

Ontario's Crown Land Use Policy Atlas

Quick Reference Guide



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Background

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has created an online tool called *Ontario's Crown Land Use Policy Atlas* (CLUPA) that allows you to search for Crown land and area-specific Crown land use policies. The CLUPA contains a lot of important information regarding the location and uses of Crown land in Ontario and can be extremely valuable for anglers and hunters. Unfortunately, the comprehensive nature of the CLUPA can make it very challenging to use effectively and attain its full value (especially for those individuals who are not proficient with computers). The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) has created this document, the ***Quick Reference Guide to Using Ontario's Crown Land Use Policy Atlas***, to provide our members with quick reference information on how to use CLUPA when searching for Crown land for hunting and fishing.

This Guide is not intended to be a CLUPA user's manual. Instead, the following Basic How-to Steps will provide an overview of the CLUPA's primary features and how to use them to find Crown land hunting and fishing areas. Please use the CLUPA *Help* function or contact the MNR with specific questions.

The CLUPA can be found using the following URL:

http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/LUEPS/2ColumnSubPage/STDU_137972.html

(Tip: press and hold Ctrl key and click on link above to access site directly)

The Basic How-to Steps

1. Once you have navigated to Crown Land Use Policy Atlas webpage (see link above) you are provided with links to three tools (map browser, policy report search & amendment search). Click on "map browser" (A) and a map of Ontario will be displayed with the terms and agreements displayed in a box on the left hand side. Once you have read and understood the terms and agreements you can close this box and your screen should look similar to the Figure 1 (below).

The screenshot displays the website's layout. On the left, a sidebar contains a navigation menu with 'The Map Browser' highlighted by a red box and labeled 'A'. Below the menu is a list of components: 'The Map Browser', 'The Policy Report Search Tool', and 'The Land Use Amendment Search Tool'. A text box on the right provides information for hikers, campers, bird-watchers, anglers, and hunters, listing activities like Camping, Fishing, Hunting, Outdoor Recreation, and Buying Crown Land. The main content area features a map of Ontario with various land use designations. The top navigation bar includes 'Welcome', 'Bookmarks', 'Map Layers', 'Find Information', and 'Markup and Printing'. The bottom of the page has links for 'ACCESSIBILITY', 'PRIVACY', and 'IMPORTANT NOTICES'.

Figure 1: The crown land use policy atlas home page and map browser home screen.

- There are a number of ways you can interact with the map by using specific tools.
 - The zoom function is located on the top left corner of the map (A). This function will allow you to magnify the area of interest by clicking the + button or to de-magnify by clicking the – button.
 - When you move the mouse over the map, you will notice that it becomes a hand symbol (B). By left clicking your mouse and holding it down you can then drag the map left, right, up and down. This will allow you to move the map to the desired area as you zoom in/out (A).
 - There are five tabs located at the top of the map. For the purposes of this guide, we will only focus on two tabs, “map layers” and “find information” (C).

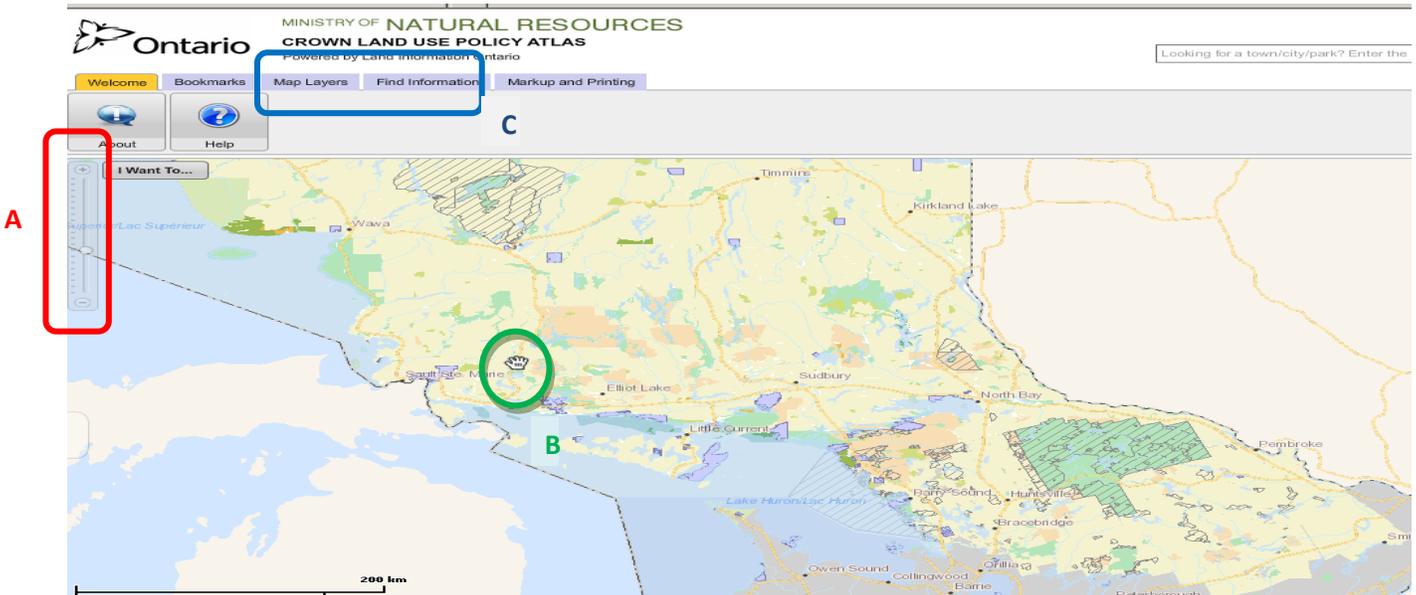


Figure 2: The Interactive Web Browser for the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas.

- Once you click on the “map layers” tab (A) two boxes will appear directly below the tabs, along with a larger window in the left portion of the map screen. By clicking on the “legend” box (B) a description of what each colour on the map means will be displayed (C). *Note, there is no “crown land” colour, instead the various types of land uses in Ontario are displayed. The dark gray colour indicates private land.

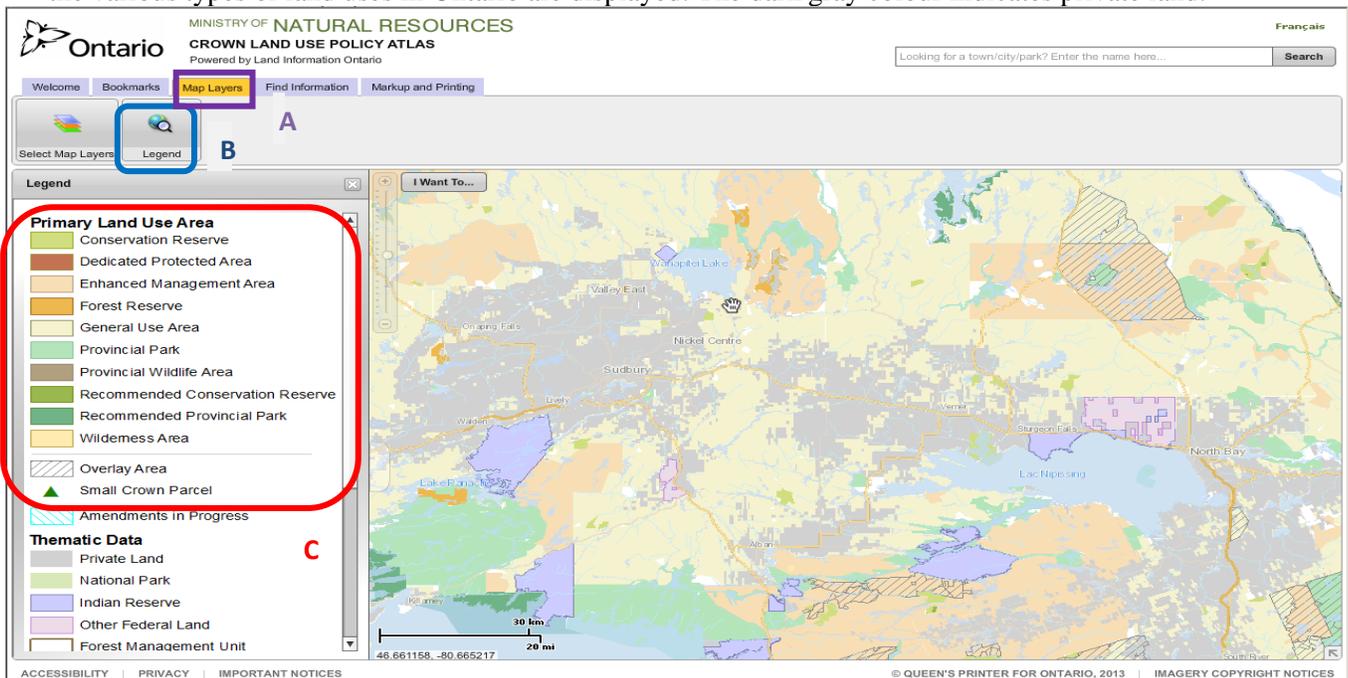


Figure 3: The Interactive Web Browser for the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas illustrating the Legend tab.

4. Once you zoom in on the area that you would like information for, there are a few options available to retrieve the land use information. This guide will only go into detail on one way to access land use information in a specific area of the map.

- Click on the “find information” tab (A) at the top of the map. This will bring up four boxes directly under the tabs.
- Click on the “get land use information” (B) box. A blue dot and recycle bin will appear in the window on the left of the map. When you place the mouse over the map (without clicking anything) you will see the blue dot at the tip of the mouse icon (C).
- Move the blue dot at the tip of the mouse icon over the area of interest and left click. You will see “primary land use area” information appear in the window on the left (D). The policy Id, general name of area, land use type (e.g. general use), size of area the policy covers, the district the area is located in and an attachment to the policy report will be displayed.
- You will need to read the “Policy Report” for this area to determine what types of activities are permitted on this crown land. To access the report click either the “English or French” buttons in the window (E). This will open a new window with the report displayed.

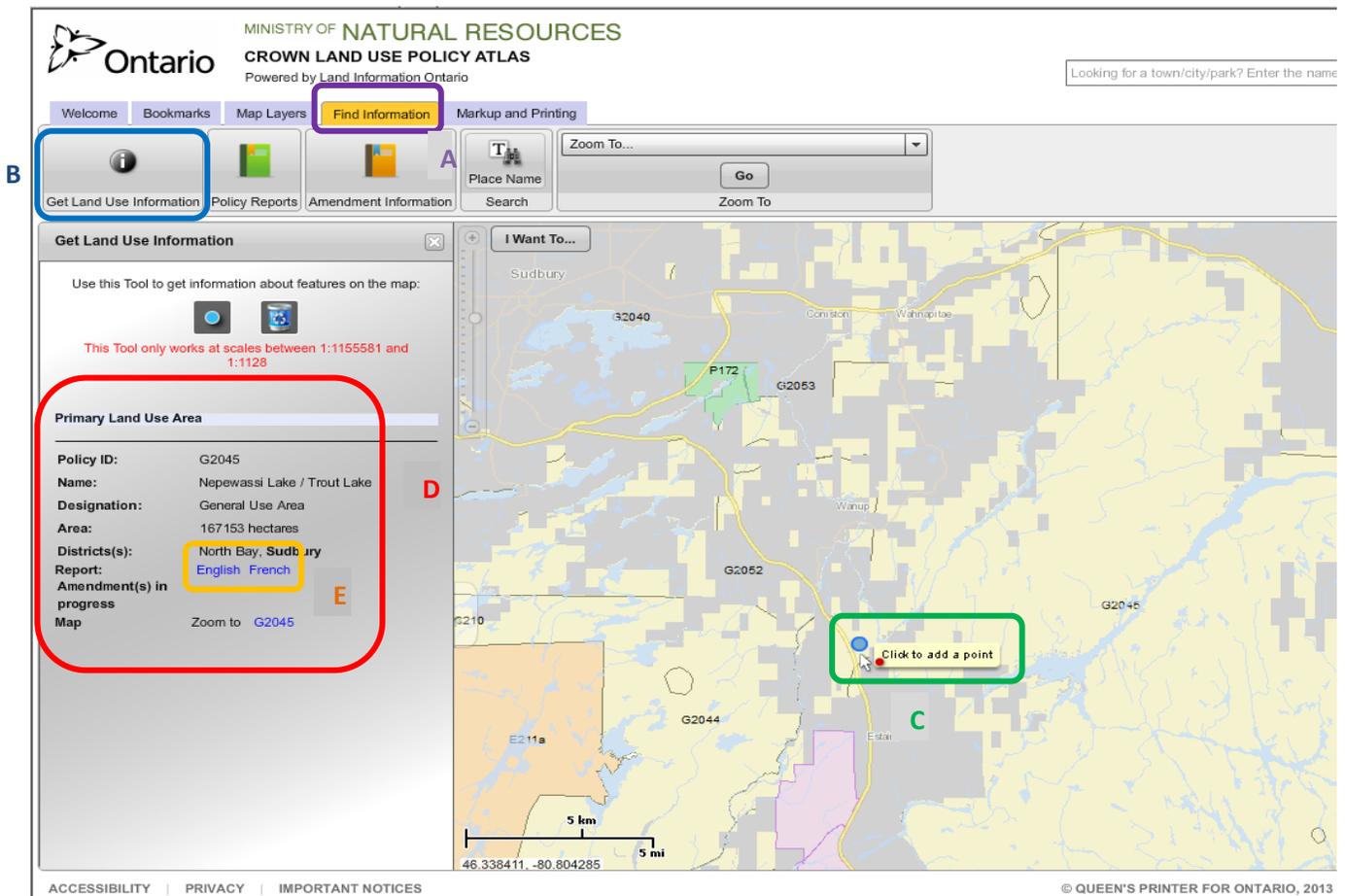


Figure 4: The Interactive Web Browser for the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas illustrating the Find Information tab.

- After clicking on either “English or French” in the window to the left of the map, a new screen will pop up with the policy report displayed. Near the end of the report, you will see a series of tables. The information of most interest to OFAH members (hunting and fishing) can be located in the “Recreational Activities and Facilities” table (A). An example of the full policy report can be found in *Appendix 1*.

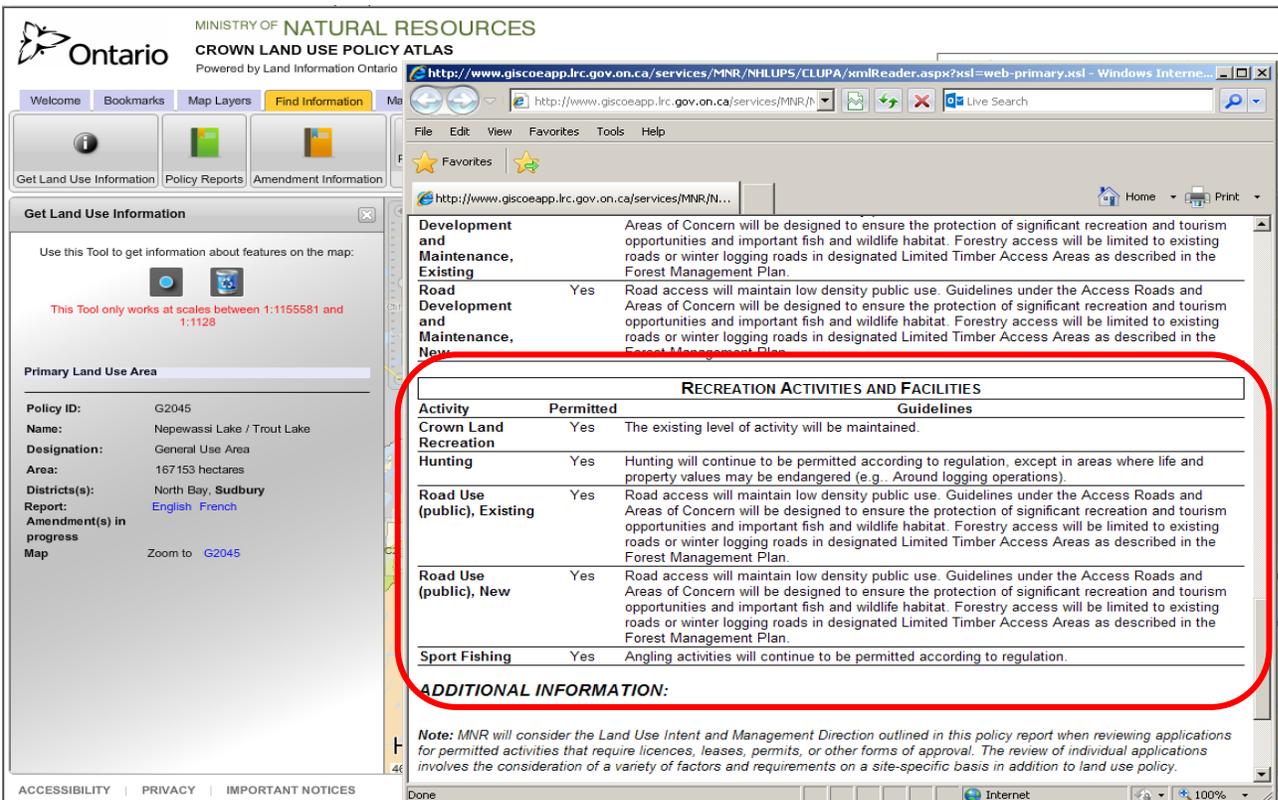


Figure 5: The Interactive Web Browser for the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas illustrating the Policy report for some crown land.

- Please note that this is not an exhaustive guide for the use of the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas (CLUPA). This guide was developed by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters to support their members in locating crown land in Ontario. The CLUPA is a great tool and has much more functionality than described in this guide.

If you have any questions about this Guide or using the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas, please contact:

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Appendix 1: Policy report example from the Ontario Crown land Use Policy Atlas



Ministry of Natural Resources

Crown Land Use Policy Atlas

Policy Report

G2045: Nepewassi Lake / Trout Lake

ID: G2045

Area Name: Nepewassi Lake / Trout Lake

Designation: General Use Area

District(s): North Bay , Sudbury

Area (hectares): 167153

Date Policy Report Last Updated: January 31, 2006

DESCRIPTION:

This area extends east of the Wanapitei River and is predominantly held under Crown ownership. Crown land in the area is under sustainable forest licence (SFL) primarily to supply wood-using mills in the area. Commercial tourism and seasonal residential development have focused on the recreational opportunities afforded by Trout and Nepewassi Lakes and the waters locally referred to as the West Arm of Lake Nipissing. The east side of the area abuts Mashkinonje Provincial Park. This area is also part of an important migratory waterfowl nesting area. Several blue heron nesting sites have also been identified in this area.

The development potential of the West Arm of Lake Nipissing is partially limited by the lack of deep soils which restrict garbage and sewage disposal, and by flooding primarily associated with water fluctuations on Lake Nipissing.

A portion of this area is located within the Great Lakes Heritage Coast Signature Site, one of 9 such areas featured in the Ontario's Living Legacy Land Use Strategy (1999). Signature Sites are identified for their range of natural and recreational values and their potential to contribute to future recreation and tourism.

This area contains lake(s) designated for lake trout management. For a current list of designated lakes associated with this area, refer to the Lake Trout Lake Search Index accessible via the 'Source of Direction' portion of this policy report.

LAND USE INTENT:

Multiple use will continue to dominate the resource management efforts on Crown land throughout this area. Resource extraction for timber harvesting, mineral exploration and development, aggregate extraction, fish and wildlife management and general recreation will be the primary uses.

Trout lake will be managed to maintain a naturally sustaining lake trout population.

Management of this area is also governed by the general policies contained in Sudbury District Guidelines (1983).

MANAGEMENT DIRECTION:

In addition to provincial and regional policies, the following local policies will apply to the management of Natural lake trout lakes:

120 metre Area of Concern will be applied

forest management activities may be permitted within the Area of Concern subject to concerns for erosion/sedimentation and the protection of lake trout habitat.

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Permitted	Guidelines
Aggregate Extraction	Yes	Existing commercial quarry operations will continue to be permitted. Any aggregate deposits discovered in this area will be considered critical to meet local area demand. Small deposits will be developed as local wayside pits; larger deposits will be designated under area 16.
Bait Fishing	Yes	The existing level of activity will continue to be permitted. Additional operations will be considered, on a case by-case basis, wherever supplies are available.
Commercial Fishing	No	
Commercial Fur Harvesting	Yes	Trapping will continue to be permitted. Efforts will be made to increase harvests to achieve quota levels.
Commercial Hydro Development	Yes	
Commercial Power Generation Development	Yes	
Commercial Timber Harvest	Yes	Subject to conditions to protect the land use intent of the area, forest management activities, including commercial timber harvest are permitted in accordance with the strategies, prescriptions and conditions contained in the currently approved FMP. Operating and annual plans will contain guidelines for the protection of tourism and recreation values and fish and wildlife habitat.
Mineral Exploration and Development	Yes	
Peat Extraction	Yes	
Wild Rice Harvesting	No	

LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Activity	Permitted	Guidelines
Crown Land Disposition	Maybe	There are significant restrictions on land disposition on designated lake trout lakes. See specific direction in Crown land disposition policy (PL 4.02.01 Appendix A).
Crown Land Disposition, Agriculture	No	
Crown Land Disposition, Cottaging	Yes	The development potential for remote cottages will require further assessment. Existing cottage development is permitted.
Crown Land Disposition, Rural	Yes	Existing rural residential development will continue to be permitted. MNR will continue to support the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Policy concerning further residential development in the area covered by the Minister's Zoning Order in the Territorial District of Sudbury, and the Sudbury East

Activity	Permitted	Guidelines
Residential		Planning Area.
Crown Land Disposition, Urban Development	No	
Road Development and Maintenance, Existing	Yes	Road access will maintain low density public use. Guidelines under the Access Roads and Areas of Concern will be designed to ensure the protection of significant recreation and tourism opportunities and important fish and wildlife habitat. Forestry access will be limited to existing roads or winter logging roads in designated Limited Timber Access Areas as described in the Forest Management Plan.
Road Development and Maintenance, New	Yes	Road access will maintain low density public use. Guidelines under the Access Roads and Areas of Concern will be designed to ensure the protection of significant recreation and tourism opportunities and important fish and wildlife habitat. Forestry access will be limited to existing roads or winter logging roads in designated Limited Timber Access Areas as described in the Forest Management Plan.

RECREATION ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

Activity	Permitted	Guidelines
Crown Land Recreation	Yes	The existing level of activity will be maintained.
Hunting	Yes	Hunting will continue to be permitted according to regulation, except in areas where life and property values may be endangered (e.g.. Around logging operations).
Road Use (public), Existing	Yes	Road access will maintain low density public use. Guidelines under the Access Roads and Areas of Concern will be designed to ensure the protection of significant recreation and tourism opportunities and important fish and wildlife habitat. Forestry access will be limited to existing roads or winter logging roads in designated Limited Timber Access Areas as described in the Forest Management Plan.
Road Use (public), New	Yes	Road access will maintain low density public use. Guidelines under the Access Roads and Areas of Concern will be designed to ensure the protection of significant recreation and tourism opportunities and important fish and wildlife habitat. Forestry access will be limited to existing roads or winter logging roads in designated Limited Timber Access Areas as described in the Forest Management Plan.
Sport Fishing	Yes	Angling activities will continue to be permitted according to regulation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Note: MNR will consider the Land Use Intent and Management Direction outlined in this policy report when reviewing applications for permitted activities that require licences, leases, permits, or other forms of approval. The review of individual applications involves the consideration of a variety of factors and requirements on a site-specific basis in addition to land use policy.

SOURCE OF DIRECTION:

[Crown Land Disposition Policy - Appendix A \(2008\) \(2008\)](#)
[Inland Ontario Lakes Designated for Lake Trout Management \(2006\)](#)
[Lake Trout Lake Search Index \(2009\)](#)
[Amendment to Area-specific Crown Land Use Policy #2007-25 \(2009\)](#)
[Sudbury District Land Use Guidelines \(1983\)](#)

[Cette Rapport d'orientation en français](#)

This policy report is available online at the following address: <http://crownlanduseatlas.mnr.gov.on.ca>