

Presentation to City Council
on
Comprehensive Zoning By-Law

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Background

- The river corridors of the Speed and Eramosa Rivers and tributary channels are the key connective elements in Guelph's Natural Heritage and Open Space System.
- Providing visual and physical access to the river system corridors is a central requirement for maintaining a healthy community
- Both the Official Plan and the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law should give prominence to providing physical and visual access to river corridors

Purpose of the (NHS) Zone

The (NHS) zone applies to lands designated significant natural areas and natural areas and the floodway portion of the regulatory floodplain in the Official Plan.

The purpose of this zone is (1) to protect natural features and areas (2) provide visual and physical connection to nature and (3) prohibit new development in the floodway

Allowed uses in the (NHS) zone

The By-law should explicitly state that trails and pathways with an necessary bridges and boardwalks are allowed in the (NHS) zone provided the trail and structures protect natural features and functions and do not adversely affect the hydraulic characteristics of the floodplain.

