

Master Plan for the Cheltenham Badlands

Public Meeting #1

October 13, 2015



Agenda

- **Sign-in – 10 min.**
- **Presentation (Dillon/OHT) – 30 min.**
- **Questions and Answers (Dillon/OHT) – 15 min.**
- **Break-out Discussion Groups (Self-directed) – 40 min.**
- **Reporting Back – 20 min.**
- **Closing Remarks – 5 min.**



Meeting Format



- **Respect the moderator and each other**
- **Be brief and to the point - allow time for others to be heard**
- **Seek common ground and understanding**
- **Success depends on participation**
- **Adhere to schedule**
- **Put away electronic devices**

What the Meeting is About



- Master Plan purpose, process and timelines
- Cheltenham Badlands Management Planning Team (CBMPT)
- Recent management actions at the site
- Public Feedback Survey and emerging mid-survey trends
- Public input on management issues and potential opportunities for improvement/enhancement of the Cheltenham Badlands site

What the Meeting is Not About



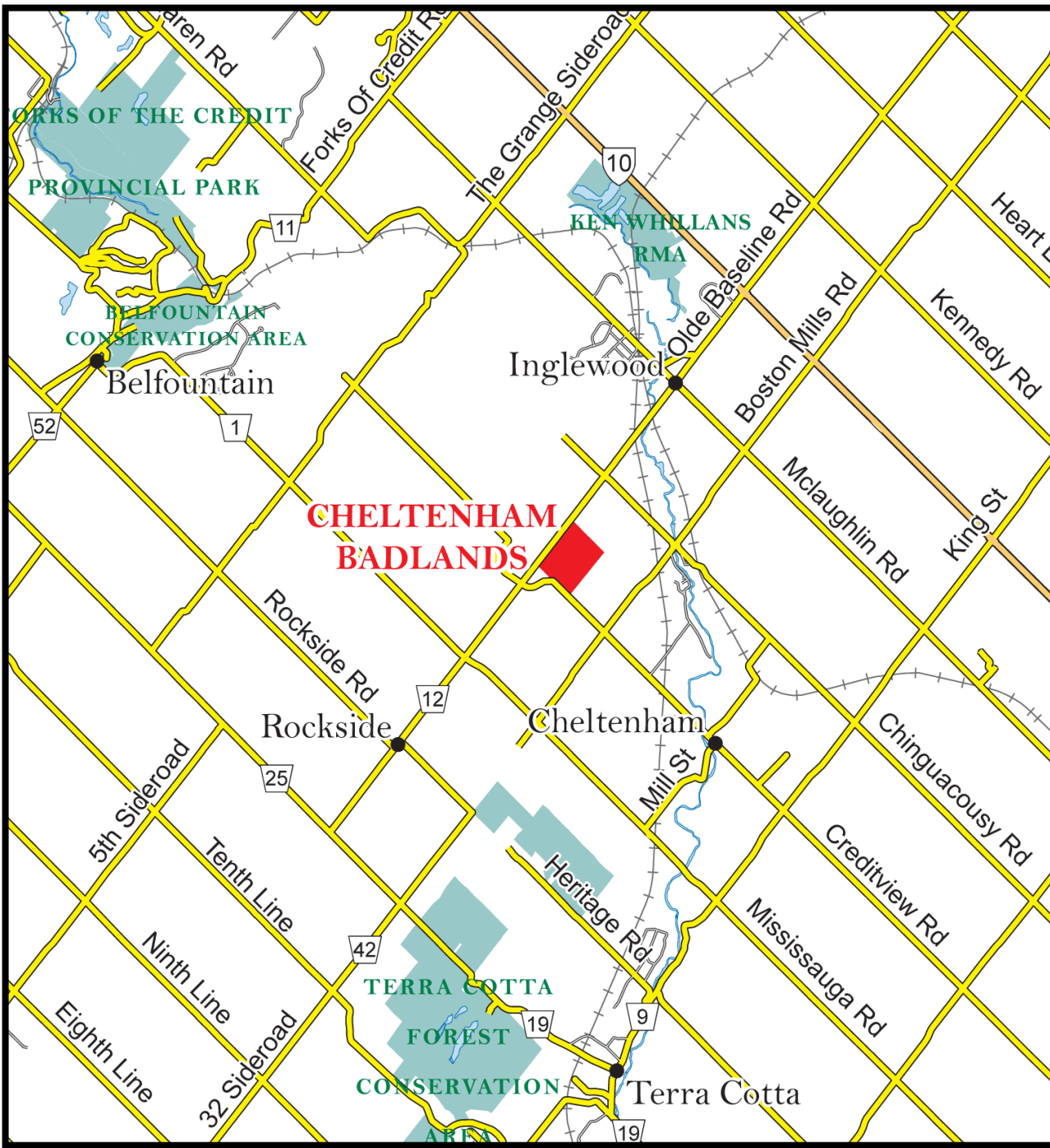
- **NEC Environmental Land Tribunal Hearing - Parking Lot**
- **West Caledon Traffic Plan**
- **Belfountain Complex Management Plan**

Introduction

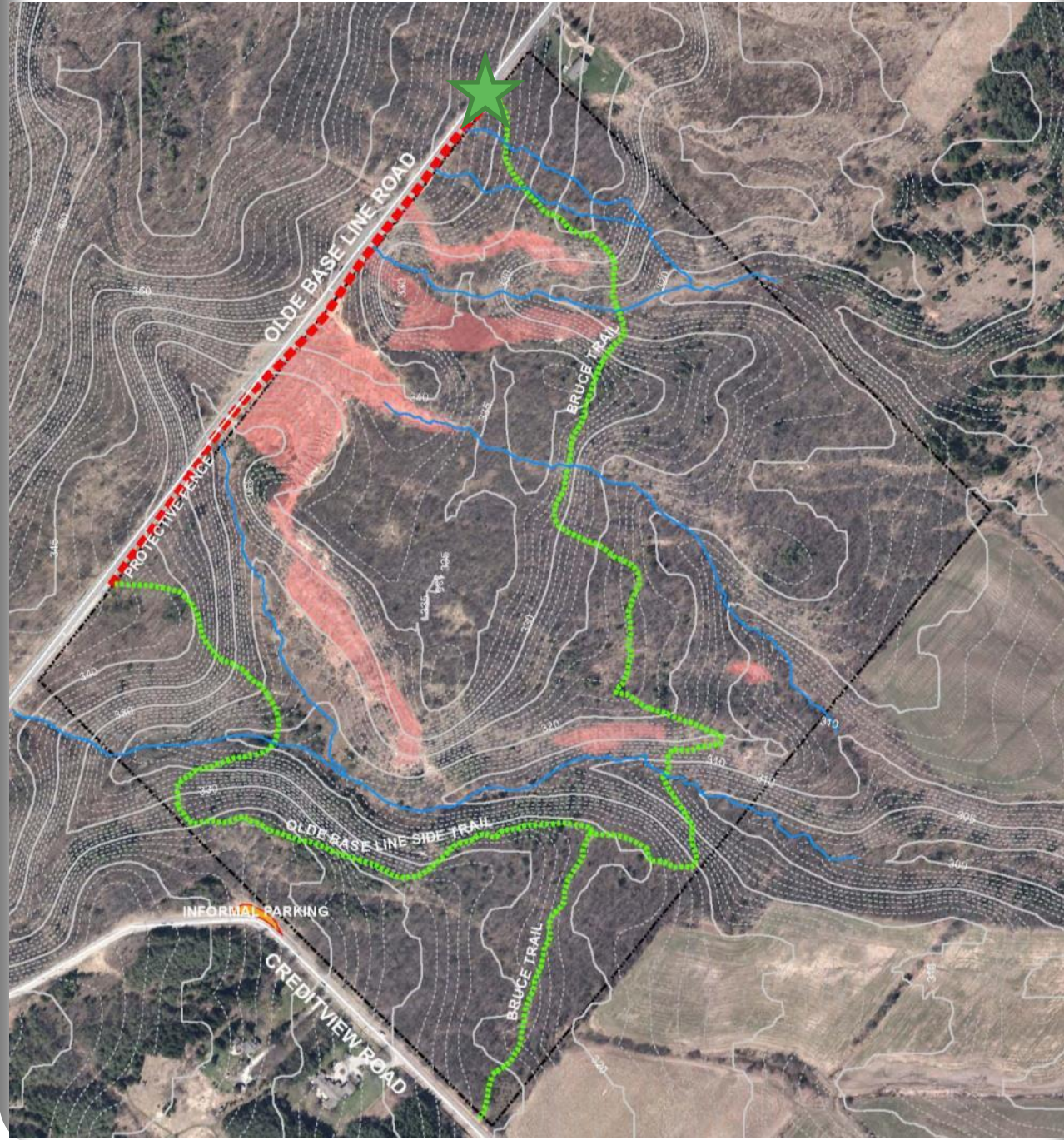








- The 36.6-hectare “Cooper Property” was acquired in 2002.
- The Ontario Heritage Trust (OHT) holds title to the property.
- The Bruce Trail Conservancy (BTC) manages the property.
- The OHT and the Cheltenham Badlands Management Planning Team (CBMPT) have been actively planning the future of the Cheltenham Badlands property since 2008.

Location



Site



-  Site Boundary
-  Watercourse
-  Protection Fence
-  Bruce Trail
-  Informal Parking (Creditview Rd)
-  Planned Parking Lot Location

Guiding Principles



- **Improve visitor safety;**
- **Conserve the property's heritage values;**
- **Increase accessibility for visitors; and**
- **Enhance public education and site interpretation.**

Purpose of the Master Plan



- **Deliver on the 4 Guiding Principles**
- **Create a long term, sustainable and integrated operating model for the site**
- **Obtain public input on the future of the site**
- **Satisfy Niagara Escarpment Plan requirement**
- **Communicate the site vision to the general public, funders, and other potential partners**

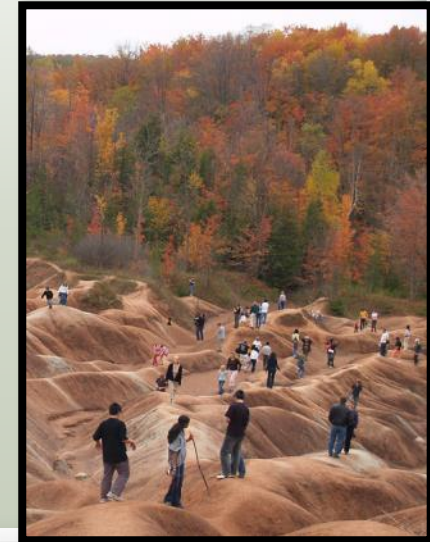
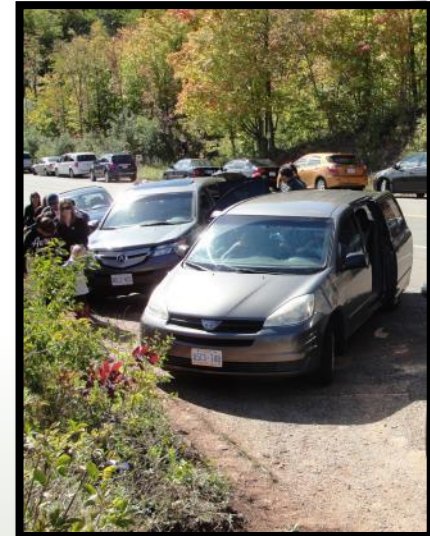
Management Planning Team

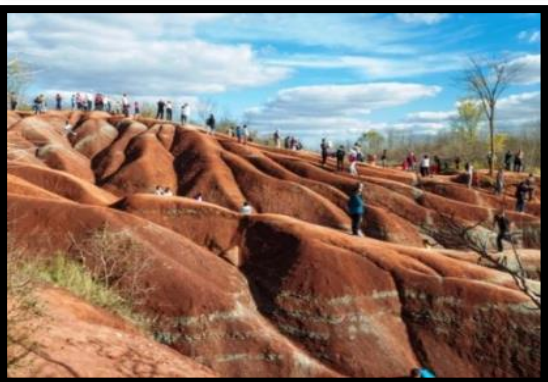
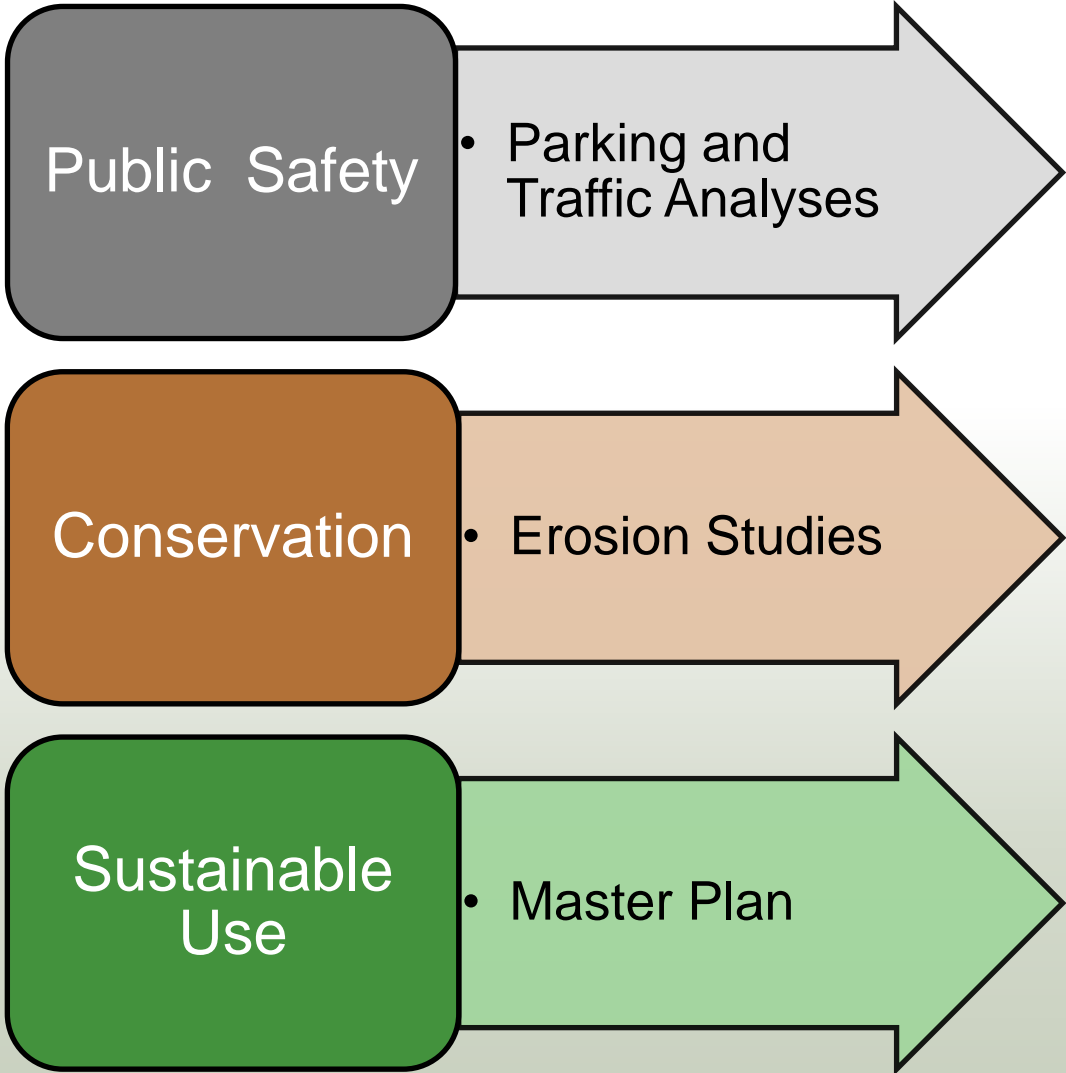
- Ontario Heritage Trust
- Bruce Trail Conservancy
- Region of Peel
- Caledon Countryside Alliance
- Caledon Environmental Advisory Ctte
- Town of Caledon
- Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club
- Niagara Escarpment Commission
- Credit Valley Conservation



Management Issues

- Traffic safety
- Erosion
- Visitor impact
 - Vandalism
 - Garbage and Littering
 - Rogue trails
 - Unauthorized uses







Study Team

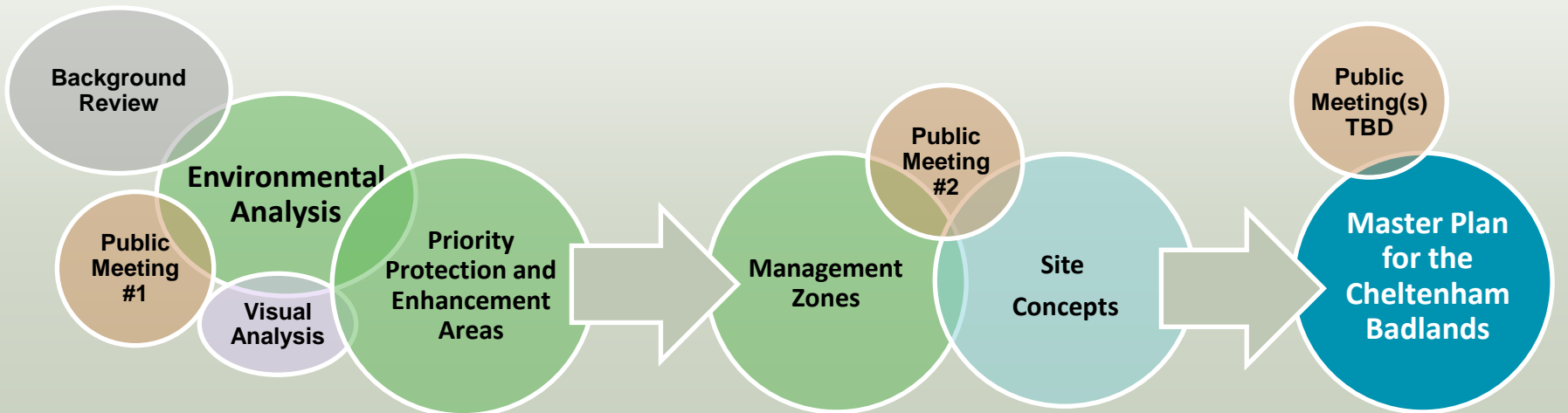
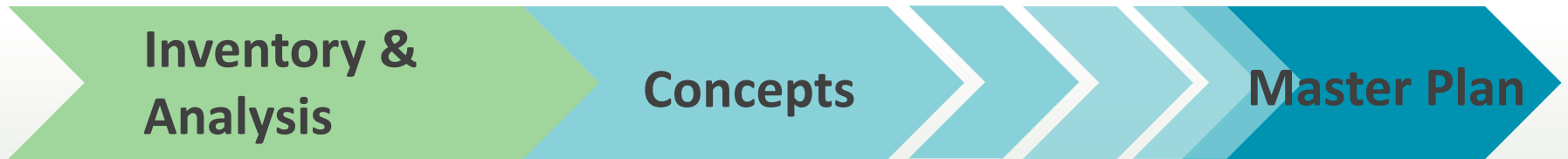
Dillon Consulting – Lead Consultant
Landscape Architecture, Natural Environment
Public Consultation

Museum Planning Partners
Interpretive & Educational Program Design/ Consultation

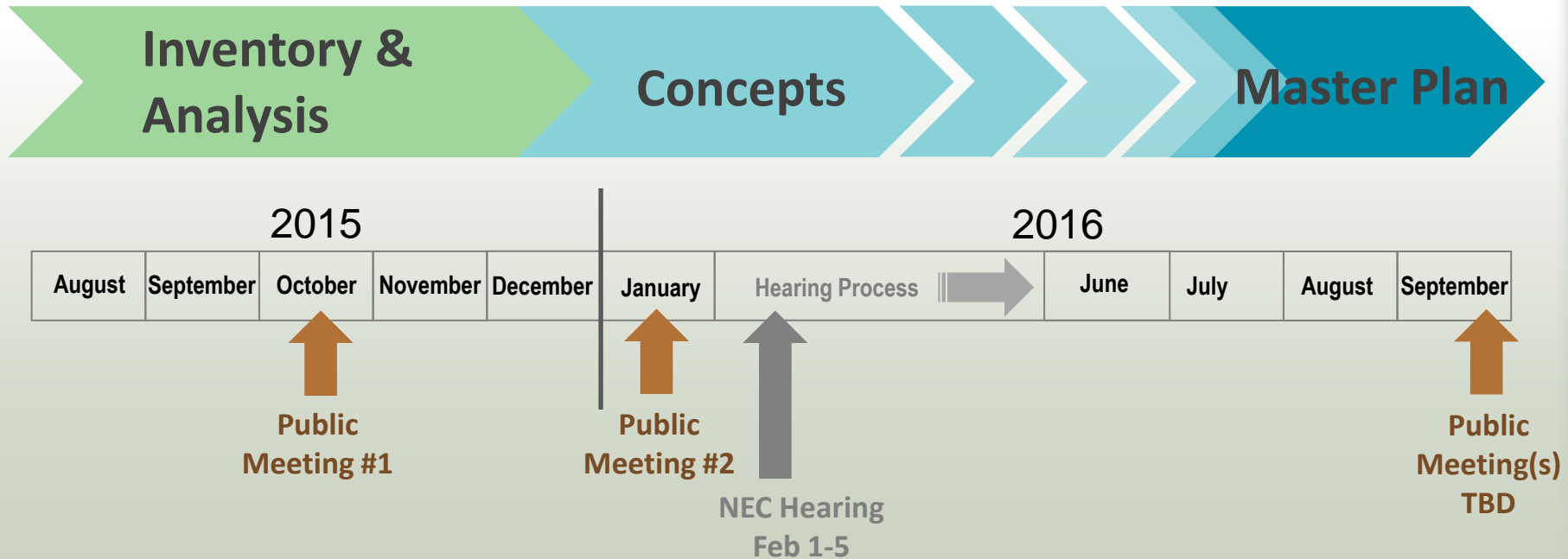
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Geomorphology / Erosion Impacts



Study Process



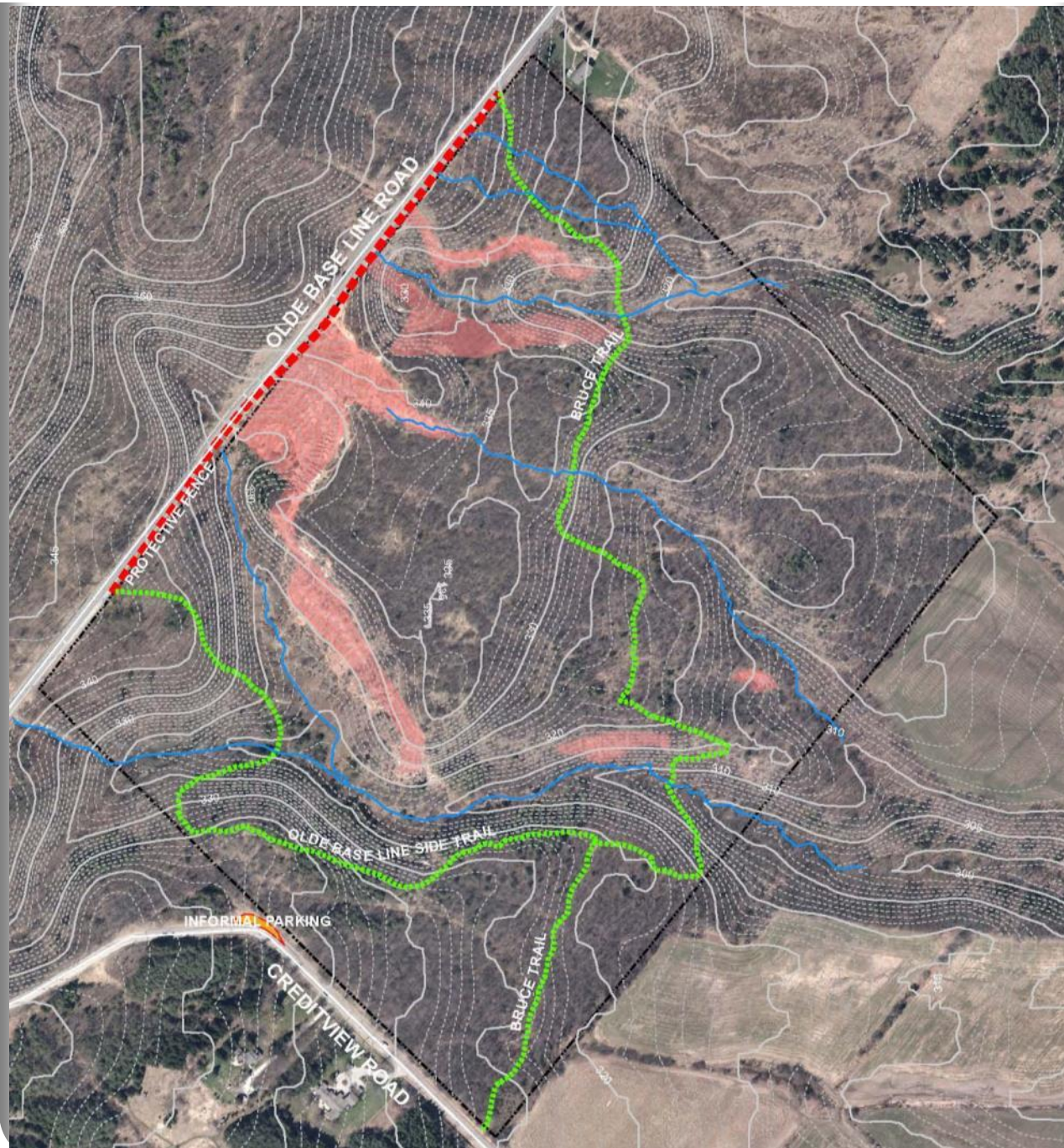
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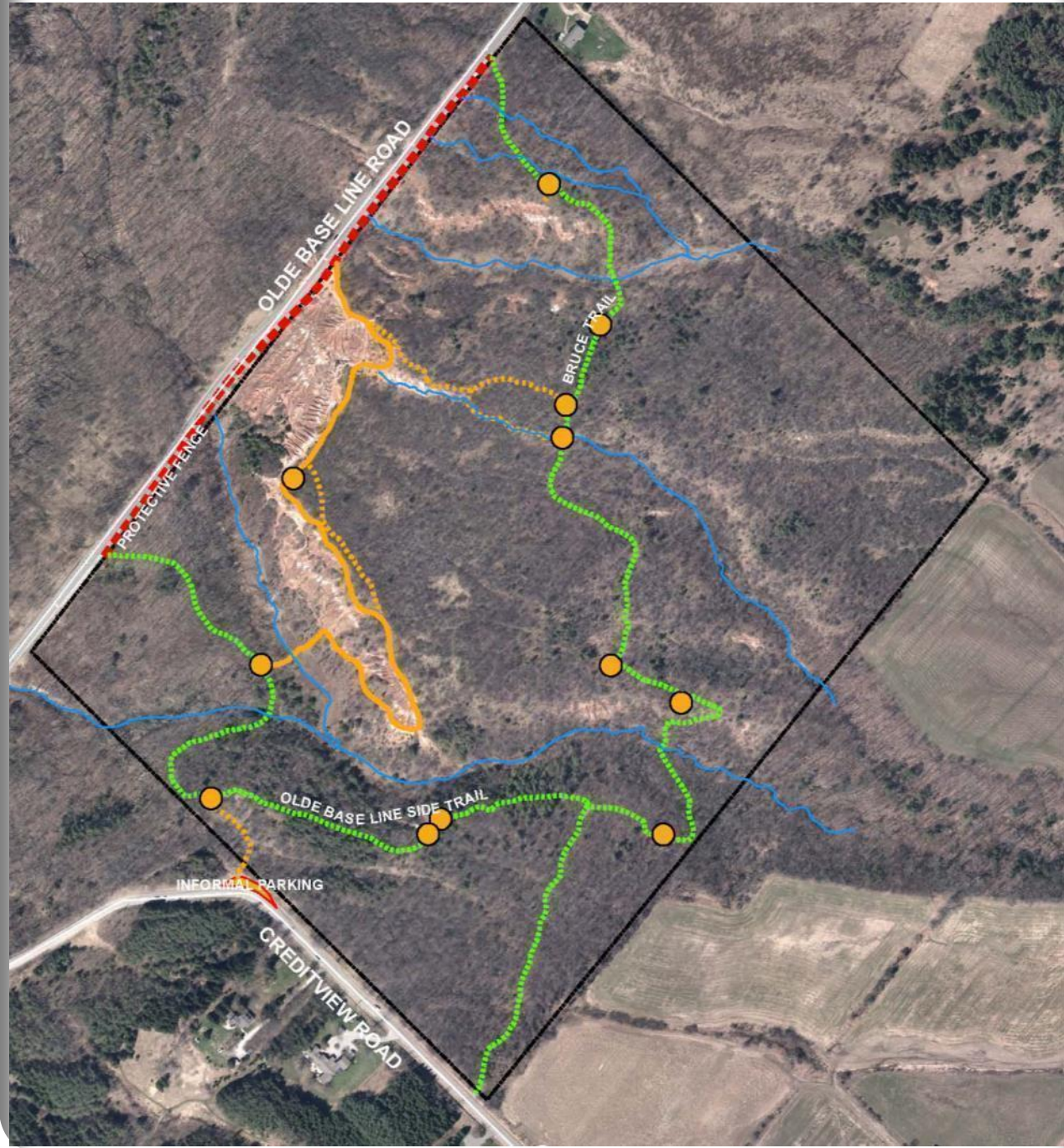
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


Terrain



-  Site Boundary
-  Watercourse
-  Protection Fence
-  Bruce Trail
-  Informal Parking (Creditview Road)
-  Badlands

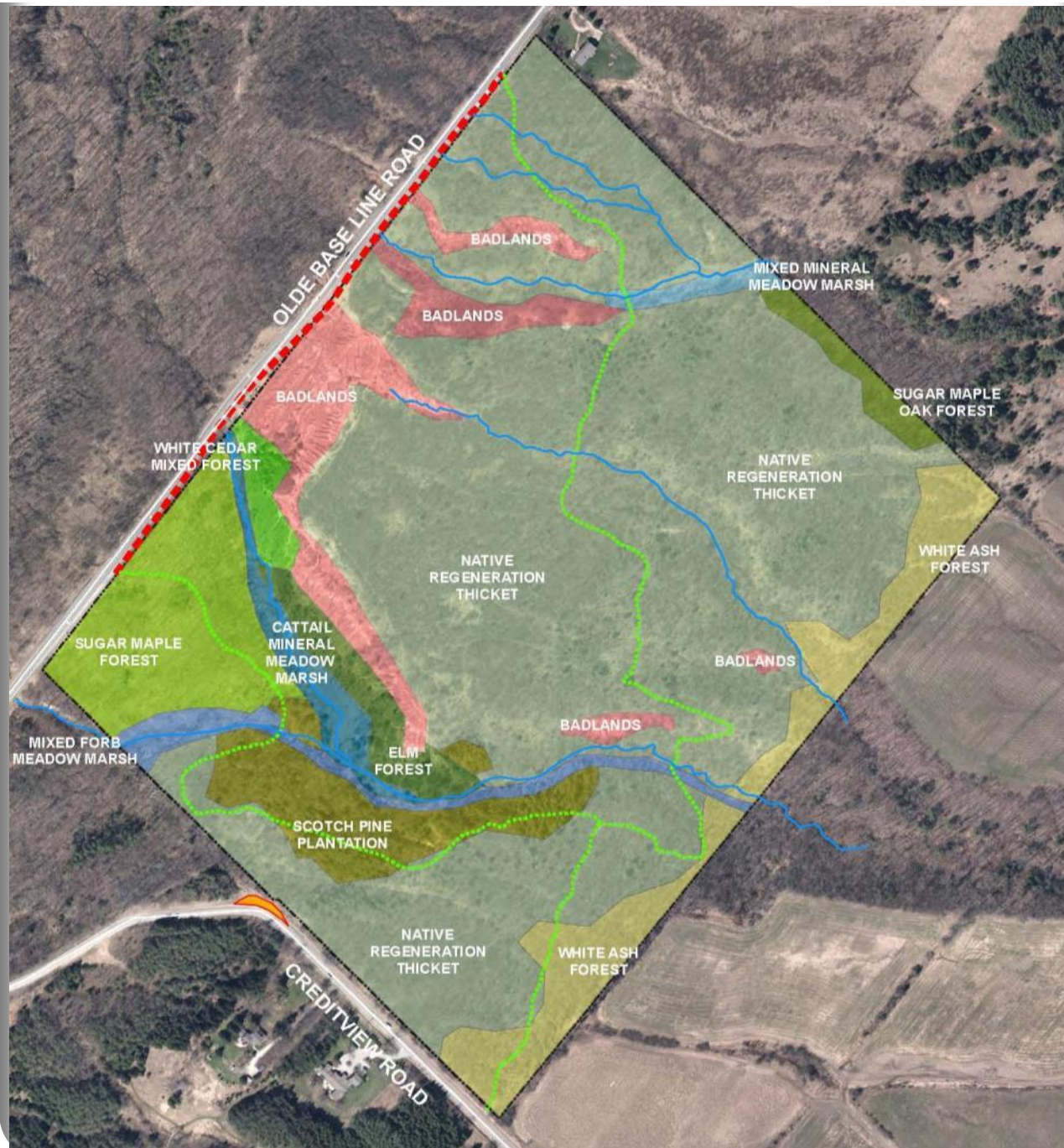
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












-  Site Boundary
-  Watercourse
-  Protection Fence
-  Bruce Trail
-  Informal Parking (Creditview Road)
-  Existing Informal Trail
-  Informal Trail
-  Unmapped Informal Trail Access

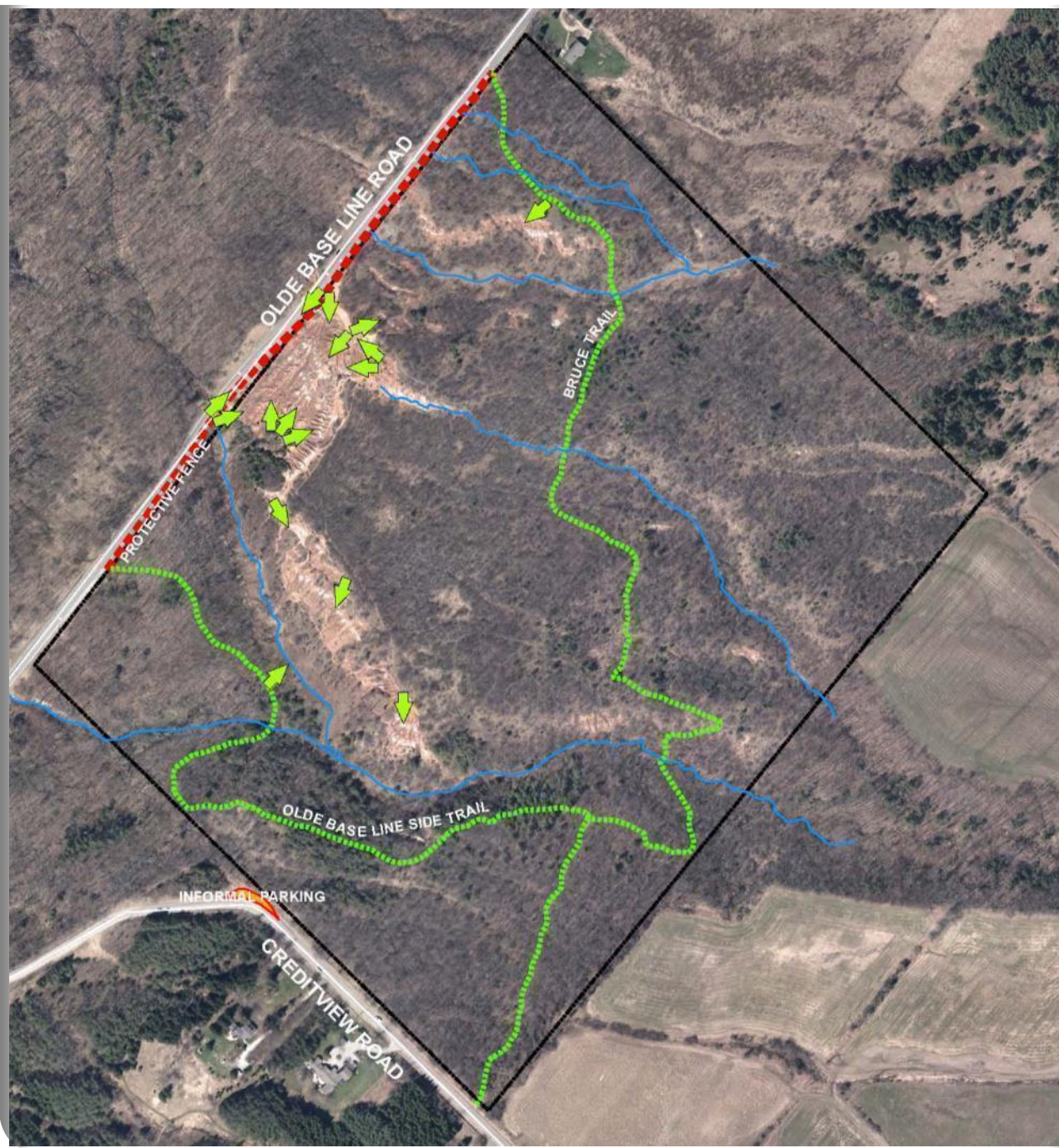
Vegetation







(Bruce Trail Conservancy)



-  Site Boundary
-  Watercourse
-  Protection Fence
-  Bruce Trail
-  Informal Parking (Creditview Road)
-  Badlands
-  Scotch Pine Plantation
-  White Ash Forest
-  Sugar Maple Forest
-  Sugar Maple-Oak Forest
-  White Cedar Forest
-  Cattail Meadow Marsh
-  Mixed Forb Meadow Marsh
-  Meadow Marsh
-  Regeneration Thicket
-  Elm Forest

Views



-  Site Boundary
-  Watercourse
-  Protection Fence
-  Bruce Trail
-  Informal Parking (Creditview Road)
-  Prominent View Point

Public Feedback Survey

Online survey, released in September 2015

Questions related to:

- Past use of the site (length of stay, time of year, mode of transportation, activities undertaken);
- Concerns over safety and environmental protection;
- Support for Principles to direct the Master Plan;
- Support for new amenities or improvements to the site.



Public Feedback Survey



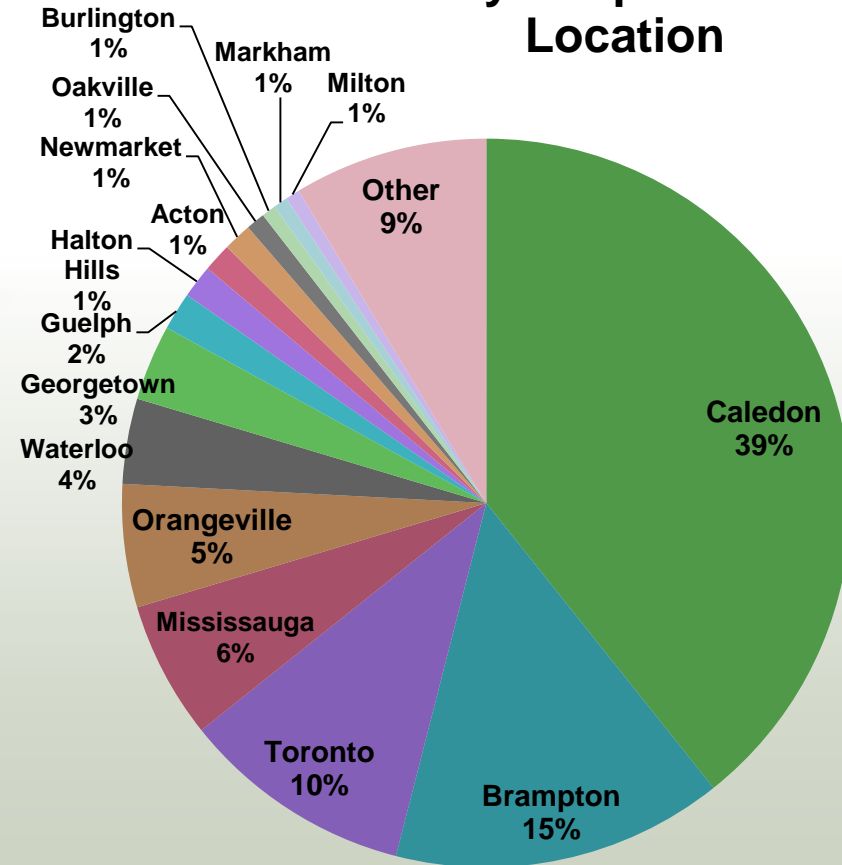
- **Media Release (article on Caledon Enterprise website)**
- **Advertised in 6 newspapers - Caledon (2), Mississauga, Brampton, Georgetown, Erin**
- **Links posted on Partner websites: OHT, BTC, Caledon Bruce Trail Club, Region of Peel**
- **Survey closes end of October 2015**

Public Feedback Survey Trends

Over 500 responses to date

- 39% from Caledon
- 15% from Brampton
- 6% from Mississauga
- 10% from Toronto
- 5% from Orangeville
- Responses from Quebec, Manitoba, Ottawa, BC

Survey Respondents by Location



Public Feedback Survey Trends

Time of year

- The majority of respondents visited the site between May and October.



Public Feedback Survey Trends

Length of stay

- The majority of respondents (67%) stayed 60 minutes or less, with 15% staying less than 15 minutes.
- A small percentage of respondents (3%) stayed 2 hours or more.



Public Feedback Survey Trends



Activities on the site

- Viewing/appreciation of the landscape was the most mentioned activity (83%), followed by:
 - Photography /videography (50%)
 - Hiking on the Bruce Trail (40%).
- Picnicking represented 5% of responses, along with stargazing and educational/research activities.

Public Feedback Survey Trends



Activities in the local area

- The most mentioned activity was ‘visiting local restaurants /food vendors’ (36%), followed by ‘other conservation/nature areas’ (34%) and ‘local shops/stores’ (28%).
- (18%) ‘visited friends and family’.
- (25%) ‘visited only the Cheltenham Badlands’
- (8%) ‘visited a sports/recreational site’ (e.g. golf, ski hill)
- Other activities mentioned included: hiking on the Bruce Trail or elsewhere, and fishing.

Public Feedback Survey Trends

Concern over safety

- The majority of respondents (78%) showed some level of concern (*Slightly Concerned, Concerned, Very Concerned*)
- (22%) were Not Concerned



Public Feedback Survey Trends

**Would you visit if access
was limited to viewing?**

- (62%) responded Yes
- (18%) responded No
- (20%) responded Unsure



Public Feedback Survey Trends

Potential amenities

Top ranked (*Important or Very Important*)

1. Reconfigured/improved trails and pathways (74%)
2. Observation decks/tower (69%)
3. Interpretive/educational installations (on-site) (57%) & Interactive zones (54%)
4. Park furniture (benches, garbage cans, bike racks) (52%)



Public Feedback Survey Trends

Support for principles

Percentage of respondents indicating that the principles were *Important* or *Very Important*

1. Conservation of the property's cultural and natural heritage values (90%)
2. Safety for all individuals who visit the site (77%)
3. Improved accessibility for those who wish to access the site (54%)
4. Enhanced opportunities for interpretation and public education (52%)





Questions?

Break-out Discussion

Please discuss the following questions at your table and appoint a *spokesperson* to report back to the group.

Break-out Discussion

A. On the page following there is a list of potential amenities/improvements for the Cheltenham Badlands site that have been suggested through previous discussions. Individually, please indicate your level of support for these features.

Are there other ideas that should be considered? List under Other.

B. As a group, compare your lists and record the top 3 supported items for reporting back to the room.

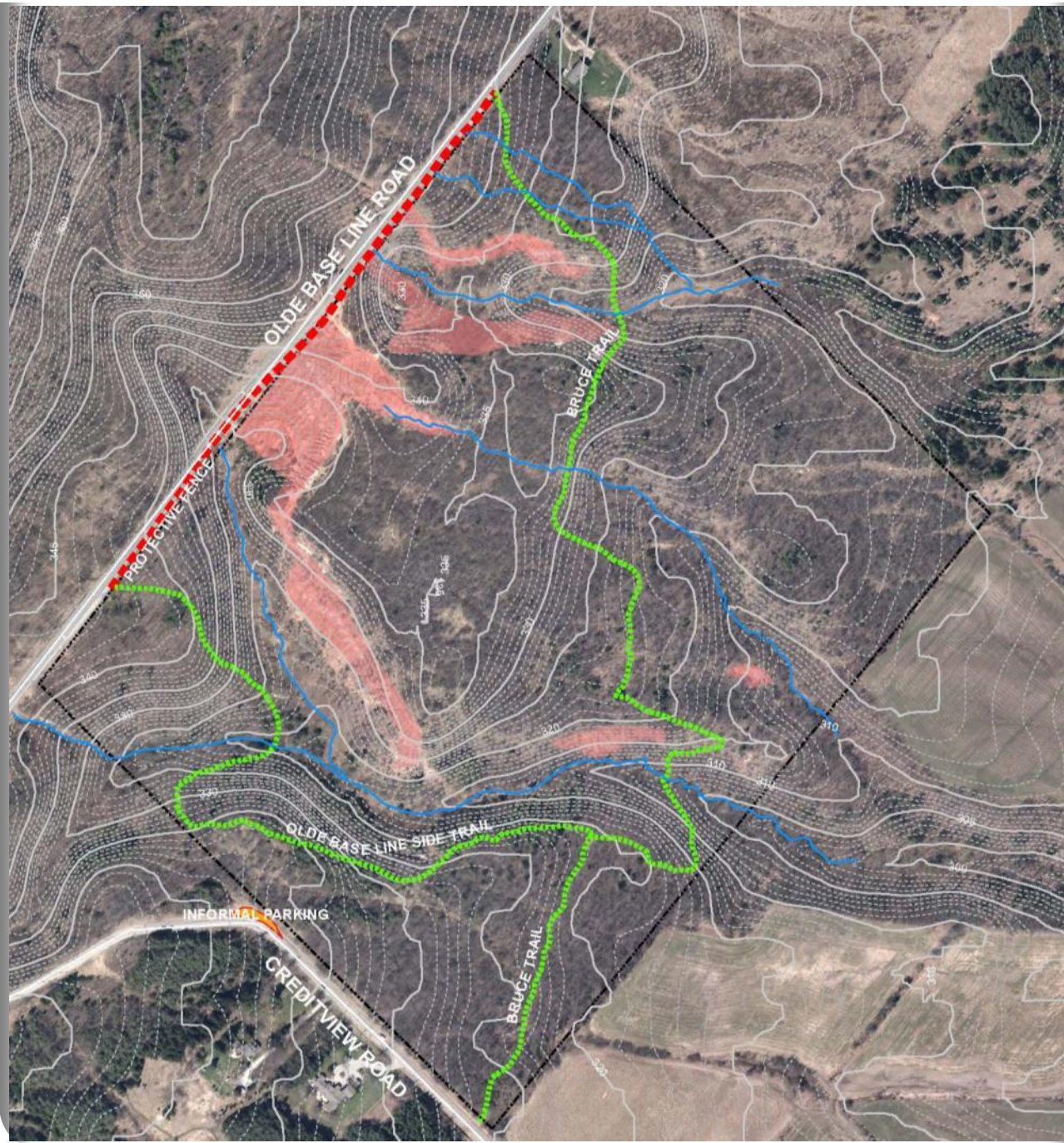
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

Using the sticky notes and coloured dots provided, suggest locations for potential site improvement or enhancements for the Cheltenham Badlands *on the maps* provided at your table.

You can also use the sticky notes to communicate *other ideas or issues* to the design team.

Reporting Back

Site



-  Site Boundary
-  Watercourse
-  Protection Fence
-  Bruce Trail
-  Informal Parking Area
-  Major Contour
-  Minor Contour

Next Steps

Closing and Summary of Public Survey (early November)

Completion of Inventory & Analysis Tasks (November)

Public Consultation Event #2 (January)

Wrap-up

To complete a Public Feedback Survey, fill in one of the survey forms and leave it with the Consultants or complete it online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CheltenhamBadlands>

Please provide your email address on the sign-in sheet if you wish to be notified of future public meetings.

If you wish to provide written comments about the Master Plan please send to programs@heritagetrust.on.ca

Thank-you for your participation!