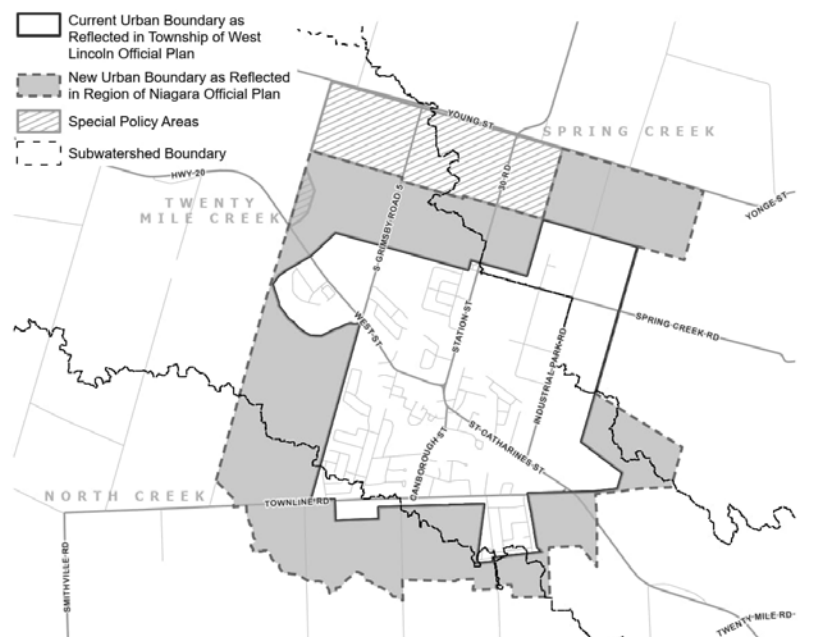


## Notice of Completion – Township of West Lincoln, Smithville Master Community Plan and Integrated Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Master Plan Completion

The Township of West Lincoln has completed the Smithville Master Community Plan including Integrated Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Master Plan.

The Master Community Plan has been developed under the Planning Act and is integrated with related infrastructure planning in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Engineers Association's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) for Water, Wastewater and Roads (as amended in 2015) Master Plan Approach #4. This process has been conducted using an integrated approach in accordance with Section A.2.9 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment to meet the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and for approval under the *Planning Act*.

The accompanying map illustrates the location of the land that is subject to Township of West Lincoln Official Plan Amendment (OPA) Nos. 62 (Smithville Urban Boundary Expansion) and 63 (Smithville Master Community Secondary Plan). The purpose and effect of OPA 63 is to incorporate land use designations and policies that include the natural heritage, municipal infrastructure and transportation systems mapping and policies for the planned growth of Smithville into the Township of West Lincoln Official Plan.



Recommended transportation, water and wastewater, and stormwater servicing strategies including Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Schedule A, A+, B, and C projects have been identified through the Smithville Subwatershed Study, Smithville Transportation Master Plan, Smithville Water and Wastewater Master Plan, and Smithville Stormwater Master Plan. The Integrated Master Plan addresses Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process for identified Schedule B projects. Identified Schedule C projects will be completed through future Municipal Class EA Planning Studies.

Specific Master Community Plan supporting studies prepared include:

- Smithville Transportation Master Plan (refer to plansmithville.ca). This report provides a listing and location of Transportation projects to be implemented as the Community develops.
- Smithville Water and Wastewater Servicing Master Plan (refer to plansmithville.ca). This report provides a listing and location of Water and Wastewater projects to be implemented as the Community develops.
- Smithville Subwatershed Study Phase 1: Characterization and Integration, Phase 2: Impact Assessment, and Phase 3: Management, Implementation, and Monitoring Plan.
- Smithville Stormwater Master Plan for the Infill, Intensification, and Re-Development Areas

- Integrated Planning Act and Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Report Master Plan Report (refer to plansmithville.ca). This report details the problem and opportunity statement (MCEA Phase 1) as well as how alternative solutions were considered and evaluated (MCEA Phase 2).

The Master Community Plan process began in late 2019 and included four Public Information Centres (PICs) as well as two Planning Act Public meetings of Council. The Planning Act meetings were for OPA 62 held on April 27, 2022 and OPA 63 held on June 27, 2022. A Virtual Public Open House was also held from April 13 to 20, 2022 and at <https://plansmithville.ca/>.

Refer to Niagara Region Notice of Approval [www.niagararegion.ca/news/notices](http://www.niagararegion.ca/news/notices) for details on appeal rights on Niagara Region's decision to approve OPA 62 and 63.

In addition, a Section 16 Order 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.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights, 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.

The request should be sent in writing or by email by **May 27, 2023** to both contacts below: Requests should include your full name and contact information and be sent to:

**Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks**

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3  
Email: [minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca)

**Director, Environmental Assessment Branch**

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5  
Email: [EABDirector@ontario.ca](mailto:EABDirector@ontario.ca)

Requests should also be copied to Jen Bernard ([jbernard@westlincoln.ca](mailto:jbernard@westlincoln.ca)) and Gerrit Boerema ([gboerema@westlincoln.ca](mailto:gboerema@westlincoln.ca)).

All personal information included in your request – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, under the authority of Section 30 of the Environmental Assessment Act and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record of the Study.

Subject to no appeals or resolution of appeals to Official Plan Amendment No. 63 and no Section 16 Orders, the recommended infrastructure works as noted in the Integrated Planning Act and Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Report (refer to plansmithville.ca) will be formally approved and can proceed to the Block Plan and Master Environmental Servicing Plan process and subsequent development applications under the *Planning Act*.