

# NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

## Wastewater Servicing for Baxter

A Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) was completed in 2012 by CL Marshall Farms Ltd and identified a Preferred Alternative that was based on a municipal wastewater collection system bringing wastewater to a central sewage pumping station that would pump all wastewater to the Angus Wastewater Treatment Plant by force-main.

During the development of detail design for the approved system, additional information is now available, particularly regarding requirements for operations and maintenance. Information on treatment technologies has also changed since 2012. The inclusion of this new information could result in different conclusions for the previous Class EA. Brookfield Residential is re-commencing a Class EA to assess the alternative solutions to meet the projected demands and identify and evaluate the alternative designs for the wastewater treatment systems in the Community of Baxter. Costs for the study are being paid by the developer.

The evaluation of servicing for the community is also associated with an approved housing subdivision within the community. Essa Township will have direct input to the Class EA and will review and administer the municipal approvals for the housing subdivision.

In accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, the project will include detailed public and agency consultation process. The Class EA process is intended to assess alternative solutions and system designs, which include “Do nothing” as well as the establishment of new municipal services or expansion of the existing services. As the study documents are prepared, they will be available for viewing from the Township Office and can be downloaded from the Azimuth Environmental web site ([www.azimuthenvironmental.com](http://www.azimuthenvironmental.com) - follow the tab under “Reports”).

Azimuth will be reviewing all available data including current and historic environmental monitoring data for the site and updating field studies such that a detailed evaluation may be conducted for the site in accordance to all applicable guidelines and approval requirements established by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). The public are encouraged to view information, to participate in the study and to provide comments directly or at public open houses. Comments on the project will be incorporated into the final Environmental Study Report.

Azimuth are contacting surrounding property owners, government agencies, and First Nations communities in the area to identify and discuss their concerns regarding the project. The first public open house is expected to take place in February 2020 to discuss alternatives and opportunities and constraints for the various alternatives. The project schedule is being developed now and details regarding the first open house will be advertised in early 2020.

Any questions, comments or requests for information can be directed to the people listed below. You can also contact them to be sign up for an information mailing list for the project.

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