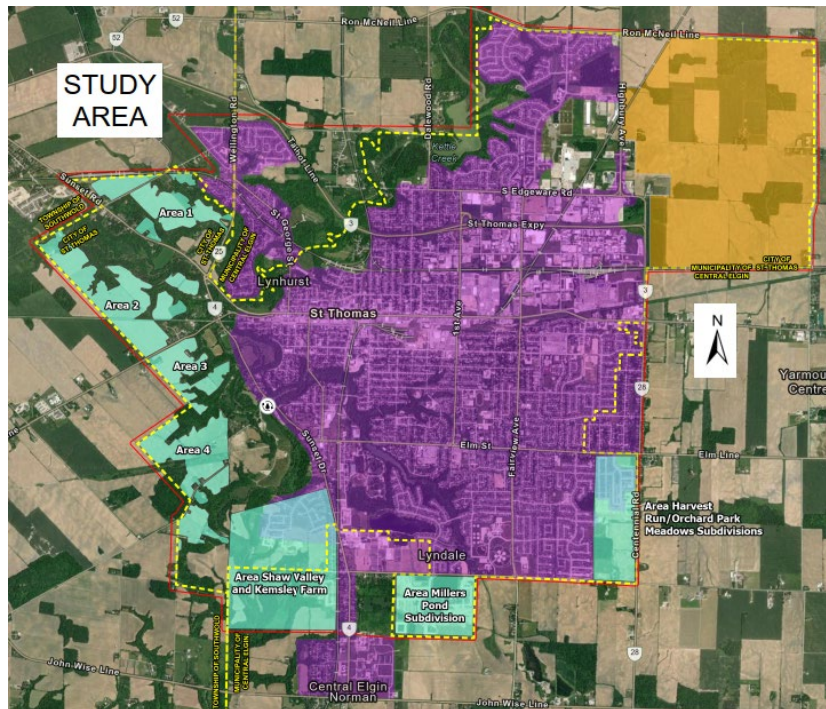


# Notice of Master Plan

## St. Thomas Water Pollution Control Plant Wastewater Management Master Plan

The City of St. Thomas has completed the St. Thomas Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Wastewater Management Master Plan (WWMP) for its wastewater treatment infrastructure as part of ongoing efforts to improve the performance of the City's infrastructure. The WWMP will provide the City with guidance for capital planning and project implementation for wastewater treatment to accommodate growth for the next 20 years and beyond in a cost effective and environmentally sustainable manner.



### The Process

The Master Plan Study was undertaken in accordance with the master planning and design process of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA, 2023), approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The 2024 WWMP followed Approach 1 of the MCEA process, which fulfills the requirements for Exempt (Schedule A and A+) projects and provides a basis for future investigations for Schedule B and C projects (where additional project specific investigations may be required to satisfy additional MCEA requirements before implementation). A WWMP report document has been prepared that details the planning and decision-making process followed during the Master Plan Study.

### Public Comment Period

By this notice, the WWMP report is being placed online on the public record for a 30-day review period starting **December 21, 2023**. Due to the end of year upcoming holidays the Master Plan will be available for review until **January 28, 2024**, on the City's website at: [St Thomas WWMP](#). This will provide the required 30-day review period with accommodation to stakeholders.

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### Contact Information

Interested persons may provide comments to the project team through your preferred means of communication. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to the Project Managers listed below.

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### Section 16 Order Requests

The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks can only issue an order with respect to Schedule B or C projects identified in the Master Plan requiring a higher level of study, or that conditions be imposed, only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights.

Requests on other grounds will not be considered. The Minister cannot make an order with respect to Exempt projects identified in the Master Plan.

Requests must include your contact information and be received by January 28, 2023. Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment); how an order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights; and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the Ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (additional conditions or an individual environmental assessment), explain how an order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy potential adverse impacts, and can include any supporting information. The request should be sent to both:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor  
Toronto ON M7A 2J3  
[minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca)

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch  
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1st Floor  
Toronto ON, M4V 1P5  
[EABDirector@ontario.ca](mailto:EABDirector@ontario.ca)

Requests should also be sent to the City of St. Thomas by mail or by e-mail. Please visit the ministry's website for more information on requests for orders under section 16 of the Environmental Assessment Act at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-section-16-order>.

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