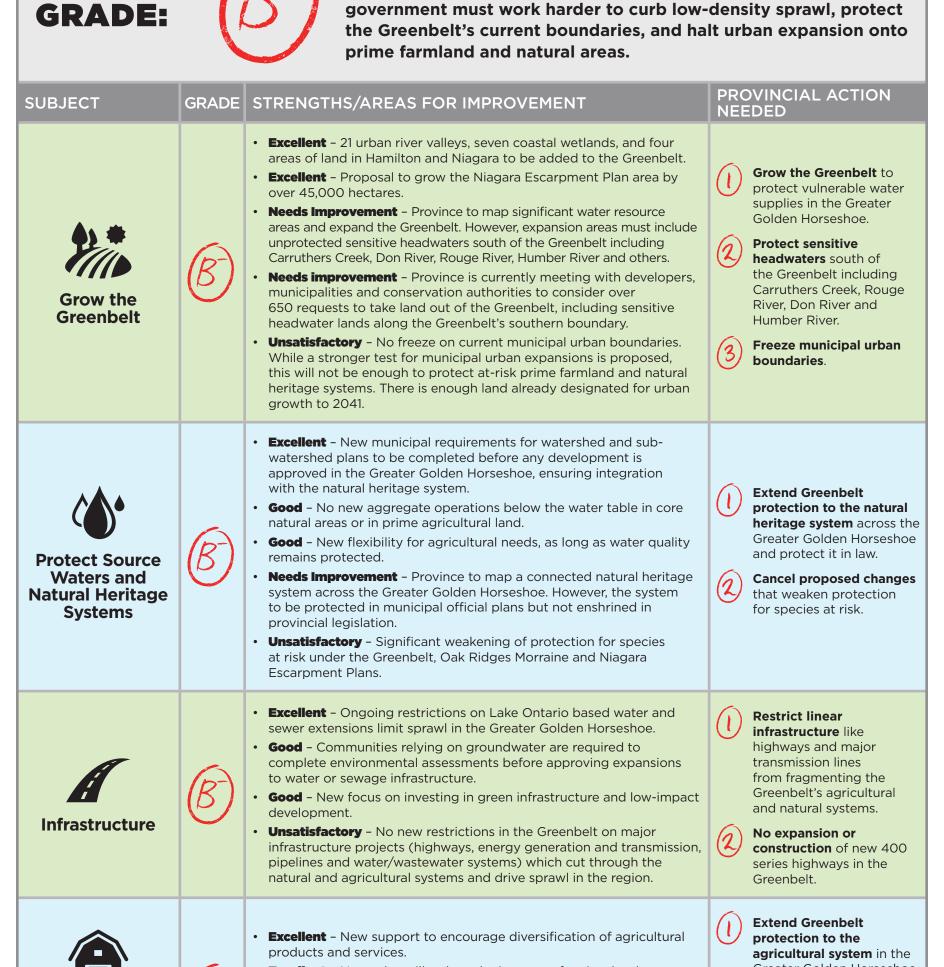
## MID-TERM REPORT CARD

## **Proposed amendments to Ontario's Greenbelt and Growth Plans**

**OVERALL** 

The Ontario government must to bring its 'A' game to make the grade on the Greenbelt and Growth Plans. While doing a good

job addressing climate change and supporting agriculture, the



Protect & Support Agriculture	<b>A</b>	<ul> <li>Excellent - New rules will reduce the impacts of major developments built in close proximity to farms and require a new assessment process to reduce conflicts between farms and non-agricultural uses.</li> <li>Needs Improvement - Province to map an agricultural system across the Greater Golden Horseshoe. However, system to be protected in municipal official plans but not enshrined in provincial legislation.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Greater Golden Horseshoe and protect it in law.</li> <li>Freeze current municipal urban boundaries to 2041 to protect dwindling prime agricultural lands and economies.</li> </ul>
Smarter Compact Growth	B	<ul> <li>Good - Mandatory intensification targets in place for transit hubs and corridors in urban growth centres, although the targets are low.</li> <li>Good - Municipal intensification targets raised to 60 per cent and Designated Greenfield Area (DGA) density targets increased to 80 people and jobs per hectare, increasing densities and housing choices in existing urban areas, with less development paving over prime agricultural lands.</li> <li>Good - The Land Needs Assessment (LNA) criteria used by municipalities to determine urban expansion needs will be revamped. The strength of these changes will determine their effectiveness in protecting the Greenbelt and farmland from urban sprawl.</li> <li>Needs Improvement - Restrict the "take out" land categories allowed in the calculation of municipal density targets. Otherwise, the increased density targets will have little impact.</li> <li>Unsatisfactory - Growth Plan still allows for exemptions for municipalities who do not want to achieve required intensification and density targets.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Require all municipalities to meet intensification and density targets for urban growth centres to 2041 without granting exceptions.</li> <li>Increase targets for mandatory intensification around transit hubs and corridors. Link transit investment policy to the achievement of mandatory intensification in these areas.</li> </ul>
Action on Climate Change	Ð	<ul> <li>Excellent - Climate change policies added to the Greenbelt and Growth Plans.</li> <li>Good - Multiple actions to enhance resilience in the Greater Golden Horseshoe including requirement to improve management of infrastructure assets (such as storm water ponds), increase protection of water supplies, farmland and natural systems.</li> <li>Good - Municipal climate change mitigation and adaptation plans required, but specific strategies are only encouraged not mandated.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Require specific municipal climate change actions, including metrics and timelines.</li> <li>Require transparent, yearly municipal reporting on climate change action milestones.</li> </ul>
Plan Implementation	Ċ	<ul> <li>Needs Improvement – Unclear how the implementation, monitoring, oversight and reporting for the Greenbelt and Growth Plans will take place.</li> </ul>	<b>Establish a provincial body</b> <b>in legislation</b> to oversee the implementation of both updated Plans, including a clear process for monitoring and enforcement, public engagement, and transparent reporting.
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