



Mississippi Mills 2048

Our Community, Our Future

Municipalities Grow
and Change Over Time

How and Why Does
Growth Happen?

*Learn how the Mississippi Mills
2048 Project plays a role in the
growth of the Municipality →*





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1 The Demographic Forces Driving Growth:

- Growth is heavily driven by demographic factors such as birthrates, life expectancy and migration.
- Demographic changes happen both naturally and as a result of policy decisions made by the Federal and Provincial governments.



Natural Demographic Changes:

People in our Municipality have children and growing families! When young people grow up and want to stay in our Municipality, they also need places to live!



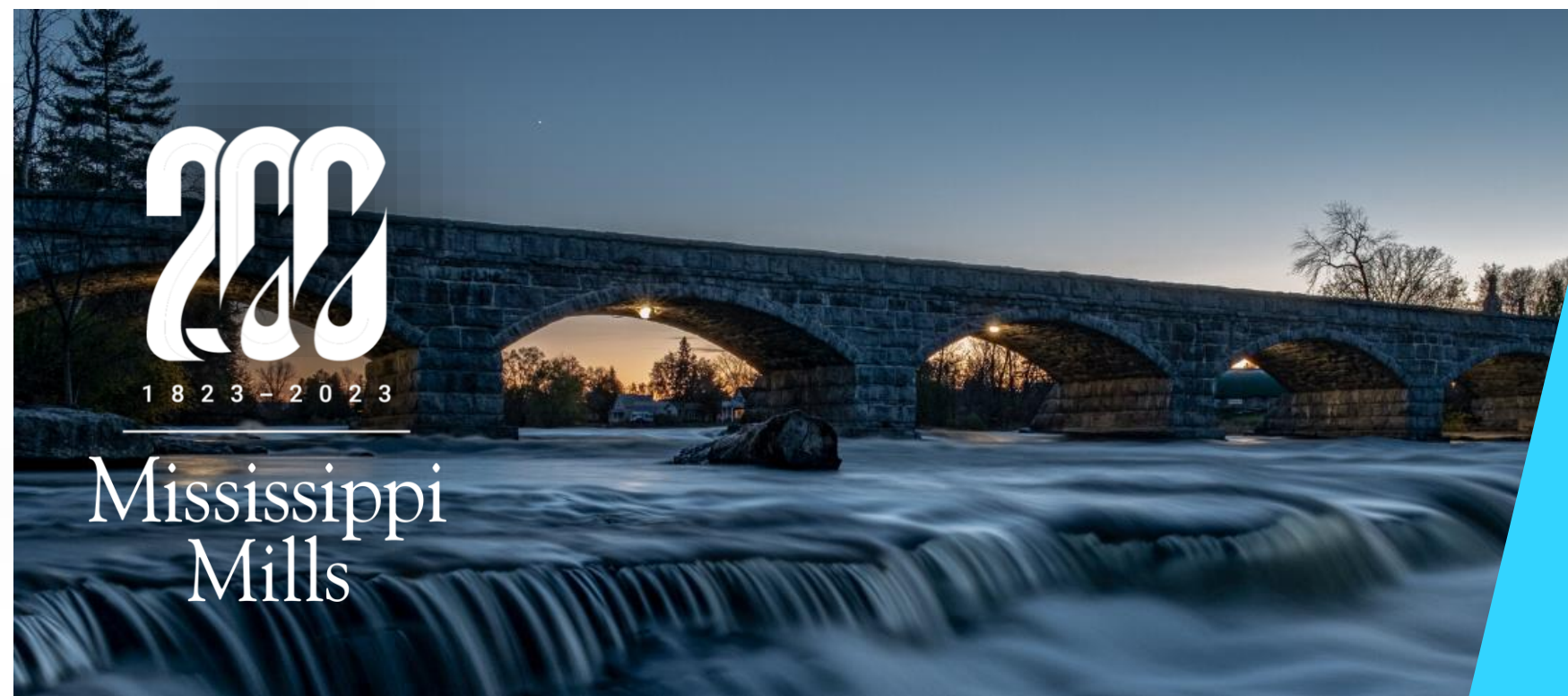
People Moving From Other Places in Ontario and From Other Places in Canada:

Our Municipality is an attractive place to live! More people from bigger cities like Ottawa are moving to places like Mississippi Mills.



Federal Immigration Policies:

Natural growth in Canada has been declining. If we want to continue prospering economically, immigration can provide us with the human resources needed to do so.



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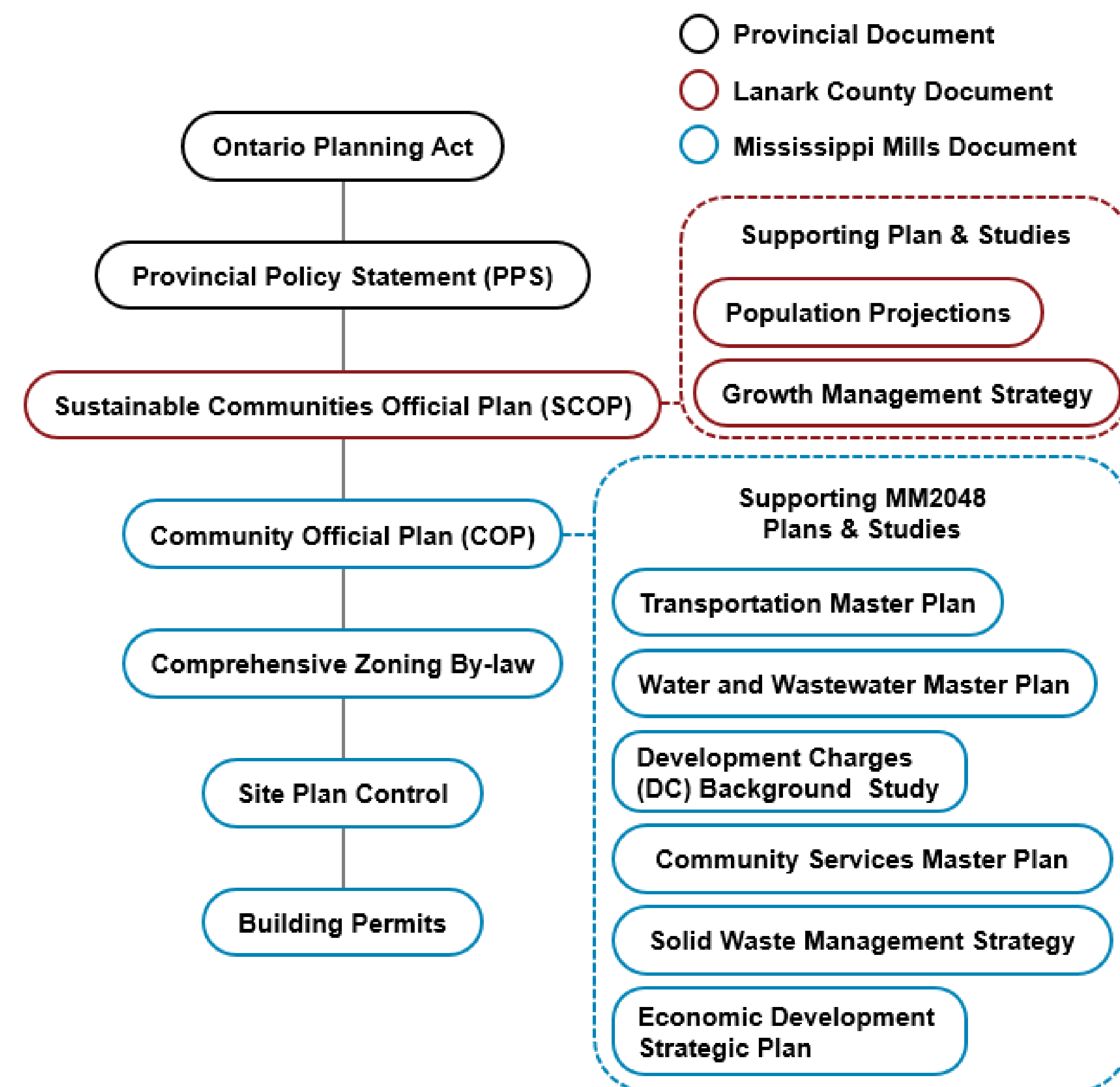
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2 The Province's Role in Planning For Growth:

- Municipalities in Ontario are created by the Province; this means that Provincial Governments have a big say in how municipalities are run and how they grow.
- Ontario has a planning framework that is driven by Provincial policies. There is a “hierarchy” of planning documents that spell out how planning and growth happen; this “hierarchy” affects all levels of planning from the Province, to the counties and municipality, all the way down to each individual property.
- The Province uses data to predict how the population will grow; they share this data with counties and municipalities
- **The Province has directed municipalities to plan ahead in order to accommodate population growth 25 years into the future.**



Ontario's “Planning Hierarchy”



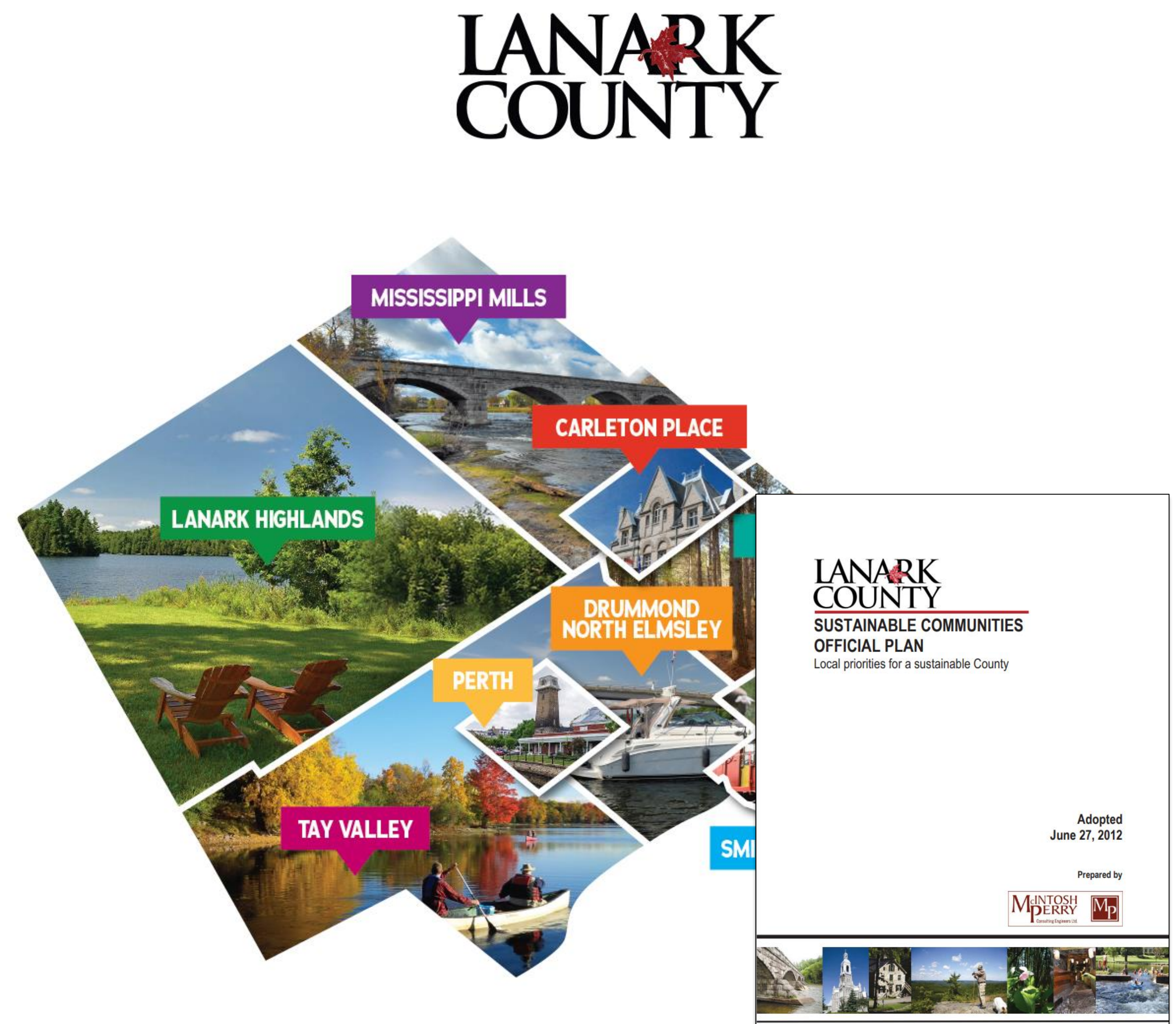


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3 The County's Role in Planning For Growth:

- Lanark County is the upper tier government for our area; because they are higher up on the chain, their policies and decisions regarding growth affect our growth locally.
- The Province requires that Lanark County adopt a county official plan that provides a vision for future growth and guides the physical development and use of land over the long-term.
- Lanark County adopted **the Sustainable Communities Official Plan (SCOP) which sets settlement area boundaries for municipalities in the County and allocates a share of the County's projected growth to each municipality.**
- Lanark County is currently working on new population projections and a new Growth Management Strategy based on the required 25-year timeframe (to 2048) that will lead to an updated SCOP with new policy directives for the Municipality of Mississippi Mills to follow.





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4 The Municipality's Role in Planning and the Mississippi Mills 2048 Project:

- The Municipality is required to accommodate our share of the County's projected growth that the County assigns to us. Although we don't know exactly what this share is yet, we do know that growth is coming.
- As part of the Mississippi Mills 2048 project, we are looking at local population projections for 2048.
- Growth can happen in a number of ways; it can be through expansions to the settlement area boundaries for Almonte, through "as of right" intensification, or through changes in our local policies about density and growth management.
- Changes to the way we grow happen through amendments to our local official plan, the Community Official Plan (COP). While changes to the COP are being proposed, the changes that are a part of the Mississippi Mills 2048 project right now are not about settlement boundary expansions.
- **The Mississippi Mills 2048 project is a series of technical plans and studies that will provide local decision makers with information about infrastructure opportunities and constraints; in turn, this will help inform future plans for growth. The Mississippi Mills 2048 project itself is not a plan for growth.**

