



MEDIA RELEASE

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LPRCA to host Public Information Centres on Hazard Mapping and Risk Assessment project
Upcoming sessions will share project information and gather feedback

Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA), in partnership with local municipalities, has initiated a project to update and create new flood hazard mapping, with a focus on flood-vulnerable communities in the Long Point Region watershed. The project also involves taking inventory of at-risk infrastructure and estimating damage potential to update municipal risk assessment information.

Flood hazard mapping identifies regions that are particularly prone to flooding and erosion, data that helps with land use planning and permitting decisions, flood-related emergency response and mitigation planning. These maps are created using computer modeling and information gathered in the field. The project will be completed by early 2020.

To answer questions about the project, share project information, receive feedback and gather public knowledge of local conditions, LPRCA will be hosting Public Information Centres (PICs). An initial set of PICs will be held to introduce the project and receive feedback, with a second round of PICs held towards the end of the project where results and draft hazard maps will be shared.

The PICs will focus primarily on their respective study areas and will not have formal presentations, instead taking an open house format with staff from LPRCA, local municipalities and Wood, Environment & Infrastructure Solutions present to answer questions.

The PIC dates and locations are as follows:

Tillsonburg

WHEN: Tuesday, November 26, 2019, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

WHERE: LPRCA Administration Office, 4 Elm Street, Tillsonburg

STUDY AREAS: Tillsonburg, Norwich

Simcoe

WHEN: Wednesday, November 27, 2019, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

WHERE: Simcoe Recreation Centre, Norfolk Room, 182 South Drive, Simcoe

STUDY AREAS: Cultus, Gilbertville, Waterford, Simcoe, Port Dover, Jarvis, Garnet

Vienna

WHEN: Thursday, November 28, 2019 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

WHERE: Vienna Community Centre, 26 Fulton Street, Vienna

STUDY AREAS: Port Burwell, Vienna

View the PIC notice at <http://bit.ly/2pd3mWZ>.

Comment

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Updated hazard mapping and risk assessments will allow LPRCA to help keep people and property safe. Using the information this project gathers, we will be able to make well-educated planning decisions that will benefit our communities for years to come. I encourage anyone interested in the project to attend a Public Information Centre to learn more about the initiative and share their feedback.

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About the Long Point Region Conservation Authority

The Long Point Region Conservation Authority (LPRCA) is one of 36 Conservation Authorities in Ontario and is responsible for the Long Point Region watershed, a region that covers 2,782 square kilometres and is home to approximately 102,000 people. Since 1948, the LPRCA and its predecessors have been empowered through provincial legislation to manage the watershed's natural resources in partnership with our member municipalities and the Province of Ontario. The LPRCA's priorities arise from the needs of watershed residents and the local environment, and provided services range from flood warning and erosion control to tree planting, land use planning, and forest management. The LPRCA also operates a number of conservation areas that provide outdoor education and recreation opportunities. The LPRCA is committed to balancing the social, economic and environmental needs of all communities in the Long Point Region watershed. To learn more about the LPRCA, visit www.lprca.on.ca.

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