

# You Are Invited!

Terrapure Environmental (Terrapure), owner and operator of the Stoney Creek Regional Facility (SCRF) in upper Stoney Creek, has initiated an Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *EA Act* seeking approval to reconfigure the site back to its original Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change-approved footprint. The reconfiguration would allow Terrapure to use the existing space more efficiently while retaining the same overall geographic size of the site.

These changes would allow Terrapure to respond to continued and growing demands from local industry, particularly from customers right here in Hamilton. To do this, Terrapure is proposing to replace its current requirement to bring in industrial soil or "fill" with residual materials, such as by-products from the local steelmaking industry and infrastructure projects like the recent McMaster Children's Hospital expansion. This change would help ensure another new facility is not required in the Hamilton area and would likely enable the SCRF to close sooner than currently projected.

As part of initiating the SCRF EA, you are invited to attend the Public Open House where further information can be obtained and questions that you may have can be answered by the Project Team. The Public Open House is scheduled as follows:

#### June 21, 2016, 4 – 8 p.m. Salvation Army, Winterberry Heights Church 300 Winterberry Drive, Stoney Creek (see location on map)



The approvals process for these proposed changes to be considered by the provincial government is the most rigorous and comprehensive available and consists of two steps. Terrapure is presently preparing a Terms of Reference (ToR) as part of the first step, which outlines how the EA, or second step, will be carried out. Those attending the Public Open House will have an opportunity to review and comment on the draft ToR before it is finalized for submission to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change for review and approval later in the year.

Please direct any comments, questions, or information requests to **Kim Bailey, Terrapure Environmental** via any one of the following means:



All personal information included in a submission – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, maintained and disclosed by the MOECC for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *EA Act* or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s.37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the MOECC's Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at (416) 327-1434.



### **Terrapure Environmental**

Terrapure Environmental is a leading Canadian provider of innovative, cost-effective environmental services and recycling solutions that help address industry's most complex environmental challenges. With an exemplary record and unwavering focus on health and safety excellence, the company provides services that minimize waste and maximize the recovery or recycling of valuable industrial by-products through a coast-tocoast facility network and on customer sites.

## **Terrapure Stoney Creek Regional Facility**

The Terrapure Stoney Creek Regional Facility (SCRF) is unique in Ontario in that it only takes in excavation materials and by-products from industries, such as local steel production. The SCRF is a highly engineered site that ensures maximum environmental protection through a double-liner system. It is constructed with two levels of natural clay liner and a single geosynthetic membrane liner along with extensive leachate and groundwater collection systems. The liner is approximately 10 feet thick and ensures nothing is able to escape to the natural environment. The design has been called "state of the art" by an independent panel of experts.

The facility has been part of the local upper Stoney Creek community since 1996 when it was approved by the then Minister of the Environment following the successful completion of an Individual Environmental Assessment. The SCRF is approved by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) to accept only solid, non-hazardous waste from commercial, industrial and institutional sources. These wastes are considered post-recycled "residual materials" that are left over after all recovery/recycling options have been exhausted. No garbage is accepted so the facility does not generate methane, attract unwanted wildlife, or result in blowing litter.

Fifty percent of the material received annually at the SCRF comes from customers in the City of Hamilton. If this material had to go to another facility farther away, it would add significant cost and environmental impact from increased transportation. As such, the facility plays a vital role in supporting local industry and growth of the Hamilton economy.

# Heritage Green Trust and City of Hamilton Royalty Program

Terrapure maintains two major community investment programs related to the SCRF – the Heritage Green Community Trust and a City of Hamilton Royalty Program. One dollar for every tonne of material received at the site each year goes into each initiative, which support community charitable and infrastructure programs. Over the nearly 20 years that these programs have been in place, they have injected a combined total of more than \$22 million into the local community.

The proposed reconfiguration of the SCRF would allow Terrapure to continue to provide a significant economic contribution to the local community, with well-paying jobs and over \$14 million in additional funding to community groups and local infrastructure projects in Stoney Creek via the Trust and Royalty Program.