

# The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and Municipal Planning



## Lake Links

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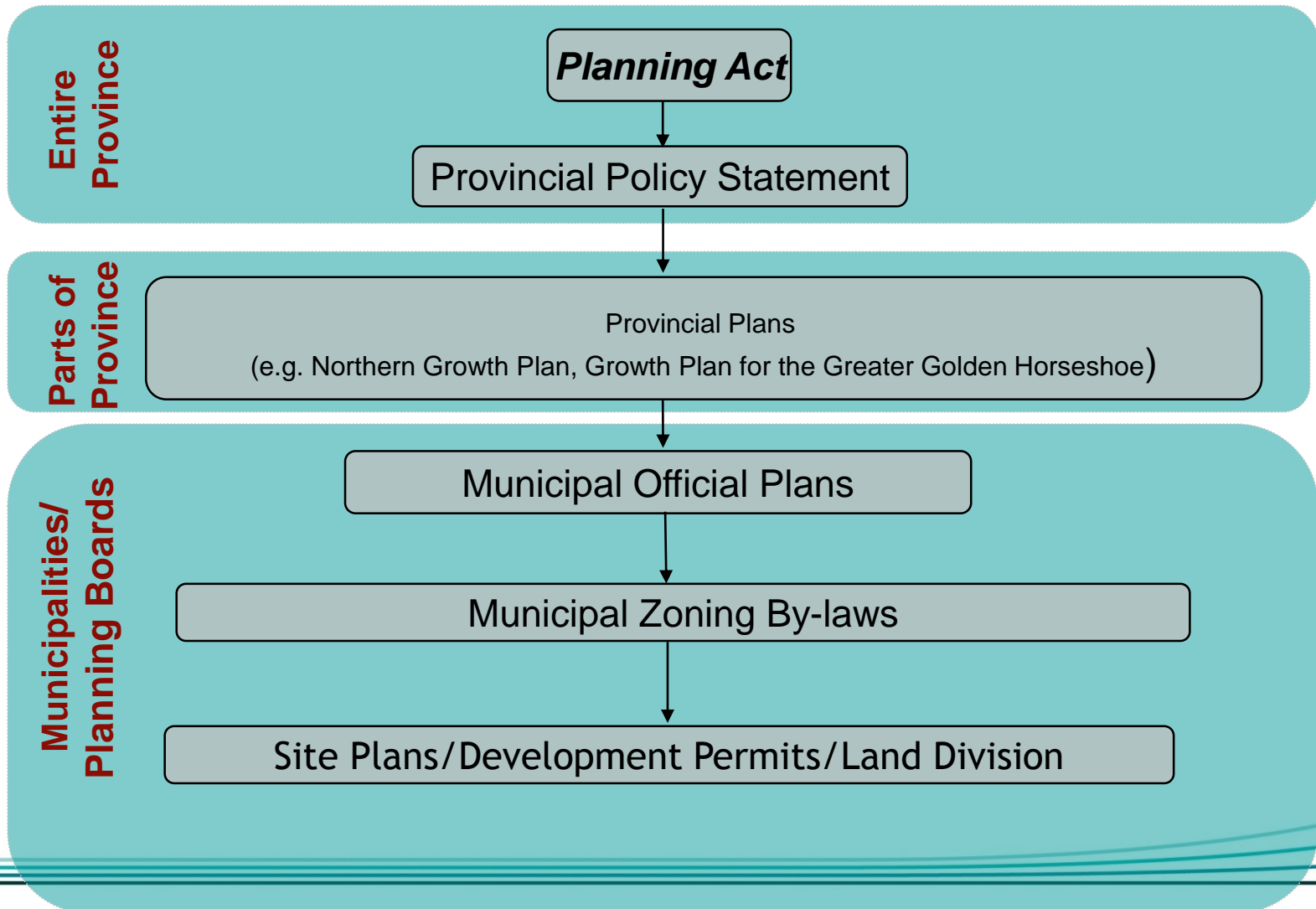
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# Presentation Outline

- Ontario's Planning System
- MNRF's role in planning
- Endangered Species Act
- Public Lands Act
- Stewardship

# Ontario's Planning System



# Planning Act Approval Authority

Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMA) is the Planning Act decision-maker for the province

- MMA coordinates review of applications with partner ministries and provides “One Window” service to municipalities

Most Planning Act decisions are the responsibility of the municipality

- Partner ministries and MMA may provide technical information and expertise on a planning application, during any part of the application review.



# Municipal Plan Review (MPR)

- Ministries provide technical advice, guidance and information
  - Not provincial opinion – only provided through MAA
  - Ex. guidance on how to interpret negative impact but not whether there is a negative impact
- Municipalities use in-house expertise, peer reviews, or consultants to help ensure decisions conform with OP and are consistent with the PPS
- Municipalities are responsible for ensuring provincial interests are reflected in planning decisions

# Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry (MNR)



**Protecting and sustainably managing the province's diverse natural resources**



**Supporting Ontario's economic prosperity**



**Environmental sustainability**



**Quality of life**



# Provincial Interests (MNR/F)

## Natural Heritage

- Natural heritage system
- Significant Woodlands
- Significant Valleylands
- Significant Wildlife Habitat
- Wetlands
- ANSIs
- Fish Habitat
- Habitat of End. & Threatened Species

## Non-renewable Resources

- Mineral Aggregate

## Protecting Public Health & Safety

- Natural Hazards

# MNRF's Role in MPR

- Technical advice
- Information regarding natural heritage & natural resources features
  - Location of PSWs, ANSIs, significant woodlands, significant wildlife habitat, fish habitat, etc.
- Updating information/mapping as necessary
- Support/education with MNRF guidance documents





# Endangered Species Act

- The MNRF is responsible for administering the ESA, 2007
- No person shall:
  - Harm or harass
  - Damage or destroy the habitat of threatened/endangered species at risk
- Permit may be required



Blanding's Turtle (Threatened)

# Public Lands Act

On shorelines, work permits are required to:

- Dredge shore lands;
- Fill shore lands;
- Remove aquatic vegetation;
- Structures in contact with more than 15 square metres of shore lands.

No work permit if:

- Inconsistent with OP, PPS, or threat to public safety or natural resource (flora/fauna)

# MNRF Encourages Stewardship

- Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program
  - 100% property tax exemption for land that has important natural heritage features
  - PSWs, ANSIs, and some endangered species habitat
- Managed Forest Incentive Program
  - Landowners with 'Managed Forest' pay 25% of the municipal tax rate
  - Must prepare and follow a 10-year Managed Forest Plan

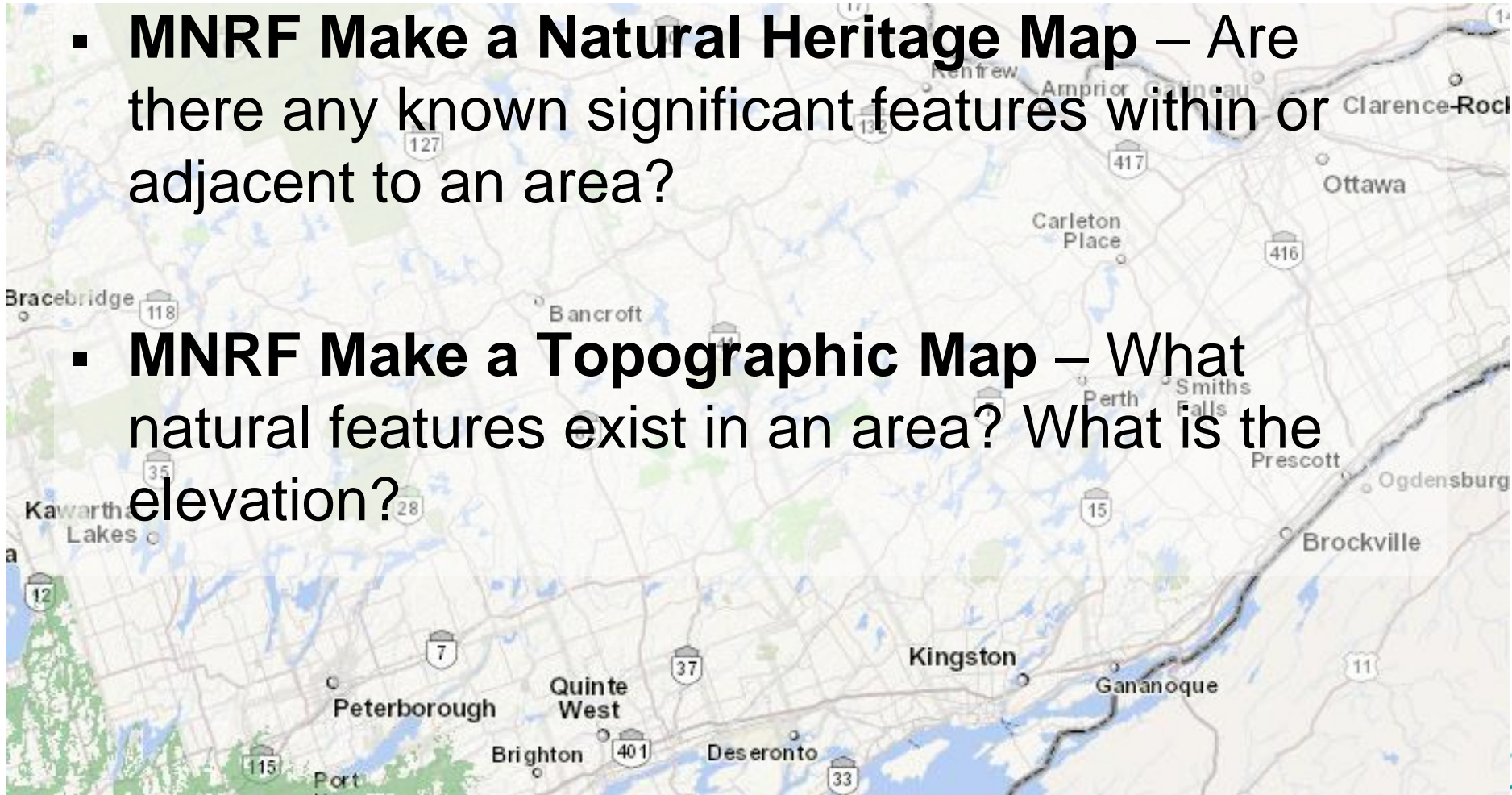
# When To Contact MNRF

- Questions/technical advice regarding data for natural heritage features or resources
  - Property specific information: Info Request – [kemptville.inforequest@ontario.ca](mailto:kemptville.inforequest@ontario.ca)
  - Bancroft, Peterborough, Renfrew – direct to the District Planner
- Information regarding Endangered Species Act, 2007
- Request review of submissions (e.g. reports, draft plans)

# Information Sources and Mapping Tools

- **MNRF Make a Natural Heritage Map** – Are there any known significant features within or adjacent to an area?

- **MNRF Make a Topographic Map** – What natural features exist in an area? What is the elevation?



# Thank you

## Questions?

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