



Region of Waterloo

# 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 to learn about  
the findings of our study  
and provide your input.*

**Date:** Oct. 27, 2015

**Time:** 5 – 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)

The study will be made available online prior to the open house at [www.regionofwaterloo.ca/esl](http://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/esl) or contact the project manager:

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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](mailto:TVanHinte@regionofwaterloo.ca).

