

# Project Update Newsletter July 2020: Flamborough Centre Park Restoration



## Summary

Flamborough Centre Park, which is located at 969 Centre Road and is owned by the City of Hamilton, has a seasonally high water table, limited recreational opportunities and challenging maintenance requirements. Conservation Halton has been in discussions with the City to identify options for restoring the natural environment on a small portion of the property, which used to be a treed deciduous swamp, before the land was cleared. This project would involve removing a portion of the topsoil from the area, creating a shallow wetland, and planting the area with native species that are tolerant of wet ground conditions.

## Project Updates

- A Call for Public participation package was mailed to 31 surrounding residents inviting interested individuals to complete an online feedback survey
- We have received 11 completed surveys to date
- A Call for Public Participation poster was mounted at Flamborough Centre Park inviting park users to participate in the public engagement opportunity
- A Request for Quotation (RFQ) was issued to secure a qualified vendor to complete the design drawings
- The project was covered in the June 25<sup>th</sup> edition of the [Flamborough Review](#)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. Will this restoration project create an increase in mosquito populations?

The restoration project is proposed over an area which already exhibits seasonal flooding and provides mosquito habitat. Within the restoration approach, it is proposed to include habitat features to attract bats, dragonflies and birds which feed on mosquitos. Waterfowl and dragonfly larvae will also eat the larval stage of mosquitos.

### 2. How will this restoration project impact recreational usage of the park?

The ball diamond adjacent to Centre Road will not be impacted by the project as well as a portion of the field immediately west of there. The project location occurs in an area where recreational usage has not been noted and the turf is not maintained.

### 3. Will there be an increase in water flow that results in a risk of flooding to adjacent properties?

There will be no increase in water flow or flood risk to adjacent properties. The consultant water resource engineer will provide designs which attest to this.

### 4. Will this project have an impact on property taxes?

This project would not have any impact on the way property taxes are calculated by the City of Hamilton.

## 5. Is this project funded by municipal tax dollars?

No municipal tax revenues are proposed to be used for this project.

Funding for the design of this project has been provided by the Greenbelt Foundation. The Greenbelt Foundation is a collaboration with 13 conservation authorities with the aim to transform the health of the Greenbelt forests, wetlands, grasslands, rivers and lakes to provide unparalleled environmental services and benefit 9.2 million residents.

City of Hamilton is providing in-kind support for the project as part of on-going park operations.

## Contact

Please contact us if you have questions, comments, or would like to be added to the project mailing list.

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