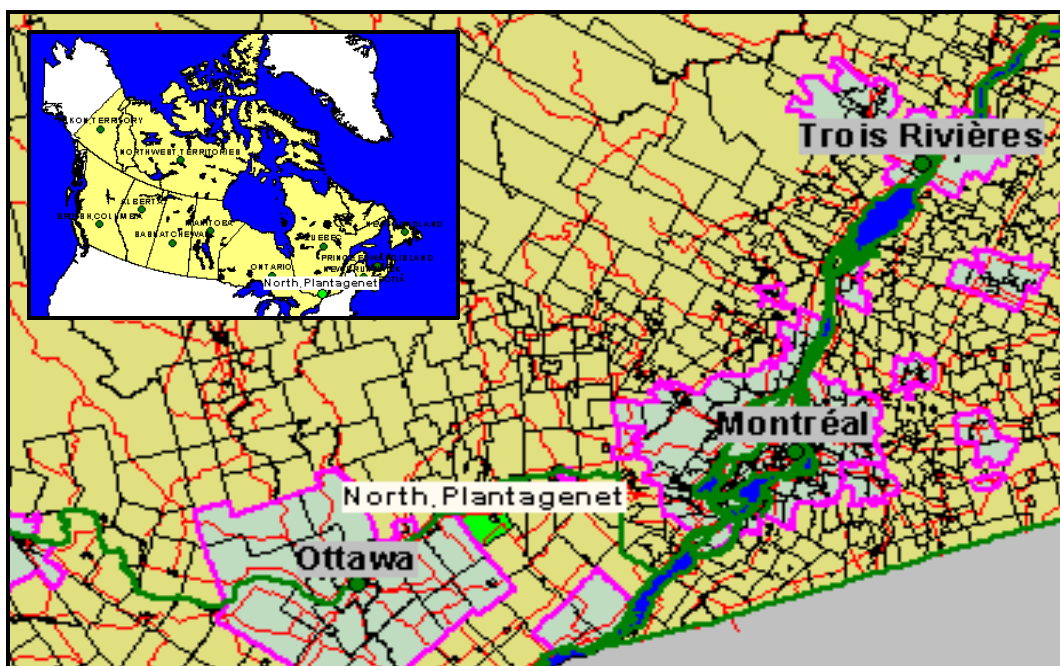




Site 14: North Plantagenet, Ontario

North Plantagenet Township, which had a 1996 population of 3,733, is in Prescott-Russell County, close to the Ottawa River and only 50 km east of Ottawa. There is a modest farming economy with a mixed commuter pattern largely dependent on the Ottawa-Carleton Region. Plantagenet, the town, is within North Plantagenet township and is the main service centre although most people tend to leave both locations for retail provisions. The proximity to Ottawa-Hull is paramount in understanding many of the features of the community, namely

ex-urban residential growth and high levels of out-commuting. The study area is largely Franco-Ontarian. According to national averages, North Plantagenet is in a favourable position for agricultural activity in terms of climatic conditions. However, the soil quality is less stellar; much of the soil is relatively limited for farming. Total cropland increased from 1971-1996 at the same time that the number of acres on census forms declined by 16.4%. This situation reflects a more intensive use of the farmland resource.



Maps courtesy of Statistics Canada, Geography Division, 1998

Characteristics in 1996	N. Plan.	Ontario	Canada
Population	3733	10 753 573	28 846 760
1991 to 1996 population change (%)	17.3	6.6	5.7
% of population ages 15 and over	77.6	79.4	79.5
Unemployment rate	10.8	9.1	10.1
Participation rate	66.9	66.3	65.5
% Primary industry	13	4.1	5.6
% Secondary industry	21.2	31.3	20
% Tertiary industry	65.8	64.6	74.4
Average number of persons in married or common-law families	3.1	3.2	3.1
Average number of persons in lone-parent families	2.6	2.6	2.6

Source: Statistics Canada

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