
NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT AND VISIONING PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE SMITHVILLE MASTER COMMUNITY PLAN – TOWNSHIP OF WEST LINCOLN

The Study

The Township of West Lincoln (The Township) has initiated a Master Community Plan Study to plan for future growth in the Community of Smithville (see figure on reverse for study area). A Subwatershed Study is also being undertaken to address environmental and stormwater considerations associated with the Twenty Mile Creek Watershed and support the Master Community Plan Study, including the potential identification of the preferred area(s) for urban boundary expansion.

Planning Framework

The Master Community Plan is being developed under the Planning Act and is integrated with the infrastructure planning in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Engineers Association's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Water, Wastewater and Roads (as amended in 2015) Master Plan Approach #4. This approach is desirable for long term planning where interdependent decisions which impact servicing and land use are being made and the range of servicing alternatives needs to be addressed in an integrated fashion, so as to recommend the best overall solution for the Community.

Together with the Environmental Assessment Act, the Master Community Plan will include the location of arterial and collector roads, distribution and density of land uses, water and wastewater (including stormwater) servicing, environmental protection and sustainable design policies. The Plan will identify the preferred approach to phasing that will guide future development and address all infrastructure requirements for any selected urban expansion area(s). The Plan will also support amendments to the Regional Municipality of Niagara and Township of West Lincoln Official Plans.

How to Participate?

The Township would like anyone with an interest in the Study to have an opportunity to provide input and help inform the decision-making process. Four (4) Public Information Centers (PICs) will be held over the course of the Integrated Master Community Plan and Class EA Study to obtain input. The PICs will present the purpose and scope of the Study, describe existing and future study area conditions and review alternative solutions. This will include proposed land use concepts.

To learn more and stay up to date please, visit the project website at: http://westlincoln.ca/?page_id=7347. Comments are encouraged now and over the course of the Study. If you have comments, require further information or would like to be added to the Study's mailing list to receive future notifications, please contact:

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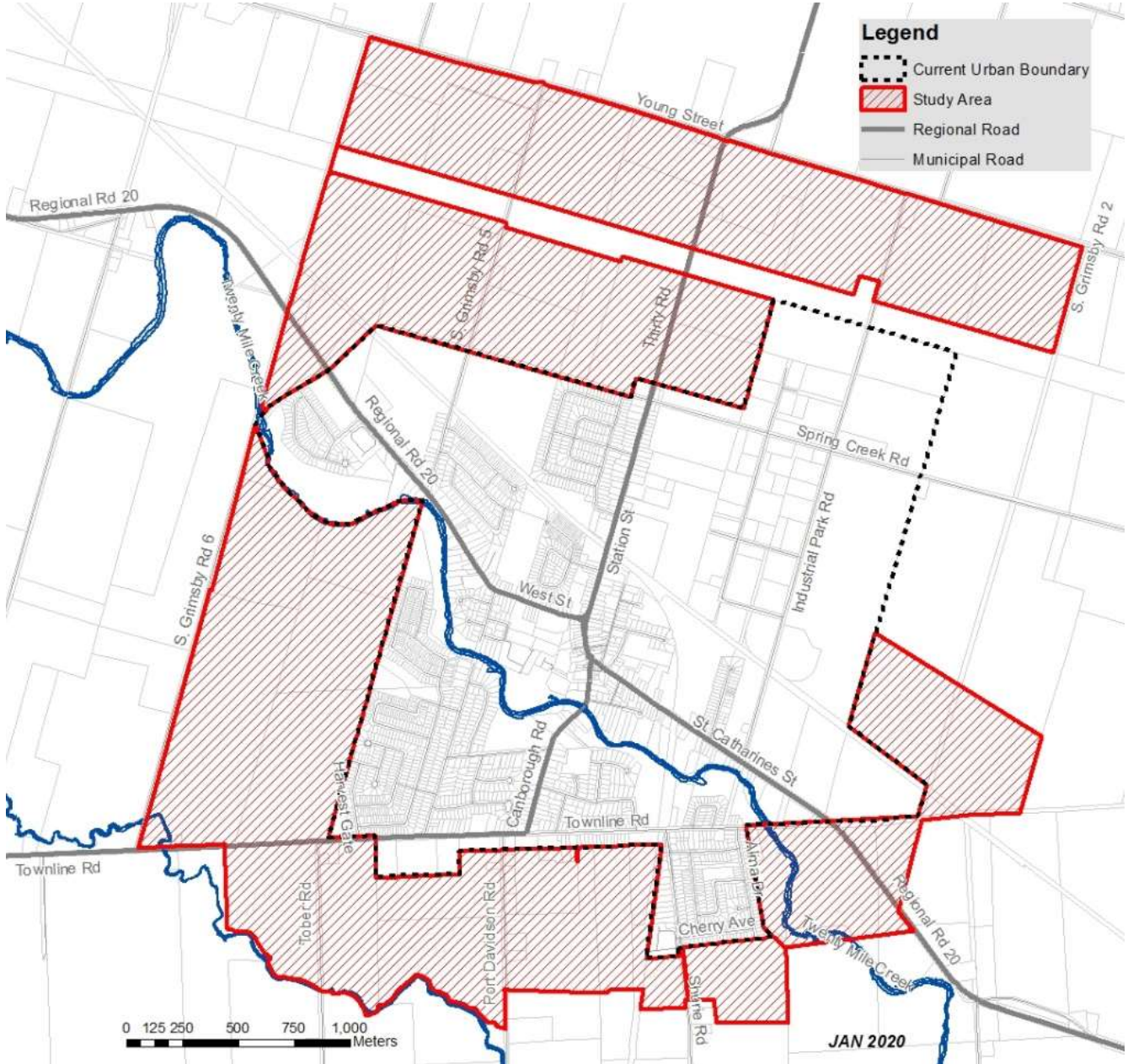
The Township invites you to attend our initial Public Information Centre:

Date and Time: Thursday January 30, 2020 - 6:00 PM to 8:00PM (Drop-in-Centre Format with short presentation at 6:30 PM and visioning exercise starting at 7:00 PM)

**Location: West Lincoln Community Centre
177 West Street, Smithville, Program Room**

The intent is to introduce and build awareness of the Study. Attendees can drop-in between the hours specified, to speak with representatives from the Study Team and participate in a visioning exercise that will identify key issues of importance to the Community and guiding principles for the Study.

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.



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