

You're invited to an Open House

The Region of Waterloo is undertaking a case study to look at how best to balance transportation needs and environmental considerations in the Laurel Creek Headwaters Environmentally Sensitive Landscape (ESL).

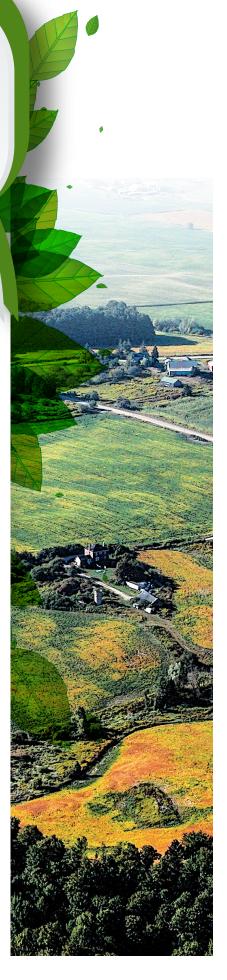
Please join us at the Open House to learn more about the case study and provide your input.

Date: February 26, 2015

Time: 4 – 8 p.m.

Location: Waterloo Region Emergency Services Training and Research Complex (WRESTRC), 1001 Erb's Road, Waterloo (Landfill Gate 3)





ESLs are landscapes in Waterloo Region with clusters of significant natural features as well as working farms and small settlements. Totalling more than 15,000 hectares (37,300 acres), the Region's four ESLs are protected by special policies that limit urban expansion and activities in order to preserve these unique environmental and rural features.

The findings of the case study may have broad applicability to road corridors in all four of the Region's ESLs, and will provide greater insight into:

- Enhancing and protecting the value of the ESL to the community
- Protecting creeks, wetlands, and wildlife from the effects of increased traffic and road maintenance
- Retaining or enhancing the scenic quality and rural character of roads in the ESL
- Assessing the impacts of recreational uses, such as hiking, jogging, horseback riding, cycling, skiing, etc. on roads and publicly accessible lands
- Identifying potential issues that could affect safety by causing conflicts between road users (e.g. cars, truck traffic, pedestrians, cyclists, joggers)

For more information about this study, please visit **www.regionofwaterloo.ca/esl** or contact the project manager:

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This event is accessible for people with disabilities. Accessible parking is available. If you require assistance to attend or participate in this meeting, or to access information in alternative formats, please contact us at least five days prior to the meeting.

All comments and information received from individuals, stakeholder groups and agencies regarding this project are being collected to assist the Region of Waterloo in making a decision. Under the Municipal Act, personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location that may be included in a submission becomes part of the public record. Questions regarding the collection of this information should be referred to Tim Van Hinte at TVanHinte@regionofwaterloo.ca.

Legend Approximate Study Area Laurel Creek Headwaters Environmentally Sensitive Landsca

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