



2.0 INTERPRETATION

The Municipality of North Middlesex Council, appointed Committees, and Municipal staff shall be responsible for interpreting all aspects of the Plan. Where policies may reference specific issues of significance to the County or the Province, the interpretation of this Plan will be conducted in conjunction with Middlesex County. As the sections of the Plan are interrelated, the Plan shall be read and interpreted in its entirety. The following policies shall relate to the interpretation of the Official Plan.

- a) The boundaries between land uses designated on Schedule “A” are approximate except where they coincide with roads, rivers or other clearly defined physical features.
- b) Boundaries of Natural Heritage Features on Schedule “C” may be further refined through an Environmental Impact Study (EIS). Where the general intent of the Plan is maintained, minor adjustments to boundaries will not necessitate an amendment to this Plan.
- c) Any reference to numerical values such as quantity, area, density, or population shall be considered as approximate only and not absolute. Minor changes shall not necessitate an amendment to this Plan.
- d) In the case of a discrepancy between the policies in the text and related schedule, the policies in the text shall take precedence.
- e) Wherever a use is permitted in a designated area, it is intended that uses, buildings or structures normally incidental, accessory and/or essential to that use shall also be permitted.
- f) Municipal services and utilities shall be permitted in any land use designation.
- g) Where any Act or portion thereof is referenced in this Plan, it is intended that such references should be interpreted to include any subsequent legislation that may amend or replace the specific statute.
- h) The effect of this Plan is such that no municipal public works shall be undertaken, and no municipal by-law passed for any purpose, that does not conform to and comply with this Plan.
- i) Public works undertaken by all other levels of government or public agencies, including the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario and the County of Middlesex, shall also be



required to conform to this Plan, except where exempted under specific Federal or Provincial legislation.

- j) This Plan is required to conform to the Middlesex County Official Plan, and upon approval of this Plan is deemed to conform. The County Official Plan establishes matters that are to be considered within this Plan. Whereas the County Official Plan contains broad policies involving County responsibilities and Provincial interests, this Plan is intended to address local issues, unique characteristics and the special strategic goals and objectives of the Municipality of North Middlesex.
- k) Sections 2 through 10 inclusive are considered to be operative components of this Plan, except for Section 3.1. Section 3.1 may be updated and altered without an amendment to this Plan.
- l) The definitions assist in understanding the policies. The definitions provided in Appendix "A" do not form part of this Plan.
- m) The text and map provided in Appendix "B" assist in understanding of the Watershed Management Policies of this Plan. Appendix "B" does not form part of this Plan.