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WHITEWATER REGION **FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT**



General Scope of the Project

Jp2g is to complete a flood risk assessment for an area south-west of the Westmeath Provincial Park along the Ottawa River which includes a Provincially Significant Wetland, and some grandfathered properties situated in the floodway or flood fringe. This area seasonally floods with the spring freshet and represents a significant and recurring flood risk. The Township of Whitewater Region has identified flooding in its Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment.

It is understood that the area was severely impacted by 2019 flooding with several property owners relying on the Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians (DRAO) Program to address flood damage. Jp2g understands the impacts of the flooding firsthand since some of our staff provided sandbagging support in this area during the flood.

Jp2g will be gathering information, assessing current and future climate change conditions, and ultimately preparing an action plan with flood mitigation solutions.

Background Information / Information Gathering

To understand the significance of the flooding in the area, Jp2g would like to gather comments from the homeowners. We are looking for a description of the damages and specific locations of flooding, and for homeowners to identify which flood mitigation measures were successful in the 2019 flood. Further information on seasonal flooding would also be appreciated. Information gathering can be done by group meetings, email, phone call or 1-on-1 interviews in person. 1-on-1 interviews can be held on-site and will take place between July 26th and August 6th. Please contact Andrea Bishop to arrange a meeting time.

Schedule

A Preliminary Assessment Report will be completed by September, summarizing the background information, existing flood mapping data and 2019 flood levels. Climate change parameters and assumptions will also be included.

Newsletter #2 will be sent in September, outlining existing flood control measures and condition of the infrastructure, and will highlight areas of concern.

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