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TO **THE SCHOOL OF GREATNESS**



Stoneridge Hall
offers uninterrupted
views of farmland
and cityscape
vistas of Toronto in
the distance

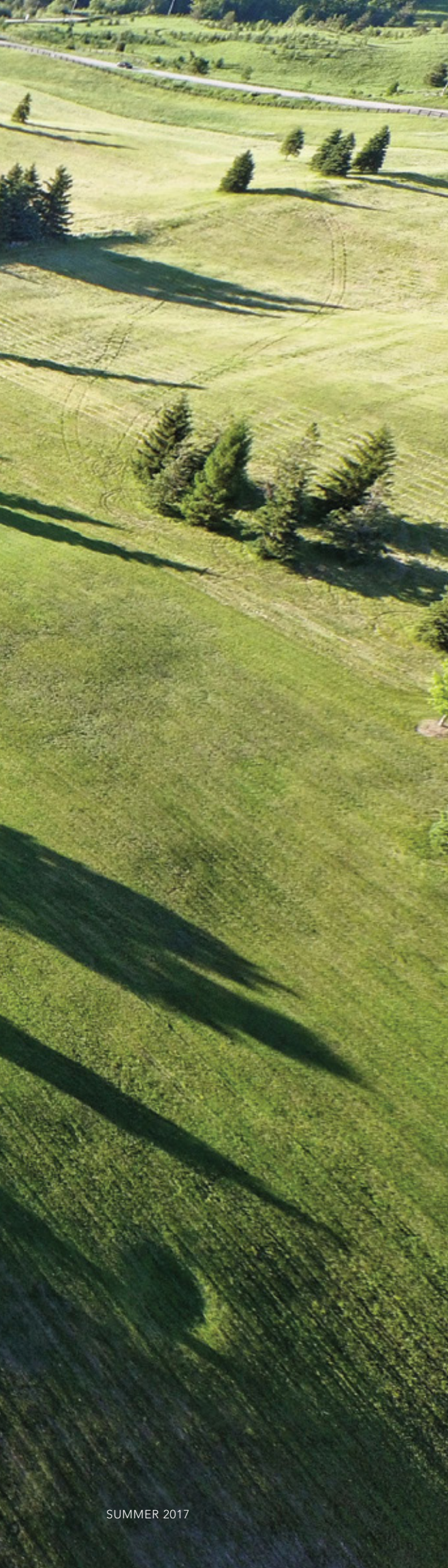
SWEET CITY ESCAPE

Stoneridge Hall, an 86-acre estate in Caledon inspired by Georgian homes along the eastern seaboard, offers more than 13,000 square feet of living space with a view of the Toronto skyline [squinting required]

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From the outside in,
this luxurious estate
was designed with
the clean lines of the
Doric style in mind



Rarely if ever in the Greater Toronto Area has there been a real estate offering as exclusive as Caledon's Stoneridge Hall, set amid 86 acres of rolling farmland within an hour of downtown Toronto.

"You simply cannot match the combination of the superb setting, proximity to golf, skiing, riding and the quality of its design, created by Joe Brennan of Toronto and Palm Beach," says broker John Dunlap of Moffat Dunlap Real Estate, who has Stoneridge Hall currently listed for \$11.8 million.

"The owners found the property 15 years ago by happenstance, simply by driving around the countryside," says Dunlap. "They quickly fell in love with its sweeping views and recognized how rare it was to find such scenery so close to [the city]."

After two years of planning, the owners were ready to build with designer Brennan. Their inspiration was the grand Phipps estate on Long Island, N.Y., known as Old Westbury Gardens. They also gathered their ideas from fine Georgian homes all along the eastern seaboard and in the U.K. and combined their favourite elements to create Stoneridge Hall.

The result is a 13,725-square-foot stunner that features seven en suite bedrooms and 14 bathrooms, set high on the Niagara Escarpment in the Caledon Hills, affording unspoiled vistas of the surrounding farmland, all the way south to the downtown Toronto skyline. The property is half an hour from Pearson Airport and minutes from Caledon Ski Club and Devil's Pulpit Golf Course.

A generous Georgian-style entrance hall provides a grand introduction to the 5,375-square-foot ground floor. This level also contains a reception area, great room, piano apse and 380-square-foot kitchen. The kitchen features custom cabinetry, a large centre island, marble countertops, two Miele dishwashers, two Miele ovens and two Subzero built-in refrigerators and freezers. There is also a 165-square-foot eat-in breakfast area with French doors opening to the West Terrace garden, the perfect place to start a summer's day.



1. The kitchen features custom built-in millwork and decorative glass display shelving
2. The warm oak flooring continues into the great room, which also features imported silk wall coverings
3. Each of the seven bedrooms are filled with bespoke furnishings and antique accents
4. The main lot includes 86 acres of manicured land, formal gardens, fountains, an outdoor pool and ponds
5. Floor-to-ceiling French doors lead from the breakfast nook to the west terrace garden

In the dining room, elaborate ceiling enhancements have been installed, along with a six-arm chandelier and two full-length windows with north-courtyard garden views. The ground floor also includes an east and west wing, a handsome library, a main guest bedroom and two separate and complete bathrooms.

Up on the second floor, French doors in the spacious master bedroom open onto a balcony with east garden views. Its two bathrooms have polished marble and limestone flooring.

Down on the 4,550-square-foot lower level is a banquet room well-suited to grand entertaining, along with a theatre room, an exercise room, a private spa and a heated, three-bay garage.

"The inventory of truly spectacular country properties is very limited and this is what makes Stoneridge Hall so unique," says Dunlap. "When searching for a country property, it's really all about the lifestyle. The market is indeed vibrant but you really should attempt to find something unique, and in the ever-expanding urban sprawl that is the Greater Toronto Area, an 86-acre parcel of land within one hour of [the city] is a sound choice and an excellent lifestyle investment."

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