



Via email

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October 18, 2021

Ms. Rankin:

**Re: Bradford Bypass
County Road 4 Interchange
Town of Bradford
County of Simcoe**

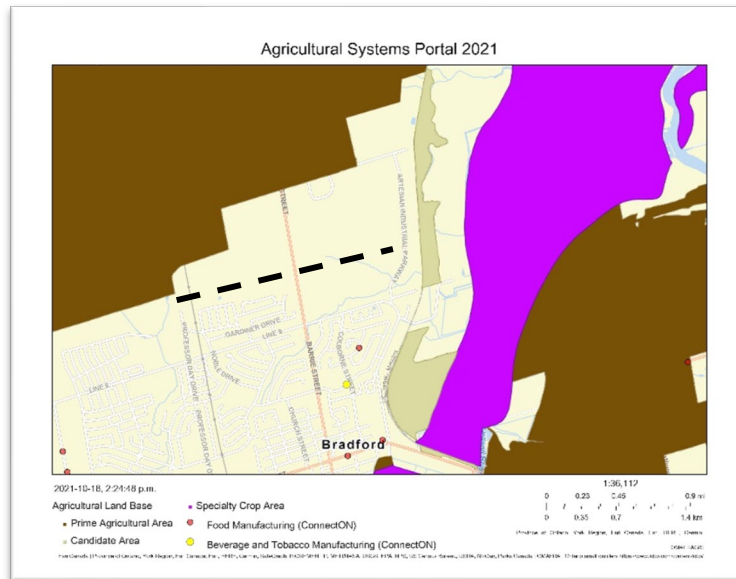
Further to our telephone conversations and subsequent emails, DBH Soil Services Inc. was retained to complete an Agricultural Impact Assessment for the Study Corridor of the proposed Bradford Bypass highway that will link Highway 400 to Highway 404.

Part of the agricultural assessment will be centered on the proposed interchange of County Road 4 and the proposed Bradford Bypass right-of-way. This letter report addresses the issue of agriculture at this location.

A review of the Agricultural Systems Portal (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)) was completed to determine the location of the interchange with respect to the Agricultural Land Base mapping. The Agricultural Land Base is part of the Agricultural System and includes mapping that has been completed by OMAFRA as part of an initiative to identify prime agricultural areas, specialty crop areas, and candidate areas.

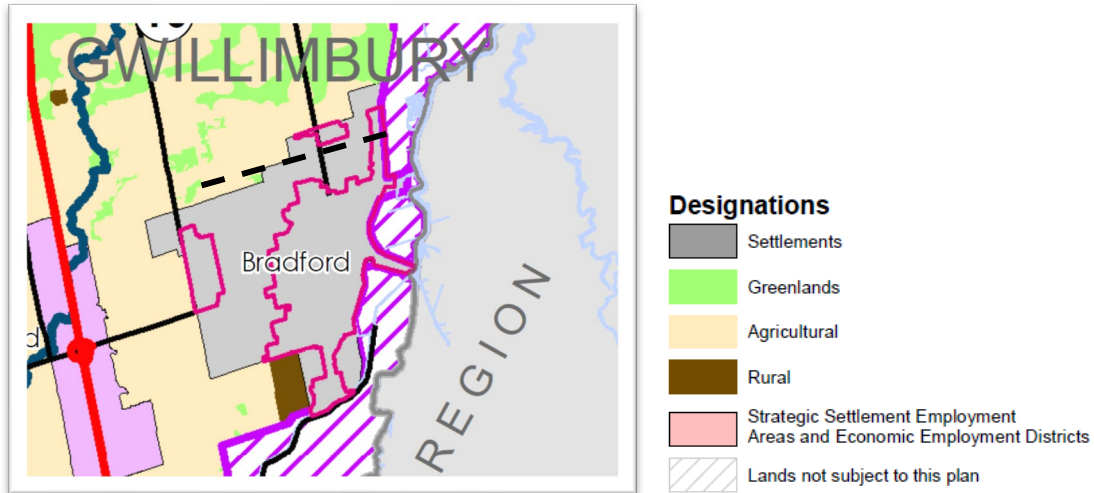
Figure 1 is an image from the Agricultural Systems Portal that illustrates the prime agricultural area, the candidate areas and the specialty crop areas near the proposed interchange at County Road 4. The dashed line represents the approximate location of the centre of the interchange at County Road 4. It is evident from this figure that the area of the interchange is not located within a Provincially defined agricultural area.

Figure 1 Agricultural Systems Portal Mapping



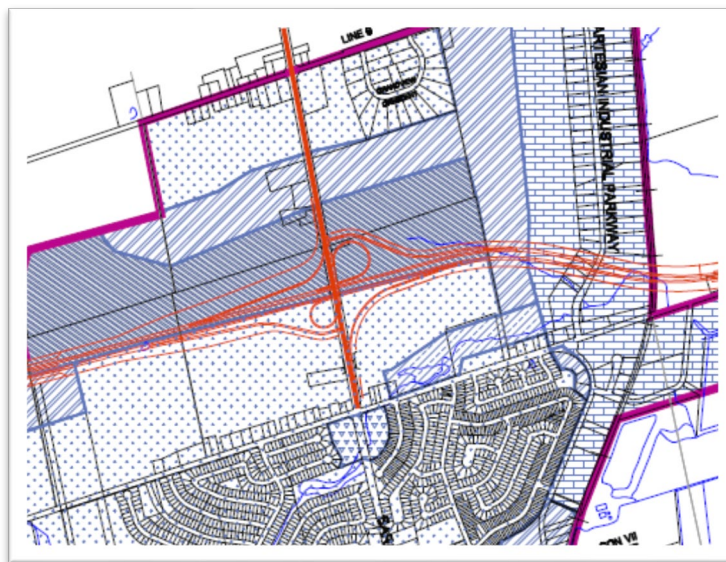
A further review was completed on the land use schedules for the County of Simcoe. Figure 2 illustrates a select portion of Schedule 5.1 - Land Use Designations of the County of Simcoe Official Plan (Approved by OMB Order dated December 29, 2016). The approximate location of the centre of the proposed interchange has been shown on Figure 2 as a dashed line. It is evident that the proposed interchange is located within a County identified Settlement area and is not considered as agricultural lands.

Figure 2 County of Simcoe Official Plan Schedule 5.1 Land Use Designations



A final review was completed on the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Official Plan (Office Consolidation August 1, 2010) Land Use Schedules. Figure 3 illustrates a select portion of Schedule B – Bradford Urban Area Land Use Designations, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury (Office Consolidation August 1, 2010). It is evident that the proposed interchange is located within the urban area of the Town of Bradford and is, therefore, non-agricultural land. The location of the proposed interchange is identified with red lines.

Figure 3 Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Official Plan Schedule B



Based on these reviews, it has been determined that the lands at the proposed location of the interchange at the proposed Bradford Bypass and County Road 4 are not located on any Provincially, County or Township designated



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agricultural lands.

I trust this information is helpful. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience at 519-578-9226.

Sincerely

DBH Soil Services Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Hodgson", written over a light gray rectangular background.

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