



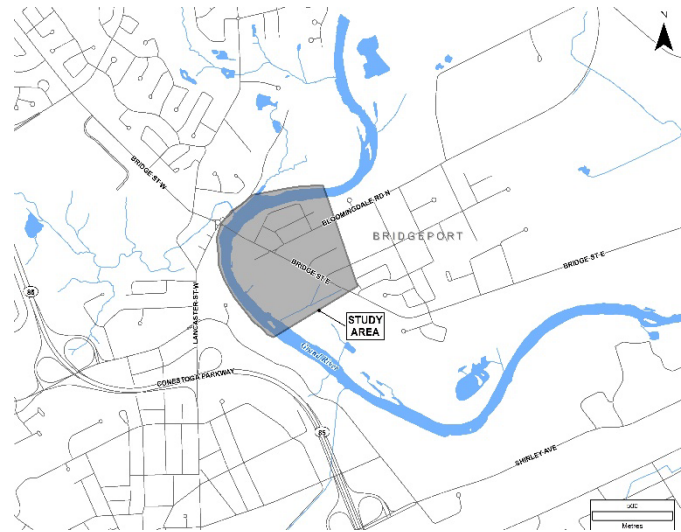
**GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
BRIDGEPORT DIKE REHABILITATION AND CAPACITY IMPROVEMENT
CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT
AND PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #1**



The Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) has commenced a study to explore options to rehabilitate and improve the capacity of the existing Bridgeport Dike. The dike was constructed in the 1950s and provides flood protection for the community of Bridgeport located within the City of Kitchener.

The 1.5 kilometer long dike is located within the community of Bridgeport along the east bank of the Grand River. Recent studies have identified that the water levels in the Grand River would overtop parts of the dike from flood flows that would be caused by a storm event of the same magnitude as Hurricane Hazel (Regional Storm Event). It was also determined that the existing dike does not meet the current design standards for seepage and stability.

This study is funded in part by the Government of Canada as part of the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF), and is being undertaken in partnership with the City of Kitchener. This study will be completed over a 2-year period and will cover consultation and preliminary design of solutions. Final design and construction would be carried out as subsequent projects within the timelines of the DMAF grant application.



The GRCA invites the public to participate in the study, which is subject to the *Class Environmental Assessment for Remedial Flood and Erosion Control Projects* (as defined in the guidance issued by Conservation Ontario in January 2002 and amended in June 2013) under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. Three (3) Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held during the study to provide information and allow for public comment. The first PIC will provide background information and identify the problem and opportunities to be addressed through the Study.

PIC #1:

Date: July 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., with comments accepted until 5:00 p.m. on August 29, 2022

Location: Virtual via Zoom. Details regarding the PIC, including the invite link to the Zoom meeting will be available on the **Bridgeport Dike Rehabilitation Project page**. Information presented at PIC #1 will be available on this webpage following the PIC.

For further information regarding this project, or to be included on a mailing list to be notified of project updates, please contact:

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Subject to comments received as a result of this study, and the receipt of necessary approvals and funding, the GRCA intends to proceed with the implementation commencing in 2023.

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