

1. What Is There Today

1.1.1 Project Context - *RNUP and Ontario Greenbelt*




The project envisions that the Pickering Federal Lands will become a strategic location between the Oak Ridges Moraine and Lake Ontario, serving as a critical ecological link between the Ontario Greenbelt and the wetland ecosystems along the lakeshore.

The site plays a pivotal role in connecting these diverse natural landscapes, facilitating the movement of wildlife and supporting the flow of ecological processes across the region.

This connection enhances the integrity of both upland and lowland habitats, promoting biodiversity and ensuring the sustainability of the surrounding environments. By bridging these key ecological areas, the Pickering Federal Lands contributes to the preservation of vital green spaces and the protection of the region's natural heritage, anchoring the area that supports the most productive economic region of the province and country, and supports the largest regional concentration of people.



LEGEND

-  Oak Ridges Moraine
-  Lake Ontario
-  Ontario Greenbelt