## GRCA Roles in Managing Floods

## Regulation of Development in Floodplains

- Flooding can threaten lives and cause property damage
- Floodplains are areas near rivers and streams that are subject to flooding
- Under the Conservation Authorities Act and Ontario Regulation 150/06, development within floodplains and other hazard lands requires a permit from GRCA
- The regulated floodplain (or riverine flooding hazard) is the land that would be inundated under a flood resulting from the rainfall experienced during Hurricane Hazel (1954)
- Floodplain mapping is created using river flows (from hydrologic models), flood elevations (from hydraulic models), and land surface mapping
- Updates to modeling and mapping undertaken for the New Hamburg Flood Mitigation Study will result in future amendments to GRCA's regulated area mapping









