

NOTICE OF EA ADDENDUM

Talbotville Wastewater Treatment Plant EA Addendum Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study



The Township of Southwold (Township) has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. to complete an Environmental Assessment (EA) Addendum to the 2016 Talbotville Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Environmental Study Report (ESR). The study area includes the location of the new proposed WWTP site, located east of Highway 4 in the Township. See map.

Two alternative locations for a WWTP to serve Talbotville were identified in the 2016 ESR - a North Site and a South Site. Both sites had a similar technical ability to address the wastewater treatment needs of the community. The South Site (southwest of Highway 4) was selected as the preferred location and a WWTP was constructed. Opportunities to service proposed development have developed since the EA was finalized. Additionally, there are approval constraints at the existing site. These factors have caused the Municipality to revise the EA.

Subject to completion of the Notice of EA Addendum, The Township intends to replace the existing WWTP with a new facility at the previously evaluated North Site. The location includes more space to address future growth, while it also avoids the woodland features and floodplain areas present at the existing site. The existing WWTP will be decommissioned or converted to a pumping station.

An EA Addendum report has been prepared which summarizes the Class EA Study process and revisions to the ESR. The document is available online for a 30-day public review period starting **February 29, 2024**, on the Township's website:

<https://www.southwold.ca/en/living-here/water-and-wastewater>

Interested persons may provide written comments between **February 29, 2024 and March 29, 2024** by contacting: Aaron VanOorspronk, Director of Infrastructure & Development Services, Township of Southwold, 35663 Fingal Line, Fingal ON N0L 1K0, email: development@southwold.ca, or discussed by telephone at 519-769-2010.

In the event that there are outstanding concerns following discussions with the Municipality, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) under Section 16 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* 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. The request should be sent in writing or by email to the following:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M7A 2J3
minister.mecp@ontario.ca

and

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor
Toronto ON, M4V 1P5
EABDirector@ontario.ca

All personal information included in your request - such as name, address, telephone number and property location - is collected, under the authority of section 30 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public. As this information is collected for the purpose of a public record, the protection of personal information provided in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) does not apply (s.37). Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.

This Notice issued 29 February, 2024.

