



The Regional Municipality of York NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT

UPPER YORK SEWAGE SOLUTIONS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TO MANAGE SEWAGE IN THE PROJECT SERVICE AREA

The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) Upper York Sewage Solutions (UYSS) project will develop a sustainable sewage servicing solution to accommodate the growth forecasted in the UYSS service area. This forecasted growth is in accordance with both the provincial growth management policies outlined in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe developed under the *Places to Grow Act*, 2005, and applicable environmental statutes including, but not limited to, the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act*, 2008, the *Oak Ridges Moraine conservation Act*, 2001, the *Greenbelt Act*, 2005 and the *Ontario Water Resources Act*. The service area consists of the growth portions of the Towns of Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury, including the communities of Holland Landing, Queensville and Sharon (please see map).

York Region has initiated a full/individual Environmental Assessment (EA) under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the UYSS project. This EA will be carried out according to the Terms of Reference (ToR), which was approved by the Minister of the Environment on March 11, 2010 and will identify a preferred undertaking. A copy of the approved ToR is available for review/download in the Library of Documents on the project website (<http://www.uyssolutions.ca/en/onlineresources/LibDocuments.asp>) and at the UYSS Project Office, 1195 Stellar Drive, Unit 1, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 7B8, Telephone: 905 830-5656.

Members of the public, agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning of this undertaking by attending consultation and workshop opportunities and/or contacting staff directly with information, comments or questions. Consultation opportunities are planned throughout the EA process, including a workshop on Wednesday, June 2 on the proposed Alternatives to the Undertaking. Further details regarding this workshop and other consultation events will be available through newspaper advertising, mailings to those registered on our project database and posted on the project website: www.uyssolutions.ca

For further information on the UYSS EA please contact:

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Comments, input and information regarding the UYSS EA may be included in project documentation. Under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.

