

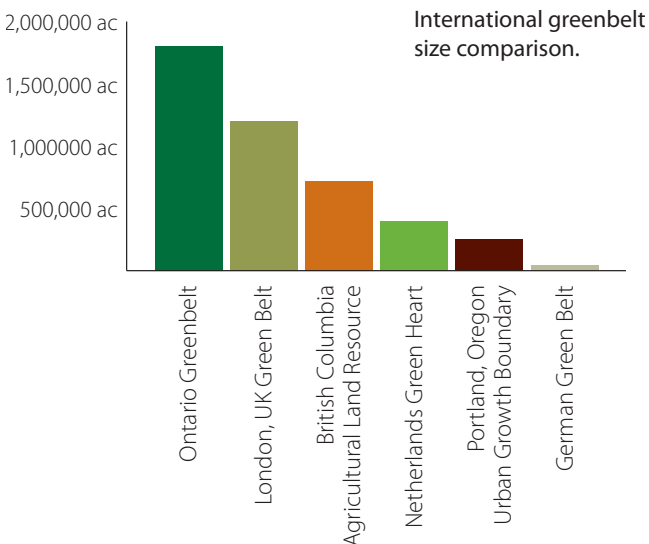
Greatness Is In Our Nature Ontario's Greenbelt

Having It All...

Whether you have lived here for generations, or recently immigrated, you chose to live here because you want to live well.

Southern Ontario has an abundance of the things that are important to you and your family – delicious food, clean water, fresh air, plentiful opportunities, thriving economies, beautiful natural spaces, vibrant rural and urban communities – that all add up to an incredible quality of life.

And all of these things that are important to you, **are important**, to making sure Ontario stays healthy and prosperous for generations to come.



...Or Losing It All

Nearly 26% of all Canadians and 75% of Ontarians live here in the Golden Horseshoe - that's around 8.6 million people. It's also one of the fastest growing areas in the country. In twenty years it will be home to over 13 million of us.

We're building quickly to keep up with this growth, but wasteful development has been eating up valuable space and resources and our quality of life along with it.

We are losing many of the reasons we chose to live here – fresh food, clean water and air – and they will be impossible to get back.

But Ontario can grow successfully without losing the green spaces and agricultural land that give us our health and prosperity.

“... the reality is that the farmer, the chef, the scientist, the cyclist and many rural residents all share a passion for the same thing – Ontario's greatest environmental statement, the Greenbelt.”

Jamie Reaume, Executive Director
Holland Marsh Growers' Association

One Greenbelt For All

Ontario's Greenbelt is a world-leading, award-winning legislation that defends our good decisions. It makes us world-leading people.

It is the largest and most diverse greenbelt in the world. It protects 1.8 million acres of green space, rural communities, wetlands, forests and lakes.

It cleans our air and water and protects wildlife.

It preserves agricultural lands – some of the best farmland in Canada – and has over 7,000 farms that produce enough food to feed all eight million plus of us.

It promotes economic development that balances the needs of our growing population without wasting our natural resources.

And if that wasn't enough, the Greenbelt generates \$5.4 billion a year in agricultural activity for Ontario's economy.

And it saves us around \$2.6 billion a year in essential services like fresh drinking water and clean air; taxes that we didn't have to pay, because the Greenbelt did those things for us – for free.

Lose the Greenbelt and we lose these benefits and savings.

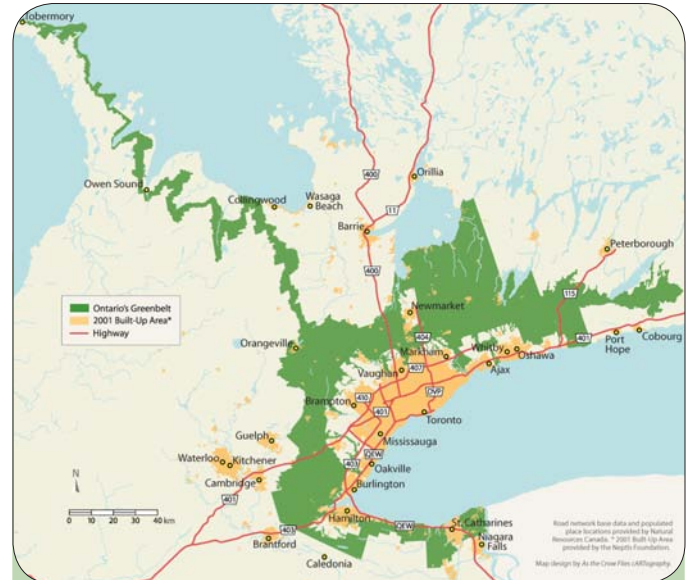
The risk is real. The life you have worked so hard to build is under constant threat from inefficient and unbalanced development.

And we're doing something about it.

All For One Greenbelt

The Greenbelt provides the most good for the most of us. It is a plan for our shared health and prosperity and collaboration is the key to its success.

The Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation works with dedicated people and organizations all over the province to make the Greenbelt bigger, better and permanent, so that it can continue to protect our food, land, water and air.



At 1.8 million acres, Ontario's Greenbelt is largest and most diverse greenbelt in the world, with the potential to make Ontario, and the earth, a better place.

Small Acts = Big Impact

You can help keep the Greenbelt strong and permanent, just by doing the things you do everyday.

- When you turn on the tap, know that the fresh, clean water you're drinking and cooking with and brushing your teeth with has been filtered in Ontario's Greenbelt.
- Choose Ontario Greenbelt-grown food at your grocer, farmers' market or favourite restaurant. Visit www.greenbeltfresh.ca for locations and recipes.
- Tell your MPP and local government that you care about the Greenbelt, that what is important to you should be important to them. And if you want an area of land or water included under its protection, ask your MPP to have it added.
- Stay in touch with Greenbelt newsletters at www.greenbelt.ca and join us on Facebook and Twitter to share your photos and thoughts.



Possibility grows here.

The living is good here. The Greenbelt will keep it that way.