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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2

**Steeles Avenue (Regional Road 8) Transportation Corridor
Industrial Drive to Regional Road 25/Martin Street, Town of Milton
Class Environmental Assessment Study**

The Regional Municipality of Halton is carrying out a Class Environmental Assessment Study to consider a wide range of options for transportation corridor improvements to satisfy future travel demands on Steeles Avenue (Regional Road 8) from Industrial Drive to Regional Road 25/Martin Street, in the Town of Milton (see map below). In order to best address operational deficiencies along the Steeles Avenue corridor, a number of road improvement alternatives have been examined as part of the study; these include widening of the roadway, cross-sectional elements, intersection improvements, over-all traffic operations, replacement/rehabilitation of the existing CN Rail structure, as well as the impact of such improvements on the social and natural environments. The study is being conducted in compliance with Schedule C of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (2000, as amended 2007), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

The first Public Information Centre was held on September 27, 2006. Thereafter, the preferred alternative was determined taking into consideration the problem being addressed, alternative solutions, environmental effects, and comments that were received from the Town of Milton, regulatory agencies and the public. The preferred alternative includes the widening of Steeles Avenue from two to four lanes (including replacement of the CN Rail structure) with intersection improvements.

A second Public Information Centre has been arranged to review the preliminary preferred alternative and receive public comments. Following the information centre, the preliminary preferred alternative will be reviewed taking into consideration the comments received, and confirmed or modified.

Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2008
Time: 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **Drop-In Centre**
7:00 p.m. **Presentation followed by question and answer session**
Location: Our Lady of Victory School Gymnasium - 540 Commercial Street, Milton

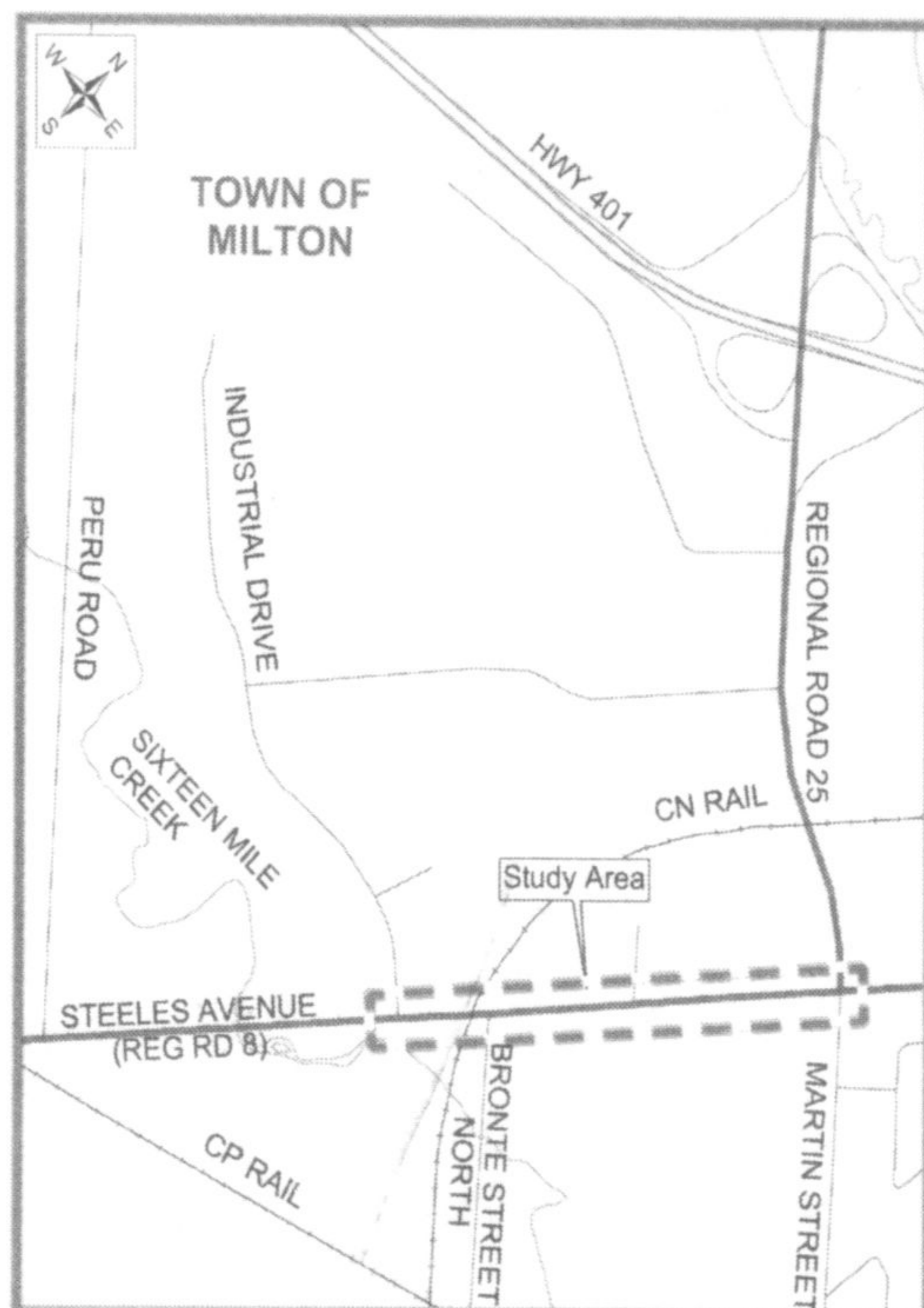
If you are unable to attend and would like to provide comments, please forward them by April 2, 2008 to the Regional Municipality of Halton at the address below.

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The map below shows the approximate limits of the study area.



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Escarpment featured in contest's top entry

Story recounts memorable trip to conservation park

A local stretch of the Niagara Escarpment is featured in a story that took the top prize in the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation's recent Greenbelt Winter Wonderland contest.

The entry, from Mississauga's Georgina Laba, recalls an afternoon the woman spent on the Niagara Escarpment near Crawford Lake making snowmen with her family, enjoying maple syrup and coming face-to-face with a doe.

"This was the first thing I've ever written and submitted to a contest," said Laba. "I am just overjoyed."

Laba entered the contest after reading about the greenbelt in the foundation's series of articles in newspapers throughout the Greater Golden Horseshoe area.

"I saw the article and decided I'd write the story for my grandchildren," she said. "In my heart of hearts, I did it for them."

As the winner, Laba receives a pass for her and a friend to ride the cross-country trails at Albion Hills Conservation Area and two tickets to Theatre Orangeville.

Ontario's greenbelt is 1.8 million acres of protected land that wraps around the Golden Horseshoe and encompasses the Niagara Escarpment, the Oak Ridges Moraine, Rouge Park and some 7,000 farms and hundreds of rural towns and villages.

The Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation began its work in June 2005 as an independent, charitable foundation with a mandate to fund organizations in support of farming, the environment and rural communities located in the greenbelt.

For more information and to read the top three stories, visit www.ourgreenbelt.ca.

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Fri. & Sun. 1:20, 4:10
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Showtimes Valid Friday, 3/14 thru Thursday, 3/20

Painting pictures in the Greenbelt

Whether it was the Group of Seven or contemporary painters like Jan Yates, Ontario nature has always been a popular muse for artists.

"Ontario is abundant in its colourful and diverse landscape and I'm compelled to translate its seasons onto canvas," said Yates. Her primary focus is on the Niagara Escarpment, part of Ontario's Greenbelt. "I'm not only inspired by the aesthetics of vineyards and orchards in bloom, but also interested in the determination and work involved in cultivating and harvesting them."

Yates deeply respects generations of farmers and wants her paintings to convey the significance of maintaining agricultural land on the Escarpment. "I hope to communicate my desire to protect the Escarpments' rural land as part of the Greenbelt, to preserve its fragility, strength and nourishment for generations to come."

The Greenbelt, 1.8 million acres surrounding the Golden Horseshoe, contains some of the best agricultural land in Canada and protects a diversity of wildlife and habitat.

Painting is just one way of capturing this beautiful, bountiful land. In hundreds of galleries and museums in Ontario, art is thriving in our Greenbelt communities.

From the Art Gallery of Peel and the Jordan Art Gallery to the McMichael Art Gallery, the Greenbelt is bursting with talent. Get out and enjoy winter and visit your local gallery.

CONTEST WINNER

Congrats to Georgina Laba, winner of the Greenbelt Winter Wonderland story contest. Prizes sponsored by Theatre Orangeville and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. Visit www.OurGreenbelt.ca/stories to read the top three stories.

