

Integration with Existing Legislation

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Regulatory Environment

- **Great Lakes Charter (1985) and Annex (2004)**
- **International Joint Commission**
- **Provincial Policy Statement**
The quality and quantity of ground water and surface water and the function of sensitive ground water recharge/discharge areas, aquifers and headwaters will be protected or enhanced.

Ontario Legislation

- Ontario Water Resources Act
- Ontario Water Resources Act, Reg. 285/99 (*water taking and transfer*)
- *Water Transfer Control Act*
- *Ontario Safe Drinking Water Act*
- *Nutrient Management Act*
- *Conservation Authorities Act*

Ontario Legislation

Continued

- Sustainable Water and Sewage Systems Act
- Official Plans, Municipal Zoning Bylaws
- Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
- Ontario Water Resources Act, Reg. 153/03 (*ban on certain kinds of water taking such as bottling*)

Ontario Legislation

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- Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act
- Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act
- Greenbelt Protection Act & Greenbelt Act
(*Bill 135*)

Sec. 22. (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may, by regulation ... (c) despite any other Act, vary, supplement or override any provision in the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan or the Niagara Escarpment Plan in order to facilitate the effective operation of the Greenbelt Plan.

Court Decisions

- Supreme Court of Canada in *Hudson*
- *Grey Association for Better Planning v. Artemesia Waters Inc.* (Nov. 2002)
- *Goudreau v. Chandos (Township)* (1993)
- Supreme Court in *Haida and Taku* (2004)
- Convention on Biodiversity

The Particular Problem of Sprawl

- **Prohibit expansions of urban designations**
- **Require watershed studies prior to expansion of an urban area**
- **Strict storm water standards for all urban development**