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Subject: Draft Watershed Planning Guidance - Environmental Registry Posting

Greetings,

We are writing today to let you know that the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) have posted draft Watershed Planning Guidance for municipalities and planning authorities on the Environmental Registry for a 60-day review period.

Watershed Planning Guidance supports the implementation of the four provincial land use plans which strengthen requirements for watershed and subwatershed planning; and the Provincial Policy Statement which identifies the watershed as the ecologically meaningful scale for integrated and long-term planning.

Watershed planning is an opportunity for municipalities and other planning authorities to take a collaborative approach to planning by creating a framework for the management of human activities, land, water, aquatic life and resources within a watershed, and for the assessment of cumulative, cross-jurisdictional and cross-watershed impacts.

For further details and to comment on the proposal, please visit the Environmental Registry at <a href="https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/">https://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/</a> using EBR # 013-1817 or the following direct link:

**Environmental Registry Direct Link** 

The draft Guidance has been posted for written feedback from **February 6**, **2018 to April 7**, **2018**.

<u>During this time, MOECC and MNRF will be hosting webinars to provide municipalities and other practitioners with an overview of the draft Guidance and to answer any questions on its scope and content.</u>

Webinar 1: Tuesday, February 13 at 10:00 am - 11:30 pm

Webinar 2: Wednesday, February 21 at 1:30pm – 3:00 pm

Please register for either of the webinars using this Eventbrite link.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the draft Watershed Planning Guidance, please contact Nisha Shirali at (416) 314-7138 or Ryan Stainton at (705) 755-1835; or email watershedplanning@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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