

GARDEN TOWNSHIP VISION STATEMENT

Mulmur will be a Garden Township, committed to protecting the environment and agriculture, and providing for balanced and sustainable development while nurturing its rural character.

DEFINITION OF GARDEN TOWNSHIP

Garden Township means an area dominated by its natural landscape, with various focal points, settlement areas and cultivated lands. A garden township provides for a range of amenities to remain a desirable, safe, prosperous and natural place for its residents to live, work, learn, and play.

RURAL CHARACTER DEFINITION

Rural Character means the landscape established through preferred patterns of land use that prioritize agriculture, natural environments, and low-density development to facilitate a serene lifestyle. Rural Character within settlement areas means establishing the perception of a natural landscape through the strategic preservation and placement of natural elements within the built environment.

POLICY TO SUPPORT GARDEN TOWNSHIP & RURAL CHARACTER

Mulmur will preserve the scenic resources and *rural character* of the Township. A visual impact assessment shall be required for any development proposals under the Planning Act where there is a potential for visual impacts (~~including but not limited to scale, design, architecture, movement, height, etc.~~) to ensure that the built form does not predominate over the natural environment. The Township will limit light pollution and conserve energy by protecting a *dark sky*. A lighting study shall be required for development proposals under the Planning Act where there is a potential for dark-sky infringement.