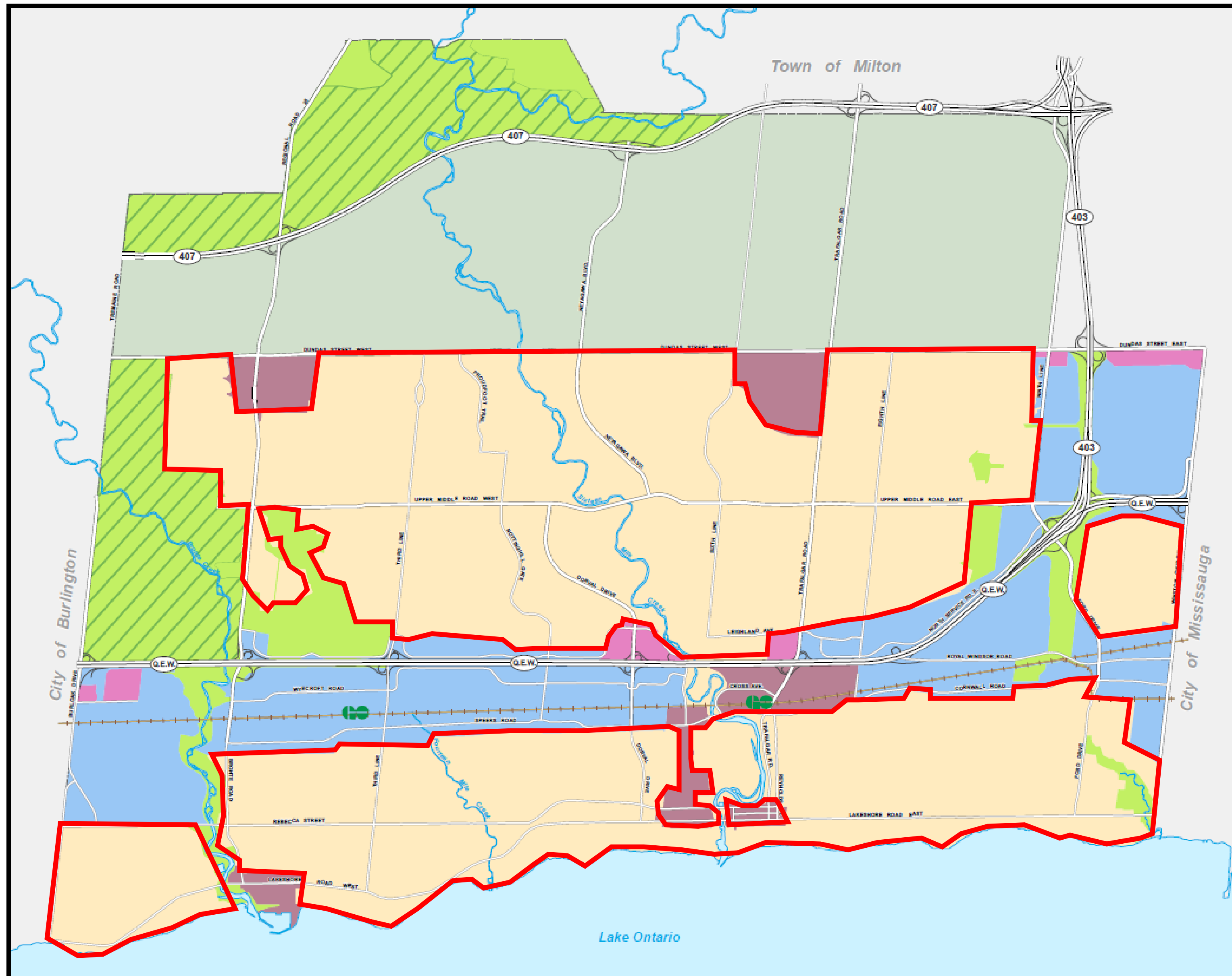











study area



SCHEDULE A1 URBAN STRUCTURE

-  RESIDENTIAL AREAS
-  EMPLOYMENT AREAS
-  MAJOR COMMERCIAL AREAS
-  GROWTH AREAS
-  PARKWAY BELT
-  GREENBELT
-  LANDS NOT SUBJECT TO THE POLICIES OF THIS PLAN
-  RAILWAY LINE
-  MAJOR TRANSIT STATION

NOTE: This Schedule does not represent land use designations



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Why are we undertaking a Residential Character Study?

To gain a better understanding of the existing character, which may support improvements to policy, urban design direction, zoning and other processes.

- taking a closer look, with community input, at the existing character of the town's residential areas
- identifying which elements and/or qualities residents feel contribute to the character of their neighbourhood
- findings will support recommendations for potential changes to existing policy and processes

What is residential character?

Livable Oakville defines *character* as “the collective qualities and characteristics that distinguish a particular area or neighbourhood”.

It is created by a combination of public and private elements and qualities, including, but not limited to:

Public Realm	Private Realm
Street trees	Landscaping
Road pattern	Trees
Road profile	Building height
Sidewalks	Front yards
Infrastructure (e.g. power lines)	Distance between buildings
	Fences
	Garages

The interplay and relationship between these elements and qualities is what contributes to the ‘look and feel’, or character, of your neighbourhood.

What elements and qualities are important to you?

thinking about residential character...

Consider these questions when thinking about your own neighbourhood and what you feel contributes to its character:

Are homes close together, or is there significant distance between houses?

Are the homes close to the street, or are the front yards deep?

Do the homes take up most of their lot?

Are there wide or narrow driveways?

Is the topography generally the same?

Do you notice homes, garages or vegetation when looking down your street?

Do different street types give you a different feel?

Are the homes generally the same height, or is there variation?

Are trees and gardens prominent?

What is important to you?

Staff want your thoughts and feedback on what qualities and/or elements you think contribute to the character of your neighbourhood.

- leave a comment using the cards provided
- talk to staff
- take the online survey at oakville.ca
- send an email to RCS@oakville.ca

How is residential character currently addressed?

POLICY

Livable Oakville Plan

- S.11 → residential policies
- S.11.1.9 → evaluation criteria
- S.26.2 → special policy area

The **Livable Oakville Plan** has criteria to ensure that existing neighbourhood character is maintained and protected.

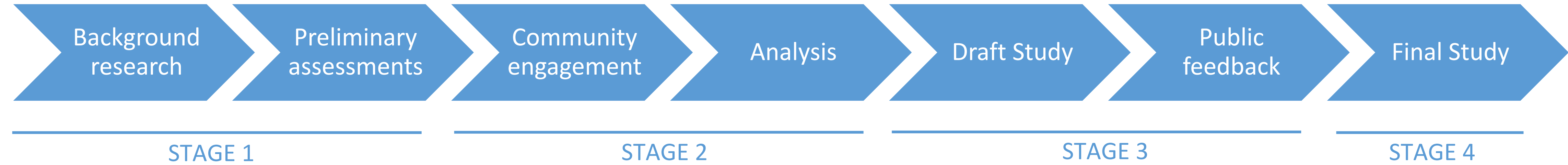
URBAN DESIGN

Design Guidelines for Stable Residential Communities

- applicable at site plan stage
- informed Zoning By-law 2014-14
- applicable for minor variances

The Livable by Design Manual's **Design Guidelines for Stable Residential Communities** illustrates how to apply the evaluation criteria to new development proposals to assist in achieving compatibility within the existing residential context.

work program + timeline



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	Item	Timing (2017)			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
STAGE 1	Study initiation	■			
	Preliminary work	■	■		
STAGE 2	Community engagement		■	■	
	Analysis			■	
STAGE 3	Draft study				■
	Public feedback				■
STAGE 4	Final study				■

process for 'replacement homes'

