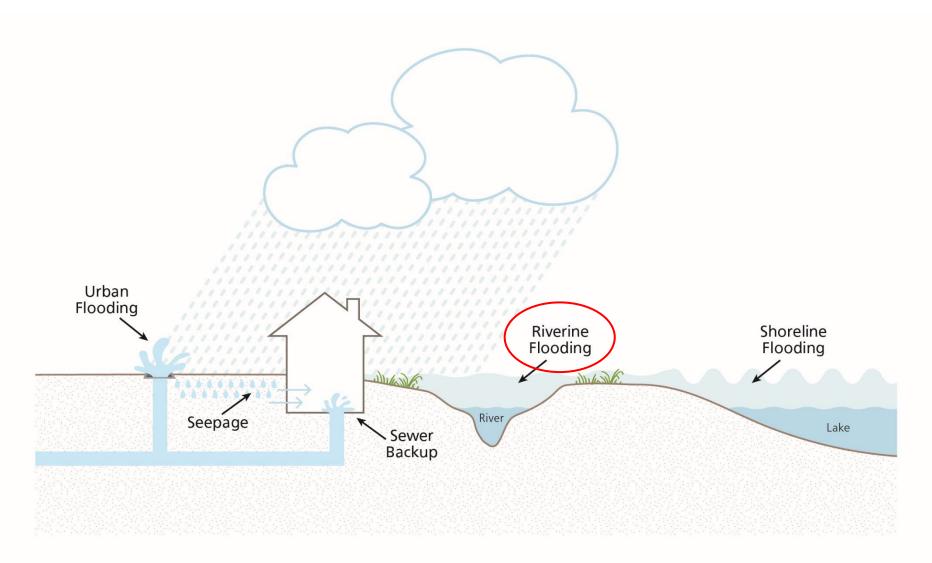
# FLOOD HAZARD MAPPING

Community Planning, Regulation & Mobility Committee City of Burlington

October 31, 2023

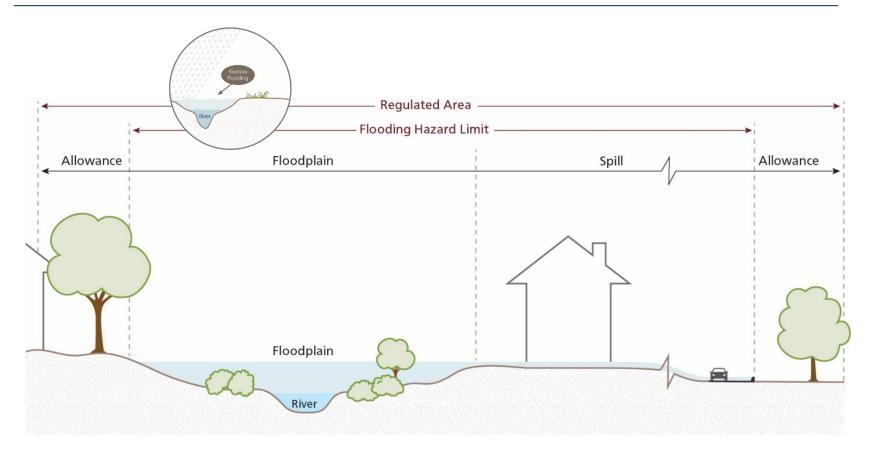


# DIFFERENT TYPES OF **FLOODING**





## **FLOOD HAZARDS: RIVERINE FLOODING**



**FLOODPLAIN:** Area of land that is flooded by a nearby watercourse, such as a creek (*riverine*) or lake (*shoreline*), during large storm events

**SPILL:** When water leaves the watercourse, valley and floodplain, flows into surrounding lands, and then returns to the watercourse at a distance downstream, or flows into another watershed

## **FLOODING:** ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES













#### **PROVINCE**

- Legislation & regulations
- Provincial policy & technical guidelines
- Provincial Infrastructure (e.g., highways)

# CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

- Flood Forecasting & Warning
- Dams & Channels
   Operations
- Regulation
- Flood Hazard Modelling & Mapping
- Wetland & Stream Restoration Works

# REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

- EmergencyManagement
- Land Use Planning
- Regional Infrastructure (e.g., culverts, roads)

# LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

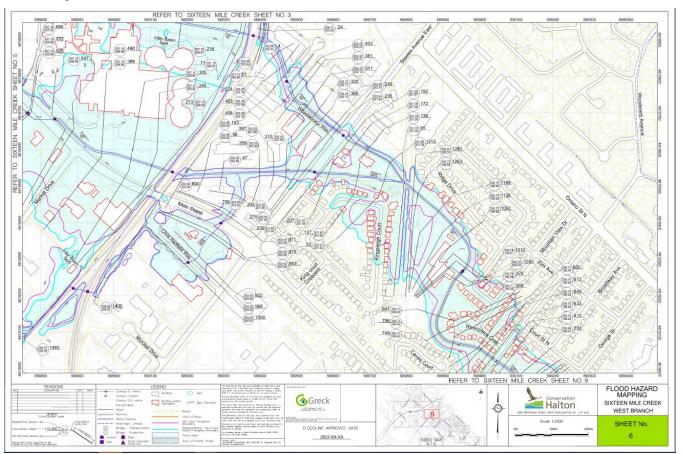
- Municipal Infrastructure (e.g., culverts, roads, storm sewers)
- Land Use Planning& Zoning
- Stormwater Management
- Emergency Services



# WHAT IS FLOOD HAZARD MAPPING?

**FLOOD HAZARD MAPPING** uses models to predict where <u>riverine</u> flooding will occur and the extent of riverine flood hazards, considering existing conditions.

**FLOOD HAZARD MAPPING** does not create a flooding hazard, it shows where the hazard already exists.





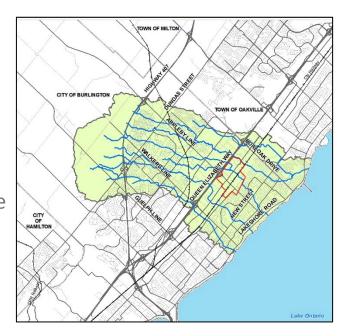
# CH STUDY: EAST BURLINGTON CREEKS FLOOD HAZARD MAPPING STUDY

#### **STUDY PURPOSE**

 To undertake a comprehensive update of riverine flood hazard mapping

#### STAKEHOLDER AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- A TAC was formed with representatives from the City of Burlington, Town of Oakville, and Region of Halton
- Two (2) Public Information Sessions held to ensure the public and stakeholders had opportunities to provide input
- Study information is posted on CH's website: <u>www.conservationhalton.ca/mapping-and-studies/</u>



#### CH BOARD APPROVAL

- Final draft mapping presented to CH's Board on October 19, 2023 (Report No. CHB 08 23 05)
- CH Board resolution to direct staff to incorporate the approved mapping into CH's ARL mapping in 30 days to enable Burlington Council time to discuss a City mitigation study in collaboration with CH

## CITY STUDY: MTSA PHASE 1 FLOOD HAZARD ASSESSMENT

#### **BACKGROUND**

- October 2020 City completed a Phase 1 study; the purpose was to define existing flood hazards for areas of anticipated development in downtown Burlington/Burlington GO MTSA
- Prior to the Phase 1 study, the creeks south of the diversion channel in the Lower Rambo
  Creek watershed were considered part of the municipal storm drainage system and were
  not identified as regulated by CH
- Phase 1 study revealed that the extent of the flood hazard in the Lower Rambo watershed was greater than previously understood
  - Greater flooding and erosion risk than previously expected
  - Drainage area of approximately 260ha (previously understood to be <130ha)</li>
  - Substantial spill flood hazard from Upper Rambo into Lower Rambo
- Based on the characteristics of the watershed and the text of Ontario Regulation 162/06, the Lower Rambo watershed was confirmed to be regulated by CH
- CH Board Report CHBD 07 21 06



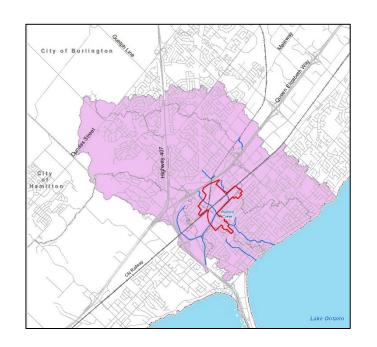
## **CITY STUDY: MTSA PHASE 2 FLOOD HAZARD ASSESSMENT**

#### **STUDY PURPOSE**

To update the Phase 1 flood hazard modelling and mapping

#### **PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

- CH held two (2) public notification periods (November 2021 and August 2023)
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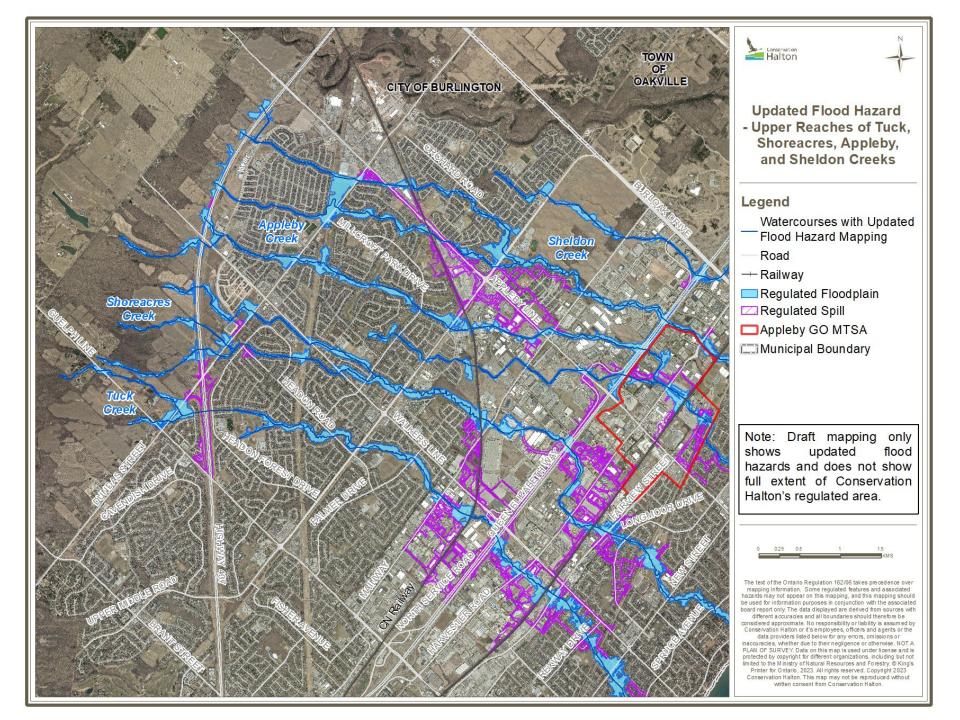
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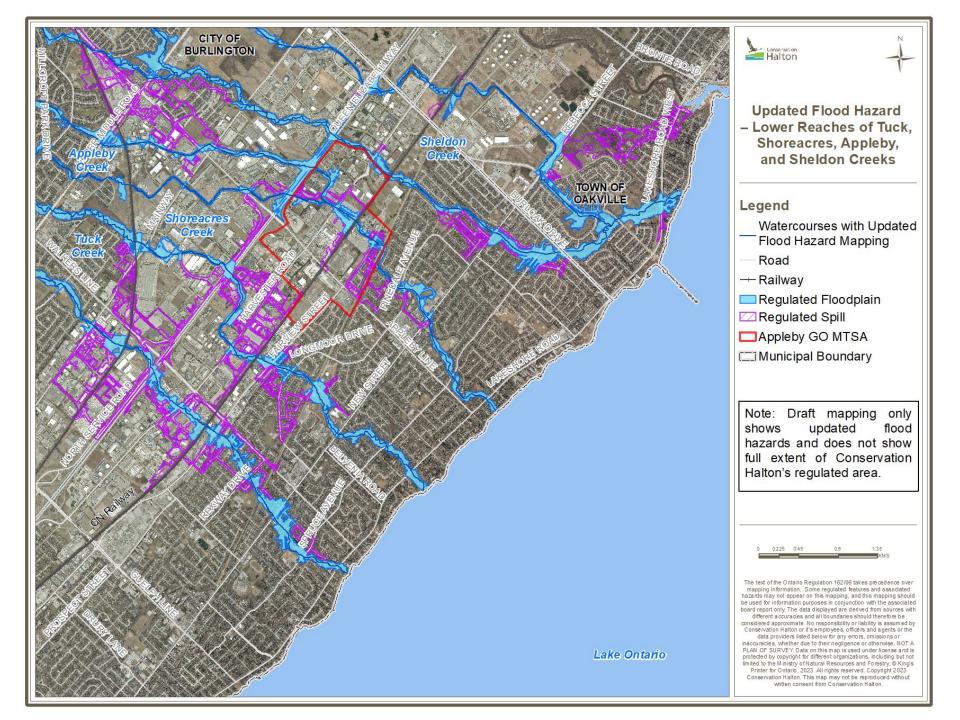
#### **CITY COUNCIL**

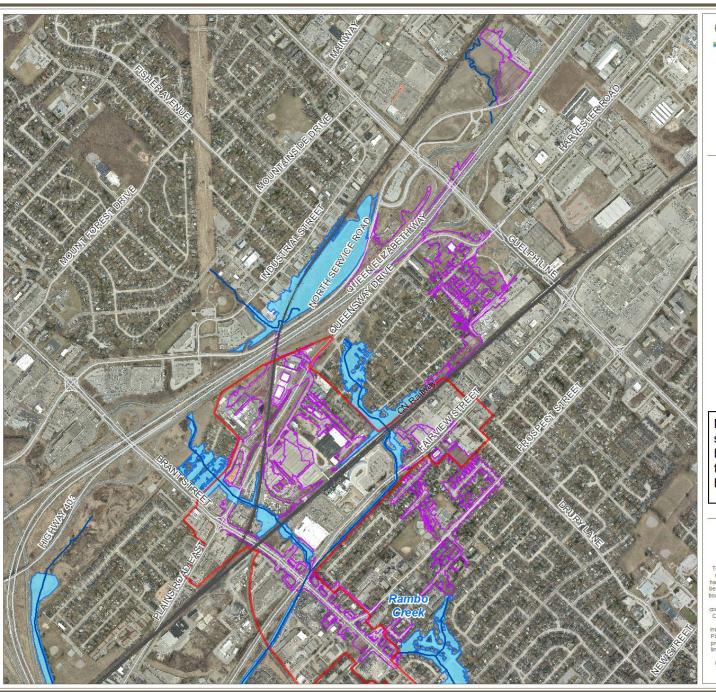
Burlington Council received the final MTSA Phase 2 Flood Hazard Assessment,
 Burlington GO and Downtown on July 11, 2023

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# Final Draft Flood Hazard Mapping - Lower Rambo Creek Watershed (North)

#### Legend

- --- Watercourse
- --- Railway
- Road
- Regulated Floodplain
- Regulated Spill
- Downtown Burlington/ Burlington GO MTSA

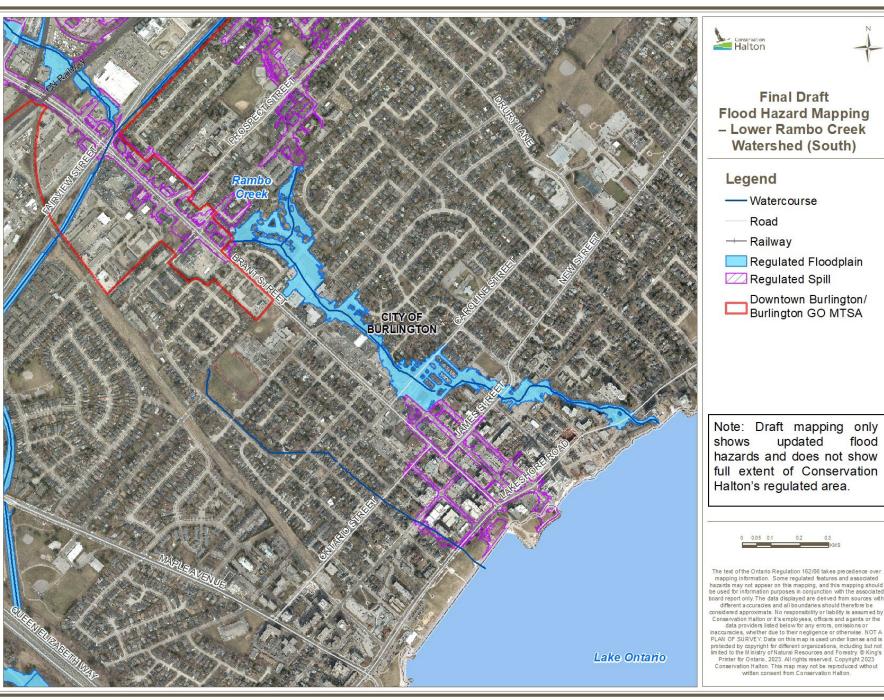
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#### **Final Draft** Flood Hazard Mapping - Lower Rambo Creek Watershed (South)

#### Legend

--- Watercourse

Road

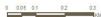
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Regulated Floodplain

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### FLOOD HAZARDS: OBSERVATIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

- New tools, technologies, and funding support better understanding and mapping of flood hazards, as well as decision making
- Newly-mapped flood hazards (floodplains and spills) fall within Strategic Growth Areas
- Competing Provincial objectives and policies related to growth and development and natural hazards
- Current Provincial regulations, policies and technical guidelines related to natural hazards are out of date
- Solutions exist to mitigate potential risk to public safety or of property damage, increase opportunities for growth and development, and build climate change resiliency
- CH has regulatory policies that allow for development in flood hazards (subject to criteria) and is committed to working with the residents, members of the development community, and the City

# **THANK YOU**

