

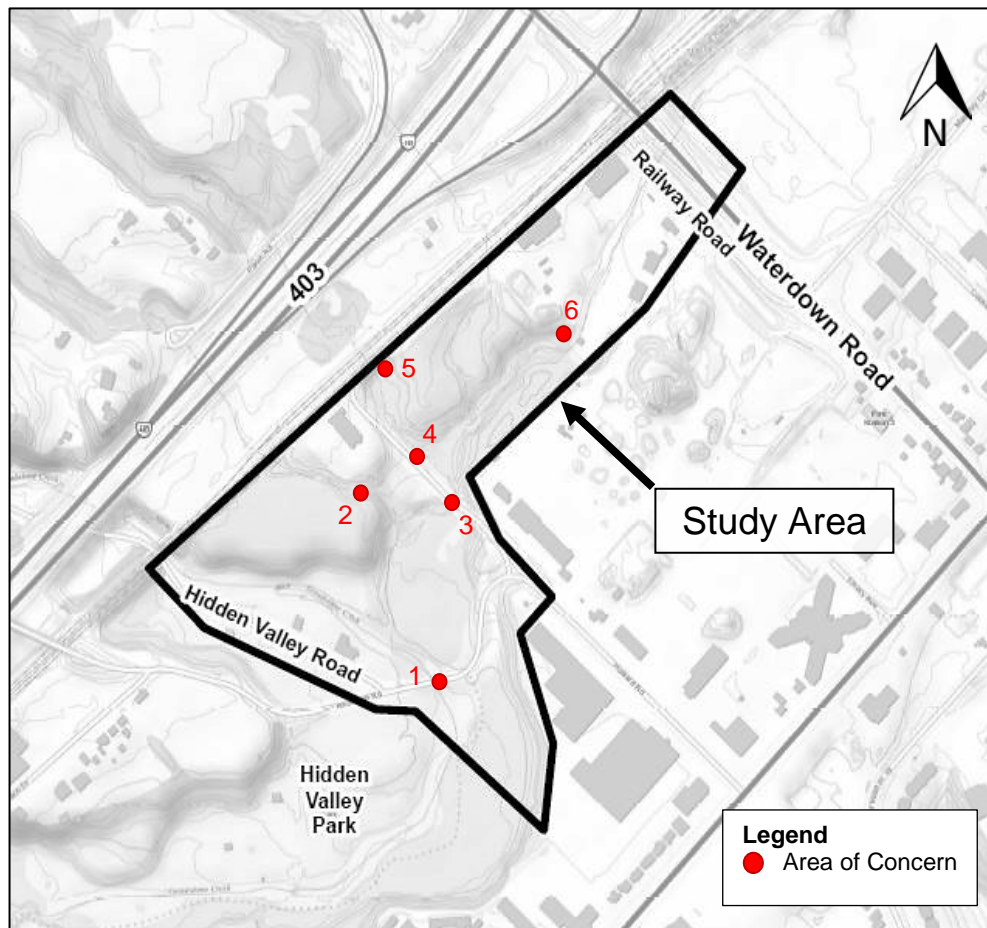
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NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

Grindstone Creek Erosion Control Class Environmental Assessment – Waterdown Road to Hidden Valley Park

The City of Burlington has completed the Grindstone Creek Erosion Control Study Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study between Waterdown Road and Hidden Valley Park. The objective of the study was to assess the existing conditions within the study area and provide recommendations to reduce erosion and protect the natural heritage in the area. The study is subject to the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act and was conducted as a Municipal Class EA 'Schedule B' project which addressed Phases 1 and 2 of the Class EA Process.

The study area contains a section of Grindstone Creek and several tributaries that drain into Grindstone Creek. The main tributary branch is known as Sassafra Tributary (Main Branch), with three channels draining into it that are known as Sassafra Tributaries 1, 2, and 3. Based on field investigations, six areas of concern were identified within the study area, shown in the figure below.





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A series of remedial alternatives were developed for each erosion site and were evaluated considering various criteria. A Public Information Centre was held on Feb. 6, 2020, to present the findings and proposed alternatives to the public. Additional consultations were undertaken with the City, Conservation Halton, First Nations and other stakeholders.

A preferred alternative was selected for each area of concern; this includes local restorative works with natural channel design and/or erosion control. Implementing the preferred alternatives will achieve the study goal to reduce erosion, enhance/preserve terrestrial and aquatic habitat, and reduce the risk to public safety, private properties, and municipal infrastructure.

A Project File was developed, summarizing the study approach and methodology, findings, development, evaluation and selection of alternatives, and recommendations and conclusions. The Project File will be filed with the City of Burlington for a 45-day review period for the public beginning Jan. 7, 2021 and can be reviewed on the City's website: www.burlington.ca/grindstonecreek. Due to the ongoing threat of COVID-19 access to the City facilities is suspended, therefore access to hard copies of the report is not available.

Interested persons may provide written comments to our project team by Feb. 21, 2021. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to the project team listed below:

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In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request.

This request should be sent in writing or by email to the addresses listed below and copied to the City of Burlington.

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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This Notice was issued Dec. 24, 2020.

Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.