

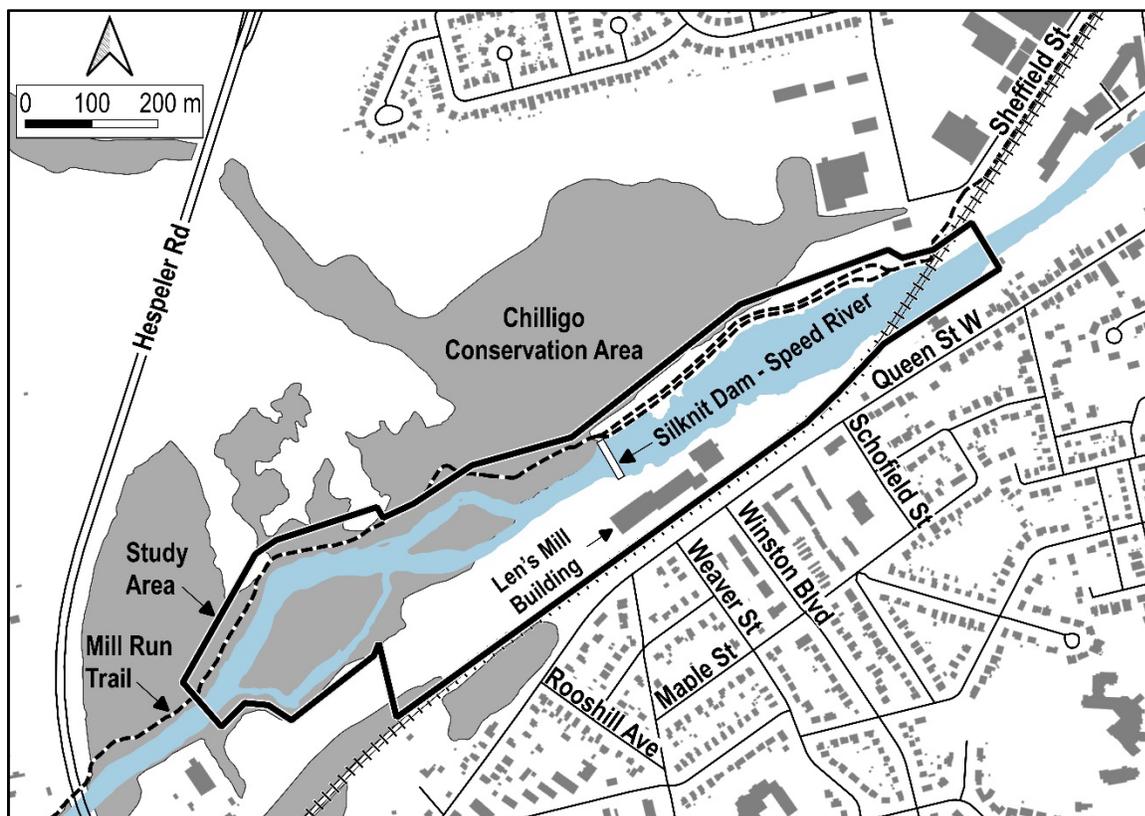
Notice of Study Commencement

Schedule 'B' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Pedestrian Bridge in Hespeler, City of Cambridge

The Study

The City of Cambridge has initiated an Environmental Assessment to establish a new pedestrian bridge across the Speed River in Hespeler. The bridge would link the existing Mill Run trail on the north side of the Speed River (south of Chilligo Conservation Area) and the new proposed trail on the south side of the Speed River along Queen Street W. The new trail connection to the bridge is also a part of this study.

The need for the new pedestrian bridge and proposed trail were identified in the City's Cycling Master Plan, completed in 2020. The purpose of the current Class EA Study is to identify the preferred location and type of the pedestrian bridge and the preferred alignment of the new trail connection within the Study Area shown below. This Class EA will identify a pedestrian bridge and trail connection that are safe and provide barrier-free access for all ages and abilities.





The Process

The study is being carried out as a Schedule 'B' project in accordance with the requirements outlined in the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class EA document (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015), which is an approved process under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The study will address Phases I and II of the Municipal Class EA process for a Schedule B project.

You are invited to participate!

Consultation with the public, Indigenous Nations, regulatory agencies and stakeholders is a key element of the Class EA process. Project notifications will be issued at key milestones through the City's website, advertisement in local newspaper, and emails and mail-outs to the contacts on the Study Contact List. One (1) Public Information Centre (PIC) (**possibly in an online format**) will be conducted to solicit public input. The PIC will provide an opportunity to the public to review what options were identified and evaluated to identify the location and type for the bridge and alignment for the new trail connection. The PIC will also provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the preferred pedestrian bridge. As the Study progresses, a project webpage will be set up on [Engage Cambridge website](#). As more information becomes available, it will be posted on the project webpage. Once the Study is complete, a Project File Report will be prepared and available for review and comment. A Notice of Completion will be issued at that stage.

COVID-19

The City recognizes that this project is being carried out during uncertain times with respect to the Covid-19 pandemic. The City will take all necessary steps to ensure maintaining the health and safety of the public. Given the uncertainty of the pandemic, most of the future consultation and communications with the public will be online.

Stay Connected!

If you would like to receive future notices via email, or if you have any questions or comments, please contact one of the Study Team Members identified below:

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Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.