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On May 2, 2019, our Government released *A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019. A Place to Grow* addresses the needs of the Greater Golden Horseshoe's growing population, diversity, people and its local priorities. The Plan also aims to increase housing supply at a faster rate, attract new investments and jobs, maximize transit investments, and protect important environmental, employment and agricultural assets.

To achieve this, the Plan requires a standard methodology for land needs assessment as part of a broader growth management framework that looks at the local needs for long-term housing and employment related uses. A standard methodology for land needs assessment was released in May 2018. However, the recent policy changes have resulted in a need to review the methodology to ensure it reflects the priorities of our government and aligns with the policies in *A Place to Grow*.

To support this, and to ensure your input is heard as we review the methodology, the Ministry will be holding technical workshops to develop solutions and to move forward quickly given the methodology is a key component of municipal comprehensive review exercises.

Your expertise would be very helpful in providing meaningful insights into the methodology. We are looking for your technical input and feedback on how the methodology can better address some of the concerns raised in meeting our growth management objectives. Further information on the workshops will be provided shortly.

If you have any questions, please contact Cordelia Clarke Julien, Assistant Deputy Minister at the Ontario Growth Secretariat, by email at <a href="mailto:Cordelia.ClarkeJulien@ontario.ca">Cordelia.ClarkeJulien@ontario.ca</a> or telephone at (416) 325-5803.

Thank you for your continued engagement as we work together to support growth in the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

Sincerely,

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