

FORT ERIE – NOTICE OF COMPLETION

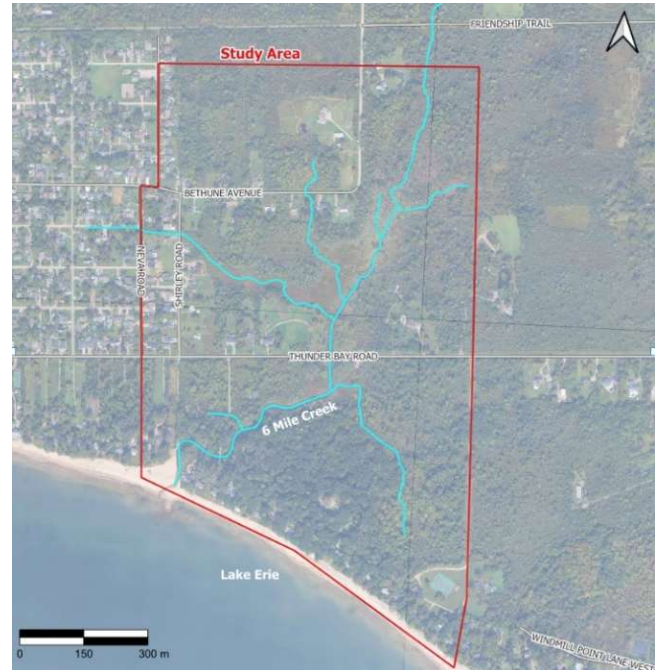
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

Six Mile Creek Flood Mitigation Project

The Study

This study was initiated to identify a long-term solution to address chronic and recurring flooding within the Thunder Bay community, caused primarily by storm surge events on Lake Erie and resulting backwater effects in Six Mile Creek. The study area of this Schedule 'B' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) area is generally bounded by Friendship Trail to the north, Neva Road to the west, Colony Road alignment to the east, and Lake Erie to the south.

Through the evaluation of alternative solutions, the Town has selected Alternative 1 – Landform Barrier as the preferred solution. This solution consists of constructing a landform barrier along rear property lines, on the east side of Shirley Road and south side of Bethune Avenue, abutting the mapped natural heritage system. The landform barrier includes culverts at existing tributary crossings to maintain drainage, installed with passive backflow prevention systems. The preferred solution provides the most balanced and effective approach with respect to technical feasibility, environmental considerations, social acceptance, and cost. The preferred solution reduces flood risk for residential dwellings north of Thunder Bay Road within the 5-year storm surge flood extent without requiring property acquisition. Public and stakeholder input has been a key element throughout the Class EA process.



The Process

The study has been completed as a Schedule B Class EA, satisfying Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class EA process. This study has defined the problems and opportunities associated with the study area, developed and evaluated alternative strategies, determined a feasible solution, and identified methods to avoid or minimize impacts to the community and natural environment. Public and stakeholder input has been a key element throughout the Class EA process. Results are documented in the Project File Report (PFR), which has been submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks for review.

Get Involved

The PFR will be available for a 30-day public review period starting April 16, 2026 and ending May 16, 2026, in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class EA process. An electronic copy of the PFR will be available for public review on the Town of Fort Erie project webpage at: <https://letstalk.forterie.ca/six-mile-creek-flooding-project>



Interested persons may provide written comments to our project team by May 16, 2026. All comments are requested to be sent directly to the Project Manager listed below. Previous study information, including the Public Information Centres and the study area expansion bulletin, is available on the above webpage.

Lisa Vespi, P.Eng., PMP, Project Manager, Town of Fort Erie

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In addition, 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. Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive EA); how an order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights; 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.

Minister

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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Director, Environmental Assessment Branch

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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Requests should also be copied to Lisa Vespi by mail or by e-mail. Please visit the Ministry's website for more information on requests for orders under section 16 of the Environmental Assessment Act at:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-section-16-order>

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 in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public. With the exception of personal information, all comments shall become part of the public record.

This notice was first issued on April 16, 2026.