

## **City of London**

## One River Master Plan Environmental Assessment NOTICE OF COMPLETION

On May 21, 2019, London City Council approved a long-term strategy for the Thames River as laid out through the One River Master Plan Environmental Assessment (EA).

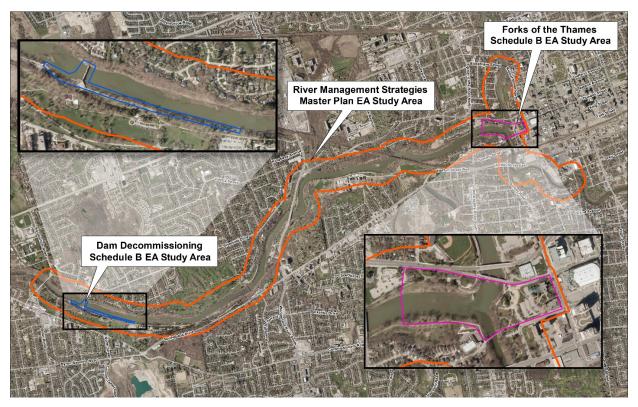
The first stage of the EA considered the future of the Springbank Dam, with a free-flowing river selected as the preferred option.

The second stage determined a strategy to improve the health of the Thames River through dam decommissioning options, development of a design for the Forks of the Thames, and an overall River Management Plan that considered ecological improvements and river access.

The following preferred alternatives emerged for the Dam and the Forks of the Thames through a Schedule B EA study, making them eligible to proceed to the next stages of design and construction:

- Partial removal of Springbank Dam
- A "Ribbon of the Thames" design involving a suspended walkway and softlandscaped terraces

The River Management Plan was completed as a Municipal Class EA Master Plan. The preferred alternative recommended new access points to the river, improving the condition of existing access points, and restoring areas impacted by invasive species and erosion.



Engagement with First Nations, Métis, the public and agency stakeholders was a key component of the One River EA process. Numerous opportunities for engagement and

consultation were provided through agency and stakeholder meetings, mail-outs, public pop-up events, Public Information Centres (PICs) and a web-based project site that allowed for information sharing and feedback collection.

As part of the One River Master Plan EA, a final report has been completed, documenting the project findings, conclusions and recommendations. The report will be available for public viewing at the following locations from July 4, 2019 to August 2, 2019:

- Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, 135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Toronto, ON, M4V 1P5
- London Public Library, Central Branch, 251 Dundas Street: open Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The following London Public Library branches, open Tuesday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.:
  - Beacock, 1280 Huron Street
  - Bostwick, 501 Southdale Road
  - Byron, 1295 Commissioners Road West
  - Cherryhill, 301 Oxford Street West
  - o Crouch, 550 Hamilton Road
  - East London, 2016 Dundas Street
  - Jalna, 1119 Jalna Boulevard
  - Landon, 167 Wortley Road
  - Masonville, 30 North Centre Road
  - Pond Mills, 1166 Commissioners Road East
  - Sherwood, #23-1225 Wonderland Road North; and,
  - Stoney Creek, 920 Sunningdale Road East
- The following London Public Library branches open Tuesday and Thursday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.:
  - Carson, 465 Quebec Street; and,
  - Lambeth, 7112 Beattie Street.
- City Hall, 300 Dufferin Avenue, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor: open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The final report is also available online here: www.getinvolved.london.ca/OneRiver Interested parties are encouraged to review this document and provide comments by August 2, 2019, to the project contacts below.

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If concerns regarding this project cannot be resolved in discussion with the City of London, a person may request the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks to issue an order to comply with Part II of the EA Act. This is known as a 'Part II Order', bumping up the status of this project to a full Individual Environmental Assessment. The procedure for a Part II Order request is as follows:

- First, the person with concerns directs them to the City of London and Jacobs, during the (30) calendar day review period for consideration and mitigation.
- Second, if the concerns cannot be resolved, the person may submit a Part II
  Order request to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks at
  College Park 5<sup>th</sup> FIr, 777 Bay St. Toronto, ON M7A 2J3 within the 30-calendar
  day review period, with a copy of the request being sent to the City of London
  and Jacobs.

Please note that all correspondence will be maintained for reference throughout the project and will become part of the project record. Under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)* and the *Environmental Assessment Act (EAA)*, 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 project and will be released, if requested, to any person.

This Notice was issued July 4, 2019