

County of Bruce Plan the Bruce Update

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What is the Bruce County Official Plan?

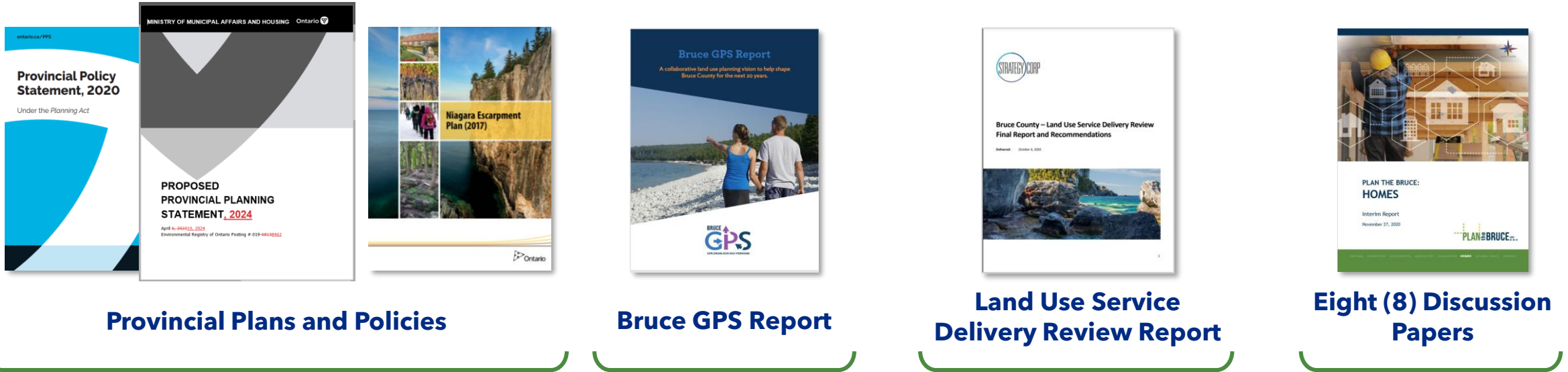
- The **Bruce County Official Plan** is the **guiding policy document** for land use planning. It guides long-term future land use and growth within the County.
- The Plan functions as the local official plan for areas not covered by local Official Plans
- Bruce County's Official Plan review:
 - Addresses Consistency and conformity with Provincial policies and legislation; and
 - Addresses issues such as growth, housing, and protection of agricultural lands and the natural environment.



Did you know?

The Official Plan Review process is known as **Plan the Bruce.**

Context for the Bruce County Official Plan



New Bruce County Official Plan



Plan the Bruce Timeline



Ongoing engagement and consultation with the public, stakeholders, and Indigenous communities

Background: Discussion Papers

- Explore the **Guiding Principles**
- Prepared by County staff and subject matter consultants
- Informed through public consultation and engagement.
- Include policy directions that inform the new Official Plan.



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Discussion Papers

Phase 1: Growth Management Amendment

- Established new **Vision and Guiding Principles (Part 1 of new Plan) and updated growth forecasts (Part 2 of new Plan)** based on Bruce GPS and consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement.
- Supported local municipalities to move forward with local planning processes.
- **Adopted by County Council in October 2022;** awaiting approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Phase 2: Implementation Amendment

- Originally intended to cover completion of the Official Plan
- Provincial Release of Draft PPS (April 2023) created significant uncertainty
- Focus shifted to response, looking at areas with minimal anticipated change, and anticipating further change
 - Replaced reference to specific legislation, or policies quoted from PPS or Niagara Escarpment Plan, with 'provincial direction' and 'for your information' boxes (that are not part of the plan) that describe the [current] direction.

Phase 2: Implementation Amendment (cont'd)

- Enabled local plans to reference policies in the County Plan, rather than duplicate them in their own plans
- Enabled Community Planning Permit systems to be set up by local municipalities
- Enabled a County Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan once the province allows the County to make one
- Adopted by County Council and came into effect April 3, 2024
- Carried forward as most of Part 4 of proposed New Official Plan

Phase 3: New Official Plan

- Comprehensive review and update of the **remaining Official Plan policies (mostly in "Part 3")** and **schedules** to develop a **new official plan**
- This includes policy matters such as **housing, agriculture, the natural environment, economic development, and connectivity**
- Engagement process includes consideration of adjustments or additions to some settlement areas

Current Engagement and Consultation Schedule*



* Risks to the Timeline

- The province has not yet confirmed the content or in-effect date of the Provincial Planning Statement.
- If public engagement results in a need for significant revisions the timeline may be impacted.

Your Input Matters

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Thank You

