

NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS

CORWIN DRAINAGE AREA ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project Background

The City initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Corwin Drainage Area which includes Problem Areas 19 and 20, as identified in the City-Wide Master Drainage Plan Update Study (MDSUP, 2017). The objectives of this Class EA study were to reduce basement flooding, prevent or eliminate combined sewer overflows (CSO's), reduce inflow and infiltration (I&I) into the sanitary system and improve the operational and structural condition of the storm sewer system.

The Process

This project followed Schedule B as defined by the Municipal Engineers Association's guidelines set out in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 and 2018. The Class EA process included public and review agency consultation, identification of a problem or opportunity, development and evaluation of alternatives, an assessment of the impacts of the proposed improvements on the environment, identification of measures to mitigate any adverse impacts identified, selection of the preferred alternative and the development of an implementation plan. Public input and comments were incorporated into the various phases of this project. Comments received from the public were considered to define the existing conditions and develop the preferred alternative.

THE FINAL EA STUDY REPORT IS BEING RELEASED FOR PUBLIC AND AGENCY REVIEW AND COMMENT.

The Final EA study report can be accessed online at <u>www.niagarafalls.ca</u>. In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, interested parties are strongly encouraged to access the Final Report online. Should this not be possible, please contact the Corwin Drainage Area EA Project Manager to request a hard copy. Anyone wishing to provide comments on the Final Report must submit comments by **Monday, March 1, 2021**, to:

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If concerns regarding this project remain unresolved after consulting with the above, a Part II Order can be requested. The Part II Order Request Form can be found here: <u>www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessmentspart-ii-order</u>. Completed Part II Order Request Forms must be sent to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, with a copy to the Director of the Environmental Assessment Branch and a written request to the Corwin Drainage Area EA Project Manager, at the following addresses below within 30-calendar days of the Notice of Study Completion being issued.

Minister

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 11th Floor 77 Wellesley Street West Toronto ON M7A 2T5 Minister.mecp@ontario.ca Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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Director

This Notice was issued on January 29th, 2021.

Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number, and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.