

MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOREST – STORMWATER MASTER PLAN

NOTICE OF MASTER PLAN COMPLETION

THE PROJECT:

In May 2025, the Municipality of Lambton Shores initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) process to develop a Stormwater Master Plan for the community of Forest. The Master Plan was undertaken in order to inventory and evaluate existing stormwater facilities within Forest and to investigate the most cost effective and efficient manner to provide additional stormwater servicing, where required, within established areas of the community. The Master Plan process has now been completed. A preferred stormwater management strategy has been identified, which will be implemented as determined by need and resources, within established areas of Forest.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS:

The Stormwater Master Plan was conducted in accordance with the requirements of Approach 2 for Master Plans under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA), dated October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, 2015 and 2024. Following the completion of this Master Plan, the Municipality may proceed with implementation of the Schedule B and exempt projects noted below. The solution for Problem Area 6B will require additional study to fulfill MCEA requirements prior to implementation as a location has not yet been identified for the additional stormwater storage. The following projects are the preferred stormwater solutions:

RECOMMENDED PROJECTS	CLASS EA SCHEDULE
- Problem Area 2 – New storm sewer on Crozier ROW	- Schedule B
- Problem Area 3 – Twin inlet catch basins & storm sewer upgrades	- Exempt
- Problem Area 4 – Upsize storm sewer on Townsend Line	- Exempt
- Problem Area 5 – Extend Willemse Drain (easement required)	- Schedule B/ Drainage Act
- Problem Area 6A – Upgrade DeJersey Drain and improve overland flow path (easement may be required)	- Schedule B/Drainage Act
- Problem Area 6B – Add additional stormwater storage	- Schedule B/Drainage Act

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

For further information on the Master Plan please contact the project engineers: B.M. Ross and Associates Ltd.: 62 North Street, Goderich, Ontario, N7A 2T4. Telephone: (519) 524-2641. Kelly Vader, Environmental Planner (e-mail: kvader@bmross.net), prior to **November 6, 2026**. Information will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. A Master Plan Report, documenting the environmental assessment conducted for this project, will be available for public review on the Lambton Shores website at www.lambtonshores.ca as of October 8, 2026. Interested persons may provide written comments to the project team by November 6, 2026. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to Alex Williams, Infrastructure Manager at Lambton Shores. In addition, if concerns regarding any individual Schedule B project(s) identified in this Master Plan cannot be resolved in discussions with the Municipality of Lambton Shores, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester contact information and full name for the ministry.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy those potential adverse impacts, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request. The request should be sent in writing or by email to:

Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks & Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor Toronto ON M7A 2J3 minister.mecp@ontario.ca	Director, Environmental Assessment Branch Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks 40 St. Clair Avenue West, 11th Floor Toronto ON M4V 1M2 EABDirector@ontario.ca
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Requests should also be sent to the Municipality of Lambton Shores by mail or by e-mail.