

**TRASH TO TREASURE:**  
**OUR COMMUNITY PARK**  
**AT 65 VESPRA STREET**



**Presented on behalf of the Citizens of Brock Park**

*“Creativity grows community.”*

*By Ranger Aidan*

## **Alternative #4:**

**The citizens of Brock Park Neighbourhood request that an amendment be made to the Staff Report dated May 17th, 2021: FAC002-21**

**We ask that a fourth alternative please be included in the report:**

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**Council recommends that the land at 65 VESPRA STREET be re-purposed as a community park.**

# **OVERVIEW**

**KEEPING BALANCE**

**SUCCESS STORIES**

**WHY WE NEED A PARK**

**REVIEW OF ALTERNATIVES**

# KEEPING BALANCE

# Historic Neighbourhood Strategy

- Places to Grow Growth Plan (2006-2020)
- Barrie is identified
- **298,000 in 2051**
- HNS Developed in 2010
- by Jeff Lehman, Ward 2 councillor
- preserve and sustain

## Schedule 3

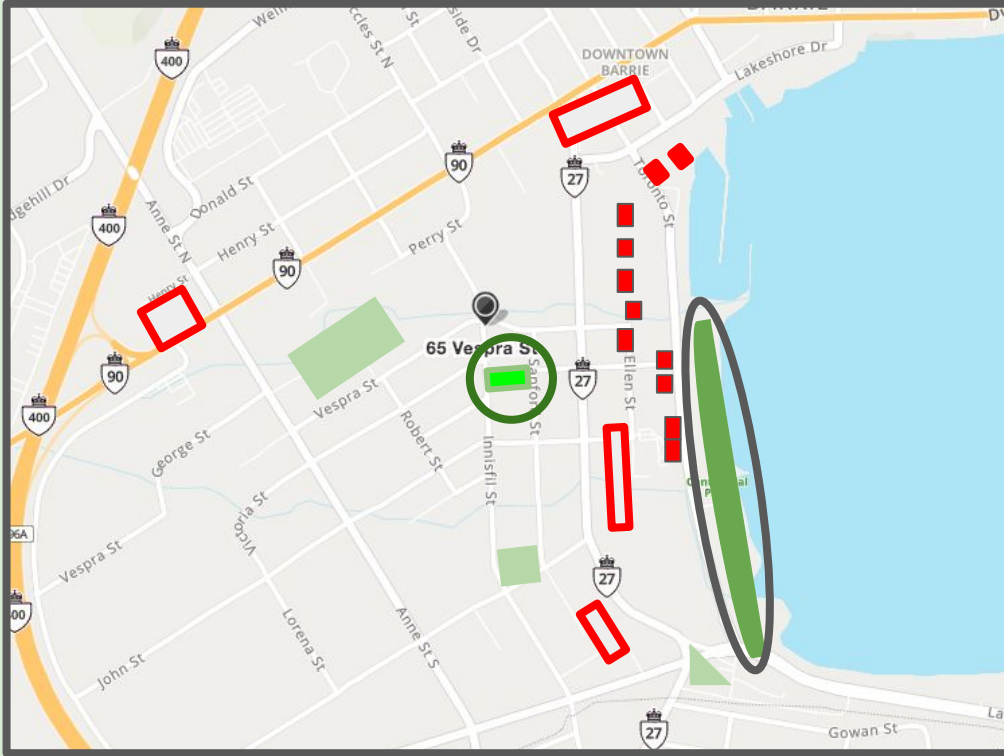
Distribution of Population and Employment for the Greater Golden Horseshoe to 2051

Region	Population 2051	Employment 2051
Region of Durham	1,300,000	460,000
Region of York	2,020,000	990,000
City of Toronto	3,650,000	1,980,000
Region of Peel	2,280,000	1,070,000
Region of Halton	1,100,000	500,000
City of Hamilton	820,000	360,000
GTAH total *	11,170,000	5,360,000
County of Northumberland	122,000	44,000
County of Peterborough	82,000	26,000
City of Peterborough	125,000	63,000
City of Kawartha Lakes	117,000	39,000
County of Simcoe	555,000	198,000
City of Barrie	298,000	150,000

[Link to Historic Neighbourhood Strategy](#)

[LINK to Growth Plan](#)

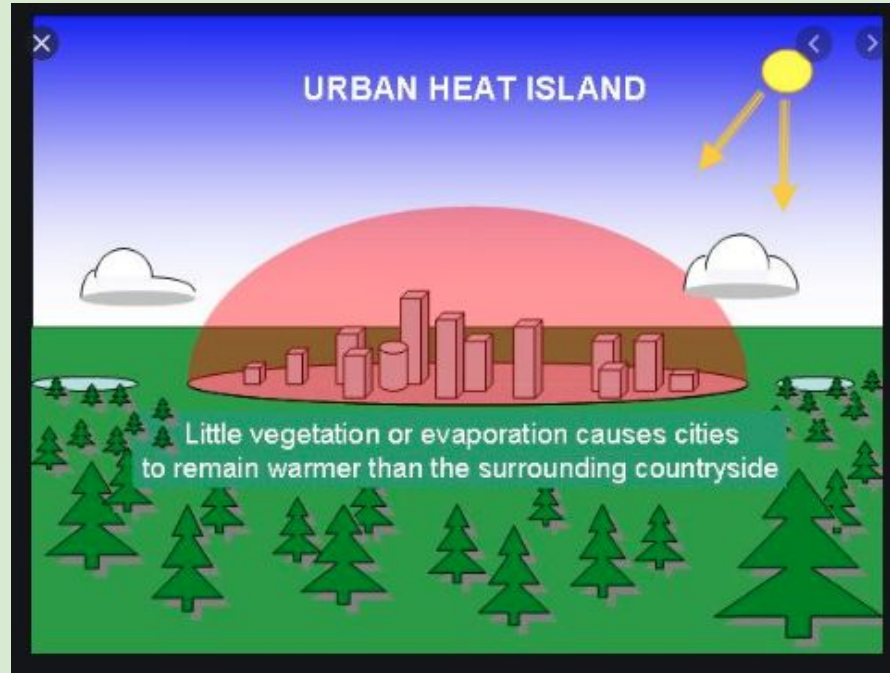
# Local Impending factors



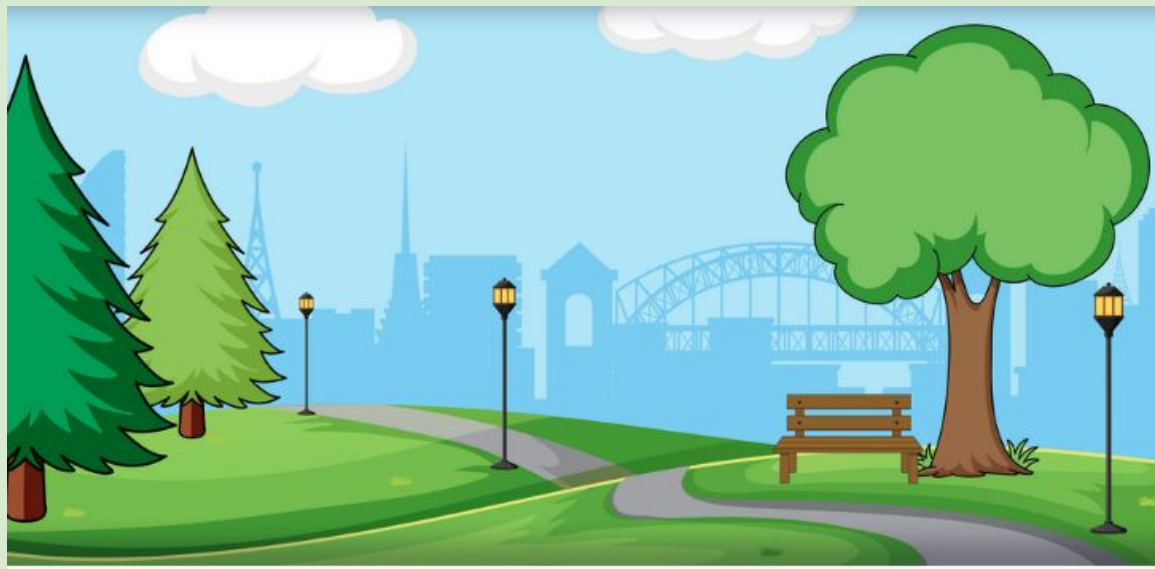
- All Barrie
- Visitors
- intensification
- pockets of green space

# Urban Heat Island Effect

UHIE







# SUCCESS STORIES



Notice the **NATURAL THEME**

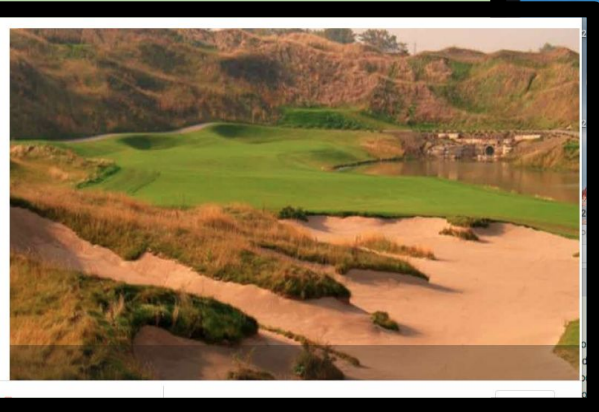
# The Transformation of Landfills to Green Spaces: Identifying the Barriers and Benefits in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA)

Dissertation, 2014, U. of Calgary,

Britannia Landfill, GC,

LESLIE ST. SPIT, Toronto,  
Wilderness

KEELE VALLEY,  
golfcourse



[LINK to DISSERTATION](#)

# Euston Park, London

## Euston Park Naturalization Plan



**October 2004**



[Link to plan](#)

# Comparable Property:

## Elmsdale Park in Kitchener

- Citizen input
- Started project
- Shifting land
- landfill
- Remediation, upgrade of cap, venting
- \$ 780,000



# Elmsdale Park Plan

Before

**STRUCTURES!**

## PLANNED

- chess tables
- a basketball court
- ping pong tables
- volleyball court
- seating
- Edible forest

AFTER discovery

**MORE NATURAL!**

## Alternative Uses

- Pollination gardens
- Play areas
- Trails
- Beach volleyball



# Vespra Street Site

- Methane contaminated
- High water table

**LIMITED LAND USE**

# THE NEED FOR A PARK



# Intensification



# Straw Poll

## Question:

Are you in favour of a park going in at 65 Vespra Street, the site of the old Fire Hall One?

## Results:

Overwhelmingly in favour of a park.

# We need food.

- Urban Pantry
- Barrie Gardening Club
- Less advantaged
- Food desert
- Connections to environment



# To improve mental and physical health.

- Re-set the mind
- Physical health
- connections
- Reduces crime

# Culture and Heritage

- First Nations
- Barrie Railway Station  
(Not Allandale)
- Landfill
- Ancillary location



## **To create social equality.**

- Income level
- ethnicity
- ability
- age

# **Environment**

- Connections to nature
- Support biodiversity

# **REVIEW of ALTERNATIVES**



## **Alternative #1:**

1. General Committee could recommend that the lands 65 Vespra and 70/72 Victoria Street be placed on the market to be sold “as is” ...

### **Consider**

- Environmental impact
- Development costs will be too high to make it viable

## **Alternative #2:**

General Committee could recommend that staff proceed to transfer the lands at 65 Vespra and 70/72 Victoria Street to the County of Simcoe at no cost for the lands, and with an up to \$3,000,000 contribution towards the soil remediation and development of the lands for supportive housing.

### **Consider**

- Fiscal responsibility

## **Alternative #3:**

General Committee could recommend that staff proceed with neighbourhood consultation and consultation with the County of Simcoe and various outreach organizations simultaneously, to establish suitable criteria for a call for proposals for a service provider to construct and manage the build of a project on City-owned lands at 65 Vespra and 70/72 Victoria Street.

This alternative is not recommended.

- **Not recommended**
- **correct conclusion**

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*Thank you!*