The Study

The Regional Municipality of Waterloo (Region) is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for a Sanitary Pumping Station & Forcemain to service the area known as the “East Side Lands”. As part of the 2003 Regional Growth Management Strategy, the East Side Lands were identified as a significant opportunity for employment development in the Region. The study area is located in the eastern portion of the Region surrounding the Waterloo Regional Airport and covers an area of just over 4000 hectares encompassing portions of the City of Kitchener, City of Cambridge and the Township of Woolwich (See Key Plan Map).

The Region, in partnership with the City of Cambridge and Township of Woolwich, is nearing completion of a Master Environmental Servicing Plan (MESP), which will summarize and provide recommendations for the water and wastewater servicing requirements of the East Side Lands. The MESP expanded on the recommendations of the Region’s 2007 Wastewater Treatment Master Plan (WWTMP) for wastewater servicing of this area. This Class EA study will build on the approved MESP and WWTMP.

For the purpose of this study, the East Side Lands are divided into two stages of development. The Stage 1 boundary represents an area that requires a sanitary servicing strategy for developments in the short term, while Stage 2, known as the “Broader East Side Lands”, will focus on a long term servicing strategy for the entire study area. This study will identify and evaluate alternatives for wastewater servicing of each stage of development, and recommend the preferred strategy.

The Class EA Process

The study is being developed in accordance with a “Schedule B” Municipal Class EA and will include public and stakeholder consultation, evaluation of alternatives, an assessment of the potential impacts of the proposed alternatives and identification of measures to mitigate any adverse impacts. Upon completion of the study, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) documenting the process will be available for public review and comments for a period of 30 calendar days prior to approval by Regional Council.

The public consultation process is vital to this study as the Region wants to ensure that anyone with interest in the project has the opportunity to get involved and provide input to the decision making process. Public Information Centres (PICs), advertised in advance, will be scheduled to solicit input from key stakeholders and public.

Comments

We encourage you to provide us with any suggestions or comments that you may have about this study. All comments will be posted as part of public record with the exception of personal information.

To provide comment or request additional information, please contact either of the listed Project Team members below:

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