

East Side Lands – Stage 2

Master Environmental Servicing Plan & Secondary Plan Study

Public Information Centre #1
Information Handout

June 16, 2016

École Secondaire Père-René-de-Galinée
450 Maple Grove Road
Cambridge

Agenda:

Open House from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Presentation at 6:30 p.m.



What is the purpose of the study?

The purpose of this study is to plan for the future urban development for portions of the Stage 2 Lands within the East Side Lands of the region. The location of the Stage 2 Lands is illustrated in the figure on page 2 of this handout.

This study involves the development of a **Master Environmental Servicing Plan**. The Master Environmental Servicing Plan will consider water, wastewater, utilities, transportation and other infrastructure, the natural environment and drainage requirements, and the completion of a subwatershed study, ultimately recommending required improvements and identifying environmentally sensitive lands that require protection in order for portions of the Stage 2 lands to be developed.

A **Secondary Plan** will be prepared for the Stage 2 Lands in Cambridge. The Secondary Plan will identify the permitted land uses and policies to guide development in the Stage 2 Lands. A Secondary Plan will not be prepared as part of the Stage 2 Lands in Woolwich – this process may be initiated by the Township at a later time.

This study is being led by the Region of Waterloo and its project partners, including the City of Cambridge, the Township of Woolwich and the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA). The consulting firm MMM Group Limited, a WSP Global Company, has been retained to complete the study.

What is the purpose of this Public Information Centre?

This is the first Public Information Centre being held for the study. The purpose of the event is to introduce the study, present background information and seek your initial input on the issues and opportunities to be addressed.

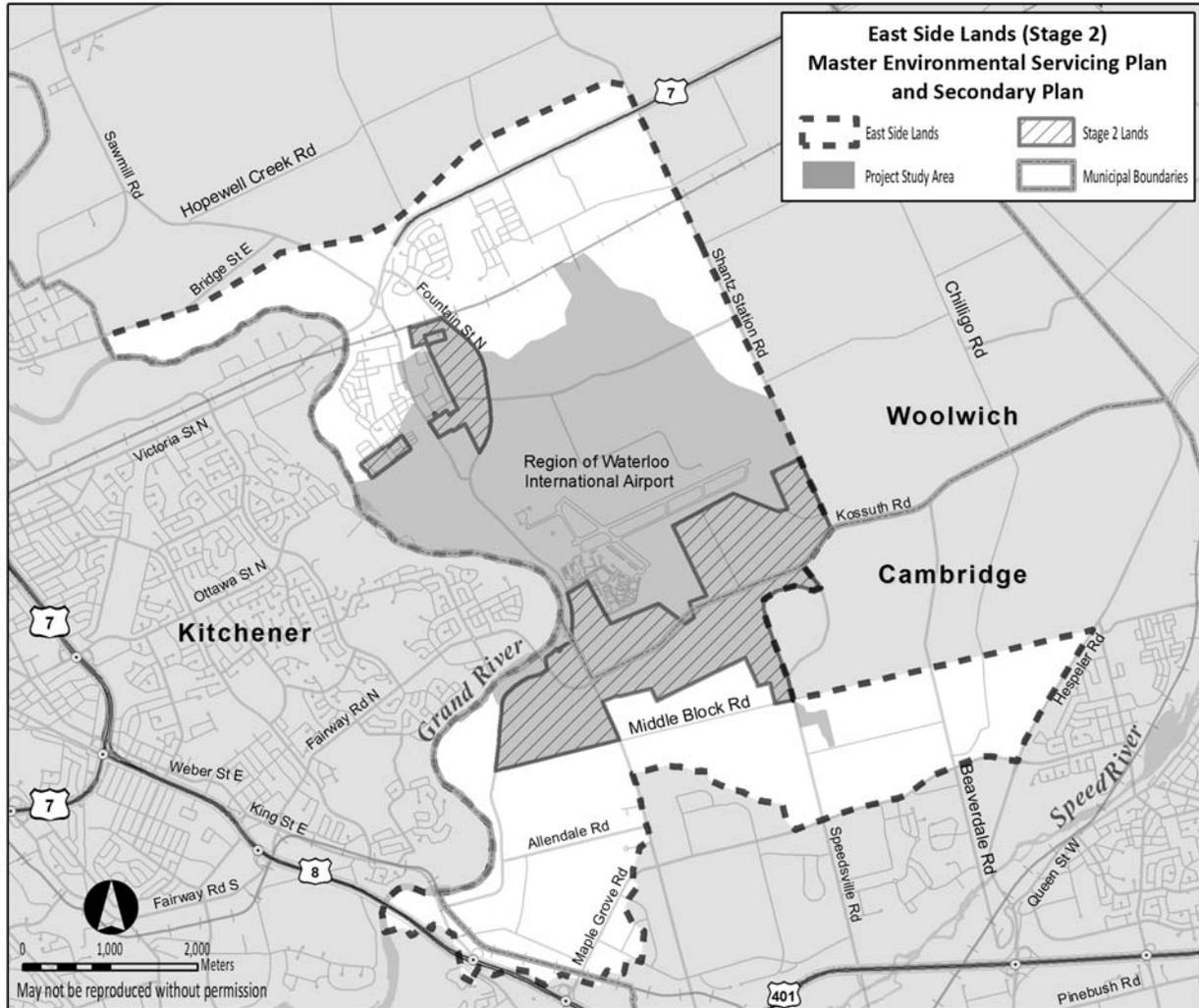
What are the goals and objectives of the study?

Waterloo Region is growing, and land will be needed to accommodate future growth. According to the Regional Official Plan, the Stage 2 Lands will be required to accommodate future growth, and this study will inform how these lands would be most appropriately serviced and where natural areas need to be protected. The study will need to meet the many policies, standards and guidelines of the Province, the Region, Area Municipalities and the GRCA. This includes, for example:

- Protecting and conserving the natural environment;
- Providing infrastructure in a manner that is efficient and fiscally responsible;
- Contributing to the creation of healthy, complete and sustainable communities; and
- Ensuring that future development will be compatible with the Region of Waterloo International Airport.

What is the study area?

The study area consists of a broad Project Study Area, which includes the Stage 2 Lands. The Stage 2 Lands, identified in the figure below, are where future development may occur, and where the most detailed level of study will take place.



What work has been done to date?

Many studies have been undertaken for portions of the East Side Lands, which have included public consultation. Most recently, in 2014, the Master Environmental Servicing Plan and Community Plan for the Stage 1 Lands in Cambridge were completed.

While this was a separate and distinct process, it will be important to consider the studies and work that has been completed to date for the East Side Lands.

A draft Background Review & Gaps Analysis Report for the Stage 2 Lands has been prepared. This document outlines existing information and data to ensure that work will

not be duplicated. The Background Review & Gaps Analysis Report will be available for public review and comment on the project website:

www.regionofwaterloo.ca/eastside.

What is the process and timing to complete the study?

The study is being undertaken to fulfill the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process, and to meet the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and the *Planning Act*. The study will be completed in four key steps. Public consultation will be part of each step.

Timing	Step	Consultation
Spring 2016	1. Review existing background information and data and formulate the detailed technical work plan.	Public Information Centre #1 on June 16, 2016 (Today's Open House)
Summer 2016	2. Develop an understanding of existing conditions, and formulate development options and alternative solutions to providing infrastructure.	Public Consultation Centre #2 (planned for September 2016)
Fall 2016 & Winter 2017	3. Evaluate the options and identify the preferred land uses and infrastructure solutions.	Public Consultation Centre #3 in January 2017
Spring 2017	4. Finalize the preferred solutions and the land use plan.	Public Consultation Centre #4 in Spring 2017

What are the next steps?

1. Review and consider public input.
2. Identify the key issues and options and alternative solutions.
3. Finalize the background reports once the commenting period closes in July.
4. Hold a second Public Consultation Centre (planned for September 2016) to present the development options and alternative solutions.

How can I provide input and stay informed?

We encourage and welcome your input throughout this process. Your knowledge is key to ensuring our full understanding of the Project Study Area and ensuring we are addressing all issues and concerns.

As noted, three more public consultation events are planned through the study process. Additionally, we welcome written input and inquiries at any time.

To download information presented at this meeting and obtain information as the study advances, please visit the project's web page at:

<http://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/EastSide>

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