**Map 2: Complexed vs. Non-Complexed Wetlands**

Main Point:

This map illustrates all the wetlands identified and assessed in the provincial inventory across the Niagara Watershed (NPCA jurisdiction). Should complexing be removed, it is uncertain what protection status of those currently complexed would have.

Complementary Point:

Improvements to wetland complexing criteria and best practices in the implementation is a service Conservation Authority subject matter experts could assist with and would provide the province with continuous improvements to the wetland evaluation system. Additionally, the application of existing complex rules could benefit from refinement.

Additional Context:

Note that the wetlands complexing inherent in the provincial wetlands inventory in the Niagara Watershed has been entirely the Ministry of Natural Resources’ responsibility.

Urban Boundaries:

Currently Niagara Region has roughly 100 km² identified for future growth; over 18 km² in newly approved urban boundary expansions and 82 km² in existing greenfield areas with a focus predominantly in the eastern half of the watershed in Niagara Region; primarily Niagara Falls and Fort Erie.Future development should be focused within these areas and infilling within the existing built environment.