
**Built heritage resources**



The Boathouse

40 Albert St  
Bell-Carlton House

49 Albert St

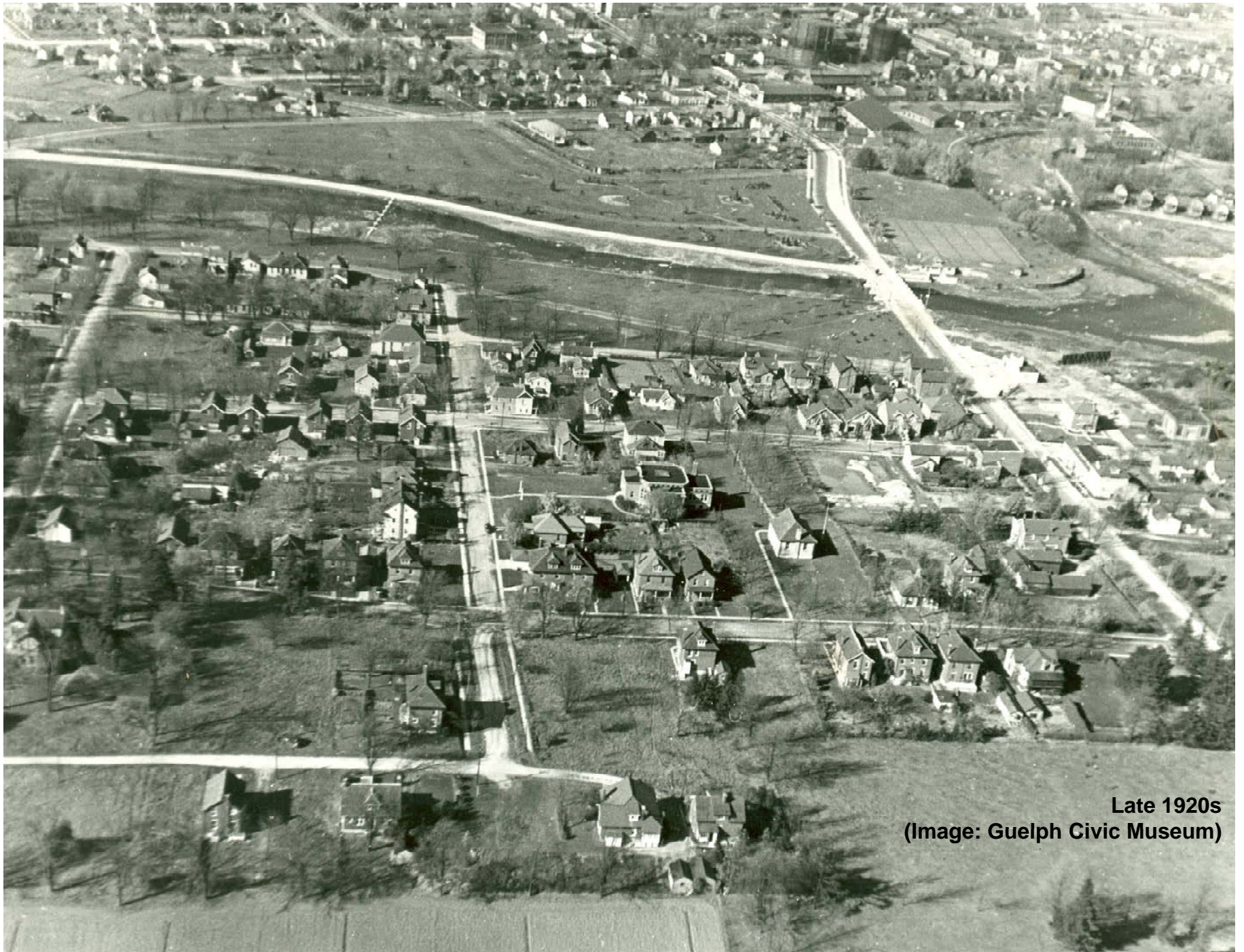
96-98 Water Street  
Bell-O'Donnell House  
("House of Heads")

Gow's Bridge

McCrae House



1862 Map of Guelph, close-up of Brooklyn  
(Image: Guelph Civic Museum)

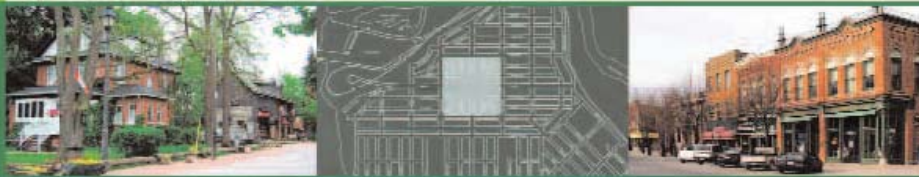


Late 1920s  
(Image: Guelph Civic Museum)

# HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

*A Guide to District Designation Under  
the Ontario Heritage Act*

Ontario Heritage Tool Kit



## What are the benefits of district designation?

District designation enables the council of a Municipality to manage and guide future change in the district, through adoption of a district plan with policies and guidelines for conservation, protection and enhancement of the area's special character.



### HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

*A Guide to District Designation Under  
the Ontario Heritage Act*

Ontario Heritage Tool Kit

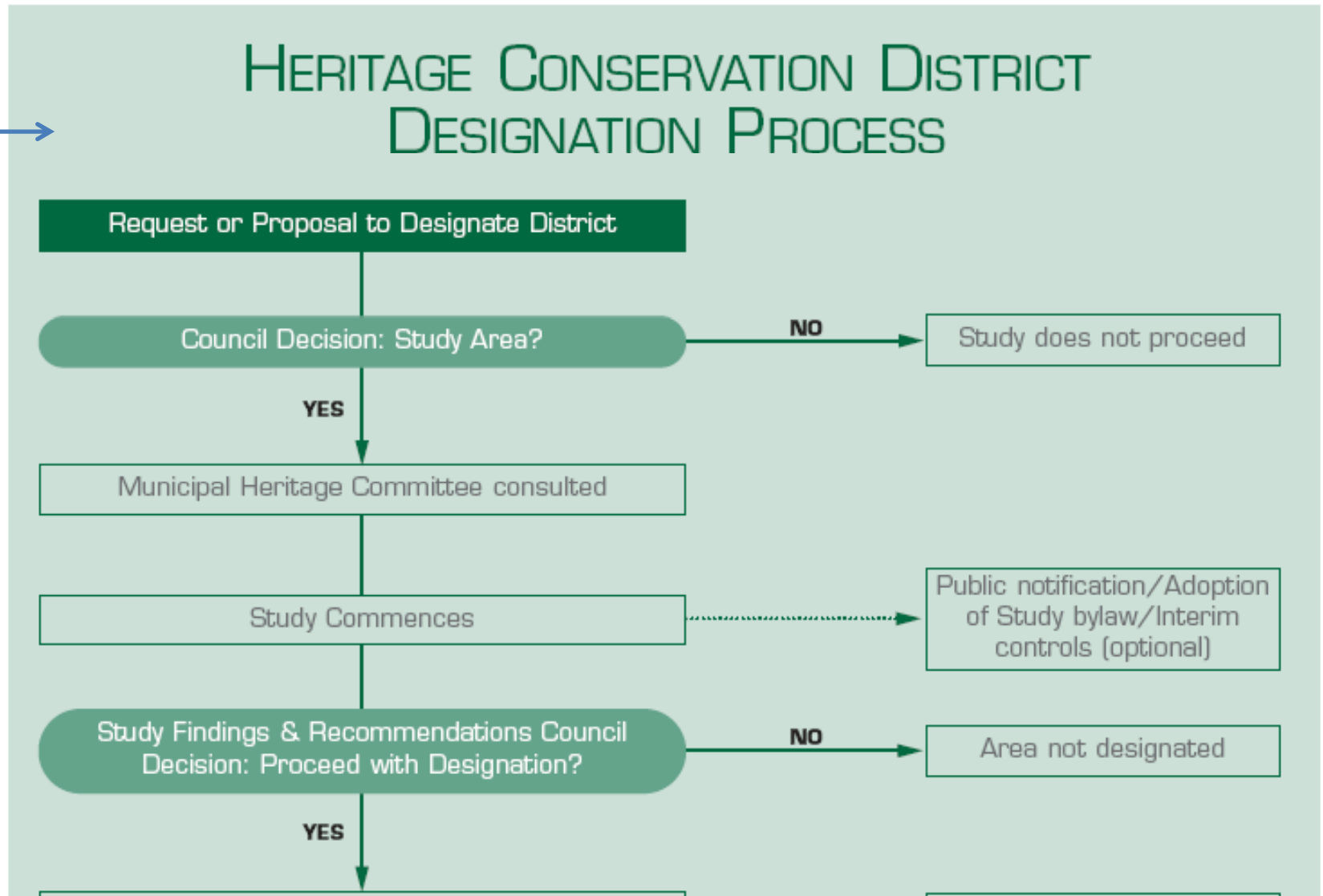
The immediate benefit of HCD designation is a planning process that respects a community's history and identity.

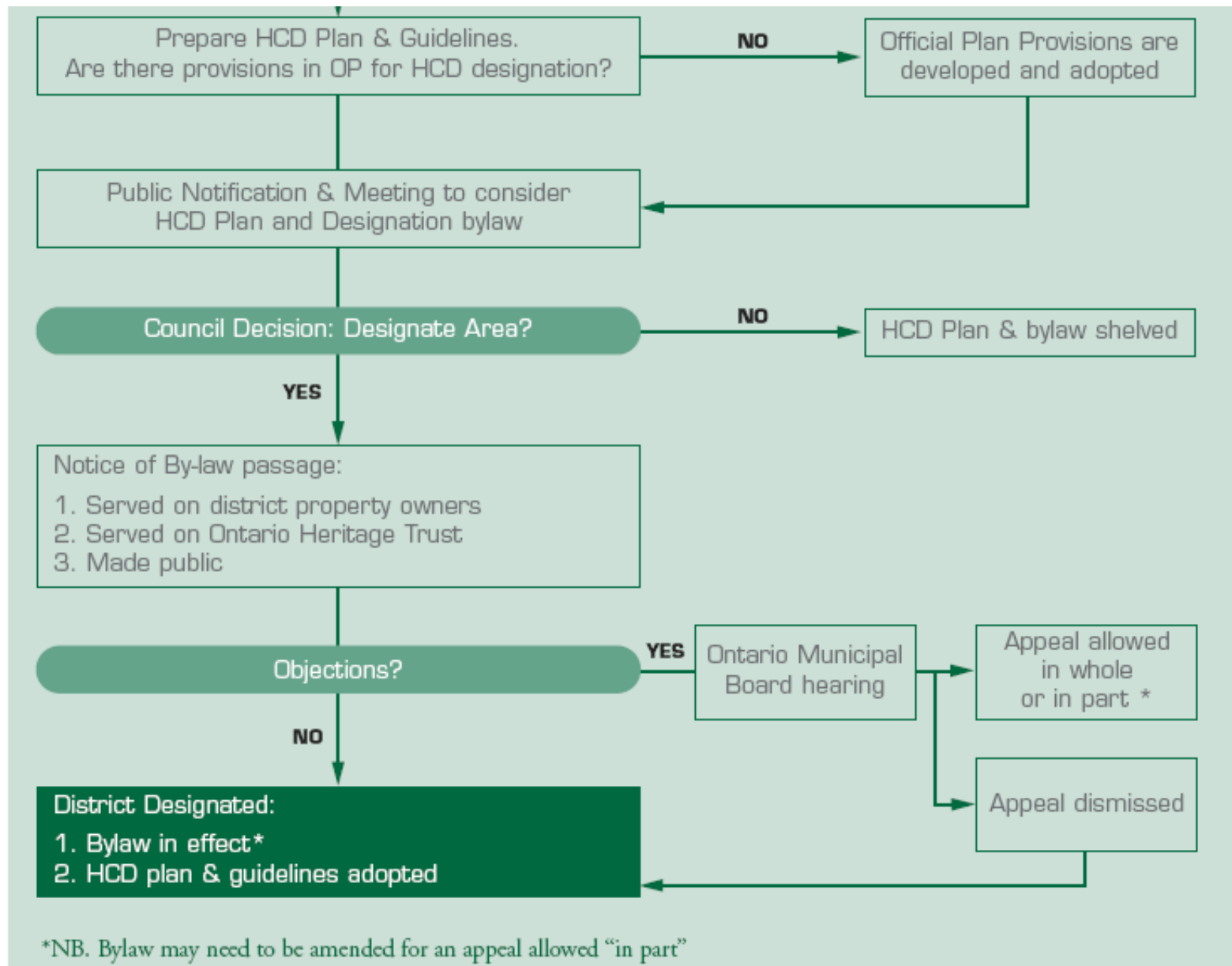
District designation is one of the best ways to ensure that this identity is conserved. The adoption of a HCD plan as part of the designation process ensures that the community's heritage conservation objectives and stewardship will be respected during the decision-making process.

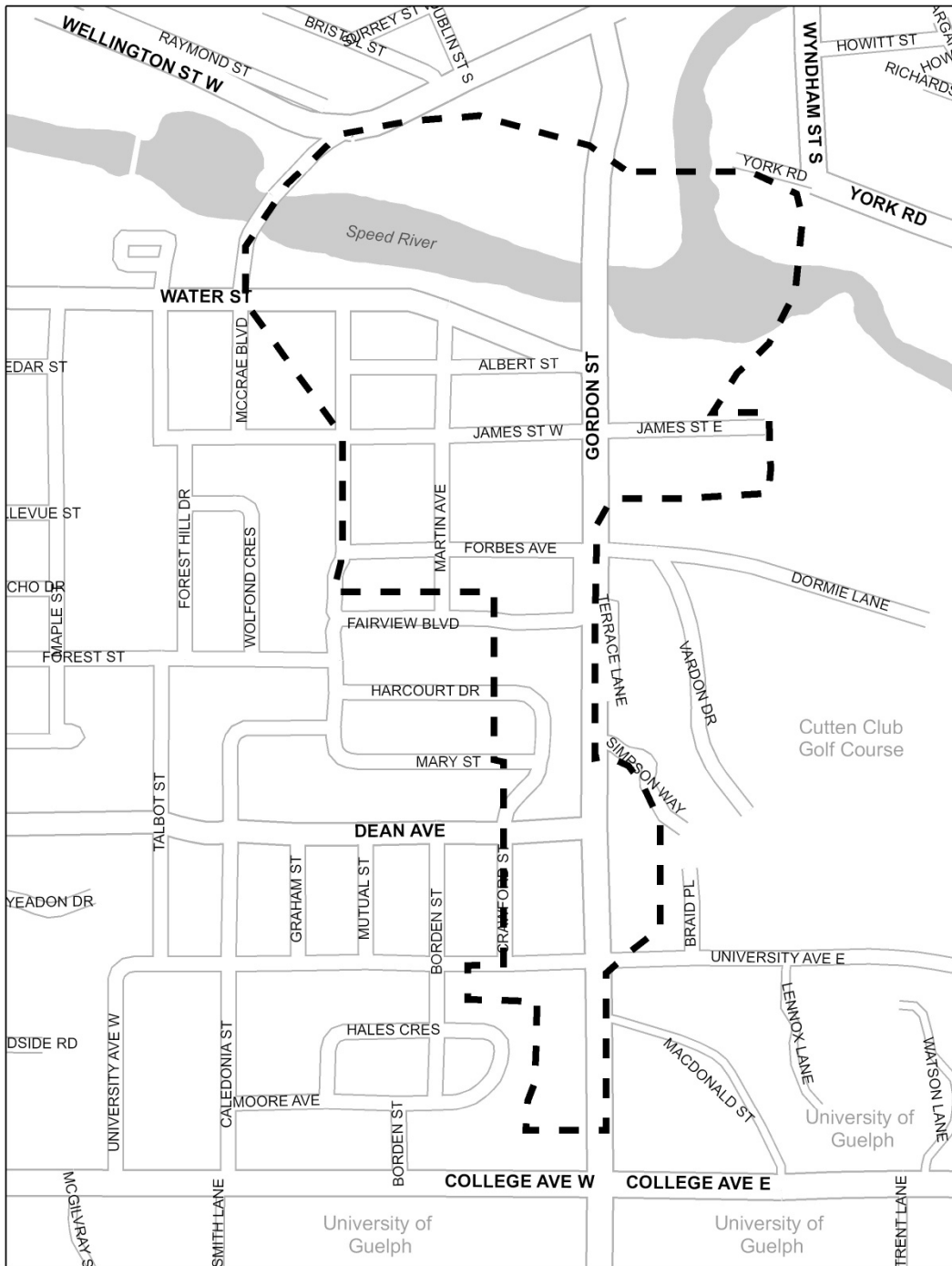




We are here...  
before the first step







# Comments?

Please feel free to write down your comments on our Comments Sheet

...please be sure to return your Comment Sheet at this Open House (or submit it to the City by Friday, 4 February)

c/o  
**Stephen Robinson**  
 Senior Heritage Planner  
 Planning, Engineering and  
 Environmental Services  
 City of Guelph

Phone: (519) 837-5616 ext.2496

Email: [stephen.robinson@guelph.ca](mailto:stephen.robinson@guelph.ca)

Fax # (519) 822-4632

