

What is a Heritage Conservation District Plan?

- Heritage conservation districts are areas whose cultural heritage value contributes to a sense of place extending beyond the individual buildings, structures, and landscapes.
- District plans enable a municipality to manage and guide future change in the District through the adoption of a district plan with policies and guidelines for conservation, protection and enhancement of the area's special character.
- A district plan is a comprehensive summary of the geographical boundaries of a heritage conservation district, its overall character, heritage attributes and its relationship with municipal land use planning policies. A district plan may begin by defining why a heritage conservation district is significant. It also provides policies and guidelines on how best to conserve, protect and enhance heritage attributes, and to guide future changes in the district. The plans can include both commercial and residential components.
- There are 45 designated properties in Millbrook – the most designated buildings per capita in Ontario.
- The basis of the request comes from the Township's Official Plan and Strategic Plan – Sections 1.3, 2.3, and 3.5 of the OP and Goal 3 – Action 6 of the Strategic Plan.
- Examples of heritage conservation district plans can be found in the City of Peterborough, the Town of Cobourg, the City of Kawartha Lakes and Scugog Township.