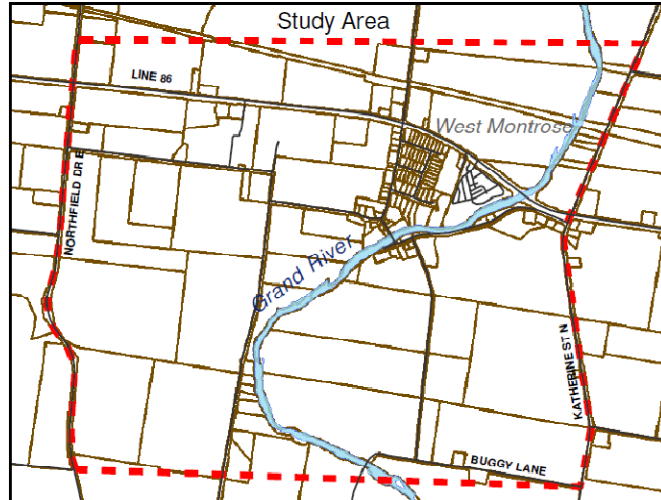


Background

Water services in the community of West Montrose (see figure) are provided to its citizens through coordination between the Township of Woolwich (Township) and the Region of Waterloo (Region). In 1997, the Region completed a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to address water supply issues associated with the West Montrose Water Supply System. Construction of the recommended upgrades was completed in May 1999.

Since 2005, the West Montrose groundwater supply system has faced operational challenges that have impacted the optimum use of the existing sources. The Region is conducting this study to identify potential new water supply sources for the community of West Montrose.



Class EA

The Region has initiated this study to evaluate and recommend the preferred water supply alternative solution for the West Montrose Water Supply System with consideration for environmental, cultural, social, natural, technical and economic factors. This study is being developed as a Schedule “C” Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) under Ontario’s *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Invitation to Participate

Public involvement is an important part of the Class EA process. Residents and community organizations are encouraged to participate by attending Public Information Centres (PIC) and providing input for study consideration. This notification and any future documentation for the project will be posted on the Region’s website at www.region.waterloo.on.ca/water.

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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 Pam Law.