

RATIONALE FOR THE PROPOSED CONCEPTS

	DIFFERENCE FROM 1996 PLAN	RATIONALE
CONCEPT 1 Strengthening of Roles Within the Existing Greenbelt Lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservative and gradual transformation Increased ecological buffer and linkages (such as Black Rapids Creek) resulting in a slight reduction of agricultural lands Shift rural lands to natural environment (i.e. Conroy Pit, Pinhey Forest) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to strengthen principal Greenbelt roles Gradual enhancement of the natural environment as a more affordable approach strengthen ecological functions Maintains identified ecological and people connections to places outside the Greenbelt
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update of 1996 Amendments (built facilities) Full inclusion of Nortel DND site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal facilities requiring special locations for reasons of security, space or other special circumstances are considered appropriate development for the Greenbelt. Ensure limited development that is not detrimental to visual amenity and is compatible with the Greenbelt purpose and roles.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update of productive agricultural lands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More robust and sustainable agriculture
CONCEPT 2 Enhancing the Natural Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of natural areas directly adjoining Greenbelt edge Ensuring continuity and bolstering of ecological corridors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen the Greenbelt's natural environment and improved functions of current Greenbelt ecosystems Added areas consist of recognized natural heritage system components as defined through application of the Ontario Provincial Policy Statement (i.e. significant wetland, woodlands, valleyfields). Contiguous land additions could be considered through acquisition or through management in partnership with other agencies and/or existing landowners. Ecologically resilient natural areas in Greenbelt have extensive positive environmental, social, and economic benefits for the Capital. Build upon the original intent of the Greenbelt as an emerald necklace by reinforcing the Greenbelt's ecological connectivity to regional features Enhanced conservation, retention, safeguarding and protection of biodiversity No net loss
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slight expansion of agricultural lands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More robust and sustainable agriculture
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition of existing aggregate extraction operation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eventual conversion of aggregate operations to naturalized area.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of suitable and innocuous built facilities near Greenbelt edges to reinforce Capital lands versus non-Capital 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggested facilities more appropriately governed by Urban Lands Master Plan designation (Airport, Queensway Carleton Hospital, Nepean Sportsplex, Confederation High School, and Eagleson and Fallowfield Park and Ride facilities) Establish framework to discourage incompatible built facilities. Proposed removals consist of built facilities that are incompatible with the existing and future view of featuring primarily federal campus facilities Highlight the Greenbelt national status and discourage incompatible built facilities and community oriented uses.
CONCEPT 3 Allow for Limited Diversified Land Uses and Improved Natural Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of natural areas directly adjoining Greenbelt edge Ensuring continuity and bolstering of ecological corridors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen the Greenbelt's natural environment and improved functions of current Greenbelt ecosystems Added areas consist of recognized natural heritage system components as defined through application of the Ontario Provincial Policy Statement (i.e. significant wetland, woodlands, valleyfields). Contiguous land additions could be considered through acquisition or through management in partnership with other agencies and/or existing landowners. Ecologically resilient natural areas in Greenbelt have extensive positive environmental, social, and economic benefits for the Capital. Build upon the original intent of the Greenbelt as an emerald necklace by reinforcing the Greenbelt's ecological connectivity to regional features Enhanced conservation, retention, safeguarding and protection of biodiversity No net loss
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selected lands are identified for diversified land uses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial affordability where the proceeds from sale or lease of selected lands would be used to fund and strengthen the Greenbelt purpose (i.e. acquire additional lands, improve Greenbelt operations and installations, more promotion of the Greenbelt) The parcels proposed for non-federal land uses provide limited contribution to current Greenbelt roles and are located in areas with minimal impact to Greenbelt These selected lands do not currently contribute to natural system, recreation, sustainable agriculture or federal facilities They consist of unused lands along the Greenbelt edge, some adjacent to major transportation corridors Could allow limited diversified land uses that is not detrimental to visual amenity