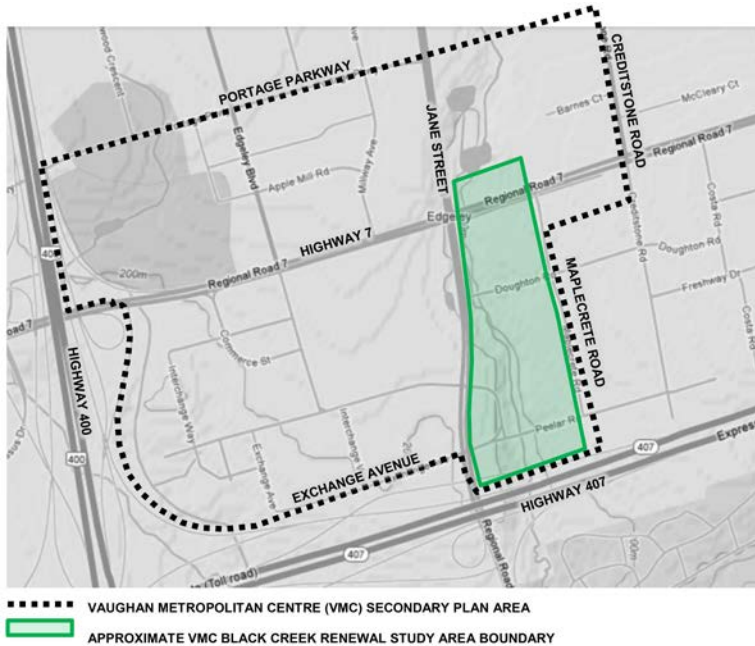


NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

VAUGHAN METROPOLITAN CENTRE – BLACK CREEK RENEWAL MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT VAUGHAN, ONTARIO

The City of Vaughan recently completed the Black Creek Storm Water Optimization Study Master Plan Class Environmental Assessment. The study identified a range of alternative solutions to reduce flooding and flood damages, improve water quality and limit stream bank erosion in Black Creek. The preferred solution to address flooding was determined to be the reconstruction and renewal of Black Creek between the Edgely Pond (north of Highway 7) and Highway 407. The **Vaughan Metropolitan Centre (VMC) – Black Creek Renewal Class EA** will consider different potential alignments and physical forms for Black Creek within the study area and establish a plan for the renewal of Black Creek that satisfies all applicable regulatory criteria.



STUDY AREA

The study area is primarily located east of Jane Street, from just north of Highway 7 to just north of Highway 407 as highlighted on the Map (left).

SCHEDULE 'C' CLASS EA

The City of Vaughan has selected The Municipal Infrastructure Group Ltd. to complete the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study. The Study is being carried out in accordance with the planning and design process for Schedule 'C' projects as outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000, as amended in 2007 & 2011). Phases 1 and 2 of the Environmental Assessment were addressed in the Black Creek Storm Water Optimization Master Plan. The **VMC Black Creek Renewal Class EA** will fulfill the requirements of Schedule 'C' Phases 3 and 4 and will address alternative designs, their impacts and all mitigating measures. The preferred design(s) will be determined based on engineering requirements, environmental considerations, public input and information gathered during the study.

CONSULTATION

Opportunities to provide input to the planning and design process are provided throughout the Study. This Notice of Study Commencement is being issued to notify the public of the project and to invite comments. To further facilitate public input, we encourage those with an interest in the study to provide their input at any of the scheduled Public Information Forums held by the City. Two Public Information Forums (PIF's) have been proposed as part of the Study. The first PIF will be held later this year to present alternative designs and receive public input prior to evaluating the alternatives. The notices of the PIFs will be published in local newspapers with details of the location and time. At the completion of the Study, a comprehensive Environmental Study Report will be filed for public review.

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

The Study Team is interested in receiving any comments that you may have about the Study. Should you have any questions or comments, require further information, or wish to be added to the study mailing list, please contact one of the Study Team members:

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Please note that information related to this Study will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments received will become part of the public record and may be included in Study documentation prepared for public review. Thank you for your interest in this study.

Andrew Pearce, Director of Development & Transportation Engineering

This notice was issued on July 5th 2012