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Notice of Study Commencement

Morrison Creek Stabilization and Rehabilitation Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study Upper Middle Road to McCraney Street

The Town of Oakville has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the remedial work to address the problem of erosion and creek stability of the West Morrison Creek from Upper Middle Road to McCraney Street. This project was identified as a high priority site in the 2010 town-wide Creek Erosion Inventory and Assessment Study (Creek Erosion Study). A high degree of erosion was observed throughout the site, coming in close proximity to residential areas at several locations. The Creek Erosion Study is available at <http://www.oakville.ca/environment/creek-erosion-study.html>

This EA will develop, evaluate and recommend preferred alternatives for the stabilization and rehabilitation of the creek channel and banks along Morrison Creek. To determine the nature of the problem, an inventory of the local physical and social environment will be completed. Once the problem is fully understood, a set of alternative solutions will be developed and presented to the public and regulatory agencies for comment.

The study is being carried out in accordance with the requirements of a Schedule B project as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) Municipal Class EA document (October 2000, as amended in 2007 and 2011), which is an approved process under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The EA process includes public and agency consultation, an evaluation of alternative solutions, an assessment of the potential environmental effects of the alternative solutions, selection of the preferred solution and identification of reasonable measures to mitigate any adverse impacts.

A key component of the study will involve consultation with interested stakeholders, the public and regulatory agencies. You are encouraged to provide your comments so that they may be incorporated into the planning of this project.

Please contact either one of the following project representatives if you would like further information on the project, if you have any questions or comments, or if you would like to be added to the study mailing list.

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Information related to the study and consultation process will also be posted on the Town of Oakville's website at <http://www.oakville.ca/environment/morrison-creek-rehabilitation.html>

Comments are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the purpose public consultation and will become part of the public record. Any personal information accompanying comments will be safeguarded in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. If you have any questions regarding this collection of information please contact Kasia Piskorz, at 905.845.6601 Ext. 3533 or at kpiskorz@oakville.ca

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