

# Growth Strategy Program

## Pickering Context

- Is a lower tier municipality within the Region of Durham
- Is comprised of both urban and rural areas. The urban area is comprised of established residential, commercial and employment areas as well as greenfield areas. The rural area is comprised of agricultural lands, hamlets, and greenbelt lands
- Has a permanent protected land area including Greenbelt lands that comprise approximately 60% of the municipality's land area
- Includes lands affected by Provincial Plans including the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Greenbelt Plan, Central Pickering Development Plan and Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
- Has a land area of approximately 23,200 hectares
- Had a 2006 population of approximately 91,425 residents

