

Notice of Study Commencement

Town-wide Urban Flooding Study Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

The Town of Whitby has initiated a Town-wide Urban Flooding Study. This is to evaluate the Town's urban storm sewer and overland flow network's existing capacity, and to determine flood vulnerable areas in severe rainfall. This study will also provide the Town with a quantitative understanding of climate change impacts on the existing stormwater system. This study covers the entire urban stormwater system of the Town.

The assessment will include recommendations for hydraulic capacity improvements that are necessary to meet the Town's design standards as well as recommendations for future Town flood mitigation projects. The study will develop comprehensive flooding remediation plans.

The Process

The assessment is being carried out in accordance with the planning and design process for "Schedule B" projects as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, and 2015) for the Schedule B Environmental Assessment Act. This process will complete phases 1 and 2 of the Class EA process.

Community Engagement

One Community Open House (COH) will be held over the course of this study to obtain input from the public. The COH will present the purpose and scope of the study; describe the project setting, present alternatives, evaluation framework and process, and the preliminary preferred alternative. The Town-wide Urban Flooding Study will be documented in a Project File and be made available for public review.

Public input and comments are encouraged throughout the study. A one-page comment form is available on the project website for community members to provide feedback throughout the study and ahead of the COH. If you have a comments, require further information or would like to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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Please note the information gathered throughout the study is being collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments received become part of the public record and may be included in study documentation which will be available for public review.

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