

CITY OF HAMILTON WATERSHED ACTION PLAN UPDATE

June 28, 2023



OBJECTIVE

To plan, develop and execute a Watershed Action Plan for all activities within the care and control of the City of Hamilton

The resulting implementation strategy will be developed in accordance with City and Provincial guidelines, policies, and regulations.



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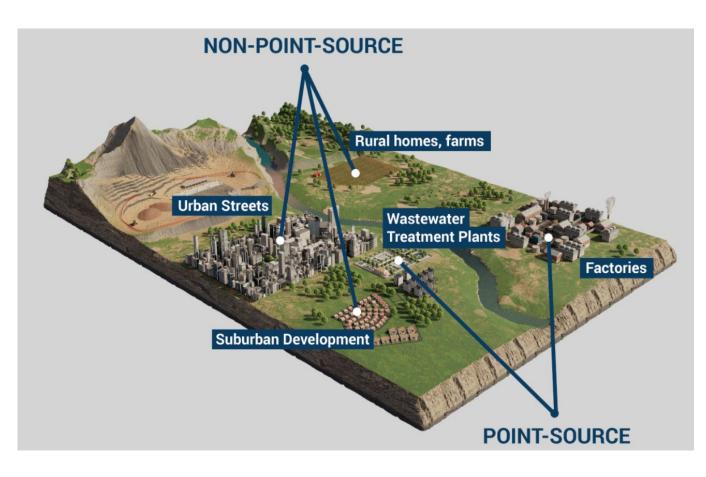
- 1. Council Motion Item 8 (m) of the November 20, 2019, General Issues Committee (Report 19-024) "That the City recommit to the water quality objectives in the Remedial Action Plan process".
- 2. Chedoke Water Quality Improvement Framework Study Report recommended the creation of an advisory committee.
- 3. Senior Leadership Team Direction to create a touchpoint for the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan and conduit to the Senior Leadership Team and City Council.





STAKEHOLDER LIAISON COMMITTEE

Working together, this group will help to advance City specific watershed actions with the common goal of improving our watersheds and Hamilton Harbour conditions





CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT PARTNERS

Stakeholder Liaison Committee

- City of Hamilton
 - Public Works
 - Healthy & Safe Communities
 - Planning & Economic Development
- Conservation Halton
- Royal Botanical Gardens
- Hamilton Conservation Authority
- Grand River Conservation Authority
- Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan Watershed Advisory Group

- Bay Area Restoration Council
- Harbour Remedial Action Plan Office
- Environment Hamilton
- City of Burlington
- City of Hamilton
- Conservation Halton
- The Regional Municipality of Halton
- Hamilton Conservation Authority
- Royal Botanical Gardens
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Ministry of the Environment,
 Conservation and Parks



CONSULTATION & ENGAGEMENT PARTNERS

Academic Community

- McMaster University
- Redeemer College University

Non-Government Organization

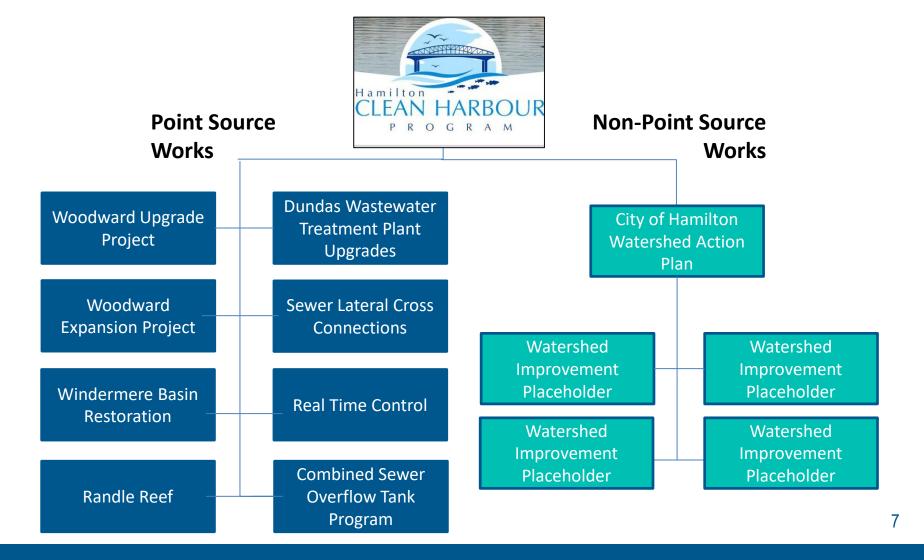
Green Venture

Area Stakeholders

- Indigenous Nations and First Peoples
- Ontario Ministry of Transportation
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada



WHERE IT FITS WITHIN THE CITY





WHERE IT FITS WITHIN THE HAMILTON HARBOUR REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN

Bay Area Implementation Team

Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan Coordinating Committee Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan Office

Technical Team

Strathearne Slip Sediment Management Task Group Hamilton Harbour Beach Management Group Cootes Paradise and Grindstone Water Quality Group

Communication, Outreach, and Reporting

Hamilton Children's Water Festival
Bay Area Restoration Council Programs
Hamilton Waterfront Trust Fishing Derby
Randle Reef Community Liaison Committee
Municipal, Conservation Authority Programs
Watershed Stewardship and Landowner Outreach Programs

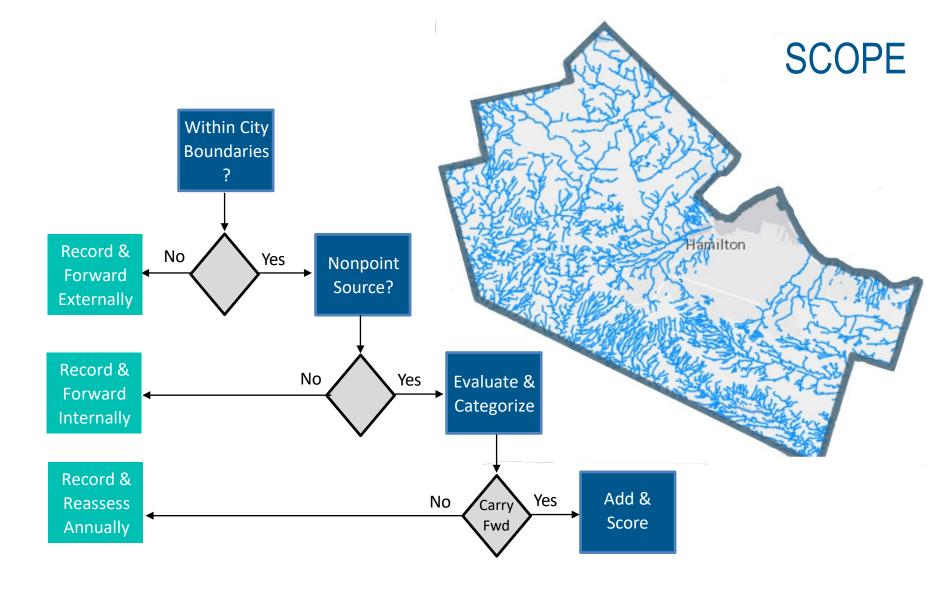
Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee

Windermere Basin Management Task Group Habitat Targets Assessment Sub-Committee Colonial Waterbird Management Sub-Committee Aquatic Plant Control Stakeholder Group

Watershed Advisory Group

City of Hamilton
Watershed Action Plan







DELIVERABLES

Studies / Reports

Natural Assets Initiative (Grindstone Creek)

Chedoke Creek Water

Quality Study

Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan Reports

Supporting Data

Surface Water Quality
Program

Conservation Authority
Report Cards

Capital Projects

Policy/Program

Operations & Maintenance

Dredging Works

Floating Treatment Wetlands

Golf Course Run-off Mgmt

Sewer Separation Community Outreach

Low Impact
Development
Policies

Stormwater User Rate

Stormwater
Mgmt
Policies

Catch Basin Cleaning

Salt/Snow Mgmt

Enhanced Street Sweeping

Facility
Inspection &
Repair

Watershed Improvement Examples



Review policies to protect existing natural assets



Ensure that future land use change considers the value of existing natural assets and their role in service delivery.



Within City Boundaries

Yes, City wide action



Nonpoint Source

Yes, Natural assets mitigate stormwater run-off



Evaluate & Categorize

- Policy
- Planning & Economic Development
- No resources needed
- Mid-term (2-5 years)



Add & Score

Added to action list and scored



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Scoring Sheet						<u>NA-1</u>	
Evaluation Criteria	Poor = 1	Low = 4	Moderate = 7	High = 10	% Weight	Score	Final Score
Environmental							
Pollutant Removal	Negligible effect on pollutant	Some pollutant / water quality improvement, difficult to quantify	Moderate but measurable pollutant / water quality improvement expected	High, measurable pollutant / water quality improvement expected	1.5	7	10.5
Climate Action Strategy	Change Mitigation /	Somewhat supports Climate Change Mitigation / Adaptation	Mostly supports Climate Change Mitigation / Adaptation	Able to support Climate Change Mitigation / Adaptation	1.3	10	13
Economic							
Implementation Costs	relative to anticipated project		Capital costs are moderately low vs. anticipated project benefits	Capital costs are low relative to benefits (i.e., excellent cost/benefit ratio)	1.1	9	9.9
Ongoing Costs	costs are very high relative to	Operating & Maintenance costs are moderately high vs. benefits	Operating & Maintenance costs are moderately low vs. benefits	Operating & Maintenance costs are low relative to anticipated project benefits	1.1	9	9.9
Social							
Stakeholder Beneficiary	No multi stakeholder beneficiary	Minor multi stakeholder beneficiary benefits (helps 1-2 partners)	Moderate multi stakeholder beneficiary benefits (helps 3-4 partners)	Significant multi stakeholder beneficiary benefits (helps >5 partners)	1	8	8
Ease of Implementation	dust, traffic disruptions	Moderate expectations for noise, odor, dust, traffic disruptions and/or complaints	Some/few disruptions and/or complaints are expected	Low-profile; low/no odors, noise, dust, traffic disruptions and/or complaints expected	1	10	10
						Total	61.3



NEXT STEPS

Setting the Stage (Step 1)

Monitoring and Evaluating the Plan (Step 5)

Recognizing and Aligning interests (Step 2)

We Are Here

Implementing the Plan (Step 4)

Preparing and Approving the Plan (Step 3)



ROADMAP

2022



MILESTONE

- First Committee Meeting
- 1st Information Report to Council



MILESTONE

- Second Committee Meeting
- Inventory of Actions Development



MILESTONE

• Third Committee Meeting



- Fourth Committee Meeting
- Scoring Assessment & Gap Analysis

2023



MILESTONE

- Fifth Committee Meeting
- Workshops



MILESTONE

- Sixth Committee Meeting
- 2nd Information Report to Council



MILESTONE

- Seventh Committee Meeting
- Stakeholder Comments Addressed



- Eighth Committee Meeting
- Engage Hamilton

2024



MILESTONE

- Ninth Committee Meeting
- Consultant review



MILESTONE

- Tenth Committee Meeting
- Finalize Action Plan



MILESTONE

- Eleventh Committee Meeting
- Recommendation Report to Council

MILESTONE

Financing Strategy
 Outlined in the 2025

 Rates Budget Report





THANK YOU