

# Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study Master Plan Update for Russell Township Water and Wastewater Systems Revised Notice of Study Commencement



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Public Notice

The Corporation of the Township of Russell (Township) is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study to update its 2016 Water and Wastewater Master Plan.

The 2016 Master Plan outlined a 20-year strategy for water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades based on growth forecasted at the time. Since the completion of the 2016 Master Plan, the pace of development within the Township's urban areas has exceeded what was previously projected. In addition, the proposed Official Plan Amendment expands the urban boundaries of the Township. These new areas will require water and wastewater servicing. This Master Plan study will identify new infrastructure or improvements to existing infrastructure to accommodate future development over a 20-year planning period.

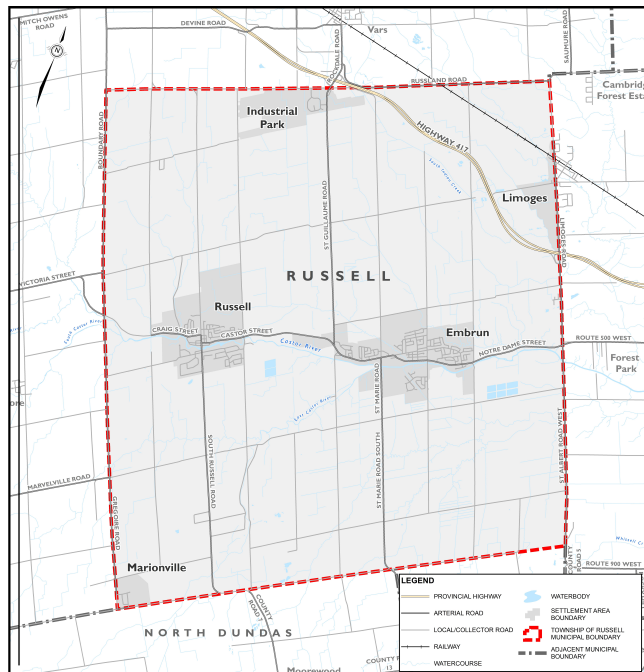


Figure 1: Master Plan Study Area

## The Process

The Master Plan will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (last amended in March 2023), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The Master Plan will complete Phases 1 and 2 of the Class EA Process. Projects recommended by the Master Plan requiring additional studies will require project specific Schedule B and Schedule C Class EA studies outside of the scope of this Master Plan.

The Master Plan process includes public, indigenous and external agency consultation, an evaluation of alternative solutions, an assessment of potential impacts associated with the proposed improvements and development of measures to mitigate identified impacts.

## Public Consultation

Public consultation is an integral component of the Class EA process, and we value your input during the planning process. A Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held in association with the Master Plan. Once a date for the PIC has been scheduled, notices will be published in local newspapers, on the Township's website ([www.russell.ca](http://www.russell.ca)) and distributed to all individuals and agencies who express an interest in this project.

If you wish to be placed on the Project Contact List to receive notices and information or to provide comments at any time during the process, you can do so by contacting:

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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 may be released, if requested, to any person.

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