

**Hierarchy of Greenspace Protections in the City of Ottawa's New Official Plan
Analysis by the Greenspace Alliance of Canada's Capital**

Maintain and improve + Lot creation, development and site alteration prohibited + 120m restricted buffer

Urban Significant Wetland part of the Natural Heritage System
Rural Significant Wetland part of the Natural Heritage System
Rural Natural Environment Area part of the Natural Heritage System

Maintain and improve + Lot creation, development and site alteration prohibited + 30m restricted buffer

Urban Natural Feature part of the Natural Heritage System

Lot creation, development and site alteration prohibited + 120m restricted buffer

Urban Significant Wetland not part of the Natural Heritage System
Rural Significant Wetland not part of the Natural Heritage System
Rural Natural Environment Area not part of the Natural Heritage System

Lot creation, development and site alteration prohibited + 30m restricted buffer

Urban Natural Feature, not part of the Natural Heritage System

Maintain and improve + Lot creation prohibited, No negative impact from development or site alteration, EIS required

Urban Natural Heritage feature part of the Natural Heritage System other than Urban Natural Features or Significant Wetlands
Rural Natural Heritage feature part of the Natural Heritage System other than Significant Wetlands, Natural Environment Areas and Conservation Areas

Lot creation prohibited, No negative impact from development or site alteration, EIS required

Urban Natural Heritage feature not part of the Natural Heritage System other than Urban Natural Features or Significant Wetlands
Rural Natural Heritage feature not part of the Natural Heritage System other than Significant Wetlands, Natural Environment Areas and Conservation Areas

No net loss from development or site alteration

Rural wetlands, other than Significant Wetlands

Rural forest cover, other than Significant Woodlands

Option to purchase

Urban passive Open Spaces other than hydro corridors, SWM facilities, capital greenspace and stream bank setbacks

Lot creation prohibited, restrictions on disposal

Urban and rural parks

Lot creation prohibited

Urban Open Spaces

Commitment to protect

All

Outside or competing City authority to protect

As per operator policies	Hydro Corridors
As per City infrastructure policies	Storm Water Management Facilities
As per federal policies	Capital greenspace
As per Conservation Authority policies	Passive open space, stream banks setbacks
As per enabling legislation, otherwise considered a NEA	Conservation areas