Garden Hill Dam Class Environmental Assessment

Notice of Intent

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The Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) has commenced the Class Environmental Assessment process to determine whether repair or decommissioning is the best option to deal with deficiencies at the Garden Hill Dam. The Garden Hill Dam is located on the Ganaraska River within the Garden Hill Conservation Area in Port Hope, Ontario. While the surrounding site is open to the public, operational facilities associated with the dam are not publicly accessible. Constructed in 1959, the dam's purpose was to manage flows in the Ganaraska River and support recreational and ecological values in the surrounding area. Recent studies and inspections have found that the dam, in its current condition, requires remedial action for the long-term management of the structure.



The Environmental Assessment (EA) study will be carried out in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Remedial Flood and Erosion Control Projects*.

The GRCA invites you to participate in this study. Opportunities for public and stakeholder input will be provided throughout the study process, and feedback received will be considered in the development and evaluation of project alternatives.

To provide comments, request additional information, or be added to the project mailing list, please contact info@grca.on.ca or visit our website https://grca.on.ca/garden-hill-class-ea.