

WARWICK AREA FLOODING STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ADDENDUM NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

Background

The Norwich and Warwick Area Flooding Study Class Environmental Assessment was completed in July 2012 to address flooding of basements, yards, and local streets in the area.

The recommendations that came out of the environmental assessment included strategically located underground storage facilities and an upgrade of the Hughson Street storm sewer.

The City of Woodstock implemented solutions from the environmental assessment, including upgrades to the Hughson Street Storm sewer, construction of the Knightsbridge Park stormwater management facility (an underground facility at the Fairgrounds property), and the DM Sutherland facility.

Since then, flooding in the area has reduced and the City stopped receiving flooding complaints from area residents. The remaining stormwater management solution – the Cambridge/Warwick underground stormwater management facility - proceeded to the detailed design phase where the updated cost estimates proved to be much higher than estimated in the initial environmental assessment.

Due to the success of the management solutions already implemented and the higher-than-expected costs and severe impacts and disruption to local residents caused by construction, the City of Woodstock has asked AECOM to revisit the environmental assessment to investigate new alternative solutions that will be more cost effective and less disruptive to the local residents.

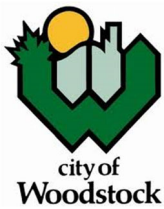
The Process

The Municipal Class EA study will be completed in accordance with the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act and will fulfill the requirements of the Municipal Class EA process (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015) for Schedule B projects. The project team will examine a full range of alternatives and identify a preferred strategy for addressing the project needs. The project will include extensive public and agency consultation and require the completion of Project File Report.

How to Get Involved

The City would like anyone with an interest in this project to have an opportunity to provide input and help inform the decision-making process.

One Public Information Centres (PIC) will be held to provide information and receive feedback. The first PIC will present the background information, existing conditions, the alternative solutions being considered and evaluation criteria, in addition to providing next steps in the process.



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Advanced notification of the PIC (Scheduled for the Summer 2022) will be advertised on the City's website and in similar newspaper advertisements, in addition to being sent by mail or email to those on the study mailing list. For more information please visit:

<https://warwickfloodingreview.ca/>



Comments are encouraged now and throughout the study. If you have comments or questions, require further information or would like to be added to the study mailing list to receive future notifications, please contact:

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With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record of the study. The study is being conducted according to the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, which is a planning process approved under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act.