



Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Paris Flood Risk Mitigation

The Study

The County of Brant has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to review alternatives to further mitigate flood risks in Paris. Ecosystem Recovery Inc. has been retained by the County of Brant to provide engineering services to assist in completing this study.

The alternatives may include increased regular maintenance of the existing flood protection works, increasing the level of flood protection in existing locations, and construction of new dykes, or barriers.

Construction of the existing Paris Flood Protection Works were completed in 1979 providing flood risk mitigation to Paris. Overall, the Paris Flood Protection Works are in need of maintenance and enhancements.

The Process

The study will be conducted in compliance with Schedule 'B' requirements of the "Municipal Class Environmental Assessment," (October 2000, as amended 2015) as approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. A key component of the study will be consultation with interested stakeholders (public, landowners and agencies).

Two (2) Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held to provide interested parties with an opportunity to review and discuss issues related to the project, and submit comments for the study.

The first PIC will provide an overview of the Environmental Assessment process, provide a review of the work completed to date and identify the future investigations. The first PIC will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, July 11, 2019
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Paris Fairgrounds Exhibition Centre
139 Silver Street, Paris, ON, N3L 1V5

The second PIC will review the Environmental Assessment process, provide a complete characterization of the existing conditions of the study area, and present a set of alternative solutions to provide flood risk mitigation in Paris. The second PIC is tentatively planned for Fall 2019.

Upon completion of the study, a Project File Report will be prepared and posted for public review and comment. The document will detail the study findings and provide the preferred alternative. A Notice of Completion will be issued at that stage.

This Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre will be posted on the County's website www.brant.ca, Facebook and Twitter @BrantCommunity, in local newspapers and mailed to the project stakeholder list, including those asking to be placed on the project mailing list.

Public Comment Invited

We are interested in hearing any comments or concerns that you may have about this study. Comments and information regarding the study are being collected to assist the County of Brant in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and will be included in project documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

If you have any comments or questions regarding this study, please contact either of the following:

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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. Questions regarding the collection of information should be referred to Clint Brown at the County of Brant.