

NOTICE OF ADOPTION
PROPOSED AREA-WIDE NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM STRATEGY
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MANITOULIN

In accordance with Section 17(23) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended, this notice shall provide "Notice of Adoption" in respect of the proposed Official Plan Amendment (OPA), No. A-3, including a draft Natural Heritage System Strategy (NHSS) for the District of Manitoulin, adopted by the Manitoulin Planning Board on January 31st, 2023.

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Billings held a Public Meeting for the purposes of receiving public comments regarding the adoption of a Natural Heritage System Strategy (NHSS) on Tuesday, July 21st, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Billings Municipal Office.

The Township of Billings adopted the NHSS by By-law No. 2026-31

The Official Plan (OP) for the District of Manitoulin is a legal document that contains the goals, objectives and policies to manage and direct land-use changes and their effects on the cultural, social, economic and natural environment within the planning area. The OP was adopted by the Manitoulin Planning Board by By-law No. 2016-01, in 2016. The OP was approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) on October 29th, 2018, subject to several modifications. Modification No. 21. states that:

' Within the three years after the approval of the Official Plan, the Manitoulin Planning Board shall prepare an Area-Wide Natural Heritage System Strategy (NHSS). '

The Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) 2024 defines what a Natural Heritage System is. Under the 2024 PPS, Natural Heritage Systems must be identified in Ecoregions 5E, 6E and 7E. The Manitoulin Planning Area is located within region 6E.

A copy of the proposed OPA is available for review at the Billings Municipal Office and at the Manitoulin Planning Board Office.

DATED at the Town of Gore Bay
this 4th Day of August, 2026.

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