



West Thornhill Flood Control Remediation Construction - Phase 4B

Community Information Meeting

**Zoom Meeting
March 20, 2023**



Purpose

- To advise area residents and businesses of 2023/2024 construction activities as part of West Thornhill flood control remediation
- To promote the City's ongoing plumbing protection rebate program



Markham's Flood Control Program

- Following the August 19, 2005 storm Markham initiated several flood risk reduction initiatives and actions:
 - Wastewater pipe upgrades and diversions to address bottlenecks in capacity
 - Mandatory downspout disconnection program to reduce stormwater into City-wide wastewater systems
 - Initiated the West Thornhill Stormwater Flood Remediation Class EA to identify sewer system upgrades to meet “100-year storm” design standard requirements in high flood risk areas
 - Developed a long-term City-wide Flood Control Program and sustainable funding source (Stormwater Fee) for city-wide stormwater system upgrades

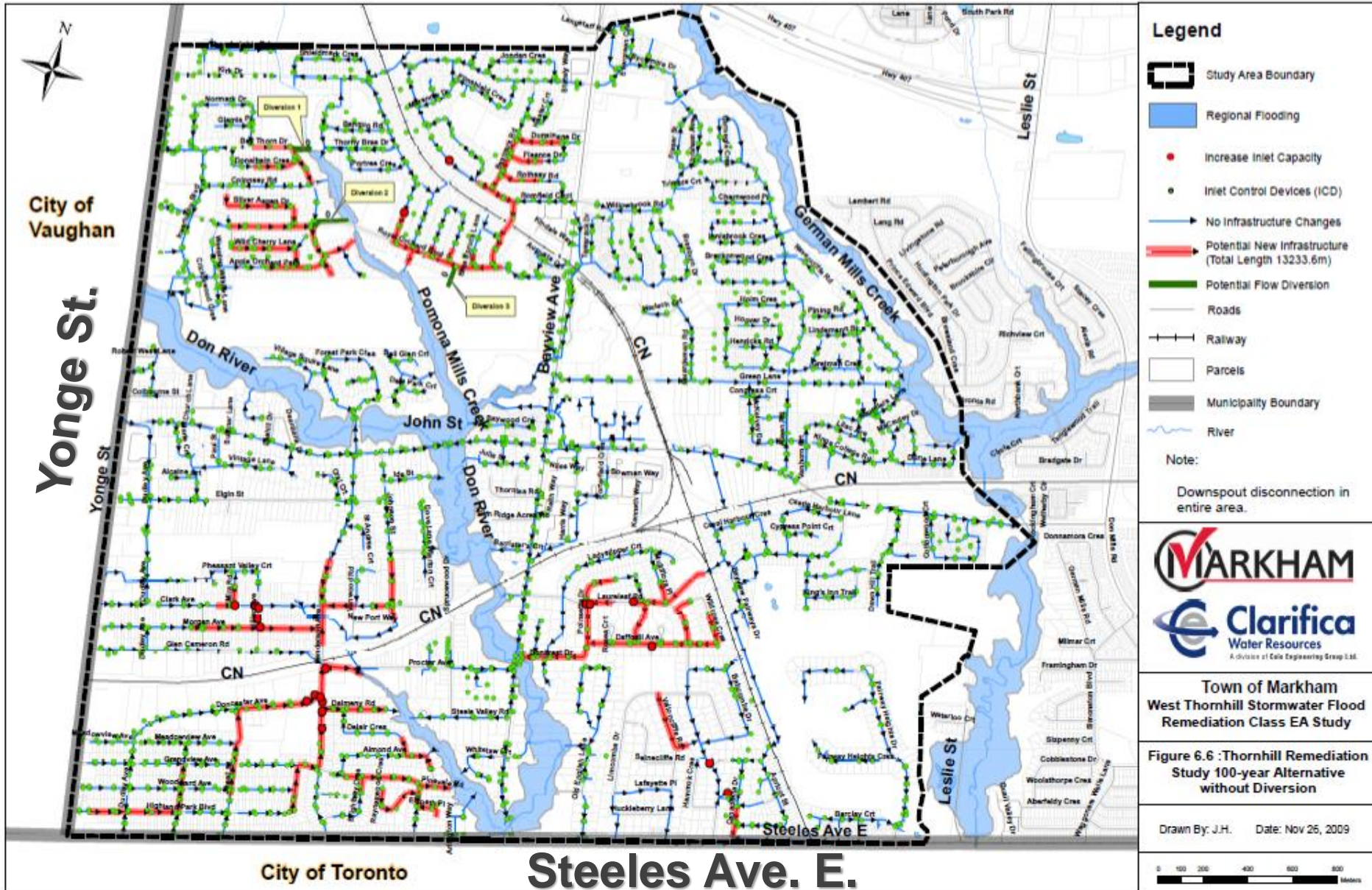


Background

- Storm drainage improvements to manage flood risks were approved through Class EA Study recommendations (2009) & City received Ministry of the Conservation and Parks (MECP) approval in 2011
- Staff presented an implementation strategy to Council in 2011 identifying phasing of improvements in West Thornhill.

Phase	Duration of Project		Phase	Duration of Project
1A	2014 – 2015		2D	2019 – 2020
1B	2015 – 2016		3A	2020 – 2021
1C	2016 – 2017		3B	2021 – 2022
2A	2016 – 2017		4A	2021 – 2022
2B	2017 – 2018		3C	2022 – 2023
2C	2018 – 2019		4B	2023 - 2024

Class EA Recommendations



Legend

- Study Area Boundary
- Regional Flooding
- Increase Inlet Capacity
- Inlet Control Devices (ICD)
- No Infrastructure Changes
- Potential New Infrastructure (Total Length 13233.6m)
- Potential Flow Diversion
- Roads
- Railway
- Parcels
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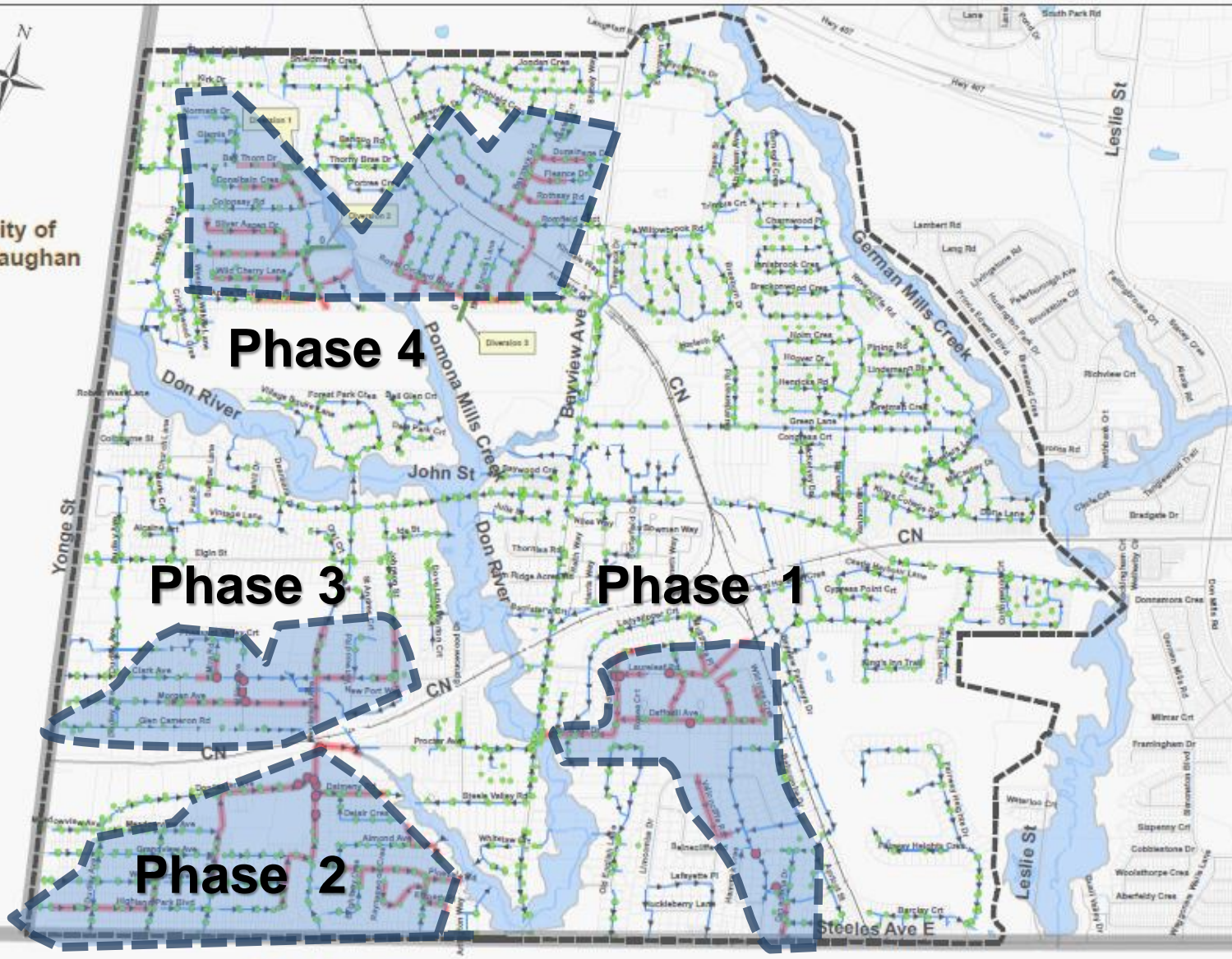
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Implementation Phases



City of Vaughan

City of Toronto



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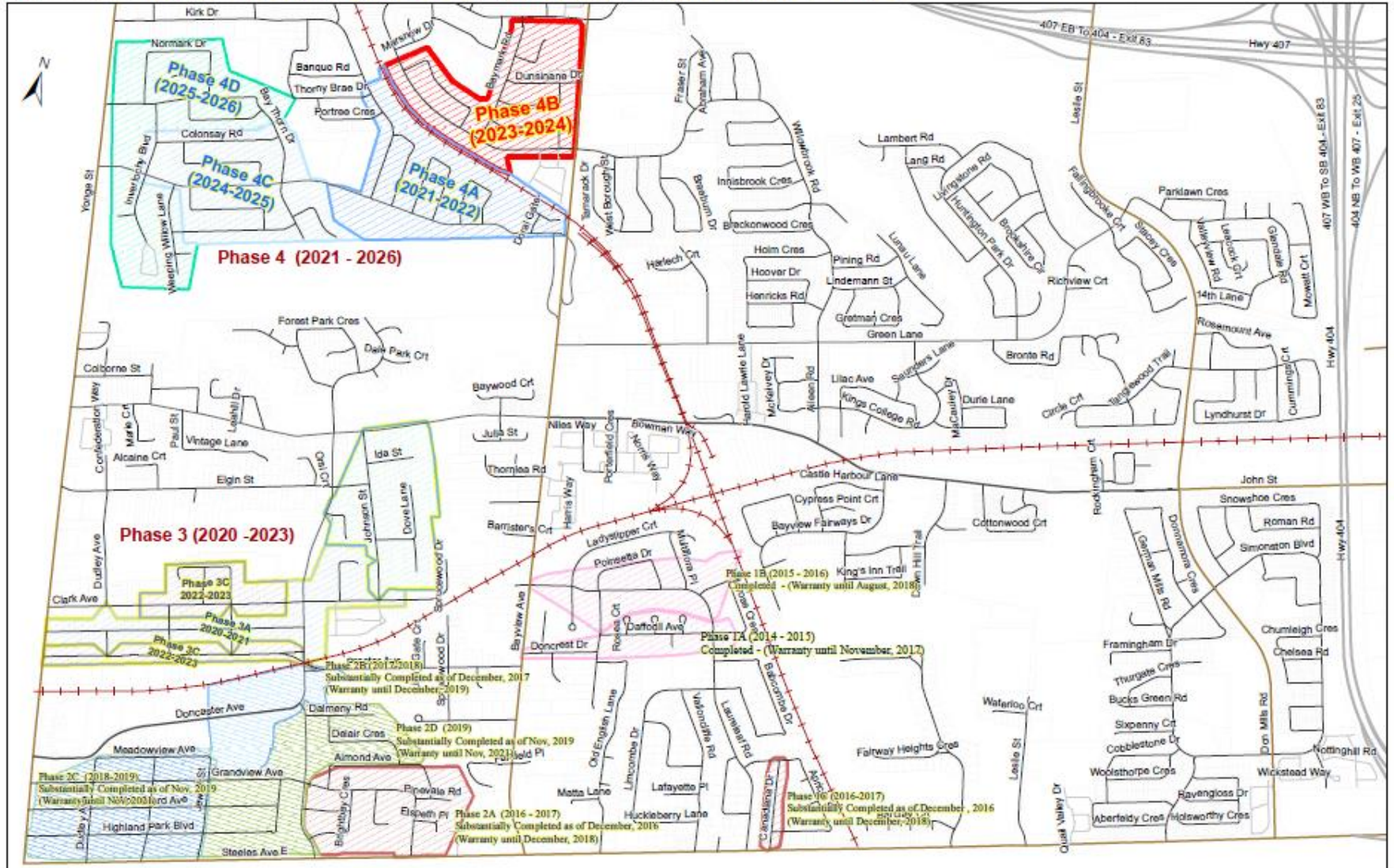
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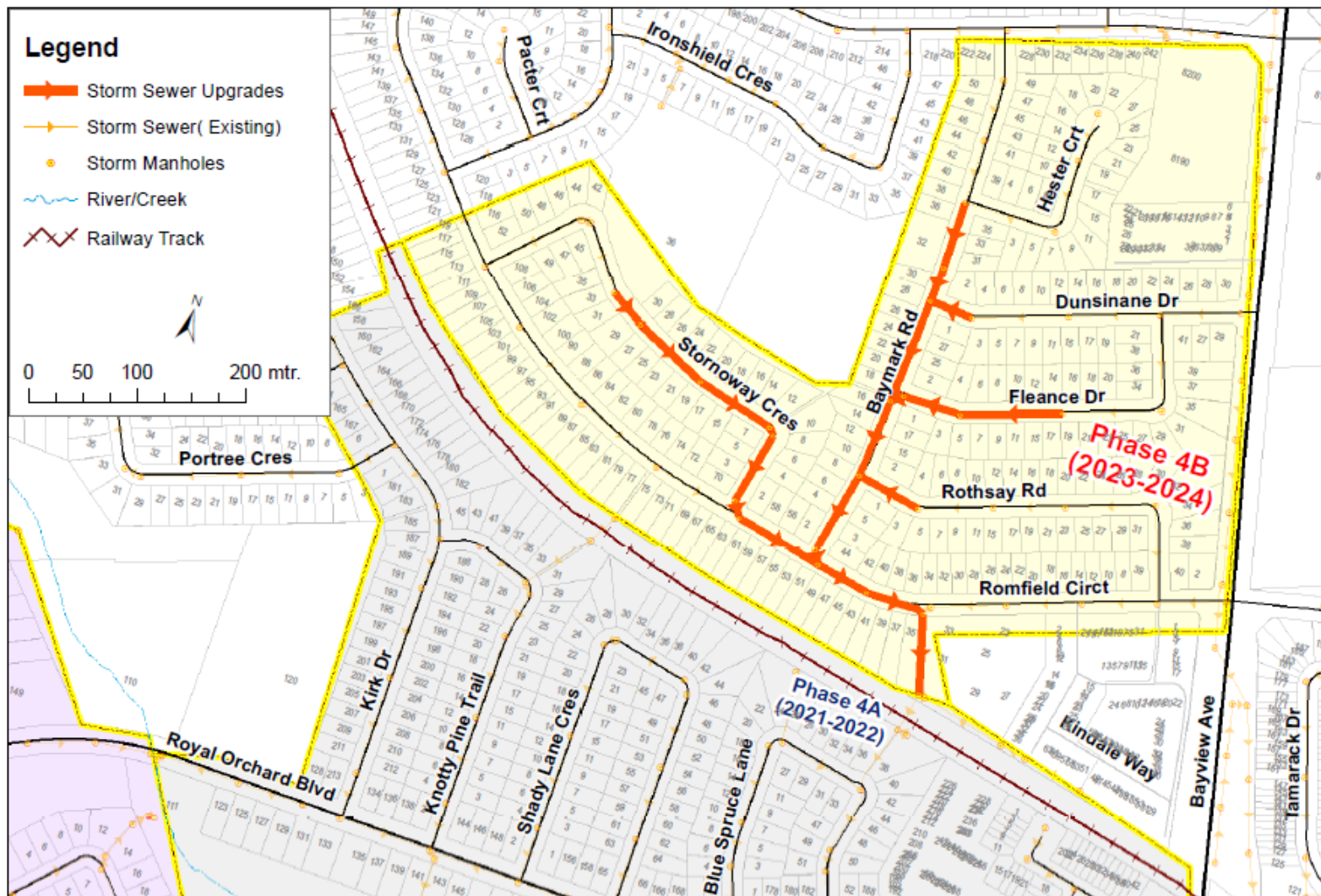


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West Thornhill Flood Control Implementation – Phase 4B Construction





Phase 4B Improvements

- **Proposed works include:**
 - New storm sewer upgrades and road reconstruction
- ***Kindale Way (Western Leg);***
- ***Romfield Circuit:*** (from Stornoway Cres to Kindale Way);
- ***Stornoway Crescent:*** (from Romfield Circuit to House # 30 Stornoway Crescent);
- ***Baymark Road:*** (from Romfield Circuit to Hester Crt);
- ***Rothsay Road:*** (from Baymark Road to 20 m east);
- ***Fleance Drive:*** (from Baymark Road to 160 m east);
- ***Dunsinane Drive:*** (from Baymark Road to 42 m east);



Storm Sewer Installation





Managing Traffic During Construction

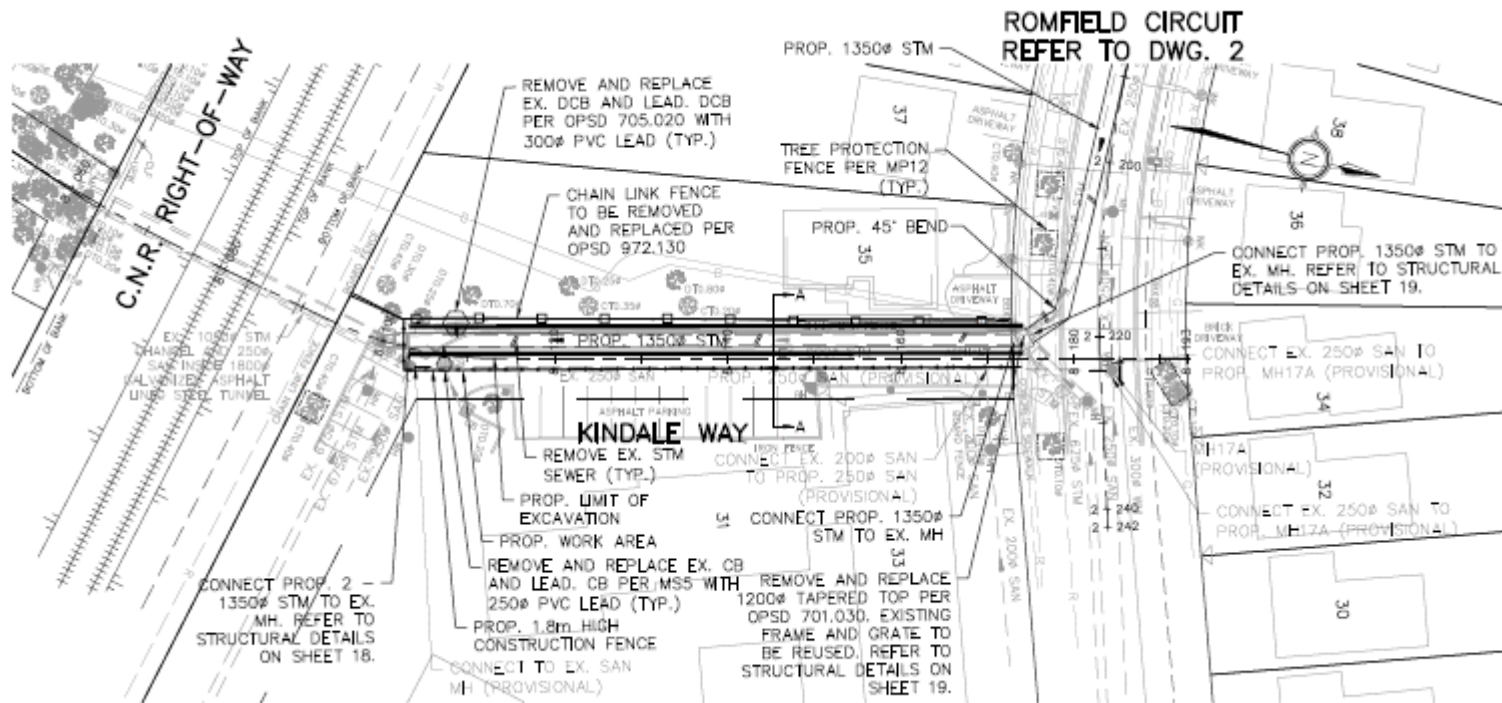
- Roads will remain open to local traffic
 - Residents will be able to access their driveways at all times although there may be delays during working hours
 - Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained
 - Provisions will be made for collection of solid waste and recycling materials





23-33 Romfield Circuit

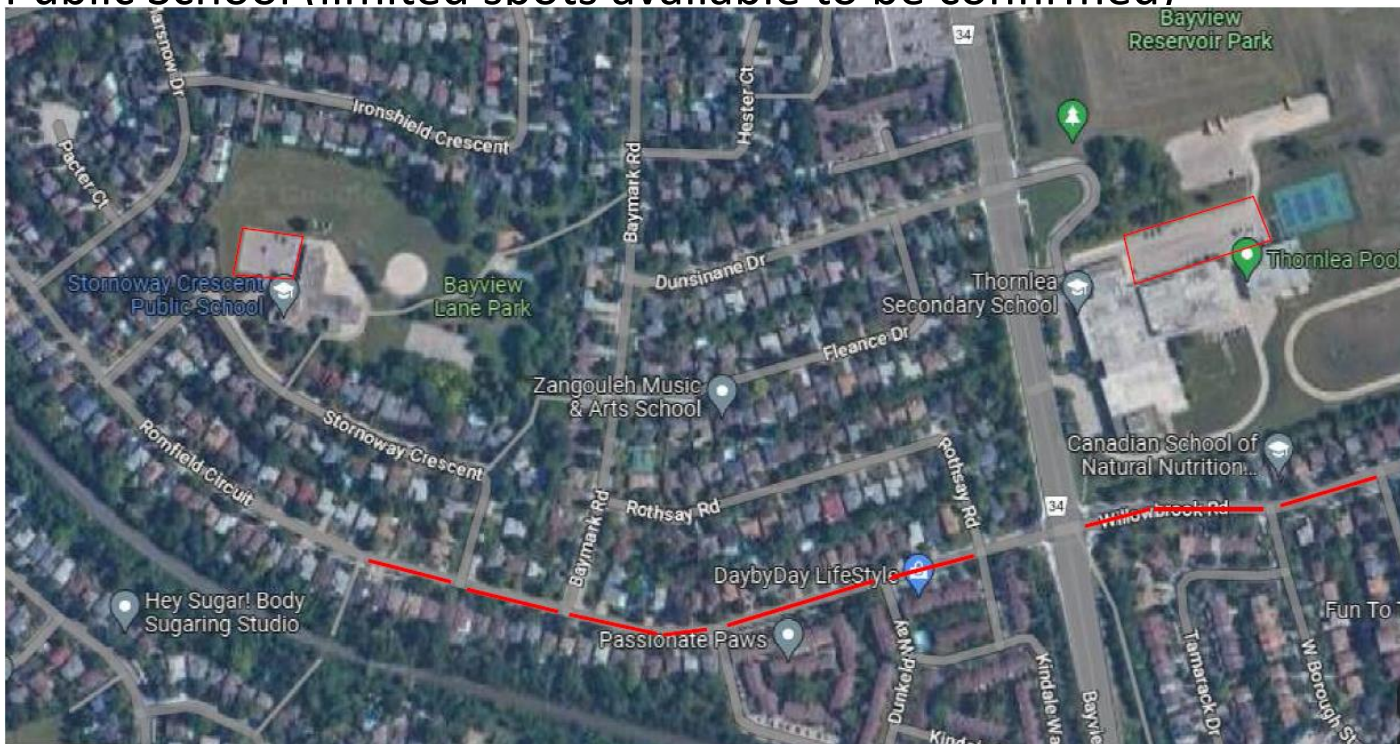
- Parking area within the condo block will be temporarily closed for approximately 2 weeks to allow for storm sewer installation.





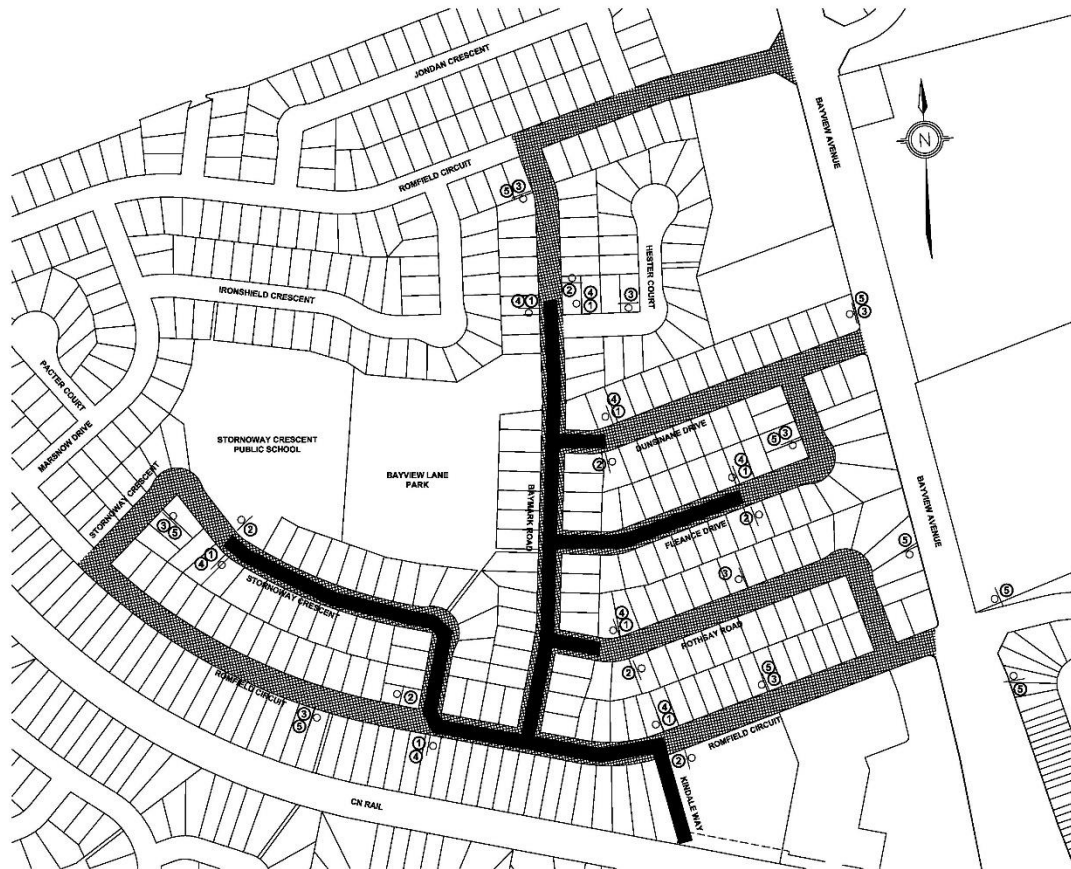
23-33 Romfield Circuit

- Residents will be allowed to park along Romfield Circuit Road on the south side only for extended hours during that time period
- Parking is also available along Willow Brook Road both lanes
- Parking is also potentially available at Thornlea and Stornoway Crescent Public School (limited spots available to be confirmed)













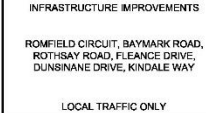




West Thornhill Phase 4B – Work Area & Designated Route for Construction Vehicles



LEGEND

	CONSTRUCTION AREA
	DESIGNATED ROUTE FOR CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES
	SIGN - Rb-90A 
	SIGN - Rb-90B 
	SIGN - TC-1 
	SIGN - TC-7B  
	SIGN - TC-85 

NOTES:

1. TRAFFIC CONTROL SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ONTARIO TRAFFIC MANUAL (OTM) - BOOK 7.
2. REFER TO OTM - BOOK 7 FOR SPACING OF SIGNS. ALL SIGN LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE AND SHALL BE CONFIRMED ON SITE.
3. CONTRACTOR SHALL SUBMIT A DETAILED TRAFFIC CONTROL PLAN FOR TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES AT EACH WORK ZONE AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.



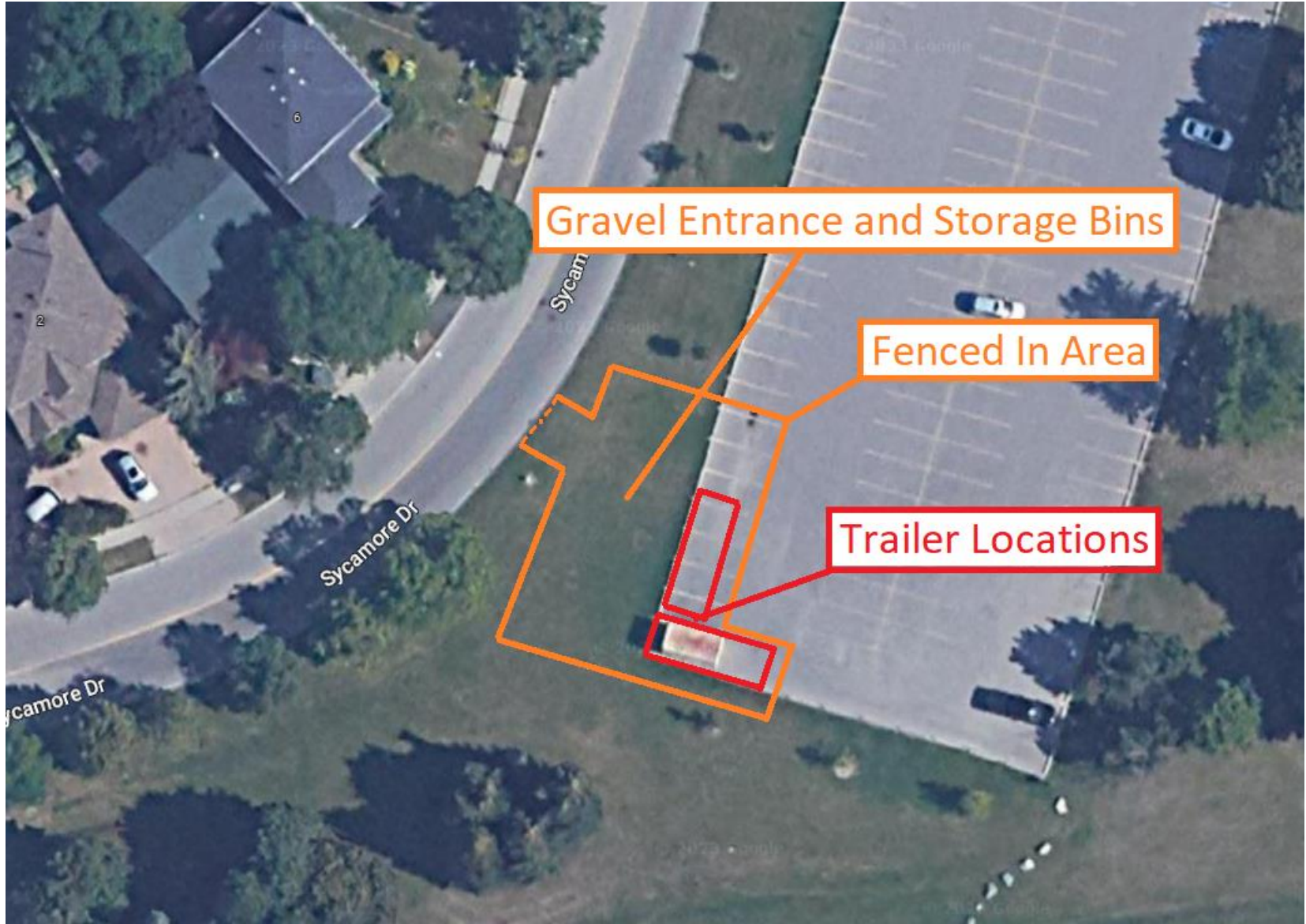
Driveway Access During Construction

- Some temporary disruption to driveway access should be expected during working hours, in the active construction area
- Roadway will be restored at the end of each working day to restore driveway access
- Street parking restrictions will be waived to allow temporary street parking if required (e.g., during construction of new concrete curbs)





Contractor's Site Office Trailer





Winter Works

- The contractor may be required to work during winter period to accommodate storm sewer installation
 - During this period, the contractor will be responsible for snow clearing per City standards



Controlling Noise, Dust, Mud and Sediment

- **To mitigate impacts of noise, dust, mud and sediment washoff, the contractor is required to:**
 - Adhere to Markham's noise by-law (work hours, sound levels);
 - Limit dust by applying water and dust suppressants;
 - Limit mud by street sweeping;
 - Adhere to the sediment and erosion control plan in the construction contract.





Maintaining Public Services

- Fire and Emergency services will be notified of road closures
- Solid waste collection will be co-ordinated with the Contractor
- School bus service will be maintained during construction but will be re-routed if required





Pre-Construction Home Inspection

- As recommended in the Class EA report, a pre-construction home inspection survey will be offered free of charge to homeowners adjacent to construction to provide a record of conditions prior to construction
- Covid-19 H&S protocols will be followed





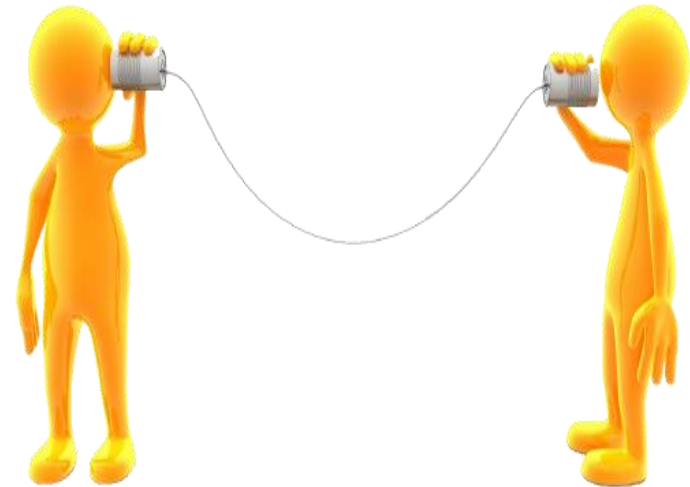
Protecting Trees / Tree Pruning

- Trees along the construction area will be protected from damage by construction equipment with fencing, according to City standards
- As noted in the Class EA report, tree removal along the sewer alignment will be avoided to the extent possible
- Tree pruning along work areas is required to facilitate construction. Pruning will be supervised by a certified arborist and will be done in accordance with the City's requirements



Communication Plan

- Regular communication from the City to residents/businesses in the area (city website)
- Construction notices
- Advanced notification of access closure and disruption of services to residents
- Designated contact person
- 24-hour emergency service





Next Steps

- Anticipated construction start end of April 2023
- Anticipated completion October 2024



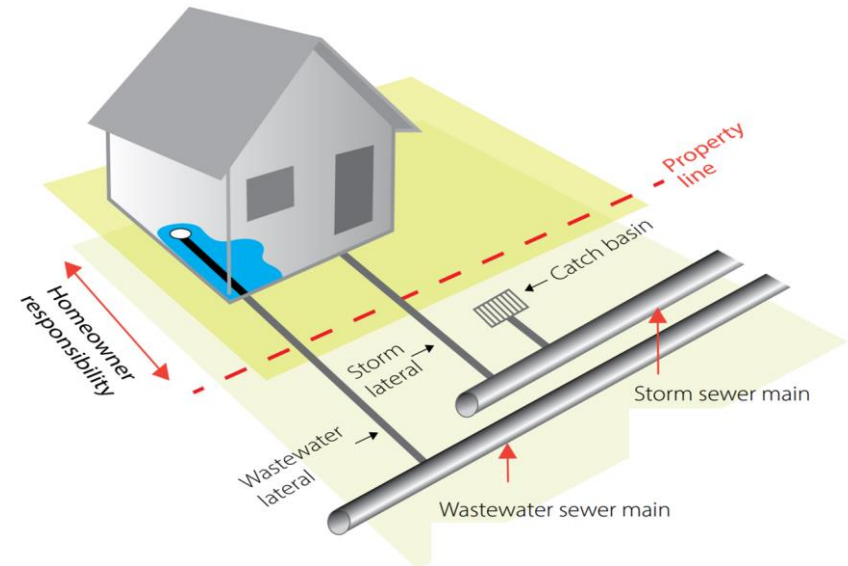


Questions



Private Plumbing Protection Rebate Program

- Severe rain events can overwhelm the City's older sanitary and storm sewer systems. This can contribute to basement flooding and property damage.
- Under intense rainfall conditions, home flooding can happen in many ways:
 - Direct connection of your home's private plumbing to the City's sanitary or storm sewer systems
 - Blocked or damaged sanitary or storm laterals (pipes) between the home plumbing system and the City's sewers.





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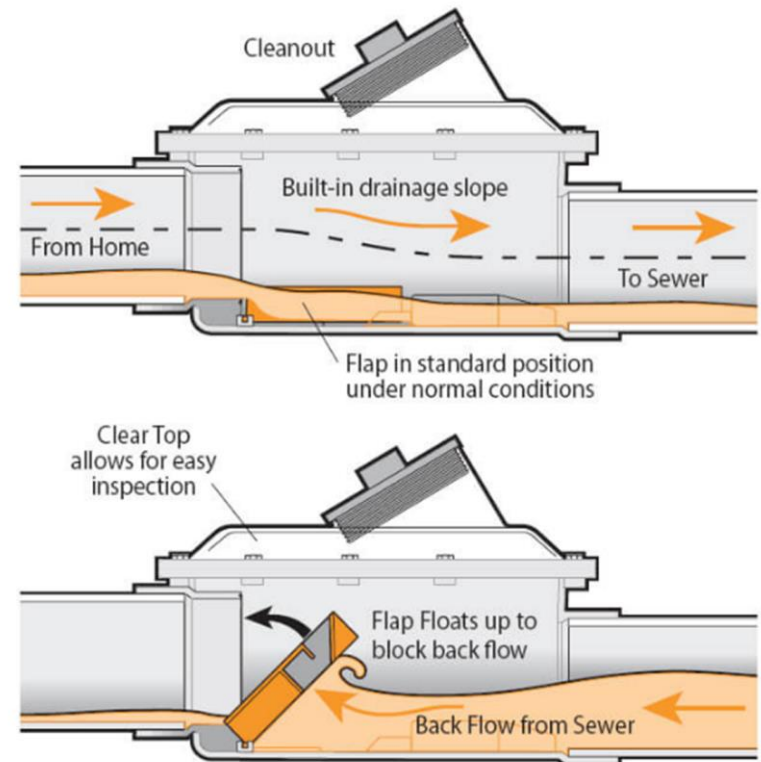
- To help reduce flood damages, in April 2018, Markham City Council approved a Private Plumbing Protection Rebate Program to financially support homeowners who install flood protection measures.
- Measures promoted under the program include:
 - Backwater Valve
 - Weeping Tile Disconnection and Sump Pump Installation
 - Sanitary and Storm Lateral Relining and Repair
- The program has been extended until April 30, 2027.



Private Plumbing Protection Rebate Program

Backwater Valve:

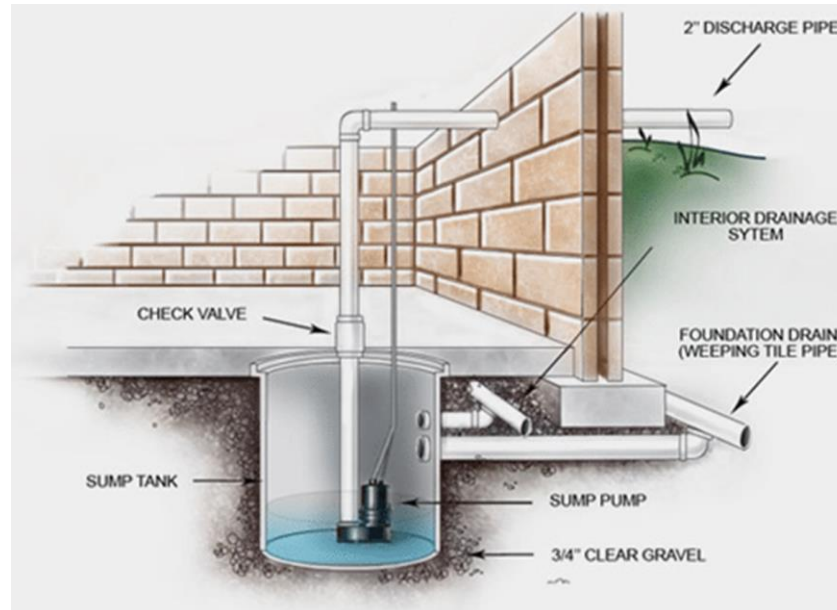
- A device installed to stop stormwater or sewage from flowing back into your home.
- This device acts as a 'check valve' that allows sewage or stormwater to flow out of the home's plumbing system during normal conditions, and that prevents back flow of sewage or stormwater during storms.





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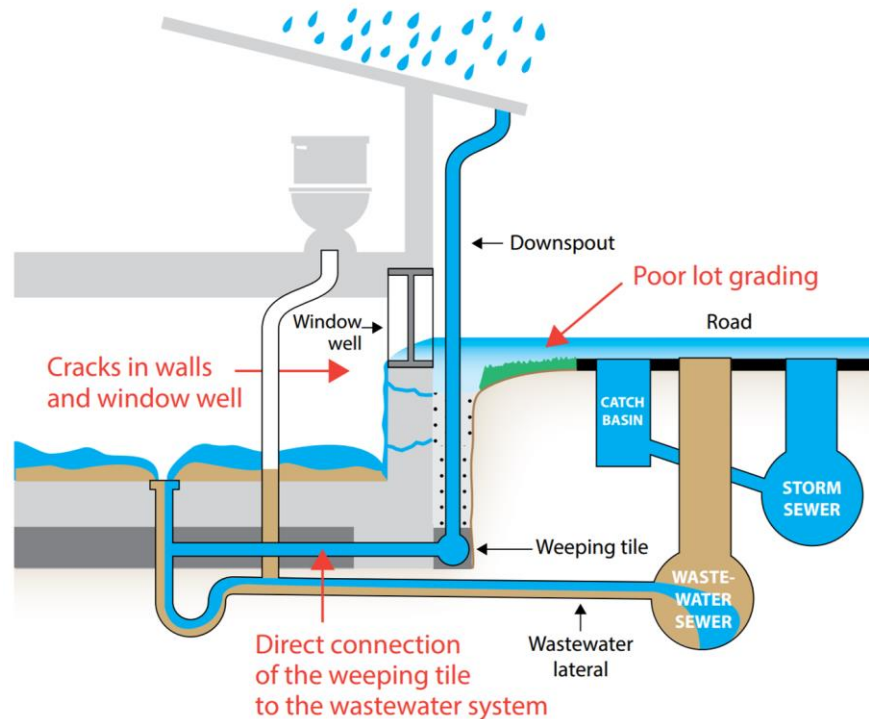
- **Weeping Tile Disconnection and Sump Pump Installation:**
 - Weeping tiles (also called foundation drains) collect groundwater or infiltrated rainwater from around the outside of homes and may directly connect to municipal sewer systems.
 - Disconnecting weeping tiles from municipal sewers and installing a sump pump can help prevent infiltration flooding through foundation walls or the floor when municipal sewers are surcharged during large storm events.





Private Plumbing Protection Rebate Program

- **Sanitary and Storm Lateral Relining and Repair:**
 - The replacement and restoration of private laterals (pipes) connecting your home's plumbing to the City's sewer system.





Private Plumbing Protection Rebate Program

Rebates amounts for eligible measures as follows:

Private Plumbing Protection Measure	Maximum Rebate Amount
Backwater Valve – Indoor Installed on Sanitary Lateral	\$1,750
Backwater Valve – Indoor Installed on Storm Lateral	\$1,750
Backwater Valve – Outdoor Installed on Sanitary Lateral (NEW)	\$2,000
Backwater Valve – Outdoor Installed on Storm Lateral	\$2,000
Weeping Tile - Disconnected from Sanitary Lateral and Redirect to Storm Lateral by gravity connection	\$3,000
Weeping Tile - Disconnected from Sanitary Lateral and Sump Pump Installation	\$5,000
Lateral Reline/Repair – Storm	\$2,500
Lateral Reline/Repair – Sanitary	\$2,500



Private Plumbing Protection Rebate Program

Am I eligible?

- The property must be located in known flood prone areas, or demonstrate existence of flood risk in the area
- The property is not subject to any contraventions, work orders or outstanding municipal requirements
- No outstanding municipal fines, tax payments, or fees
- The property owner has obtained approval of the work from the Environmental Services Department prior to installation
- Downspouts have been disconnected from the City's sewer system
- The property owner provides the necessary documentation required in the application forms, and complies with program requirements
- The property owner has obtained building permits for the new installation
- The new installation adheres to the *Building Code Act, 1992*, S.O. 1992, c. 23 and the Ontario Building Code O. Reg. 332/12, as amended or any successor thereof;
- The property owner signs a release form in favour of the City
- The work is not required as part of other works in meeting Ontario Building Code requirements
- The deadline to obtain the building permit is April 30, 2027



Private Plumbing Protection Rebate Program

Application Steps:

- Property owners determine required work in consultation with qualified contractor and confirm eligible work
- Property owners fill out the [Technical Review Application Form](#) and submit to City for review/approval
- After receiving an initial approval, property owners hire a licensed plumber to conduct CCTV inspection of laterals and submit inspection record to the City for review
- City issue the Technical Review Approval form to property owners to proceed or change the work plan
- Property owners submit building permit application along with the Technical Review Application and Approval Form
- Building Department issues the permit
- Property owners hire qualified contractor to complete the installation
- Building Department inspects completed works
- Property owners submit [Rebate Application Form](#) including invoices to Environmental Services Department
- City issues rebate cheque to property owners



Private Plumbing Protection Rebate Program

- **How to Apply?** To learn more about this rebate program or if you would like to apply, please visit the City website www.markham.ca/water under “Sewer Back-up & Flooding” or send an email to privateplumbing@markham.ca
- To determine which measures may provide protection to your home, contact a licensed plumber for an assessment.





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