

## Media Alert - On Site Photo Opportunity

### **Groff Mill Creek/Dumfries Conservation Area Flood Control Berm - Culvert Installation**

Cambridge, Ontario. March 04, 2009... Installation of the culvert for Groff Mill Creek/Dumfries Conservation Area will happen this week. News media are invited to capture images and learn more about this important infrastructure project on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 11:00 am. Directions to the site are attached under separate cover. The project is part of the Storm Water Master Plan initiative. As this is a construction site and safety is a priority, please confirm your attendance with Cathy Robertson, Director of Engineering Services [robertsonc@cambridge.ca](mailto:robertsonc@cambridge.ca)

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#### ABOUT GROFF MILL CREEK FLOOD MANAGEMENT

The Groff Mill Creek, which is a tributary to the Grand River, is a highly urbanized creek which drains a large portion of the Hespeler Commercial and Industrial area. It flows through the Dumfries Conservation Area and ultimately winds its way through the Galt Country Club before discharging to the Grand River.

Severe storms in 2005 and 2006 caused extensive damage to local homes, the Coronation Boulevard crossing and the Galt Country Club, in addition to widespread flooding within the Dumfries Conservation Area. In response to these serious flooding events, the City of Cambridge initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study in the fall of 2006 to investigate the causes of the problems and develop various solutions, in consultation with the Public and area stakeholders.

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By early Spring 2007, a Master Plan to address the flooding potential within the Groff Mill Creek Watershed was prepared and presented to the Public. The primary (key) elements of the flood management strategy included:

1. An earthen Flood Control Berm in the Dumfries Conservation Area;
2. An upgraded culvert crossing Coronation Boulevard;
3. Enhanced capacity in a bio-engineered channel across Galt Country Club.

Following approval of the Class EA, detailed design of the study recommendation was initiated in late summer 2007. Through an interactive process of design involving the City of Cambridge, Grand River Conservation Authority, Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources, Galt Country Club, and others, approvals were secured mid-2008.

The first phase of construction involved the channel works across the Galt Country Club. These works were tendered in July and awarded in August 2007, with construction beginning the first week of September, 2008. The project was substantially completed October 15, 2008, ahead of schedule and on budget. The contractor, R & M Construction, completed the work under the direction of Philips Engineering Ltd. All parties have been extremely satisfied with the outcome which now has substantially improved the capacity of the watercourse, while improving its overall ecological function.

The current project involves the second phase of work, specifically the construction of a flood control system in the Dumfries Conservation Area. This work includes the construction of an earthen berm, concrete culvert, spillway, landscaping and new trail crossing. Some minor work in the creek is also required to connect the structure to the existing creek alignment. The work was initiated late in 2008 and is expected to be completed this spring.

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