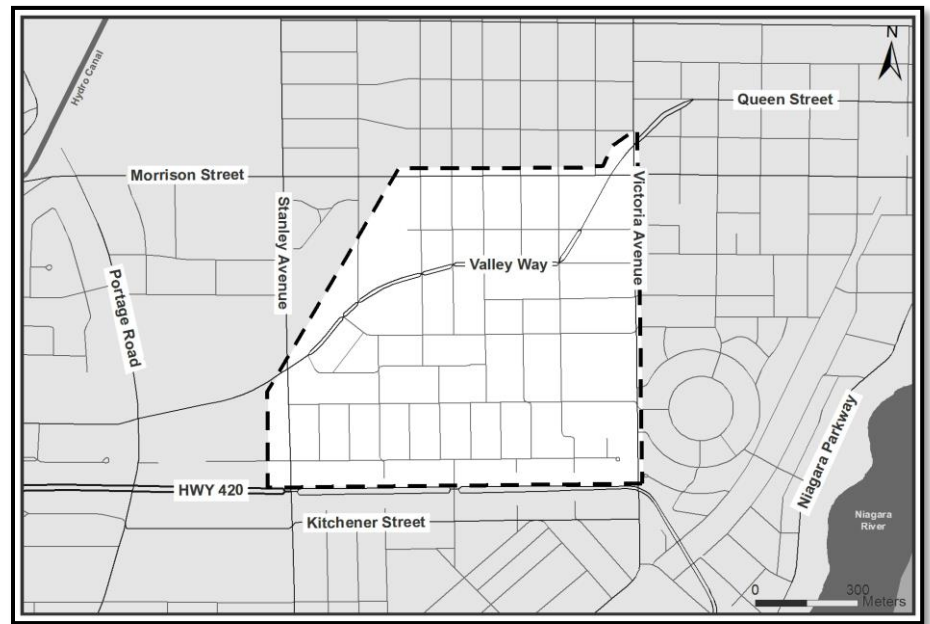


Valley Way Drainage Environmental Assessment Update Study

The City of Niagara Falls has completed a study for the Valley Way Drainage area to review current sewer system capacity and examine the alternative solutions and conceptual designs recommended to eliminate flooding concerns for this area.

The Valley Way area is bound in the north by Morrison Street, south by McRae Street, east by Victoria Avenue and west by Stanley Avenue. This area has historically been flood-prone due to its topography and limitations of the combined sewer system.

The study was undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process (October 2000. As amended in 2007, 2011 and 2015) for Schedule 'C' projects. This study was conducted based on the Master Drainage Study (MDPUS) recommendations. The Class EA process included public and agency review at key milestones to solicit input, as well as two Public Information Centres. This study also satisfied the Niagara Region Water and Wastewater Master Servicing Plan (MSP) and the Niagara Falls Pollution Prevention and Control Plan (PPCP).



Study Recommendations

Through an extensive evaluation process that included public engagement with local residents and businesses, the City of Niagara Falls and the Region of Niagara, the study recommends the replacement of existing combined sewers with new sanitary and stormwater sewers to reduce basement flooding and improve the level of service and overall condition of the system.

Public Consultation

The EA Project File Report is available for public review online at the link below. If you wish to review the Report in hard copy, please contact one of the Project team contacts below.

<https://niagarafalls.ca/city-hall/capital-projects/69-valley-way-drainage-area-environmental-assessment-study.cp>

Following review, interested persons should provide written comments within a 30-calendar day review period beginning on April 28, 2021 and ending on May 28, 2021. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to Joe Colasurdo at the City of Niagara Falls.

In addition, a 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 for the ministry.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, 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 to:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2J3
minister.mecp@ontario.ca

and

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor
Toronto ON, M4V 1P5
EABDirector@ontario.ca

Requests should also be sent to the City of Niagara Falls by mail or by e-mail.

Anyone that wishes to comment on or to be involved in this study may contact:

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Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

This notice was first issued April 28, 2021.