

## Cultural Heritage Study Highlights

The Township of Woolwich requires a cultural heritage study (also known as a cultural heritage impact assessment) be completed as part of an application for a pit or quarry. For the Shantz Station Pit application, the Township requested that two properties in particular be assessed – 1195 Foerster Road and 1472 Village View Road – as well as the Maryhill Candidate Cultural Heritage Landscape (CHL).

Ontario's Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and the Township's Official Plan both dictate that significant architectural, cultural, historical and archaeological resources must be conserved.

The study found no properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act on or near (within 500 metres) the proposed pit licence area. The closest is the St. Boniface Catholic School, approximately 1.1 kilometres to the northeast.

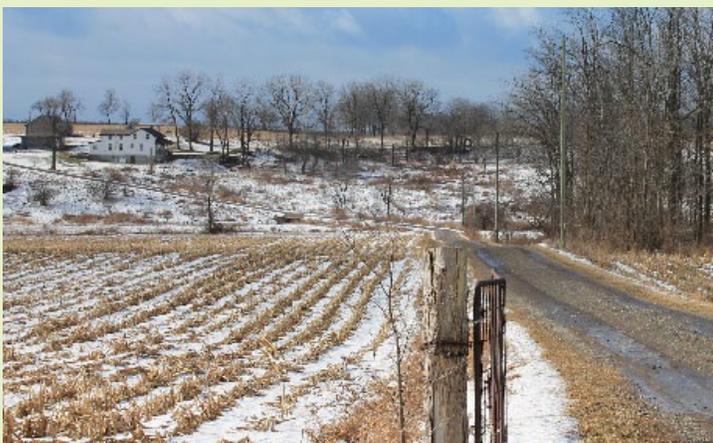
The homesteads at 1195 Foerster Road and 1472 Village View Road illustrate examples of the Ontario Gothic Revival Cottage style of architecture, popular in rural areas in the 19th century. The barns represent typical agricultural buildings in southwestern Ontario.

The farm fields are considered to be evolved cultural landscapes that have been altered over the years to reflect changes in farming practices and the needs of the properties' owners.

The study concludes that the proposed sand and gravel pit would have no negative impact on the cultural heritage resources at either property because they will be preserved outside the extraction area.

The extraction will have a temporary minor impact on the lands around the home and farm buildings at 1195 Foerster Road, however those impacts will be mitigated through progressively rehabilitating the lands back to agricultural uses during the pit operations.

The pit would be outside the proposed boundary for the Maryhill Candidate CHL, which includes the village of Maryhill – including streetscape features, the historical core, related residences, and important features such as the St. Boniface Church and cemetery. No negative impacts are anticipated on the adjacent Maryhill Candidate CHL.



**Above: The Maryhill Candidate CHL with the licence boundary of the proposed Shantz Station Pit outlined in yellow.**

**Top left: View of 1195 Foerster Rd. from the road.**

**Bottom left: View of 1472 Village View Rd. from the road.**