



THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

of the Diocese of Hamilton

CEMETERIES

Holy Sepulchre
Burlington

Gate of Heaven
Burlington

Holy Cross
Brant County

St. Joseph
Brantford

Marymount
Guelph

Our Lady of
Mount Carmel
Kitchener

Our Lady of
the Angels
Stoney Creek

Resurrection
Hamilton, Milton
& Ancaster

St. Joseph
Acton

Sacred Heart
Paris

St. Augustine
Dundas

St. Joseph
Guelph

St. Thomas
Waterdown

MAUSOLEA

Our Lady
of Victory
Burlington

Holy Souls
Burlington

Our Lady
Immaculate
Guelph

Our Lady of the
Assumption
Brantford

Our Lady of
the Angels
Stoney Creek

CREMATORIUM

Holy Cross
Brant County

September 12, 2008
File: H-M-30

City of Burlington
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Chairman Thoem and Members of the
Community Development Committee

Dear: Sirs/Mesdames:

**RE: SUSTAINABLE HALTON PHASE II – GROWTH CONCEPT PLANS AND
PROPOSED CATHOLIC CEMETERY IN THE TOWN OF MILTON (REPORT PL-66/08)
CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON**

The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton (the Diocese) has reviewed report #PL-66/08 and generally concurs with the staff recommendation that the Region give consideration to the CN lands in southwest Milton as employment lands and hence, an urban expansion area in the Sustainable Halton Plan. Diocesan concurrence is founded on our objective to establish a long term Catholic Cemetery on a 50ha property in the Town of Milton located on Lower Baseline Road at Bronte Road, east of the CN lands and south of the Regional landfill, as shown on the attached plan.

The Diocese has no specific request to make of the City of Burlington at this time, the Diocese only wishes to inform Council of its interests relative to the staff recommendation.

By way of background, since the late 1990's the Diocese has been working to establish a long term cemetery in south Halton to serve the growing Catholic community of Milton, Oakville, and Burlington east of the Freeman interchange. Although the Regional Official Plan permits cemeteries above the escarpment, such a location simply is not practical for the Catholic community of south Halton given remoteness from the community served, lack of good highway access, especially for the elderly and planning limitations on major cemetery structures such as mausolea.

Below the escarpment, cemeteries are regarded by the Town of Milton as an urban use. The Sustainable Halton Growth Concepts allocate some 600ha for "other urban uses" beyond residential and employment land needs. However it is not clear whether land extensive uses such as a large cemetery fall into this category or are assumed to locate in existing urban designated areas. Given

that a cemetery needs cannot reasonably compete with urban land values but cemeteries are nonetheless regarded as urban uses, the Diocese must pursue and support an urban expansion area in Sustainable Halton which includes the Diocese property.

In considering first principles for growth beyond 2021, the Town of Milton has identified the need to consider additional employment areas, among others, lands in southwest Milton encompassing the CN lands, the landfill and Diocese property. The Diocese supports the Town and subject to Town Council's final position, expects to pursue the cemetery proposal further with the Region and Province through the Sustainable Halton exercise.

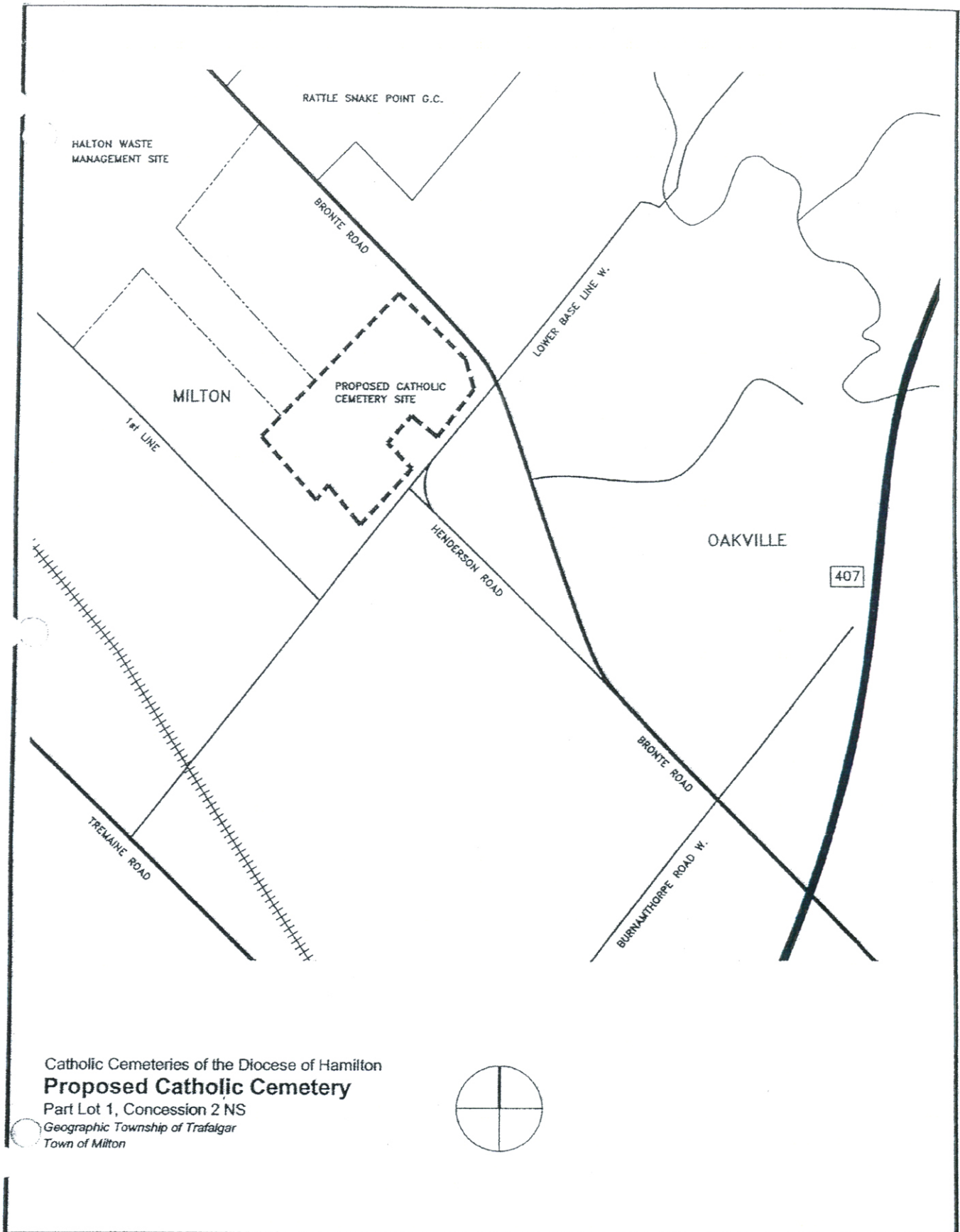
In summary, the Diocese supports the intent of the staff recommendation in Report PL-66/08 with respect to additional employment lands, hence urban expansion area in southwest Milton and informs Council that the Diocese will pursue recognition of its lands in this area for a cemetery by way of special policy area or similar recognition in the Sustainable Halton Plan.

Yours truly,



JOHN O'BRIEN
Director of Cemeteries

cc: Mary Lou Tanner, Region of Halton
Mayor Gordon Krantz and Members of Town of Milton Council
Bill Mann, Manager of Policy Town of Milton





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Our file: 220-004
Via Email and Mail

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Dear Anita and John:

**RE: Proposed Urban Area Expansion/Growth Options
Region of Halton Sustainable Plan (SHP) Process
Atkinson/DePaoli Properties, Town of Halton Hills**

We represent Atkinson and DePaoli properties in the Town of Halton Hills, who collectively own approximately 50 acres of developable tableland adjacent to the existing Georgetown Urban Area and the Hamlet of Stewarttown (see attached map).

This is further to our letter submitted to you and copied to the Town dated June 4, 2008. The June letter was submitted prior to the release of the Region's SHP Growth Options. The purpose of this letter is to supplement our June letter and provide more detailed comments on the merits of including our clients' lands for future residential development to meet the Provincial Growth Plan growth objectives.

The subject lands are surrounded by the CN Railway to the west, the existing Stewarttown Hamlet boundary to the north and east and the Town's Rural Area/Protected Country Side to the south. The subject lands are designated "D3" in the Region of Halton Official Plan and the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan that was recently approved by the Region. The purpose of the deferral is to allow for the Region's Sustainable Halton Plan process to examine the merits of including these lands into the urban area.

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We had previously indicated that these lands represent a pocket of land in west Georgetown/Stewarttown that ought to be included as part of the existing Hamlet of Stewarttown or considered as a minor rounding out of the Georgetown Urban Area. We had also expressed that our client's lands are uniquely positioned to attract a well-designed upscale residential neighbourhood.

The Town recently released a Discussion Paper on the Sustainable Halton Growth Options dated August 2008, which was subject of a Town Council Workshop on September 8th. On page 86 of the Town's Discussion Paper, staff provide two possible options for including our clients' lands if Town Council supports our request. The two options that could be implemented are:

1. As the existing Stewarttown is confined in part by the Greenbelt Plan and the southern boundary is adjacent to areas where development pressures are particularly acute, our client's lands could be incorporated as part of incorporating Stewarttown within the Georgetown Urban Boundary; or,
2. Include our client's lands in the context of the Hamlet expansion process with the preparation of a secondary plan supported by appropriate studies such as Black Creek Subwatershed Study.

We trust Town staff will determine the most appropriate option, however our preferred option is #1 above. We would like to augment the Town's Discussion Paper by providing the following rationale for why the Town should include our client's lands for future residential development:

- Allows for the Town's initial consideration of rounding out of existing communities to accommodate projected growth and meet required housing demands;
- Provides a moderate growth contiguous and closer to existing communities of Stewarttown and Georgetown that will reduce the financial burden for new community facilities and supports the efficient use of existing community facilities and commercial services;
- The Town's priority for maintaining distinct communities and urban separators will not be compromised;
- Will not undermine the Town's Community Strategic Plan goals and objectives in that a vibrant and unique upscale residential neighbourhood could be planned and created on the subject lands that achieve a moderate scale of growth in keeping with the Town's urban and rural character;



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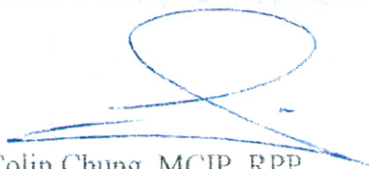
- Conforms with the growth objectives and policies of the Provincial Growth Plan, the Region's Official Plan and the Town's Official Plan for accommodating future growth;
- The subject lands provide a reasonable alternative to accommodating future growth without negatively impacting continued viability of prime agricultural areas in Halton Hills. The subject lands do not compromise specialty crop areas; and,
- Valuable resources such as Natural Heritage System and Mineral Aggregate Resources are not compromised.

We understand that Town Council intends to hold a Special Council meeting on September 24th to respond to the Region on the five Growth Options. Accordingly, we request that our client's 50-acre land be considered for inclusion in the urban area to allow the opportunity for appropriate community planning of an upscale neighbourhood to proceed.

We look forward to receiving your feedback on our submission and we are eager to working with the Region and the Town on the Sustainable Halton Plan process. We would be pleased to meet with you and your staff to discuss our comments herein in more detail. Please call us if you have any questions.

Yours very truly,

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Partner

FIGURE 2: Greenbelt in Halton Hills

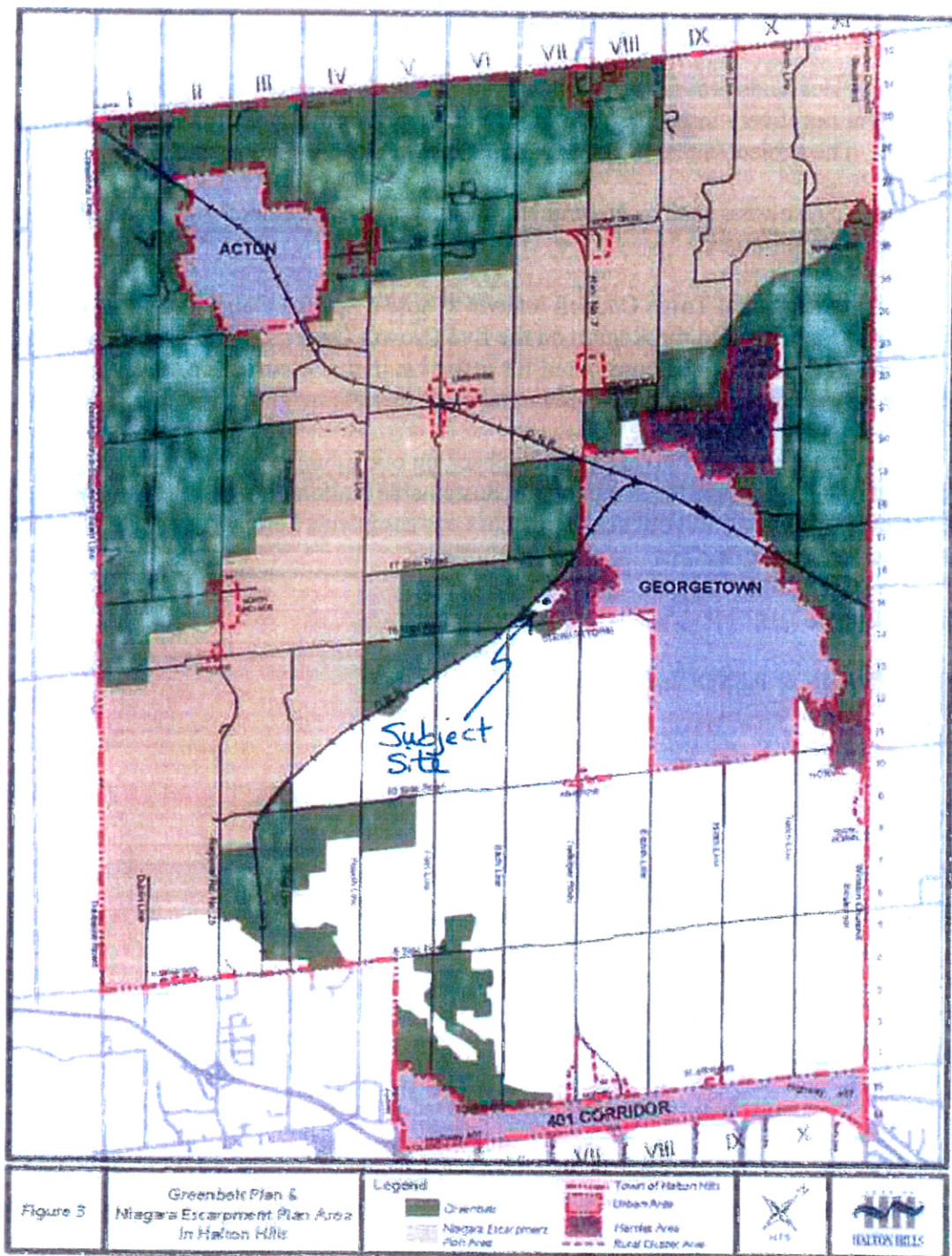
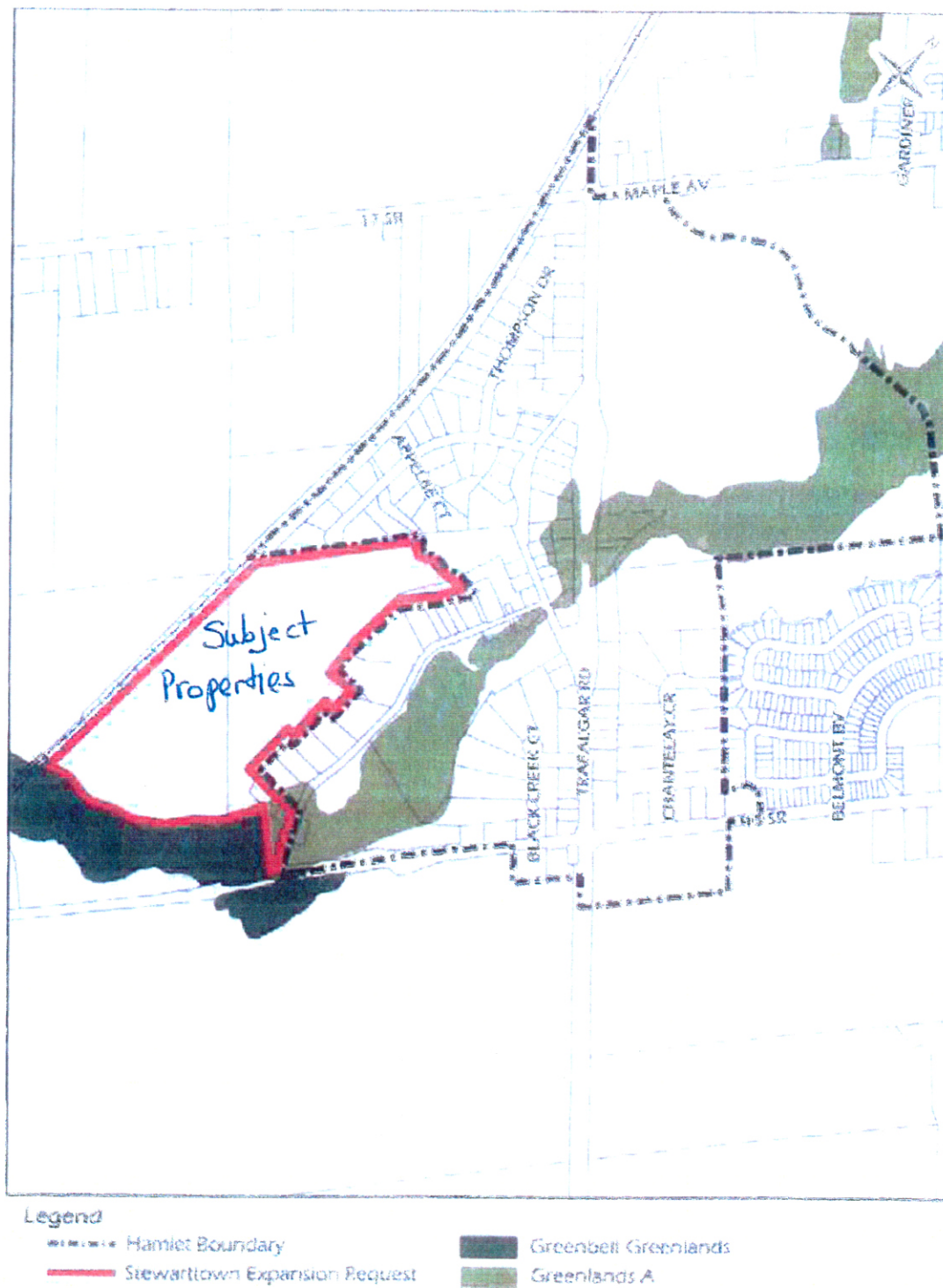


FIGURE 24: Hamlet of Stewarttown



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