

#### Land Use

Compatibility between Sensitive Land Uses and Nuisance Sources

-Planning Perspective and Overview

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### Outline

- 1. Community Intensification and Land Use Compatibility Directions Provincial Policy
- 2. Evolving Communities re-making industrial neighbourhoods
- 3. Anticipating changing technology



1. Provincial planning direction Land Use Compatibility has increased potential for compatibility Land Use Compatibility Directions

issues to arise

#### **POLICY DIRECTION:**

- Urban intensification
- Focus on urban centres for growth
- Desire for mixed use communities
- Desire for live/work communities
- Focus on non-auto modes of transit
- Focus on nodes and corridors



#### **Locations of Urban Growth Centres**

Image Source: The Neptis Foundation, Urban Growth Centres, http://www.neptis.org/publications/how-willgrowth-be-accommodated/chapters/urban-growth-centres, Retrieved May 11, 2015



# Growth focus is where pressures are highest in Ontario

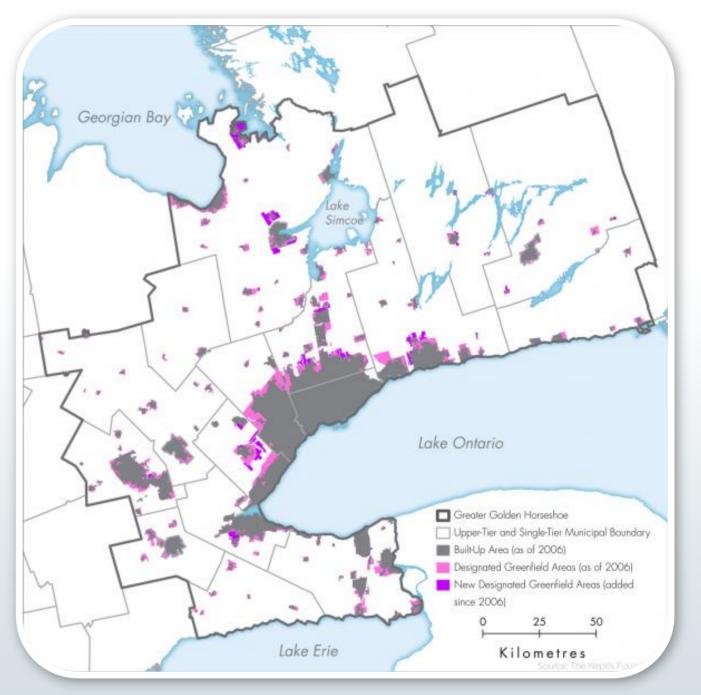
Need to maintain support for heavy industry

 i.e. city building and support businesses
 (construction, cement, salt, manufacturing, waste and water management facilities)

#### **AND ALLOW**

 Emerging complete communities to incorporate sensitive uses – residential, institutional, daycares etc. often in proximity to employment/mixed uses

### Community Intensification and Land Use Compatibility Directions



#### Location of land designated for growth in the Greater Golden Horseshoe

*Image Source:* The Neptis Foundation, The land supply question, http://www.neptis.org.s177341.gridserver.com/publications/how-will-growth-be-

accommodated/chapters/land-supply-question# Retrieved May 11, 2015



## Compatibility Policy in the 2014 PPS - Protection

- Protects major facilities and sensitive land uses
- Promotes adaptive re-use of infrastructure
- Protects transportation/infrastructure corridors
- Protects air, rail and marine facilities
- Protects and preserves employment areas
- MOECC D-Series Land Use Compatibility Guidelines



Development

- Focus of growth to land already designated
- 40% of residential growth in built-up area
- Urban growth centres aggressive resident and job targets
- Encourage development of all kinds around transit stations
- Support for jobs near to where people live
- Encourage complete communities

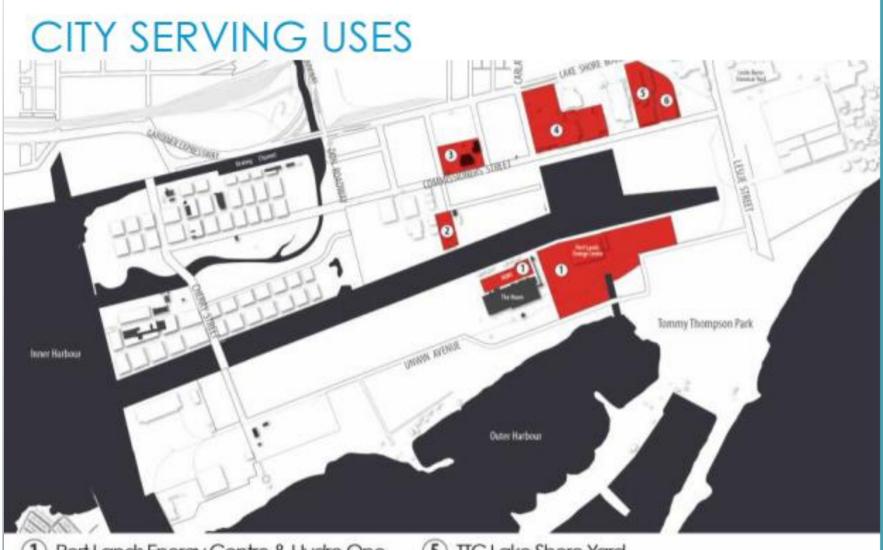


# 2. Evolving Employment Lands

- Intensification is driving conversion of employment lands to mixed use communities with associated complex compatibility issues
- Issues affect both development sites and connecting corridors
- Issues include:
  - Noise Truck traffic and street character safety
  - Air quality Aesthetic and public realm conflicts



## Example of Evolving Employment to Mixed Use – Toronto Port Lands



- 1 Port Lands Energy Centre & Hydro One
- (2) Toronto Hydro Switching Station
- (3) Waste Transfer Station
- (4) Toronto Hydro Offices

- (5) TTC Lake Shore Yard
- (6) Canada Post



(5) Waterford (Aggregate)

6 Strada Aggregates

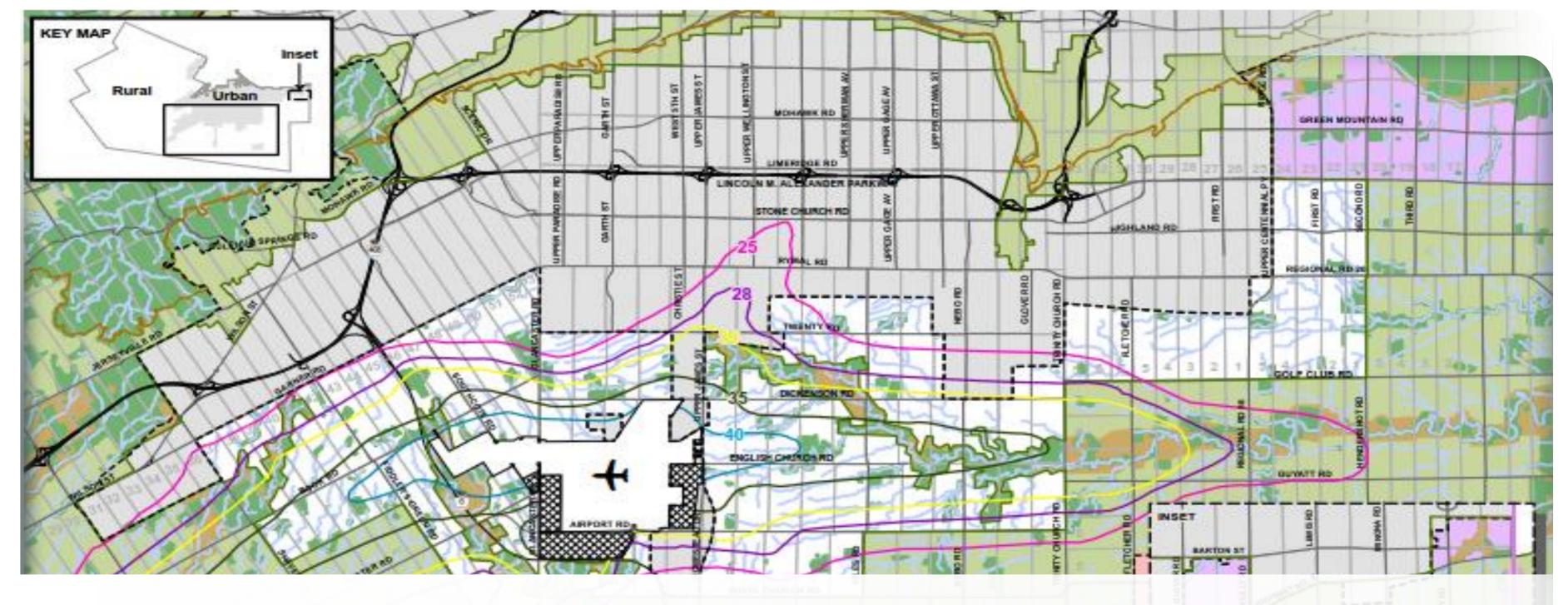
- (1) Toronto Port Authority
- (2) Road Salts
- 3 Lafarge (Cement Powder)
- 4 Essroc Relocation (Cement Powder)

# Evolving Employment Lands

New employment lands located on urban boundaries also have compatibility issues:

- Edges blending residential to employment uses
- Incorporating amenities into employment areas supporting retail, service and recreation activities for employees





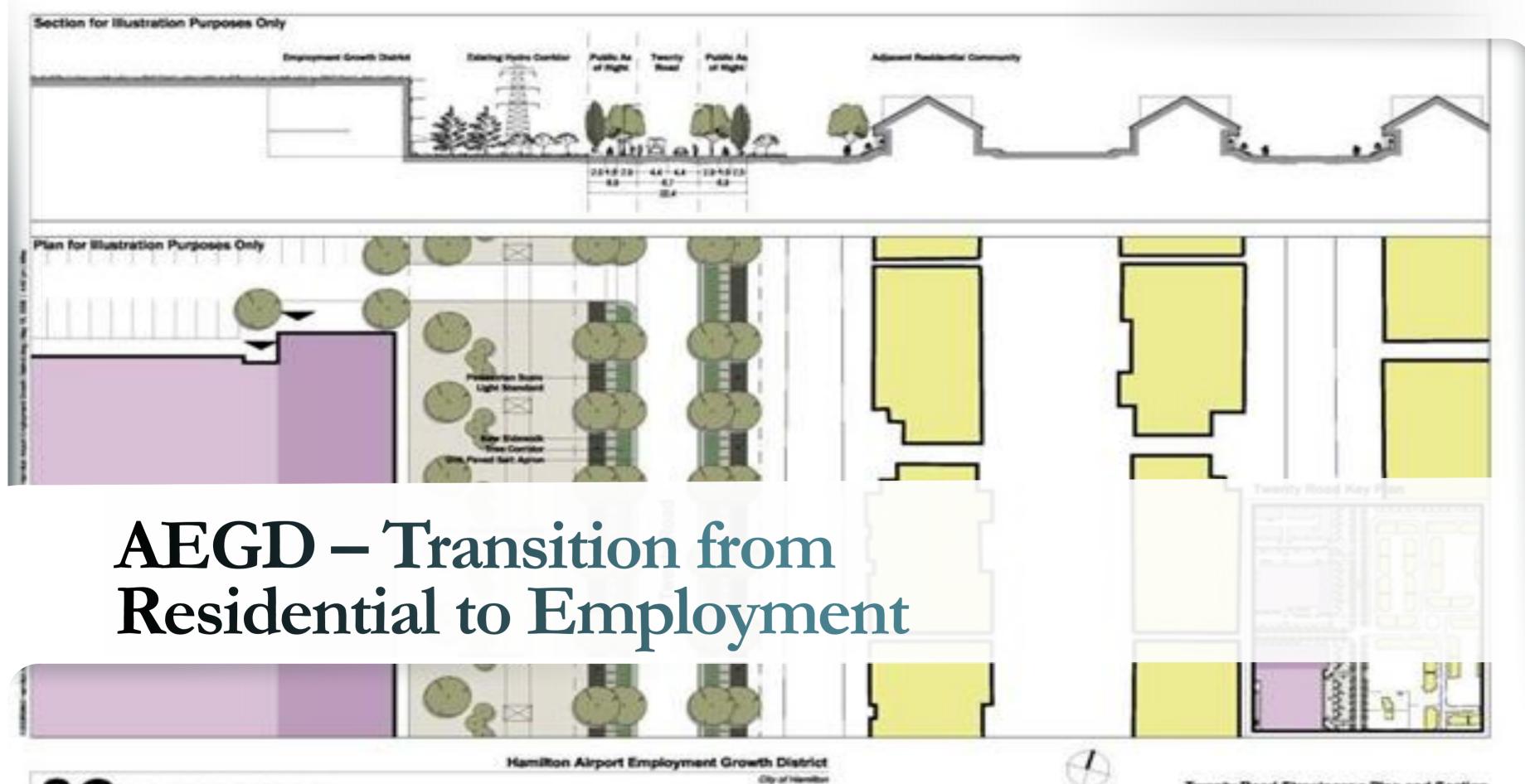
### Example of Edge Employment Issues – Hamilton AEGD





### AEGD – Transition from Residential to Employment





# 3. Planning for the long term – how can the planning framework anticipate changing technology?

- Effects that we plan around can change over night:
  - Reduced noise aircraft, processing machinery
  - Reduced noise mitigation techniques
  - Changing transportation technology
  - Goods movement changes truck to ship to plane
- Improved technology will reduce necessary separation distances and improve mitigation
- Can we build in flexibility and resiliency?



### Conclusions

- Provincial policy has changed the landscape
- We are challenged to protect major and significant public infrastructure and employment while developing intense, mixed use communities
- Changing technology will increase our potential to achieve appropriate, creative mixed uses and minimize necessary separation distances

