

Balancing growth and environmental protection

What is putting stress on the Black Creek subwatershed area, and what needs to be done to protect environmental resources for future generations?

Those questions will be answered in Phase two of the Black Creek Subwatershed study, according to Christine Zimmer, Manager of Watershed Protection with Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), who delivered a milestone report for the end of Phase one to Town Council recently.

Halton and Town Council asked CVC to conduct the study to provide information and technical advice to deal with current and future water demands, and land use changes due to intensification, aggregate extraction and municipal services.

The study covers

80-square-kilometre area from the Erin to west of Georgetown. Either all or some of Acton, Limehouse, Georgetown and Ballinafad are within the subwatershed area.

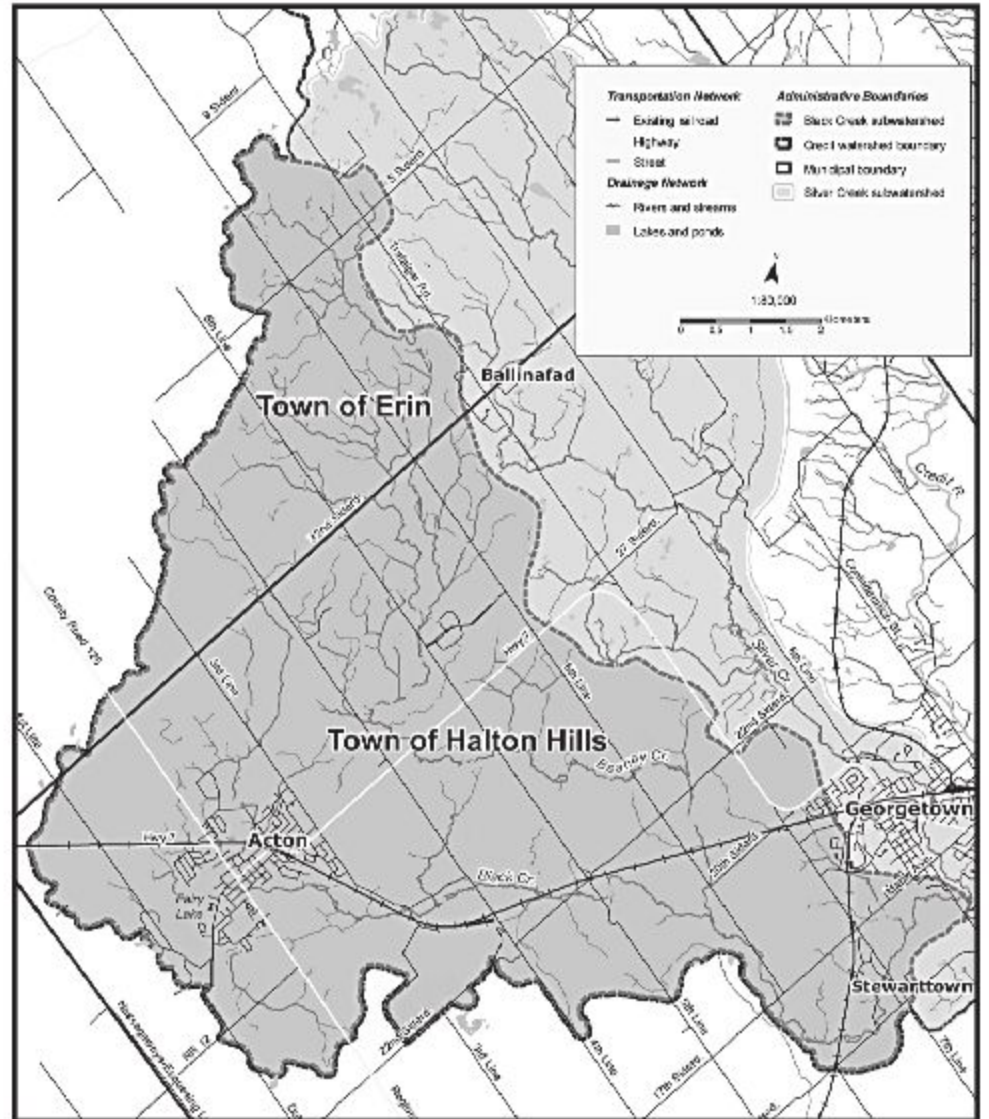
Zimmer said the Subwatershed study, along with a Source Water Protection study, a Fairy Lake Water Quality Study, an Acton wastewater plant expansion study, which are all underway, will provide an integrated environmental master plan to help direct planners and politicians to protect and preserve the area's natural resources.

How does the Black Creek Subwatershed area measure up? Zimmer said overall, the water quality in Black Creek is good. "However, there are some provincial water quality

objectives that are showing elevation...in phosphorus/aluminum," Zimmer said, adding ground water is "generally good," but there is some indication that sodium, and chloride concentrations are increasing.

Zimmer congratulated the Town for its policies that support the watershed preservation efforts to date, including its Green Plan, its Strategic Plan and innovative low-impact development sites.

Phase two of the study will determine what is stressing the natural environment, and if impact from land use change can be reduced or eliminated. Phase three creates a management plan and determines recommendations and guidelines; the final phase monitors the solutions.



Black Creek Subwatershed drainage Network - Courtesy of CVC

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Composite photo released in Norval Attack

The Halton Regional Police Service has released a composite photo of one of three suspects responsible for the late night attack of a woman in the town of Norval last Saturday, July 23.

As reported in The New Tanner last week, a 19-year-old Mississauga woman was assaulted while walking on Winston Churchill Blvd at approximately 11:30 p.m.

Detectives and Uniform Officers will be circulating flyers with the suspect

composite in the hopes of learning more in the case.

The three suspects are described as:

- 1: Male, White, and very tall, 6'3 - 6'6, early 20's, Skinny, wearing a solid red toque and dark clothing. (Depicted in photo)
- 2: Male - 5-6' - Possibly dark skinned, late teens to early 20's wearing a dark hoody and dark clothing.
- 3: Was not seen by the victim, but was heard. Voice described as male and youthful.

The Halton Regional Police Service are appealing to anyone that recognizes the photo to contact the Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Bureau at (905) 465-8970 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



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